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EXCEL Plant Is 25 Years Old

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



AFTER YOU READ THIS on May 1st, take a little time to go vote before you get started on your other weekend activities. We have an interesting senate race, local city council and school boards, plus three extremely strange state amendment proposals to vote on.

I believe that when you are unsure how an amendment proposal will affect you personally, you should vote against it, no matter how good they try to make it sound.

Friend Deanne Clark sent a letter for the editorial page, but since Bill and I usually make most of our editorial comments in this space each week, I'm going to relinquish my spot to Deanne for discussion of Proposition #1. . . .

Dear Editor,

I am aware that several groups and school people have endorsed the proposed Constitutional Amendments which will appear on the May 1 ballot. I am enclosing a statement by Montie Hasie, our district member of the State Board of Education in opposition. He, along with the Association of Professional Educators and several grass roots groups such as the Texans Against Robin Hood Taxes and several legislators are warning voters about the negatives in the proposals.

I remember the Tax Relief Amendment, the implications that the funds from the Lottery would go for education, and now yet another plan, the Robin Hood plan, which are not what they seem.

Please print Mr. Hasie's comments for the benefit of those who have not decided about the propositions. Thank you.

Deanne Clark

The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) voted overwhelmingly at its recent convention to oppose the three proposed constitutional amendments on school finance that will go before the voters on May 1.

"This vote sends a clear message to our state leadership that we will not accept a band-aid solution," said Cathy Fletcher, ATPE state president.

"We have been laboring for 24 years with an identified inequitable public school funding system, and now the status quo bandwagon is overloaded with individuals who have chosen to do what is politically correct and not what is right," said Fletcher. "ATPE cannot stand by and allow our children to be taken on this ride that only leads to a dead end.

"We are not willing to accept a political solution," she added. "We are willing to accept a solution that is best for the children of Texas."

With 58,200 members, ATPE is the largest non-union educators' association in the U.S. ATPE membership consists primarily of classroom teachers, but also includes administrators, para-professionals, retired educators, students and public members.

In 1991, House Bill #1130 was blocked from going to the State House for a vote. This bill would have set higher academic standards for our schools and would eliminate "grade inflation" in order to promote youngsters to the next grade. More money is not the key to improved education.

Hasie has also noted that our state lawmakers have had plenty of opportunity to work on the state's education problems, yet no new legislation has been passed during this session (since January.)

"Prop #1 will destroy local control and convert local property taxes into state property taxes" he added.

Just to be on the safe side, vote NO on all three propositions.



FRIONA'S EXCEL PLANT AS SEEN FROM THE AIR, APRIL 29, 1993

Photo by Lisa McLellan, Air Service by Rick Jennings

25 Years Of Continued Success

Local Beef Packing Industry Observes Quarter Century Mark

The Friona Division of Excel Beef observes their 25th birthday this week, and numbers of their friends and associates have taken the opportunity to wish them well in this issue.

Schools Seek Pre-K Students

Friona Primary School is asking for assistance in efforts to contact all parents of children who qualify for the pre-kindergarten program for the 1993-94 school year.

A pre-kindergarten enrollment has been scheduled for May 3-7 in the Primary School office.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, a child must be four years old on or before September 1, 1993. Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record, and Social Security card.

Anyone who has a child that will be four years of age on or before September 1, 1993 is asked to come by the Primary Principal's office or phone 247-3935 for any further questions.

Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the FHS all-sports banquet are on sale at the high school principal's office. Tickets are \$6. Banquet date is Thursday, 7 p.m.

Senior Parents Accept Donations

The parents of the 1993 Friona High School senior class are accepting donations for the alcohol/drug free all-night graduation celebration.

If you would like to make a donation, please call the Chamber office, 247-3491, or any senior parent. "Thank you for your support," said a spokesperson for the event.

Excel, which was then known as Missouri Beef Packers, began operation the first week of May, 1968, following an Open House and Dedication on April 20.

No formal observation is planned at this time, but a scheduled reception was put "on hold" due to other conflicts.

Following is a brief sketch of the packing plant's history. The Friona Star and Bovina Blade is indebted to the folks at Excel for their cooperation in helping produce this issue.

Excel Corporation is one of the nation's top three meat processors, producing beef, pork and further-processed meats. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Cargill, Excel is headquartered in Wichita, Kansas, with production facilities across the United States.

Excel Corporation evolved through a series of business combinations dating to 1946, when Excel Packing Company was formed in Wichita. In 1970, the

company was succeeded by Kansas Beef Industries, Inc. (KBI).

Missouri Beef Packers, Inc. (MBP) was founded in 1965 and commenced operations in 1966 at Rock Port, Missouri. MBP opened the Friona plant in 1968 and the facility at Plainview in 1971.

In 1974, MBP merged with KBI and the new company was called MPBXL. The XL in that name referred to Excel, the name of KBI's former Wichita operation. Cargill acquired MPBXL in 1979 and the name was changed to Excel in 1982.

In addition to Friona and Plainview, Excel today operates beef-processing plants in Dodge City, Kansas; Ft. Morgan and Sterling, Colorado; and Schuyler, Nebraska.

Excel has pork-processing facilities in Ottumwa, Iowa, and Beardstown, Illinois. It operates meat further-processing plants in Booneville, Arkansas; Ft. Branch, Indiana; Marysville, California; and Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Also located in Wichita, Kansas, is the Excel Product Development Center, which opened in 1992 to create new products for the food service industry.

In addition to the plants already listed, Excel has a dozen distribution centers and six regional U.S. sales offices. International sales offices in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan; Paris, France; and Toronto, Ontario play a key role in Excel's growing international business.

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150 YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE---Six of EXCEL's employees have been with the plant since it opened in 1968, totaling 150 years of loyal service. Shown here standing, left to right, are Rufugio Guevara, Hector Villarreal and Mike Scott. Seated are James Baca and Curtis Barber. Not shown is Ceclio Samora.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

65 YRS. AGO--MAY 4, 1928
 Into the history of the Friona Independent School District High School, at the close of next week, will be woven the chapter of another very successful term of educational endeavor. With a graduating class of eleven students, a class of fifty-two will finish seventh grade and be promoted to high school for the next school year.

55 YRS. AGO--MAY 6, 1938
 Carl H. Mangum of the Mangum Motor Company at Plainview, stopped in the Star office Wednesday afternoon to inform us that there is now one more successful irrigation well in Parmer County. The land on which the well is located belongs to Mr. McGrede of Plainview and lies immediately east of the M. Lady farm, four miles northwest of Friona.

50 YRS. AGO--MAY 7, 1943
 The weather in the Friona territory for the past two or three weeks has been blessed or cursed with a heavy degree of sameness, so that there has been but little to report concerning it.

45 YRS. AGO--MAY 7, 1948
 W.L. Edelson, Otho Whitefield, Wright Williams, Frank A. Spring, J.C. Wilkinson, Sloan H. Osborn, F.T. Schlenker, Dan Ethridge and C.W. Dixon have been elected as directors of the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

40 YRS. AGO--MAY 7, 1953
 Twenty-six Friona seniors will participate in the baccalaureate and commencement exercises marking the end of the 1952-53 school year here. Wanda Beaty has been revealed as valedictorian of the class and Mrs. Sue Gibson Nazworth earned the salutatorian honors.

30 YRS. AGO--MAY 2, 1963
 For the second time this school year, Friona's Future Farmers of America Chapter will send two

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teams of boys to a state FFA contest. Members of the dairy judging team are Larry Potts, Max Reeve, Don Collier and Jerry Cass. Members of the livestock judging teams are Dewain Phipps, Tex Phipps and Dennis Howell.

The need for expansion at Parmer County Community Hospital and a proposed building addition to meet the hospital's needs were discussed at a breakfast meeting in Friona last Saturday.

Dr. Paul Sping, spokesman, said it was his opinion that ten additional private rooms would put the hospital in much better position in the 'rush months'.

25 YRS. AGO--MAY 2, 1968
 Larry Frank Truitt, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Truitt, and Becky Lou Coffey, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coffey, were named as valedictorian and salutatorian this week for the 1968 graduating class at Friona High School. Truitt edged Miss Coffey with a four-year grade average of 94.73. Her four-year mark was 94.60.

Missouri Beef Packers will begin slaughter operations at its new Friona plant on Monday, and plant manager, Bill Gilbert, said he hoped the plant could kill 150 head of cattle the first day.

20 YRS. AGO--MAY 3, 1973
 Friona will be represented in the cast of the ever-popular "Texas" cast this year as Carl Evans, senior at Friona High School, was notified last Wednesday that he has been accepted as a member of the cast. Carl auditioned for the part at the Branding Iron Theater in Canyon in January with Reeve as his accompanist.

The First Baptist Church of Friona will be host to an open house at its newly-remodeled sanctuary on Sunday, May 6, according to Rev. Charles Broadhurst, pastor.

A changing of the guard occurred this week at Friona Wheat Growers, with the retirement of longtime manager Arthur Drake. Ronald Smiley was promoted to the manager's position. Drake has been with the local elevator since 1937.

15 YRS. AGO--MAY 6, 1978
 Some 344 sheep died early Tuesday during the cold wind and rain which struck the area suddenly. The sheep, belonging to Carl Schlenker, had just been sheared two days earlier, and left a number of orphaned lambs. Schlenker, aided by friends and neighbors in the community, was able to save around 240 of his flock, along with more than 300 young lambs, but

the majority of the grown sheep could not be saved.

10 YRS. AGO--MAY 1, 1983
 Wennetter Jackson qualified for the state track and field meet in two events for the Friona High School Squaws, at the regional meet at Odessa last weekend. Miss Jackson placed second in both the discus throw and the shot put.

Seven Friona Chieftains will attend the regional track and field meet at Odessa next weekend. They are Mike Neill, Mike Chaney, Richie Malouf, Alfredo Mata, Ricky Marquez, John Aguirre and Joe Garza.

5 YRS. AGO--APRIL 30, 1988
 Former Friona High School kicker Mark Montoya was signed this week as a free agent by the Kansas City Chiefs of the National Football League. Montoya will report to Kansas City's rookie camp on July 5. He will have to beat out the veteran KC punter in order to make the team.

Church Series Is Continuing

Sixth Street Church of Christ continues its marriage and family seminar in the month of May. On Sunday evening at 6 p.m., May 2, the topic will be "Priorities In Parenting."

Sunday evening, May 9 at 6 p.m., the topic is "Four Principles of Parenting." T. Leon Talley, minister of the church, will be teaching these seminars.

Everyone in the community is given a special invitation to attend.

Anita Lafuente Receives Award

Anita Lafuente received the CES Civilian Technician of the Year for 1992 at the annual Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) Awards Banquet, held April 2 at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis.

The criteria was based on initiative, managerial skills, resourcefulness and job performance.

Mrs. Lafuente is the environmental secretary for Cannon's Environmental Management Office. She has been employed at Cannon AFB since April 1991. A plaque and certificate were presented to her by Gen. Richard Goddard, Cannon's 27th Fighter Wing Commander.

Anita and her daughters, Felicia and Natasha, make their home in Friona. She is the daughter-in-law of Alfredo and Bertha Lafuente. Anita's husband, Joe, is currently serving on the USS Kinkaid.



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 (6) 12 x 8 WATERMAN Hydrants.
 Inventory 8" Tee's, El's, & End Caps.
 Inventory 7" & 6" Aluminum Pipe.
 (3) 30" 8" Flowlines.
 (2) Propane Cannons.
 (9) 12" Drag Bullets.
 10 Gallon 12 Volt Sprayer for 4 Wheeler.

PICKUP & TRUCKS
 1986 CHEVROLET Silverado 1/2 Ton Pickup (S/N N/A) Auto, Air.
 1982 FORD F-350 One Ton Flatbed Dually (S/N 1FDJF37G3CNA69540) w/Hydraulic Lift, 4 Speed Transmission.
 1972 CHEVROLET Grain Truck (S/N CCE532V106149) w/4 Speed & Split Transmission, 1971 KING Grain Bed w/Rollover Tarp.
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 JOHN DEERE 6 Row Maize Planter on 4" x 7" Bar.
 (2) JOHN DEERE 71 Planter Units.
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 KRAUSE Model 1499 Offset Disc (S/N 2839).
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 JOHN DEERE 5 Row Disc.
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Panhandle Assn. Met In Borger

The Panhandle Association of Oddfellows and Rebekahs met April 24-25 in Borger, Texas with Borger Oddfellow Lodge No. 94 and Borger Rebekah Lodge No. 286 serving as hosts.

Eight association past presidents were introduced and welcomed by those present. Presiding over this year's activities were the current presidents, Frank Reed, a member of the Borger Oddfellow Lodge No. 94, and Clara

Jones, a member of the Borger Rebekah Lodge No. 286.

Mayme Gee of the Friona Rebekah Lodge was appointed chairman of the resolutions committee. Betty Thompson, also a member of the Friona Rebekah Lodge, was elected chaplain for the coming term.

Lauretta Brookfield is serving a three year term as historian. Margie Fallwell of Friona won a pin for one of the individual degree charges.

There were three funeral teams in competition this year: Borger Rebekah Lodge No. 286, Amarillo Rebekah Lodge No. 222 and Friona Rebekah Lodge No. 308. Members of the Friona team were Gale Deaton, Betty Thompson, Mayme Gee, Margie Fallwell, Shirley Osborn and Lauretta Brookfield. The Friona Lodge won first place and received a trophy. Jean Reed of Friona served as the judge and George Reed was the drill captain.

The new incoming presidents are Oddfellow Bill Montrose, Borger Lodge No. 94, and Rebekah Minnie Tooms, Borger No. 286.

Also attending from Friona were Billy Gene and Karon Zachary.

The next Association meeting will be hosted by the Friona Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges in April of 1994.

Girl Born To John Clarks

John and Dorothy Clark of Friona are the parents of a baby girl born April 13 at 8:56 p.m. in the Canyon Hospital.

Named Brittny Faye, the new arrival weighed five pounds, fourteen ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Alan and Nita Clark of Friona, Debbie Fisher of Canyon, James and Christine Perry of Sedalia, Missouri.

Great-grandparents are Bob and Bobbie Clark of Friona, Helen Bradsher of Canyon and Nova Smouse of Albuquerque.

Ethel Riley of Hereford is the child's great-great-grandmother.



Alice Black Is Honored

Miss Alice Black, 15, daughter of Keith and Sharen Black of Friona, a sophomore at Friona High School, was named third runner-up at the 20th Annual Miss Junior West Texas National Teen-Ager Pageant.

She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church, is a FHS twirler and a member of FHA.

Class Travels To Littlefield

The Faith Sunday School class from Friona's Calvary Baptist Church traveled to Littlefield on Thursday, April 15, where they toured the American Cotton Growers Plant. They observed the process of making 100% cotton denim.

Everyone enjoyed having lunch at Cattlac's. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Waller, former residents of Friona, who are presently residing in Littlefield. After lunch, they toured craft and antique shops. They visited The Attic, Mike's Place, The Teepee and the Screen Door Galley.

Those attending were Joyce Veazey, Martha Hamilton, Mary Bass, Ruth Parson, Pat Martin, Eddie Mays, Elwanda Campbell, Opal Strickland, Doris Frey from Spade; Charity Hodges of Lubbock and Faith Self of Levelland, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Mays.



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BY IKE STEVENS
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(See Related Adv. Below)

Few Get Rich From Hot Tip Newsletters

In 1982, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) penetrated the 1000 barriers and was on its way to a bull market the likes of which the investment world had never seen. At the same time, investors seeking professional money management witnessed the emergence of an unprecedented number of mutual funds.

According to the Investment Company Institute, the Washington-based voice for the mutual fund industry, there were 857 mutual funds registered in 1982. That number grew to more than 1,800 funds by the end of 1986, and today there are more than 3,000 mutual funds with assets exceeding \$1.4 trillion.

In general, mutual funds are for serious, long-term investors. Their objective is to produce better-than-average investment results for shareholders over meaningful periods. Mutual funds are not in-and-out trading vehicles, so most shareholders invest with at least a five-year goal in mind.

Today there is a new philosophy being circulated to the public-trade mutual funds. It is touted by newsletters that are flooding mailboxes in epidemic proportions. Some advertise a system that uses sophisticated computer technology to ensure that you will always be in the right fund at the right time. This "technology" often promises

to predict what a fund will do in the coming months or years.

Another newsletter promises maximum profits with minimum risks and scientific forecasts for up to five years. It claims that past history is unimportant. What matters is what funds will do in the future, and this newsletter makes no guarantees that you will make money...or for that matter, that you won't lose money.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the National Association of Security Dealers, Inc. (NASD) have severe penalties for any mutual fund or fund representative who predicts the future performance of a fund. Reasonable assumptions can be made about future fund performance based on the historical records and the continuity of its management. Assumptions, however, cannot be sold as predictions or forecasts.

The objective of most mutual funds is to make money for shareholders. Some succeed better than others. The purpose of newsletters, on the other hand, is to sell subscriptions. Some give better advice than others, but no one has developed a winning system for forecasting the future.

Charles Dow, creator of Dow Jones Average, warned, "Nobody who plants corn digs up the kernels in a day or two to see if the corn has sprouted, but in stocks, most people want to open an account at noon and get their profit before night."

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED.....Service technician for John Deere dealership in Friona. Call Aaron, 247-2741. 18-tfnc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court will accept bids until 10:00 A.M., May 10, 1993, at which time bids will be opened, to purchase windows for the First Floor of the Parmer County Courthouse. Specifications for these windows may be obtained from the County Judge's office.

Bids must reflect total cost and be mailed or brought to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas, 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., May 10, 1993, at which time bids will be opened.

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By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge. 29-2tc

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call Terry Copley at 265-3427 (just leave a message and I'll get back with you as soon as possible).

- *Patios
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- *Floors

WANTED.....Part-time office manager for Bovina Blade. Typing skill is a must. Should be able to meet people well. Phone 247-2211 in Friona for application and appointment. ddb

SUMMER HELP: Field Scouts and Demonstration Aide for June, July and August and part time in the first week of September. Applicants must have vehicle to use on the job. Applications available in County Extension office in Farwell and Muleshoe. Individuals need to apply by May 18, 1993. 30-2tc

WANTED.....Experienced irrigation well truck operator. Also need a gearhead and lathe man. Call 238-1596 days or 238-1328 nights. 30-tfnc

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is now taking applications for Executive Vice President (Chamber manager). Please bring your resume by the Chamber office, 621 Main Street or mail to P.O. Box 905. For more information, call Terri at 247-3491 or Sylvia at 247-3291 (EOE). 28-3tc

WANTED.....Dependable mechanically-minded person to work in shop on gearheads. Experience helpful but not necessary. Apply in person at Big T Pump Co., Inc., East New York Ave., Hereford, Texas, or call for appointment at 806/364-0353 between 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. 42-1tc

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that DEAF SMITH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (the "Utility") intends to decrease rates for electric utility service effective July 6, 1993, or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by law. Based upon a test year ending December 31, 1992, the decrease requested is \$740,000 or 4.465% of actual test year revenues. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Utility.

The Utility proposes to change all rates for Farm and Home, Residential Space Heating, Irrigation, Commercial, Large Power, Industrial, Cotton Gin, and Lighting, including demand, energy, minimum and other charges. The proposed changes are expected to affect the classes as follows: for the 4,416 customers in the farm and home class, the proposed decrease will be \$109,357 or a negative 4.53% change in revenues; for the 147 customers in the residential space heating class, the proposed decrease will be \$7,793 or a negative 3.39% change in revenues; for the 4,060 customers in the irrigation class, the proposed decrease will be \$376,215 or a negative 4.15% change in revenues; for the 774 customers in the commercial class, the proposed decrease will be \$54,019 or a negative 6.17% change in revenues; for the 111 customers in the large power class the proposed decrease will be \$81,413 or a negative 8.11% change in revenues; for the 26 customers in the industrial class, the proposed decrease will be \$95,907 or a negative 3.74% change in revenues; for the 6 customers in the cotton gin class, there will be no change in revenues; and for the 2,888 customers in the lighting class, the proposed decrease will be \$15,296 or a negative 6.11% change in revenues.

The Utility also intends to change its service rules and regulations, including rules relating to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service.

Information concerning the proposed rate changes, including the proposed revisions of tariff and schedules is available at the General Office of the Utility, located at Highway 60 at Whittier Street, Hereford, Texas 79045-0753. Inquiries should be directed to Mike Veazey.

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On or about May 7, 1993, the Utility will file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, a Statement of Intent to Change Rates, specifying in detail each proposed change. Requests to intervene must be filed no later than 45 days after the application filing date; Thus, the Utility anticipates the deadline for intervening and objecting to the rate changes will be June 21, 1993. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf. 3tc

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FOR SALE.....John Deere 4630. Phone 295-6392. 29-4tc

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THANK YOU

Words cannot express my gratitude for the love and concern shown to me during my illness. Your visits, cards, flowers, food and prayers have blessed me and warmed my heart. Special thanks to Dr. Alexander and the nurses for their care.

Ruby Hassenpflug

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3 BR, 2 bath, brick, wood patio, 3 yrs. old, Price Reduced..\$63,000
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3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, 1-car, brick, clean, needs buyer.....SOLD.....\$35,000
3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, metal trim, brick, large home.....\$61,900
3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, Quiet Street, refri. A/C, covered patio.....\$59,500
3 BR, 1-1/2 bath, 1-car, Need to Sell, 3 month Lease Option.....\$36,500
3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, Western Add., big family room.....SOLD.....\$69,950
2 BR, 1 bath, real clean, new yard, corner lot.....\$25,000
2 BR, 1 bath, brick, 1-car, corner lot, large family room.....\$36,000
2 BR, 1 bath, big garage, siding, big storage, fenced.....\$32,000
3 BR, 1 bath, Newly Redone Kitchen, Reduced To Sell (NOW)..\$28,700
3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, Real Clean, 2-car, new fence.....SOLD.....\$43,800
3 BR, 1 bath, just re-done, clean, lots of extras.....\$33,000
3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, 2-carport, really clean, brick, fair size.....\$46,000
5 Acres Country home on highway, fenced, storage.....Make Offer
3 BR, 2-1/2 bath, 2-car, C/P, big storage bldg., nice yard.....\$46,900
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3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, 2-car, really nice, near High School.....\$58,000
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YOUR EYES



Why Johnny Can't Read

When youngsters have difficulty in school, some parents and teachers are quick to assign blame to behavioral problems or learning disabilities. A simpler reason may be that the child simply does not see well enough to follow happenings in the classroom or examples on the blackboard. Interestingly, teachers working with adult illiterates found a similar problem. In a cooperative program of the State University of New York School of Optometry and the Literacy Volunteers of New York City, vision screening was offered to the participants. The eye doctors found that more than 70 per cent of the adult illiterates failed the vision tests; many had never had their eyes checked before. Fitted with glasses and/or given vision training, many were helped to learn to read. Smart move: bring your youngsters to your optometrist for pre-school testing. It may make a big difference.

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Editor's Notes

BY
BILL ELLIS

BOUQUETS to the Excel Corp. on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. Doesn't seem possible that it's been a full quarter-century since the large crowd gathered on a perfect, sun-bathed day at the MBP plant and heard dedication speeches for the sparkling new slaughter facility, but...that's what the calendar says!

There's not way of measuring the worth that the packing plant has been to our cities and county. Certain people could tell you--particularly the ones who cash the checks, collect school or county taxes, provide the plant services or products, or a hundred and one other benefits.

Suffice it to say that it's been a wonderful partnership between the plant and the area. Excel has been an outstanding citizen, as evidenced by their support of local clubs, schools, organizations, etc. And their growth over the past 25 years has just multiplied the numbers of dollars which turn over in the area.

Excel has proved to be the "loadstone" for numbers of other allied businesses and industries. April 20, 1968 was truly a "red letter" day for our county.

We'd like to personally thank the folks at Excel for their great cooperation for this anniversary project. It could not have been even attempted without their wholehearted approval and help, and they supplied plenty of both.

Along that line--we came close, but not quite, in getting everything done for this issue. Due to the overwhelming size of the project, we just simply ran out of time to do everything we'd intended to, so we plan to "overlap" into next week, and maybe the next if we still don't have everything covered.

We missed some folks on congratulatory ads. Some were fishing, and some were to call back, and our Thursday deadline this week came quicker than April 15. There are even some feature articles about the plant that we didn't quite get finished. So, please bear with us, and we'll try to get you covered.

If you want to be included in the birthday message department and

haven't been contacted, give us a call Monday.

SPEAKING OF TIME...we missed the Friona girls tracksters, Keri Reeb, Mendi Milner and Courtney Carthel, by five minutes Thursday as they left for Odessa. We promise to get these girls photographed for next week.

Plus, the girls' golf team, which won district and is also competing at regional. Note to Donald Herbert: please call and we'll set up a picture time.

Along that line, the photo we took at Bovina of regional track qualifiers Brooke Charles and Carmen Campos turned out to be badly out of focus--so we'll have to try you again "after the fact" as well. We're just not fast enough to keep up with the track kids anymore.

BE SURE TO VOTE on Saturday in the senate, constitutional, school and city races. Lot of important issues, so don't miss out.

Happy Birthday
EXCEL
25 Years in Farmer Co.

Grissoms Have Girl

Alexa Leigh is the name Mr. and Mrs. Tim Grissom of Farwell chose for the baby girl born to them at 12:54 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She was seventeen inches long and weighed three pounds, fifteen ounces.

Mrs. Grissom, the former Shannon Allen, has been dismissed, but Alexa remains in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, where she is making remarkable progress.

Her grandparents are Edward and Monty Allen of Friona and Leon and Charlene Grissom of Bovina.

Great-grandparents are J.G. and Frances Baker of Friona; Clio Jolly of Plainview and Annie Hoffman of Levelland.

Alexa has one sister, Lianna, who is four years old.

Still Needing A Good Rain!

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, April 23	87-45
Saturday, April 24	83-49
Sunday, April 25	80-38
Monday, April 26	72-41
Tuesday, April 27	78-44
Wednesday, April 28	73-53
Thursday, April 29	75-48
Precip: .18 inches	April 26

Polling Places Told For Saturday's Vote

Polling places for Saturday's elections are as follows:

Special senatorial and constitutional election: 101--Calvary Baptist Church; 201--Bovina EMS Center; 203--Rhea Community Center; 302--Oklahoma Lane; 303--Bovina Ridgelea School; 401--Lazbuddie School, and 402--Friona Fire Station.

Bovina School election--at the school, 500 Halsell. Bovina city election--EMS Building. Friona School and City elections--Fire Station.

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SHURFINE
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SHURFINE FROZEN ORANGE JUICE	12 OZ. CAN	69¢
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ALPO DOG FOOD	14 OZ. CAN	59¢

HOT FOODS MENU

BARBECUE BEEF SANDWICH	99¢	3 PIECE BOX CHICKEN	\$5.99
BARBECUE PORK RIBS (LB.)	\$3.99	BEEF & CHEESE CHIMICHANGA	\$1.19
BARBECUE WHOLE CHICKEN	\$3.99	(MEAT) CORN DOG	69¢
ALLSUP'S BURRITO	79¢	DELICIOUS HAMBURGER	69¢
BREAKFAST BURRITO	99¢	WILSON HOT LINKS	99¢
BURRITO BEEF & SALSA	\$1.19	SAUSAGE ON A STICK	\$1.39
DELICIOUS CHEESEBURGER	89¢	SAUSAGE & BISCUIT	79¢
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK	\$1.59	SAUSAGE EGG & BISCUIT	\$1.09
3 COUNT CHICKEN STRIPS	\$1.49	SAUTEYA SAUSAGE	99¢
W/POTATO WEDGES/CHICKEN (2 PC.) BISCUIT	\$1.99	4 COUNT STEAK FINGERS	\$1.00

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MULESHOE AREA HOME HEALTH Agency

DATE: Sunday, May 2, 1993

TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Jr. High Honor List Released

The fifth six weeks honor roll for Friona Junior High School was released this week by Kevin Wiseman, principal.

Making the honor roll and their grade categories are:

ALL A'S

Eighth grade--Jaime Cruz, Corrie Igo, Heather Martin, Jacob Rios, Scott Terry and Sheila Wiseman.

Seventh grade--Rachel Burleson, Carlos Cuellar, Quinten Ellis, Sarah Hale, Perry Hanes, Justin Jeter, Heath Patterson, Juanita Salinas, Jason Slagle, Lacy Venhaus, Shyla Wyly and Carrie Cox.

Sixth grade--James Evans, Stacey Field, Justin Grimsley, Kyle Igo, Katie Jack, Rachel Rodriguez, Alicia Smith, Nathan Terry,

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Veronica Vega and VLynda Wilcox.

ALL A'S, ONE B

Eighth grade--Jenny Ahrhart, Shane Blackburn, Abel Camarillo, Coby Clark, Leander Davila, Victor Grajeda, Blaire Jones, Greg Lewellen, Canna Ray, Aaron Rivera and Oracio Vasquez.

Seventh grade--Chris Arias, Tiffany Blackburn, Sarah Campbell, Gabe Goodwin, Toby Jack, Luis Hernandez, Joni Johnson, Aaron King, Jesus Mata, Luis Ramirez, Brandon Stephens and Vanette White.

Sixth grade--Jose Baeza, Clint Burney, Whitney Ellis, Casie Escobeda, Lance Field, Raquel Garza, M'Kell Jarecki, Matthew Kendrick, Kayla McCoy, Barry Procter, Jeff Rando and Erika Rivera.

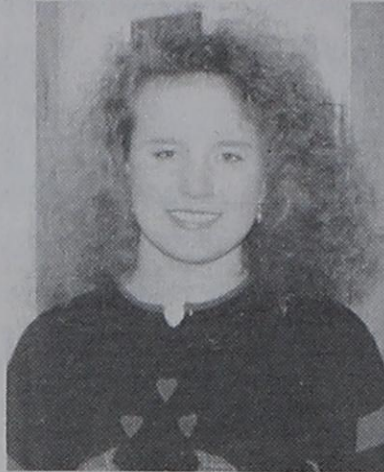
ALL A'S, TWO B'S

Eighth grade--Candy Baca, Paulino Balli, Leslie Fangman, Omar Garza, Diandra Lafuente,

Amber Martin, Osfaldo Mejia, Cornelio Perez, Jamie Stokes and Carlos Vega.

Seventh grade--Shirlene Alexander, Ruby Aronce, Adam Barker, Sandra Gonzalez, Robin Grantham, Johnnie Medrano, Elva Perez, Sammy Perez, Chris Rodriguez and Christina Santellana.

Sixth grade--Corben Baxter, Carolina Camarillo, Courtney Clark, Peggy Escobedo, Sheri Fiel, Fabiola Godoy and Bertha Maldonado.



STACI MUELLER

Staci Mueller Accepted In Physical Therapy School

The admissions committee at the University of Texas Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School in Dallas has selected Staci Jolene Mueller into their physical therapy program.

The new term starts May 24, which is a twenty-four month program. The committee was impressed with her credentials as well as her personal communication skills. Excellence in both areas is necessary to become a successful physical therapy professional.

Admission is on a competitive basis. Approximately forty students are selected each year from hundreds of applicants. Intellectual, physical and emotional fitness and/or ability that enable the individual to meet the entry level performance criteria of the profession are considered in the selection process.

Staci received her academic

courses and specific prerequisites at South Plains Junior College, Levelland, Clovis Community College and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She graduated with honors from SPC in 1992 receiving an associate degree in science.

She has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society; was named in the Who's Who Among Junior College Students of America; received an award for the biology "Student of the Year," her freshman and sophomore years; was named to the National Dean's List and was on the President's Honor Roll while she attended South Plains Junior College.

She also made the Dean's List at Texas Tech University during her fall semester this past year.

Her parents are Joe and Marlene Mueller of Friona and she is a 1990 graduate of Friona High School.

Happy Birthday

Week of May 2-8

Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

May 2--Skip Sirmic, Larry Drake, Julie Bracken, Becky Riethmayer, Sheryl Dement, Marc Haile, Jennifer Spring Kendrick, Kayla Smiley.

May 3--Shay Smith, Angie Gomez, Gene Brito, Cathy Spencer.

May 4--Dr. Gary Cash, Nathan Brockman.

May 5--John Osborn, Peggy Cabrera, Willow White, Raina Roden, Charlene Mann, Shaun Aguirre, Evalyn Anthony.

May 6--Calvin Shields, Nancy Peace, Lois Weatherly, Staci Mueller, Crystal Chilton.

May 7--Jordan D. Peace, Misti Davis, Stephanie Cabrera, Clara Trowbridge, Karen Baker, Gwendolyn Woods.

Girl Born To Couple
Clint and Linda Surratt of Aledo, Texas became the parents of a baby girl on April 13, 1993. Her name is Meagan Michelle and she weighed seven pounds, twelve ounces and was twenty-one inches long. Meagan was born at the All-Saints Hospital in Fort Worth.

The couple has an older son, Jacob Grant, two and one-half years old.

Grandparents are Irene Anthony of Friona and Sid and Selette Surratt of El Paso.

Great-grandmothers are Anna Anthony of Friona and Freeda Barrow of Alpine.

May 8--Susie Davis, Jennifer Lamb, Floyd Schueler, Randy Boeckman, Hazel Sifford, Mary Pipes.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon and report it.

OFFER GOOD MAY 6-8, 1993.

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DINNER THEATRE....Eva Miller, director of Modern Study Club's Dinner Theatre, is shown accompanying one of the acts at Friona City Limits. Her granddaughter, Sara Gerries, and grandson Clint Mears were a big help with the technical aspects of the program.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
We are aware or should be aware and very concerned about the plans some of our leaders have in mind for our future and the future generation of our nation. The presidency of Bill Clinton is putting these plans on 'fast forward'. We need to know how these so-called New World Order plans will change our freedom and what we can do about them.

The Clinton administration, along with the abortion rights advocates, are making a strong push for the passage of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) which would allow abortion on demand and restrict states from passing laws against abortions.

The good news is that we can do something now by making our views known to our elected representatives. Let's write a letter to our congressmen and senators today!

Also, here in Texas, we have an election on May 1 to elect a senator to replace the seat vacated by Bentsen.

We now have an opportunity to take positive action against the liberal agenda of the President. This is the list of candidates we have to choose from and a little about them. Richard Fisher: Says he is against abortions but would not defend the unborn. I ask, Mr.

Fisher, how can you oppose something and not defend it? Sounds like political kunk to me.

Kay Bailey Hutchison: Supports abortions up to six months. How can you call it a baby at six months, but say it's nothing at five and one-half months? Mrs. Hutchison also voted twice for an amendment to use tax dollars to fund abortions!

Jack Fields: Has a 100% Pro Life voting record but now is waffling since throwing his hat into the Senate race. Makes his voting record on other issues uncertain.

Congressman Joe Barton: Has a 100% Pro Life voting record and will fight against government spending our tax dollars paying for abortions. Joe Barton is endorsed by every major Pro Life, Pro Family group. He also supports prayer in school. This is an excellent opportunity to elect a fine family man.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Berend

Honor Roll Is Released

Forty-four Friona High School students made the "All A" honor roll for the fifth six weeks, released this week by Clifton Stephens, principal.

Making the honor roll were:

ALL A'S

Freshmen--Courtney Carthel, Mary Cass, Julie Goddard, Bowie Hand, Holly Jack, Jaelyn Peace, Aimee Renner, Janet Reyes, Moses Reyes, Amanda Taylor and Irene Vasquez.

Sophomores--Sheldon Burleson, Roy Flores, Cory Hamilton, Chad Henry, Wade Hinkle, Seth Houston, Iris Vega and Jose Vega.

Juniors--Audra Clark, Chris Davila, Lee Ann Ford, Margie Garcia, Jon Goddard, Rena Mason and Teresa Taylor.

Seniors--Jessica Alvarado, Angela Belcher, Aaron Black, Oleta Burch, Michael Cole, Britt Conklin, Boone Hand, Brian Herring, Kristin Holland, Christy Ichtertz, Michael Jeter, Jennifer Lamb, Renee Martin, Tammi Potts, Chad Stovell, Terron Talley, Tena Willard and Jason Wright.

ALL A'S AND ONE B

Freshmen--Jenny Hamilton and Abbey Johnson.

Sophomores--Lupe Baeza, Lori Jordan, Jodi Looper, Keri Reeb and Gerrod Salyer.

Juniors--Misty Drake, Chesley Ray and Mirna Reyes.

Seniors--Martha Aronce, Maria Cruz, Pete Gomez, Susan Huckabee, Kelly Jack, Jon Parker, Kyle Potts, Gena Willard and John Wilson.

ALL A'S AND TWO B'S

Freshmen--Issac Aguilar and Casey Renner.

Sophomores--Jay Belcher, Alice Black, Davy Hamilton, Roy Hendley, Jerard Lafuente, Jason Rector, Monty Schueler, Tonya Stovell and LaTawn White.

Juniors--Poppy Grimsley and Lana Osborn.

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Allo Reeve Is Honored At District Convention

Allo Reeve was given a life membership by the Caprock District at the GFWC-IFWC's 33rd annual convention recently in Lubbock.

The club had six members present for the convention: Thelma Coffey, Eva Miller, Lois Miller, Donna Mears, Sandra Turner and Mrs. Reeve.

Mrs. Reeve was only the twelfth club woman to be so-honored by the district.

She has been a member of Modern Study Club and Federation since 1938. During her membership, she has held every club office at least once and some twice. She served her local club as president in 1974-76 and again in 1986-1988.

She has served the district board in many areas: registration committee, first vice president, arts department-creative arts division, home life chairman, public affairs chairman life membership

committee, public affairs committee-safety division and nomination committee.

In March of 1990, Allo was named Outstanding Club Woman of Caprock District. She was recognized in October 1991 by Caprock District for fifty years of membership in Federation.

Allo has been an active participant in her community. The Friona Chamber of Commerce chose her as Woman of the Year in 1976, she was cited for the notoriety she brought to Friona for her program, "Brides of the White House." She called it her doll program because she dressed the small dolls in copies of the brides' dresses and gives interesting information about each of them.

She has presented this program to many organizations and clubs as far south as Colorado City, as far east as Pampa, west to Clovis and north to Amarillo. She is scheduled to give this program to several groups in the next few months.

As a club member, she has been involved in other club projects such as the Friona Public Library, which had its beginnings in the Club House. Allo has been very active in the club sponsored "Dinner Theater."

Allo is a charter member of the Parmer County Historical Society of which she has served as vice president and president. In past years, she was very active in school affairs: room mother, Chieftain parent and president of P.T.A. She helped reorganize the Boy Scouts and served as a Scout leader.

Allo is a member of Union Congregational Church and was very active when her children were growing up. She is a member of the Hospital Auxiliary of Parmer County Community Hospital and works with the Meals on Wheels program. She is a member of the D.A.R.

Allo lists her hobbies as china painting, quilting, genealogy and traveling with her "Good Sam" group. But she still finds time to be involved in Federation, district and local.



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Town Talk

By June Floyd

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Recent out-of-town visitors in the home of Opal Baxter have been Curt and Jewel Seigrist of Sayre, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Marshall of Elk City, Oklahoma.

Jewel is Opal's sister and Donnie is her nephew. The Marshalls also visited in the home of Hazel Baxter. He is Hazel's nephew, too.

Oleta Houser returned home late Thursday afternoon after an extended visit in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Buddy and Myra Witherspoon, who live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

While she was there, she visited Randy Weatherley, who is a patient at the Veteran's Rehab Center. His condition is gradually improving.

The Witherspoons and Leon Hartman, who lives in Mesa, Arizona, accompanied Oleta home. Leon, Oleta's nephew, made his home here several years while he was growing up.

Another nephew, Jim Hartman of New York City, is also a guest in the Houser home.

M.C. and Ann Osborn have had out-of-town company recently. Their youngest daughter, Tiffany, who attends Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, and a friend, Justin Lawrence of Amarillo, who is a student at Texas Tech University, were here one weekend.

Another daughter, Lacye, who is currently attending Texas A&M University, College Station, was here the same weekend.

Then, last week, Nikki and Lance Ralston of Fort Worth were here. Nikki attended a short course at Texas Tech Medical Branch in Amarillo while Lance, who especially likes spending time in the country, spent his time assisting M.C. with cattle work and other farm and ranch chores.

David Reed, who has spent the last three and one-half months attending the University of London, returned home Saturday afternoon of last week.

Apparently English universities have shorter semesters than do their counterparts in Texas. David, a student at Texas Tech, has completed his courses for this term.

On Sunday, his parents and brother, Ralph, Mary and Max, hosted a family dinner in his honor.

Other guests were his paternal grandmother, Juanita Reed, George and Jean Reed, Kristin Holland and Garvin, Jeannette, Tray, Tristin and Tarissa Thom, all of Friona.

Also, Jake and Mona Couch and Michael and Rebecca Campbell of Fritch, Texas.

Black Study Club Members Met April 22

Members of Black Study Club gathered at the E.B. Black home in Hereford, Thursday, April 22. The group enjoyed a luncheon and style show, given by Deaf Smith Historical Society. This is an annual fund-raising event.

Clothes modeled during the noon hour were items from the Deaf Smith County Museum and included one wedding gown. These fashions formerly belonged to the early citizens and pioneers of the area.

Following the luncheon and program, guests toured the garden and yard of the home.

Those present were Lois Weatherly, Mildred Welch, Hannah Lookingbill, Ann Carthel, Aundrea Frye, Martha Hamilton, Lucille Rockey, Ann Kelley, Carrie Tatum and three guests, Opal Baxter, Tera McGlothlin and Peggy Monroe.

Hospital Report

Parmer County Community Hospital, Friona--Jack Tongate, Jose Rivera, Manuel Garcia and Robert Wilson.

High Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo--Porter Roberts and Thelma Coffey.

St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock--Amy Archinal and baby boy, Austin Phillip.

Veteran's Rehabilitation Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico--Randy Weatherley.

While David was in London, he stayed in the home of Elaine Ellis and enjoyed his stay. However, he says, "People over there don't cook like we do here and it is so good to get some real food."

Incidentally, he introduced his hostess to cornbread and in a letter he had from her this week, she wrote, "We've had cornbread like you make twice since you've been gone."

Walter and Barbara Bracken Hill left Tuesday morning to return to their home in Glenwood, Arkansas. This couple, former Friona residents, had spent several days visiting her kith, kin and former neighbors.

A birthday party in the home of Ron and Melba Smiley, Sunday evening was a complete surprise to Lucretia Bracken. Melba, Barbara and their brother, Rex, had led their mother to believe the get-together was in honor of the Arkansas visitors.

Those present, besides the hosts and honoree, were Darla, Cody and Julie Bracken; Mitch, Kim, Kayla, Ashley, Blair and Clayton Smiley and Vickie and Dennis Field and children, Brock and Lucretia.

Also, Cindy and Jerry Butman and children, Gaines, Chance and Kristin.

Lucretia said, "It was a complete surprise to me since my birthday was nearly one week away, but I thoroughly enjoyed it."

More than thirty people came to Friona Thursday for the regular monthly weekend meeting of the Palo Duro Good Sam Club.

Soon after noon that day, rigs began to pull in and park at the former location of Reeve Chevrolet-Olds on West Highway 60. They were greeted by their only Friona member, Allo Reeve.

She said, "Our members are scattered over the entire Panhandle of Texas and a little bit of Oklahoma."

She went on to say, "Our agenda is pretty much the same every month. We meet, eat, play games, visit and have a lot of fun for several days."

Others attending were Lee and Sidney Jackson, David and Ann Cressman, Morris and Chris Driver, Frank and Pauline Totty and Red and Ann Weatherly, all of Pampa.

Also, Roy and Mary Burgett, George and Calista Huber, Jake and Dot Huckaby, Bud and Fern Taylor and Don and Mary Kay Weser, Amarillo.

Also, Jim and Ethel Gray, Fritch; Roy and Johnnie Gresham, Memphis; Marge Pannell, Panhandle; Loren and Mary Faucett and Dan Sell, Booker; Virginia Koch, Darrouzett; and Mary Ellen Janzen, Balco, Oklahoma.

John Charles Smith, a graduate of Sudan High School and a sophomore agri-business major at Clarendon College, Clarendon, Texas, was recently initiated into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor

Society.

He is the son of Steve and Jan Gromowsky of Sudan and the grandson of William and Kathryn Gromowsky of the Hub Community.

Lem Miller of Vienna, Virginia, spent several days last week visiting with his aunt, Martha Russell, who is a resident of Prairie Acres.

Cal and Joyce Cash of Farwell were Monday visitors in the home of Lloyd and Betty Louise Rector.

The Rectors were in Amarillo, Friday, and one of the places they stopped was a small out-of-the-way eating establishment.

Betty reported, "We entered thinking we would just grab something real quick and be on our way."

"Were we ever surprised?" she continued, then explained, "We ran into Jiggs Womack and his wife, Peggie, formerly of Friona, who now live in Amarillo and almost never got away."

Womack, the son of a local telephone operator in the forties, and Lloyd were members of Friona High School's 1947 graduating class and were good friends.

Recent out-of-town visitors in the home of James and Sue Procter were Claude and Betty Robison of Odessa, Texas. James and Claude are cousins.

I'm wondering how many Friona folks who noticed the ad in

last week's issue about an Open House to be held by Muleshoe Area Home Health agency, know that it is being headed up by a former Frionan and graduate of Friona High School.

Lisa Buchanan Wright, daughter of Jo Buchanan of Lubbock and the late Bill Buchanan, is a Registered Nurse and is in charge of the agency.

She and her husband, Gary, who is also a graduate of Friona High School, have been living in Lubbock several years and have two sons, Garrett, nine, and Jordan, who is six. Gary's parents are Wade and Amelia Wright.

Then, too, one of her assistants, Marsha Lewis, is also a former Frionan. She and her husband, Randy, moved from here to the Bailey County capital city a few years ago.

Grace Parr of Friona and her sister, Maesie Flynn of Bovina, have just returned from a trip to South Texas.

They spent Easter weekend with Grace's daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. John Foster of Fort Worth. The family attended church on Sunday at the First United Methodist Church and also the Easter Cantata entitled, "Christ is Risen, Halleluia." Grace's daughter, Iva, sang in the cantata and also sang a duet with David McClure.

After they left Fort Worth, they traveled to McAllen, where Grace's other daughter and family

live. They are Mr. and Mrs. Trev Sparks. The family spent a day on South Padre Island and the Gulf of Mexico and enjoyed a twenty mile drive on North Padre. This was on the beach toward Port Mansfield, where they went shelling. They had lunch at the famous Louis Restaurant and enjoyed a shopping trip there.

They went sightseeing in Port Isabel and visited the lighthouse there, built in 1853 during the early stages of the Civil War. The Confederate troops used the lighthouse as an observation post.

They visited the gambling casino ship, which was docked at Pork Isabel.

One day the ladies enjoyed a shopping spree at Reynosa, Mexico and saw the sights in the area there.

On their trip, they saw miles and miles of beautiful bluebonnets and many other types of flowers. Maesie said that Texas has 5,000 different species of flowers and they saw many of them.

On their way home from McAllen, they visited in Fiesta, Texas, which is north of San Antonio in the hill country and said the area there was beautiful.

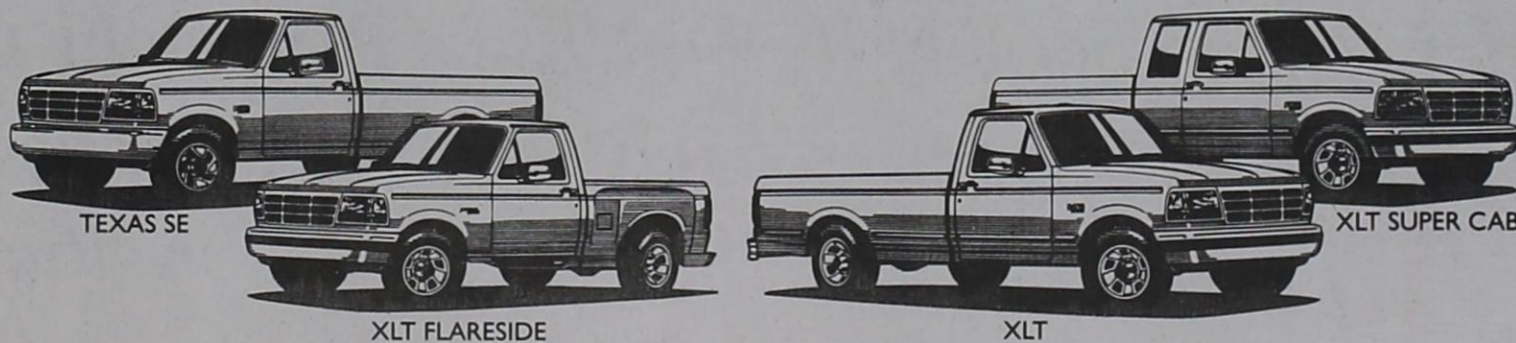
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FABRICATION AREA....Workers in the fabrication department at Excel are shown doing their work. The "fab" department was added by Excel during the summer of 1978, and this added considerably to the jobs and scope of the plant.

Excel Plant Expands Steadily Over Years

By JIM STEIERT
(Special to The Friona Star/
Bovina Blade)

During a quarter century of operation in Parmer County, Excel Corporation and its forerunners have more than doubled the size of the beef slaughtering plant at Friona. This state-of-the-art processing facility represents steady investment in facilities to keep the plant modern and efficient and capture the full value of products as the beef industry has changed.

Missouri Beef Packers first placed the facility in operation at Friona in April of 1968 with a test kill. By May, the plant was in production. At that time, the Friona plant was hailed as an ultra-modern slaughter facility that featured the largest single-chain operation in the world.

Through the years, the Parmer County beef plant has remained a sophistication, automation and modern design that is capable of turning out the quality beef products demanded by the modern-day consumer.

MBP first announced the construction of the plant at a news conference in Friona on April 28, 1967.

Less than a year after that announcement, a \$3.5 million plant was being dedicated. Its production floor was set up to allow workers to turn out the greatest amount of beef on a single shift of any known plant. A production force of 220 was anticipated as that facility reached its capacity, and projections were for employment of up to 400 workers as meat industry demands changed.



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Past President, MBP

Today, the Excel plant employs 1600 workers, quadruple even the most optimistic "pipe dream" projections at the time of the MBP opening ceremonies. This massive work force makes the Friona Excel plant one of the largest employers in the region.

The plant encompasses a whopping 350,000 square feet overall, due to expansion projects over the years that have not only added to the physical presence of the Excel plant, but to the tax base of Parmer County, as well.

One of these important expansions came in 1978, when fabrication facilities were added to the north side of the original plant.

Prior to that time, MBP, and later, MBPXL, had shipped "swinging beef" carcasses from the Friona plant, but important changes

were coming in the beef industry. The winds of change dictated that meat needed to be cut into portions easier for markets and institutional users to handle.

Space and equipment were added at the Friona plant to provide for preparing boxed beef and primal cuts, and that process has continued at Friona through the acquisition of MBPXL by Cargill in 1979, a name change to Excel in 1982, and into current times.

In August of 1987, a new office complex was completed at the Excel facility, to accommodate the expanding needs of the growing facility.

Friona's Excel plant added another 65,000 square feet of space on the south side of the original plant facility in 1991, at a cost more than triple the expense of building the initial plant outright.

That expansion, with a price tag of \$11 million, doubled the cooler capacity at the plant from 4,000 to 8,000 head per day. The extra cooling capacity required another 3,000 tons of refrigeration at the plant, and another 4,500 electrical horsepower were necessary to operate new equipment.

A new railroad spur was also necessary with the expansion project.

This additional cooler space was opened in 1992. According to Carol Aistrup, plant controller at Friona, it allowed room to cool beef carcasses for 48 hours, instead of the 24 allowed with old facilities.

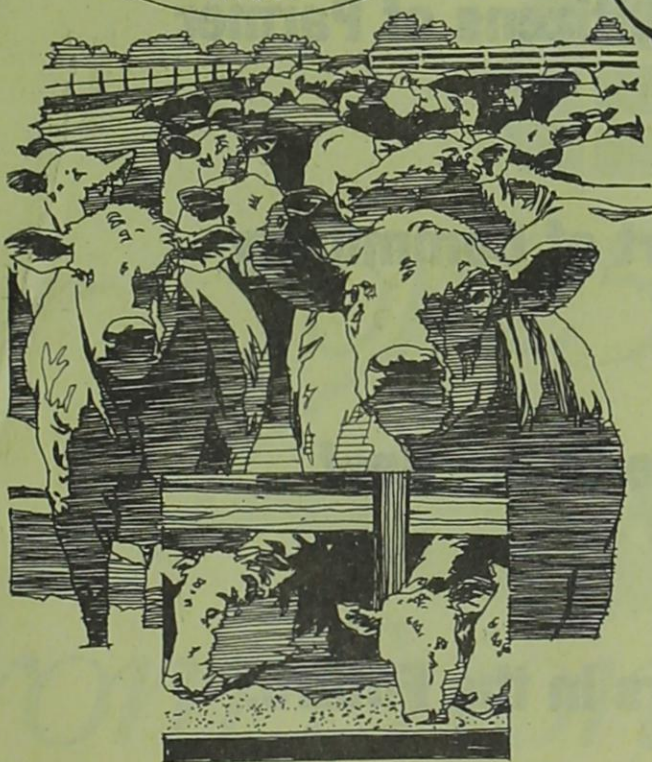
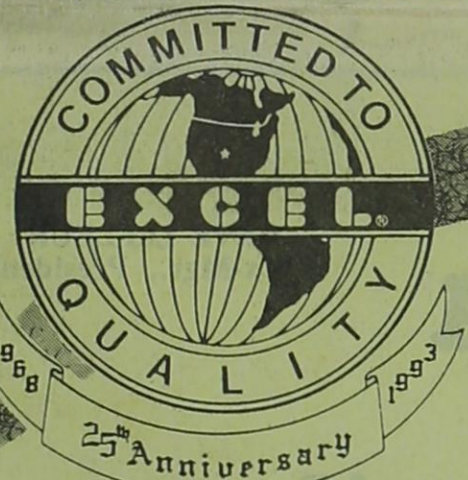
The extra cooling time for the carcasses meant more value realized from the beef processed, since more of the carcasses reached the prime grade, which maximized their value.



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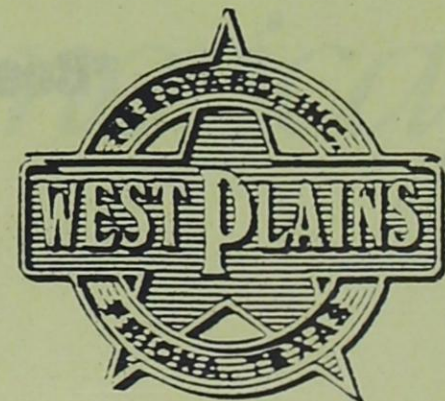
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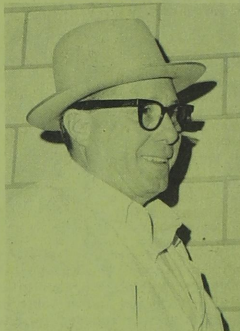
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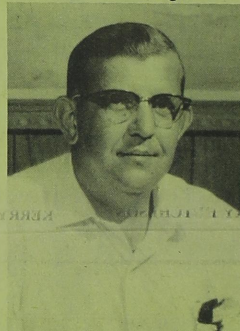
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Excel's Leaders Playing Active Community Roles

The top leadership at Friona's Excel plant have played active roles in the community down through the years, and the plant, since "Day One," has been a leading supporter of local organizations such as the Chambers of Commerce, schools, clubs and what-have-you.

One of the plant managers, Dave LaFleur, went on to become president of the Excel Corporation. LaFleur was one of the early Friona managers, 1969-71.

The two Friona plant managers with the longest tenures have been Vaughn Blum and Terry Wilkerson. Blum was the Excel chief from the late 1970s until October of 1987, when Wilkerson was named to the position.

Wilkerson served as plant manager for almost five years, until June of 1992, when he was transferred to head Cargill's P.P.D. Poultry plant at Buena Vista, Georgia. Wilkerson was replaced as Friona manager in August of 1992 by Bill Rupp, who had begun working his way up the ladder at Friona during the 1980s.

Wilkerson was one of the more active Friona Excel managers in civic affairs, serving on the Chamber of Commerce's board of directors, and also serving two terms on the Friona School board. His wife Peggy and children Carrie and Andy were also very active in school, church and civic affairs.



TERRY WILKERSON

For the record, Bill Gilbert was the first plant manager, when it was known as Missouri Beef Packers, followed by LaFleur. Other Friona managers in the 1970s were Jim Kofford, starting in 1974, and Dick Lann, and Jim McConnell, who was followed by Blum.

Excel's plant controllers have, especially in recent years, also played active roles in community events outside of their duties at the packing plant.

Harry Hutcheson, who served in the position for about five years in the mid-1980s, served a couple of terms on the Friona Chamber of Commerce board. Hutcheson actually served two "tours of duty" at Excel. He was finishing his



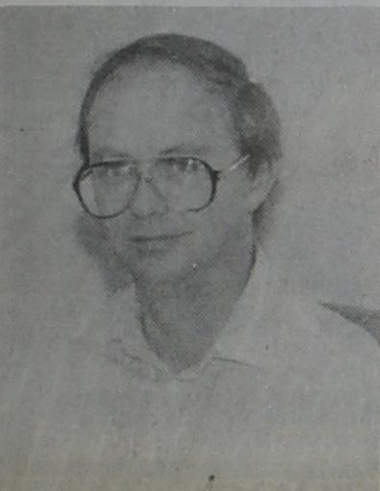
VAUGHN BLUM

second stint at the plant when the modern new office complex was completed in April of 1987.

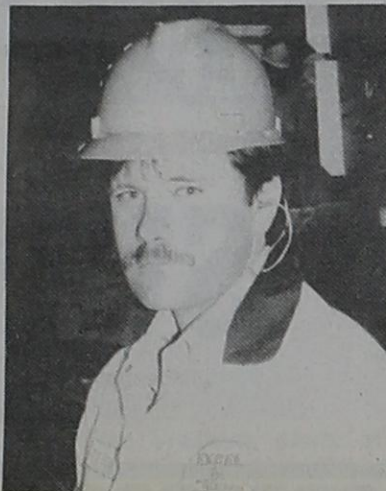
Hutcheson was replaced as plant controller in August of 1987 by Kerry Bahns. Leonal Kilgore followed Bahns, and then Bob Buchwald held the position for about a year. Buchwald has worked at the Friona Excel plant for a number of years, and has held various supervisory positions.

Carol Aistrup became plant controller in December 1991.

She is following the footsteps of some of her predecessors, having been elected in late 1992 to the Friona Chamber board, and currently serves on the Chamber's economic development committee.



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Perry Makes Vo-Ed. Pitch

While commending Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts John Sharp on his efforts to cut state spending, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry stressed the need for continued funding for vocational education programs.

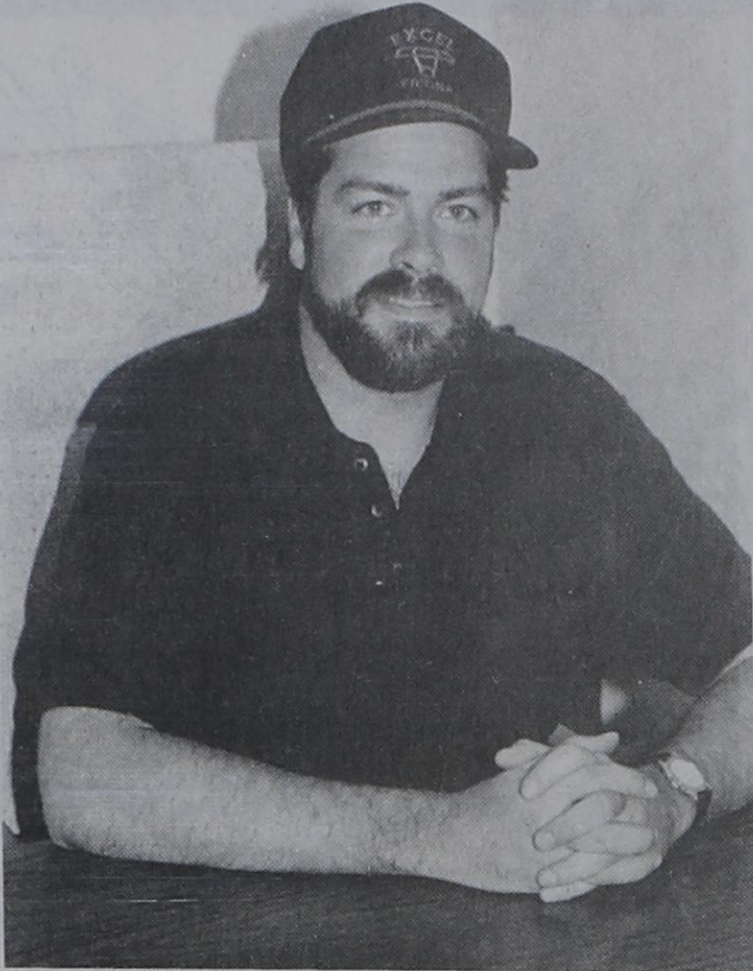
In a recent letter to Comptroller Sharp, Perry said that vocational education, now called agricultural science and technology, plays a key role in today's educational mix.

"Agricultural science has evolved into much more than raising pigs," Perry said. "Students incorporate math, science and English into traditional agricultural courses, while learning leadership and teamwork skills through the successful completion of agricultural projects."

"Strong agricultural science programs are particularly important in rural communities. Many rural students enrolled in these agricultural science courses enter the work force immediately following high school. Well-educated young leaders are helping to re-vitalize struggling rural communities."

Perry praised Sharp for befriending the agriculture community, but reminded him of the fact that vocational education programs are anything but "budget fat".

"Any program that keeps kids in school and produces literate, functional adults is a smart investment," Perry said.



BILL RUPP

Bill Rupp Serving As Friona Plant Manager

Bill Rupp, 31, has been serving as manager of Friona's Excel plant since August of 1992, replacing Terry Wilkerson.

Rupp has been with the Excel organization for ten years. He got his start at the Friona plant in 1983, spending five and one-half years here in various positions, from supervisor to superintendent.

He left the Friona plant, being transferred to Cargill's High River, Alberta, Canada, plant, as manager of the plant's fabrication department.

He returned to Friona last August as plant manager.

Rupp is married, and he and his wife Darinda are parents of two children: Meghann, five and Jake two.

The Rupps attend St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

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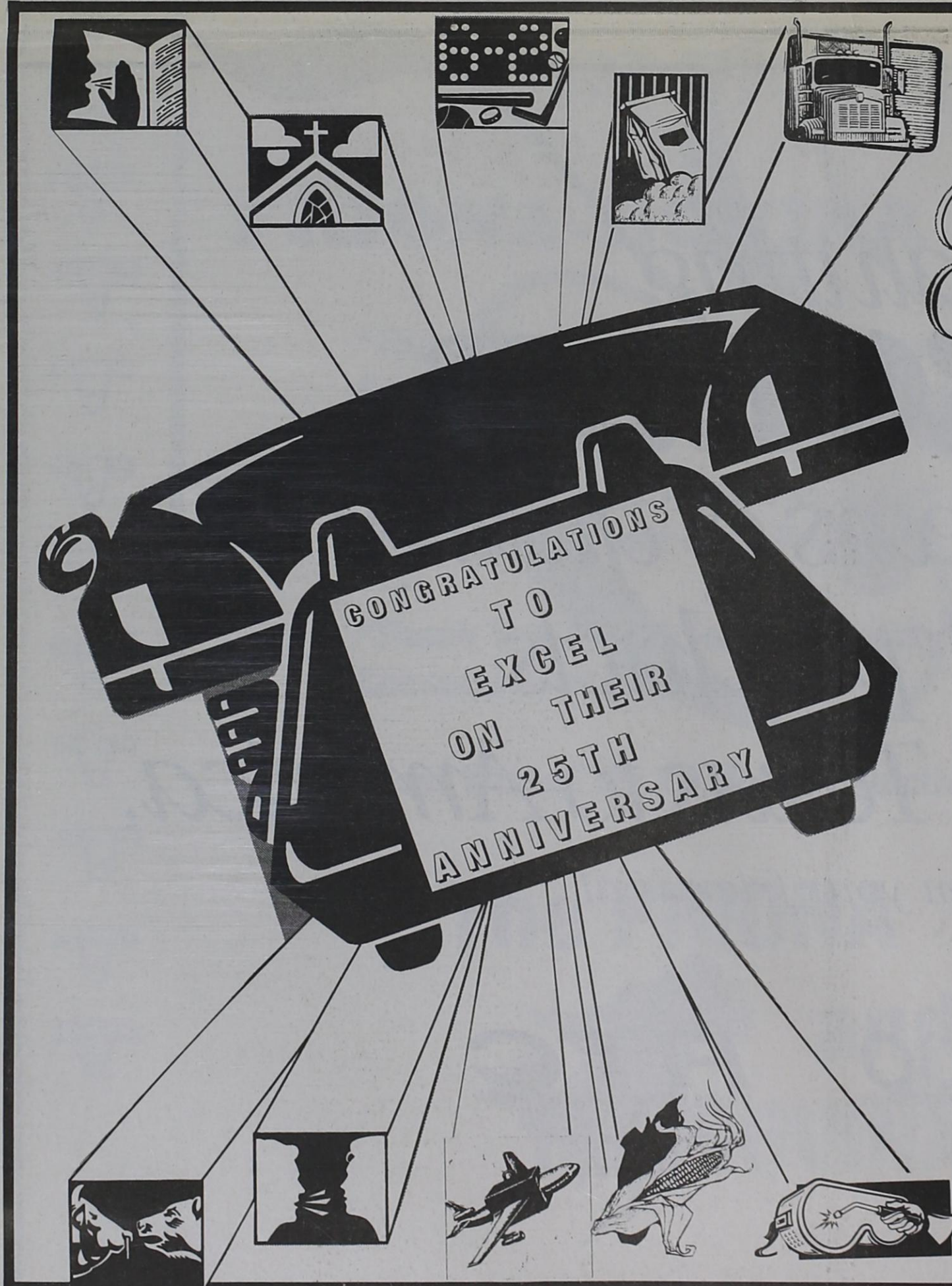
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Excel Positioned Amidst Excellent Cattle Source

BY JIM STEIERT
When Missouri Beef Packers, Inc. opened its plant just outside of Friona in April of 1968, the firm positioned itself to take advantage of a rich source of an essential raw material—an abundant supply of fed cattle.

By locating in Parmer County, MBP, which later became MBPXL, and eventually, Excel, placed its plant smack in the middle of one of the largest concentrations of cattle feeding in the entire Southwest.

There were real savings to be had by locating a slaughter plant literally in the midst of Texas Panhandle cattle country.

Carol Aistrup, plant controller at Excel's Friona plant, says that crushing transportation costs could be reduced considerably with cattle close at hand, and the plant could enjoy other advantages as well.

"Because cattle don't have to be hauled far, freight costs are minimal. We have lots of cattle to choose from, and we can stay current on cattle, without having to carry a huge backlog. We enjoy a good relationship with area cattle feeders. Because a great many of our cattle are bought within a 100-mile radius, we can provide feedback to feedyard operators if there's a problem or a need, and they can respond. We can let the yards know just what we want," she says.

Today, 25 years after the facility first opened, the Excel plant at Friona continues to exploit the close availability of finished cattle in the High Plains. In fact, even more cattle are being fed in the region than when the plant was first opened.

Southwestern Public Service Company's annual Fed Cattle Survey for 1992, which includes feedlots in its 52,000 square mile service area, which includes portions of the Texas High and South Plains, the Oklahoma Panhandle, southeastern and eastern New Mexico and southwestern Kansas, indicates that cattle feeding increased six percent from 1991 to 1992.

That increase is three times higher than the previous year's percentage, according to Dave Krupnick, SPS manager of agricultural and wholesale marketing. Krupnick says that 1992 went down as another record-breaking year in the area's cattle industry.

SPS figures also reveal that the region's cattle feeding industry has logged four consecutive years of growth.

The utility serves 124 feedyards in its area, and 93 of them are in Texas.

The Texas yards accounted for 5,174,143 head of the total number of cattle fed in the SPS area in 1992. Survey figures also indicated that the number of feedyards in the area continues to grow—expanding to 124 in 1992, compared to 122 in 1991.

The three top cattle feeding counties in Texas—Deaf Smith, Castro and Parmer, accounted for 38 percent of the total fed cattle in the state in 1992. All are only a short truck haul from Excel's slaughter plant at Friona, practically backyard sources of cattle.

Excel buyers are no strangers to the feedyards of these three counties. They can frequently be seen perusing the pens of such close-at-hand yards for prime livestock.

Deaf Smith County was the leading producer of fed cattle in the SPS service area in 1992, with a feeding capacity of 843,276 head and boasting 13 feedyards with a one-time capacity of 387,000 head. Each of these 13 yards has a one-time capacity in excess of 5,000 head.

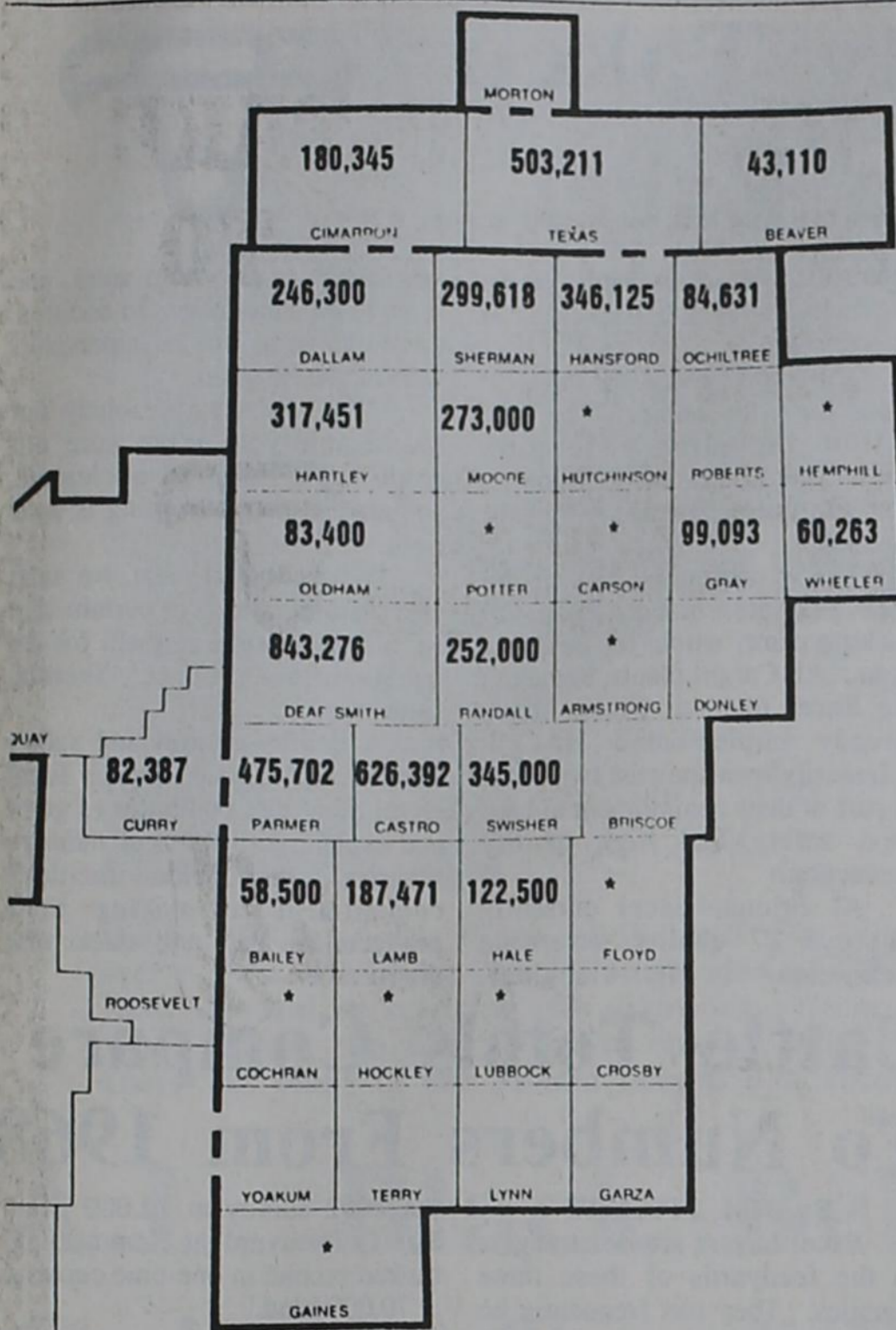
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County, with 626,392 head capacity, and a total of 13 feedyards with a one-time capacity of 5,000 head or more.

Parmer County ranked third in the SPS survey. Its yards have a one-time total capacity of 475,702 head of cattle, and there were eight feedyards within the county with a one-time capacity exceeding 5,000 head.

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SPS Fed Cattle Survey

The annual Fed Cattle Survey, conducted by Southwestern Public Service, includes this map showing the number of fed cattle in each county of the Texas Panhandle, as well as parts of Oklahoma and New Mexico.



MAKING CUTS....The second step in the breaking phase at Excel is the separating of the loin from the brisket. Here, an employee in the breaking department is shown at work at his station.

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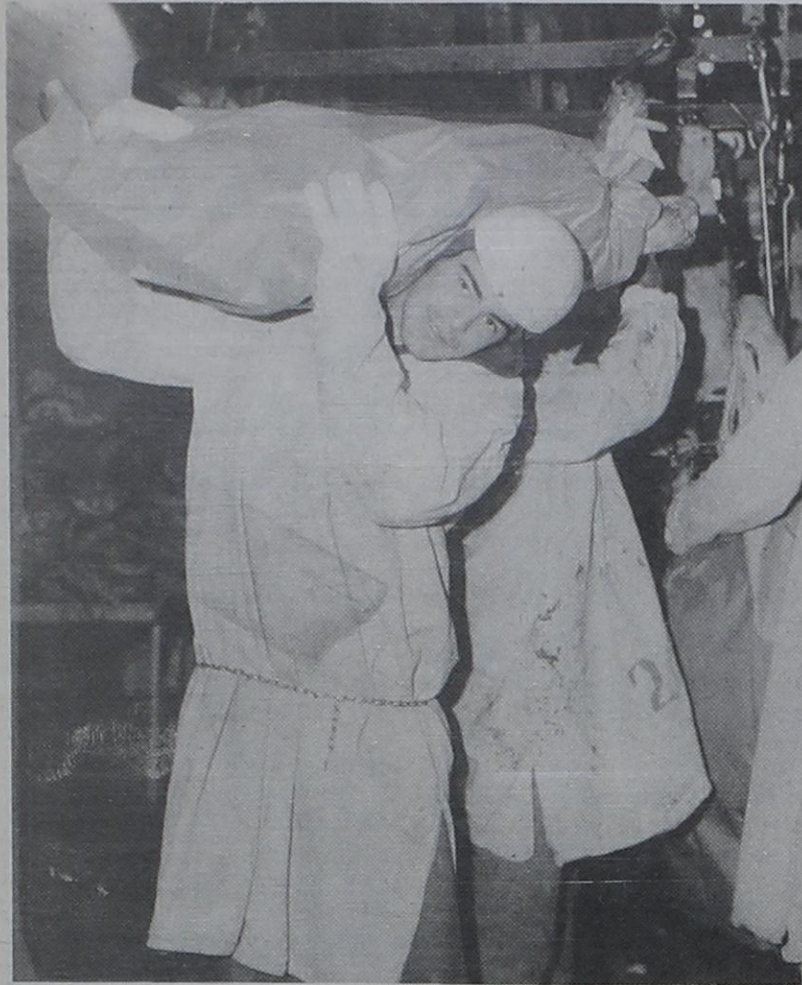
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Beef Quality, Safety Taken Seriously At Friona Excel



By **JIM STEIERT**
Assuring that clean, wholesome, safe beef products are delivered to customers and consumers is a vital consideration at Friona's Excel plant--and one that's taken very seriously.

Kenny Sherbon, quality assurance manager for Excel at Friona, came to the local plant to work in quality control when it still operated under the MPBXL label in 1978. He has labored to make sure of quality beef production at the plant ever since.

He's seen quality assurance evolve from the days of inspectors laboring at the end of cutting tables to computer-armed technicians monitoring work and subjecting everything to close-quarters inspection at a laboratory on premises.

When fabrication first began at the Friona plant in 1978, quality control workers primarily concentrated on checking the product for correct trim and cut, and checking floors for clean and sanitary conditions.

In the mid-1980's, the Friona Excel plant became a Total Quality Control facility.

"Through voluntary participation with the USDA, quality assurance technicians took on more responsibility. They began monitoring such areas as pest control programs, overall sanitation and correct box tear," said Sherbon.

USDA personnel continued to monitor quality assurance technicians under the program.

A Partial Quality Control Program was also initiated by Excel on its kill floor at Friona.

"Our job under Partial Quality Control is to check for defects, and the government also does numerous checks. It's a little different than other programs we had initiated up to that time," Sherbon said.

Quality Control programs have become much more technical in the past couple of years, according to Sherbon.

"It has become impossible to check 100 per cent of the product from positions at the end of the tables. We now take random

samples and audit what the product does over time. Audits are done with hand-held Data Myte computers, and information gathered in them is fed into big computers in the office where it becomes reports for thorough review," he said.

Just over three years ago, a quality assurance laboratory was built at the Friona Excel plant. Sherbon and a quality assurance manager are in charge of this laboratory and its crew of technicians who perform analysis on meat, rendered products, bone meal and blood. They also perform moisture, fat and protein tests on beef products.

Another important function of this laboratory is in the area of microbial testing for bacteria on all products coming from the plant. Beef products get critical scrutiny to ensure that they are within USDA guidelines and pose no health hazards.

Scrutiny for bacteria can also focus on the Friona plant itself, to ensure that housekeeping isn't lacking, and the lab even critically peruses water and air samples.

Sherbon says that the laboratory at the Friona plant is the first in the country to be certified by the USDA for microbial and chemistry testing. This certification came in 1972.

According to Sherbon, a primary focus of the laboratory facilities is feed safety. The lab also analyzes many beef products as to yields, since end customers expect those products to analyze to a certain yield percentage in order to meet their standards.

Within the past year, a new safety assurance program has also come on line at Friona. This program is known as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP).

HACCP is intended to prevent products from being contaminated at areas in the Friona plant where chemical, microbial or foreign object contamination can be prevented.

While maintaining productivity is important to the efficient

operation of a packing plant, productivity takes a back seat to safety assurance.

"All employees at the HACCP areas have the authority to take action--including stopping production, in order to avoid a contamination problem," said Sherbon.

The government may make such programs mandatory in all packing plants within the next few years. All Cargill plants, including the Excel plant at Friona, have already implemented HACCP voluntarily over the past two years as part of their commitment to both food safety and high quality production.

At Friona, Excel currently employs 27 quality assurance technicians in its slaughter,

fabrication and loadout areas, and three in the laboratory. In addition, three quality assurance supervisors work under Sherbon.

"We take very seriously our responsibility to make sure our products are clean and wholesome, and that our housekeeping is done right.

"When we sell meat, we want our customers to feel certain that we are responsible to them for the quality of our product," Sherbon said.

A quality control and safety assurance program at the local Excel plant that continues to grow and expand with the beef industry testifies to the Friona facility's commitment to making their products the best and safest that they can be.

Cattle Totals Compare To Numbers From 1968

By **JIM STEIERT**

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SPS Fed Cattle Survey figures for 1968, the year when the MBP plant first opened in Friona, make for an interesting comparison with today.

Deaf Smith County had a one-time cattle feeding capacity of 215,000 head in 1968 and turned out 250,500 fed cattle that year. That figure has about quadrupled in the past quarter-century.

Castro County yards had a one-time capacity of 70,390 head in 1968 and fed 133,900 head that year.

Parmer County feedyards had a one-time capacity of 150,000 head back then, and fed 197,800 head in 1968.

Total cattle fed for the three counties in 1968 was 582,200 head, less than half the current-day total.



Excel plant has eye on quality

Excel Beefpackers' motto is: "Committed to Quality." It's statement of purpose reads: "We will safely produce goods and services that meet established requirements for our internal and external customers. We will accept no less from our suppliers."

Immunization Clinics Are Set

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for May.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Bovina will hold a clinic May 10 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Medical Center, 509 Avenue I.

Clinics will be held in Hereford at the Texas Department of Health Office, 205 West Fourth Street, Suite B, on May 5 from 5-7 p.m.; and May 6, May 13, May 20 and May 27, from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

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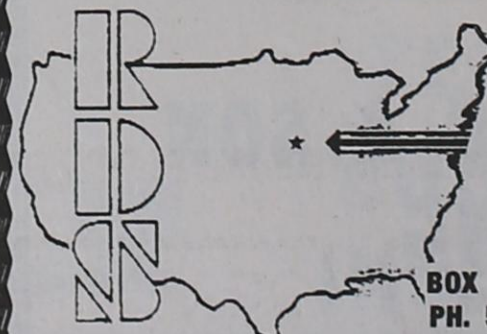
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KEY MEN....A.L. Black, left, and Dr. Loyd Shackelford, right, were two members of Friona's Industrial Committee who were instrumental in securing the plant for Friona. Black and Shackelford were among the first to make contact with the MBP officials. They trace the story of the Friona industry in accompanying stories. (Star Photo Files)

A.L. Black Believes In Going After "The Best"

"When you go after something, you might as well go after the best," says A.L. Black, successful farmer-stockman and member of the Friona industrial committee which helped land Missouri Beef Packers for the city.

And Black's record seems to bear out this motto.

He currently is serving as president of the Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and is a director of the National Association. He is a member of more boards than you can shake a stick at, and associated with several top-flight businesses, such as Friona Feed Yards, Hi-Pro Feeds and Paco Feeds, Inc.

Black has the reputation of getting a job done when he's appointed to one, and this is probably one reason the Friona Chamber of Commerce appointed

him to its industrial committee during his tenure as director. Black didn't disappoint the chamber.

"It was about a year ago last summer that I first met representatives of Missouri Beef Packers. We met with four of their officials out at Friona Feed Yards, and showed them around," Black recalls.

Thus, Black had had this earlier encounter with the MBP officials when Dr. Loyd Shackelford arranged a meeting with the MBP board in Rock Port in December of 1966.

However, it was a trip he made to Austin in early April of 1967 which helped turn the tide. The local people had been meeting with MBP officials often and late, concerning proposed stock merger plans.

"We had been offered about five different trades, and had accepted

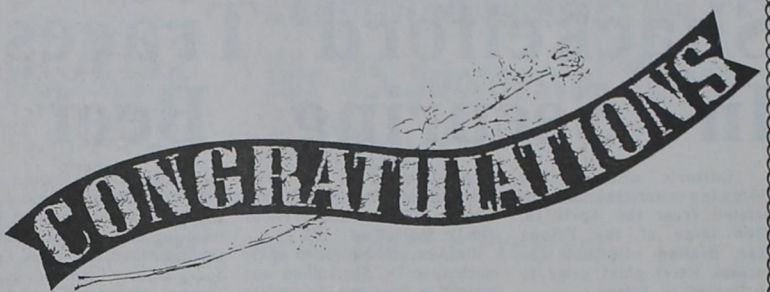
every offer. But there was always a hitch," Black recalls. "Finally, after the meeting with the Securities Exchange Commission, we reached the decision that we'd either have to form our own corporation, or Missouri Beef would have to.

"We then proposed the land deal, and we were in business," Black says.

Black says the dealings with Missouri Beef Packers provided an opportunity of dealing with some shrewd, honest businessmen, "and that's always a privilege and an education."

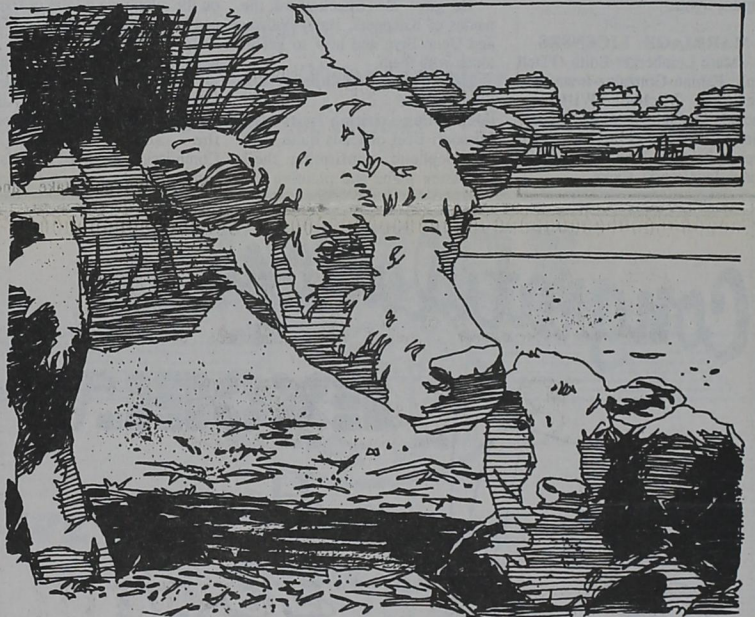
He says he thinks the \$100,000 investment by Frionans for the land for the MBP plant was a good investment.

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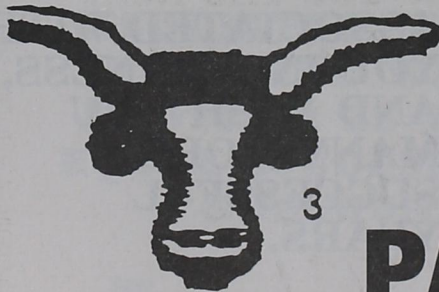


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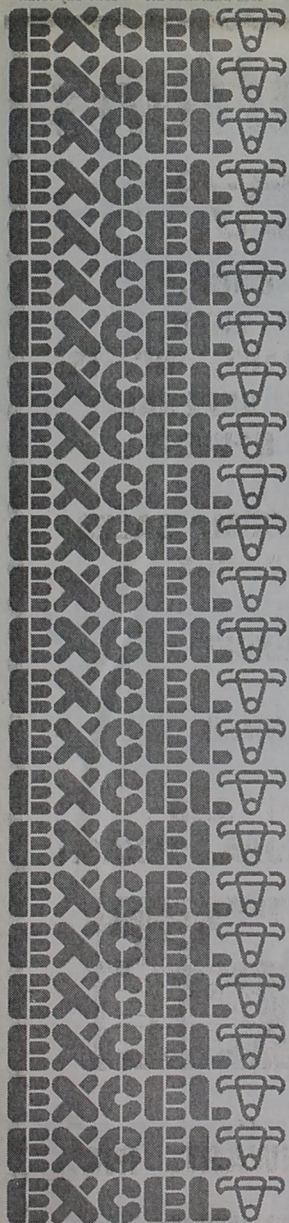


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Shackelford Traces Events In Securing Beef Plant

(Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from the April 18, 1968 issue of the Friona Star, dealing with how the current Excel plant came to be located in Friona.)

How did Missouri Beef Packers come to locate in Friona?

This is a question thrown out quite often and it's a question which can't be answered "in 25 words or less," but one which can be traced definitely by certain Friona personalities.

For, while a packing plant for Friona was just a fond dream for a major portion of the population, there were some who were doing more than dreaming--in order to make the rest of the people's dream come true.

Back in August of 1966, a

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personal friend of Dr. Loyd Shackelford, Dr. J. Howard Morrison of Tyler, visited in Friona with Dr. Shackelford.

Dr. Morrison had grown up on ranches, so Dr. Shackelford was anxious to show him the modern trend in cattle feeding, and gave him a tour at Friona Feed Yard. The Tyler doctor was impressed-in fact, shocked, at the huge number of cattle which were fed in one concentration.

Sometime later, Dr. Morrison was lecturing at a dental meeting in St. Louis, and he became acquainted with a Dr. Suggert, who had just invested some money in a young, vigorous beef packing company--Missouri Beef Packers of Rock Port, Mo.

During the course of their conversations, Dr. Morrison told Dr. Suggert about his acquaintance in Friona, and about the area's feedlots, where as many as 27,000 head of cattle were fed in one installation.

Hearing this figure, Dr. Suggert told his friend that he was surely mistaken--this sounded too high. "Well, I might have misunderstood, but sometime when it's convenient, I'll arrange for you to meet Loyd and he can tell you for sure how it is," Dr. Morrison said.

Later, at a Dallas dental meeting, Dr. Morrison arranged an "accidental" meeting between Dr. Suggert and Dr. Shackelford. Dr. Suggert was a close friend of George Knepper, a major stockholder of Missouri Beef Packers, and knew of the young company's plans to expand, and mentioned it to Loyd.

He gave Dr. Shackelford the names of Kneppers, Harry Nelson and Gene Frye and how to get in touch with them.

Upon returning home, Dr. Shackelford did a lot of telephoning--visiting with the Missouri Beef officials quite a lot by telephone, confirming their expansion plans and planting the

seed for an interest in Friona.

In early December 1966, Loyd arranged a meeting in Rock Port involving local business leaders. Dr. Shackelford, A.L. Black, Frank Spring and Jack Carothers went to Missouri and met with most of the members of the board of directors of MBP.

"The Missouri Beef people showed an interest in coming to Friona, practically from that first meeting. It seemed to be just a question of working out a program which would best suit both parties," says Dr. Shackelford, who was the eternal optimist throughout the quest for the new industry.

Just before Christmas, 1966, three of the Missouri Beef officials were guests of the Frionans, and during the trip were able to meet various civic leaders in a meeting at Friona State Bank, the first "public" exposure to local people of the possibility of a packing plant for Friona.

After that the meeting and telephone conversations were oftener and more serious between the Friona and Rock Port residents.

"Harry Nelson told me early in our dealings that one of the biggest deterrants to swinging such a deal was a 'breakdown' in communication. We decided to talk with each other every working day, to guard against this happening," Shackelford relates.

"Sometimes we'd just talk about going fishing, or the weather, but we hardly ever missed a day talking with each other. Missouri Beef had a Watts line, so this helped some on the telephone bill. "One day my office secretary timed me, and I was on the telephone a total of five and one-half hours," he added.

In March of 1967, the negotiations were bearing fruit, and in early April, A.L. Black and MBP officials went to Austin, where a big hurdle was passed as the Securities Exchange Commission approved the Missouri company's stock merger proposal,

should it expand to Texas.

"A.L. was the key man in this drive. We'd never have sacked up the deal without his cool business head," Dr. Shackelford said.

Things were really at the "sweating stage" by now, especially with other cities finding out about MBP's expansion plans, including Hereford and Plainview.

Finally, the Missouri officials made the statement that if Friona would provide the location, the company would locate here. That was all it took.

"This had been mentioned casually before, but now we had an offer. Within ten days of this agreement, we had the deal in the bag," Shackelford recalls.

The land fund drive itself was the high point of the entire project, as far as Dr. Shackelford is concerned. "It was really something. We had the \$100,000 practically raised in three days time. This is something else which my friends in the dental profession find hard to believe," he says.

Dr. Shackelford says the Missouri Beef project was a real delight--a lesson, indeed an education to industrial expansion. "It was the cooperation of the people which made it work, and nothing any individual or small group of individuals did which made it come to pass," he states.

The Friona dentist heaps praise upon the other industrial committee members. "They would drop everything at any time, regardless, to do what was needed at the time," he points out.

How did he keep optimistic about Friona's chances for the plant, when things appeared to be flickering and dying to others locally?

"Well, I had visited more with Harry Nelson than anyone else. I knew more of their desire to have another plant. And, knowing that we had the ideal product for them, I just felt we couldn't miss," Shackelford says.



SHACKELFORD HONORED....Dr. Loyd Shackelford, left, received an honor during the dedication ceremonies at MBP (later to be Excel). Shackelford was a guiding force in getting the original plant located and built at Friona.

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"TEXAS," the internationally acclaimed outdoor drama written by Pulitzer prize-winning author Paul Green, has once more captivated its audience.

This stirring saga of the Lone Star State opens its 28th season on June 9, 1993 and plays at 8:30 p.m. nightly except Sundays through August 21, 1993. This year, an extra performance has been scheduled for Sunday, July 4.

Cowboys, Indians, farmers, ranchers and the "Grand Canyon of Texas" all figure prominently in what has been acknowledged by the National Institute of Outdoor Drama as "the best attended outdoor drama in the nation." Over the past seven seasons, the amphitheatre has been filled to an average 94 per cent of its 1,724-seat capacity.

The show's popularity undoubtedly stems from the true-to-life dramatization of the hardships and conflicts faced by the determined men and women who made Texas their home in the late 1800s. Farmers fought cattlemen as the wide-open space dominated by cattle slowly gave ground to fences and crops. Indians battled the realization that they could not step the encroachment of the settlers. And all of them, men and women alike, pitted their indomitable spirits against the hostile land and unrelenting elements.

A cast of 80 professionals leads the audience on this journey through a rough and tumble time in the nation's history. Traditional western songs, creative costumes, outstanding choreography and

spectacular special effects add to the drama of this timeless tale of love and death, tragedy and triumph.

The craggy and colorful walls of the "canyon of hard wood" provide a perfect setting for "TEXAS." A soaring 600-foot cliff painted by the master artist Himself serves as the show's backdrop. A perfect union between the canyon's natural acoustics and the technology of modern sound and light equipment creates unusual and startling special effects.

Cowboys ride the range, Indians leap from rocks, a wild prairie fire dances across the land, lightning streaks down the canyon wall, and progress eventually rumbles into a new town aboard an authentic steam engine. New friendships and alliances are formed as the path to a shining future is carved from the rough and rugged terrain known as "TEXAS."

During its 27-year history, 2.4 million people from around the world have been awed and entertained by "TEXAS." More than 100,000 spectators have seen the show in each of the last four years, including visitors from every state and more than 100 foreign countries.

Attendance figures indicate a steady upward climb in the number of foreign visitors and American spectators from outside the Lone Star State. A chow-call triangle is traditionally awarded each night to the person who travels the greatest distance to see the show. With the exception of the show's first season, the triangle has always been awarded to someone from outside the United States.

"TEXAS" plays Monday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$9 and \$6 for adults and \$12, \$4.50 and \$3 for children under 12. An optional barbecue dinner, served prior to every performance, is available from 6-8 p.m. for an additional \$6.

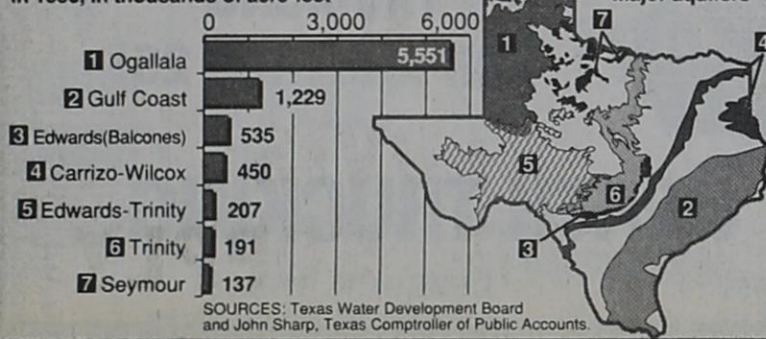
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Groundwater: A geyser of public interest

More than half the water used in Texas comes from underground aquifers. Groundwater, used by cities, farmers, mining and manufacturing interests, belongs to the person who owns the land above and has the right of capture. It is not like surface water, which is owned and managed by the state for the public good. Texans withdrew about 8.9 million acre-feet of groundwater in 1990, about 3.5 million acre-feet more than the estimated amount replenished yearly by rainfall and runoff.

Groundwater taken from major aquifers in 1990, in thousands of acre-feet



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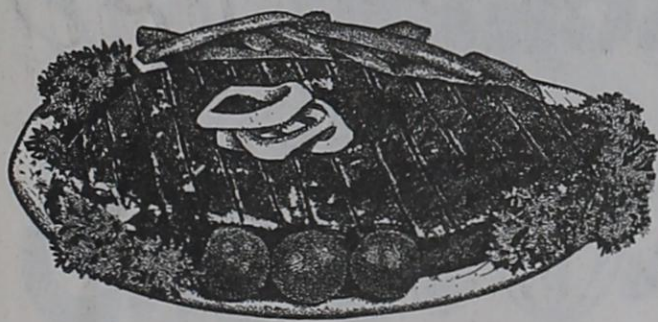
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TCFA--A Quarter Century Old And Still Growing

(A biographical sketch of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association)

Put in the perspective of the long and colorful history of the cattle industry in the Lone Star State, it's a newcomer. But this newcomer is no greenhorn, for it has made an impact on Texas in a

few short years that others take a lifetime to achieve.

This newcomer is cattle feeding. Texas and cattle have always been synonymous. The hoofprints of the cattle industry are indelibly marked on the Lone Star and, to a large extent, make up both the myth and the reality of what it

means to be a Texan. However, while historians have identified the appearance of the first cattle feedyards around 100 years ago in the Brazos River bottom and around Brownwood, the modern, large-scale industry present today didn't gain a foothold in Texas soil until the late '50s and early '60s.

After World War II, what little cattle feeding present was done in Arizona and Southern California. But then, in the '50s, Texas farmers doubled grain production, thanks to new technology. With the surge in grain production, Texas cattlemen began asking themselves why they were shipping their cattle, and their grain, to California when they could just as easily keep them here and make their own industry.

And in true Texas fashion, a business was born. By the mid '60s, these entrepreneur-cattlemen saw the need for an association to help solidify their voice and to work on their behalf.

So, in 1967, ten cattle feeders met in Amarillo and formed the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA). In the years since, the upstart group grew, along with the industry it represents, to one of the most influential forces in agriculture.

TCFA took a leadership role in industry issues from the very beginning. Almost immediately, cattle feeders became active in the political arena, and continue to be very active today. In addition, TCFA was an early leader in beef promotion, raising more than \$500,000 in three weeks to tell cattlemen's stories in the wake of a consumer beef boycott in 1973.

As cattle feeding grew, it became evident that more capital was needed to fund the burgeoning industry. TCFA visited major banks on the East and West coasts and hosted bankers on tours of the state's new industry. Lenders saw merit in cattle feeding and pumped millions into Texas' economy.

And that was just the beginning. TCFA continued to hone its political edge and instituted one of the most sophisticated and accurate

market information services in the industry. These and other activities helped Texas become the nation's leader in cattle feeding.

Texas cattle feeders continue the pace today. In 1992, feedyards in the TCFA area marketed 5.8 million fed cattle, 25% of the nation's beef.

The economic impact of the industry is significant. The cattle feeding industry in the TCFA area provides jobs for about 3,000 people directly and provides the economic stimulus to create another 23,000 jobs.

At average market prices, those 5.8 million fed cattle are worth about \$4.6 billion. By the time the money circulates through local and state economies, the total economic impact on the area is around \$13.6 billion.

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Area wheat farmers are looking for ways to keep the soil on the ground and more money in the bank.

"Farmers are looking for ways to reduce tillage either for economic reasons or to meet conservation compliance," explains Wayne Schumacher, DuPont cereals manager.

"Farmers who have highly erodible land, for example, are in need of tools to keep their stubble

cleaner so they can keep the crop residue intact to meet compliance. If they don't, they stand to lose all farm program benefits."

The Environmental Protection Agency has approved an expanded label for DuPont Finesse herbicide that gives farmers more flexibility in their weed control programs to reduce tillage and maximize yield potential.

Under the new label, Finesse can be used for fallow weed control under either a wheat-fallow-wheat or ecofallow program. This will aid farmers who are reducing their tillage practices to save costs and erosion, and especially those who must meet federally-mandated conservation compliance requirements by the end of next year, Schumacher says.

Finesse can also be applied with low rates of Lexone in a spring weed-and-feed program for grasses and broadleaves.

"What's important is that farmers now have more flexibility in matching their weed control programs to their specific needs," Schumacher says.

In fallow, farmers can use a tank mix program using Roundup, Bladex, atrazine or paraquat to control both broadleaves and grasses in one trip. That saves the cost of multiple chem fallow applications or tillage trips.

In ecofallow, farmers should use a short or non-residual sulfonylurea herbicide in the wheat crop to prevent carryover problems, and then Finesse in the corn or sorghum stubble.

Ex-Resident Is Buried In Oklahoma

Funeral services were held for former Farwell resident, Jerry Atchley, 59, on April 14 at the Hobart Rose Cemetery in Hobart, Oklahoma. He died in Amarillo on April 11.

He was born on January 6, 1934 in Hobart to Jack and Violet Messer Atchley. He married Gloria Slagel on September 20, 1972. Atchley lived in Farwell many years and he worked for the Sheriff's Department for 22 years. He served as Deputy Sheriff.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria, of Amarillo; two step-daughters, Kathy Kaufman of San Antonio and Ruth Webb of Amarillo; one brother, Jack, of Duncan, Oklahoma; two sisters, Veda Miller and Oleta Iverson, both of Amarillo, and two step-grandchildren.

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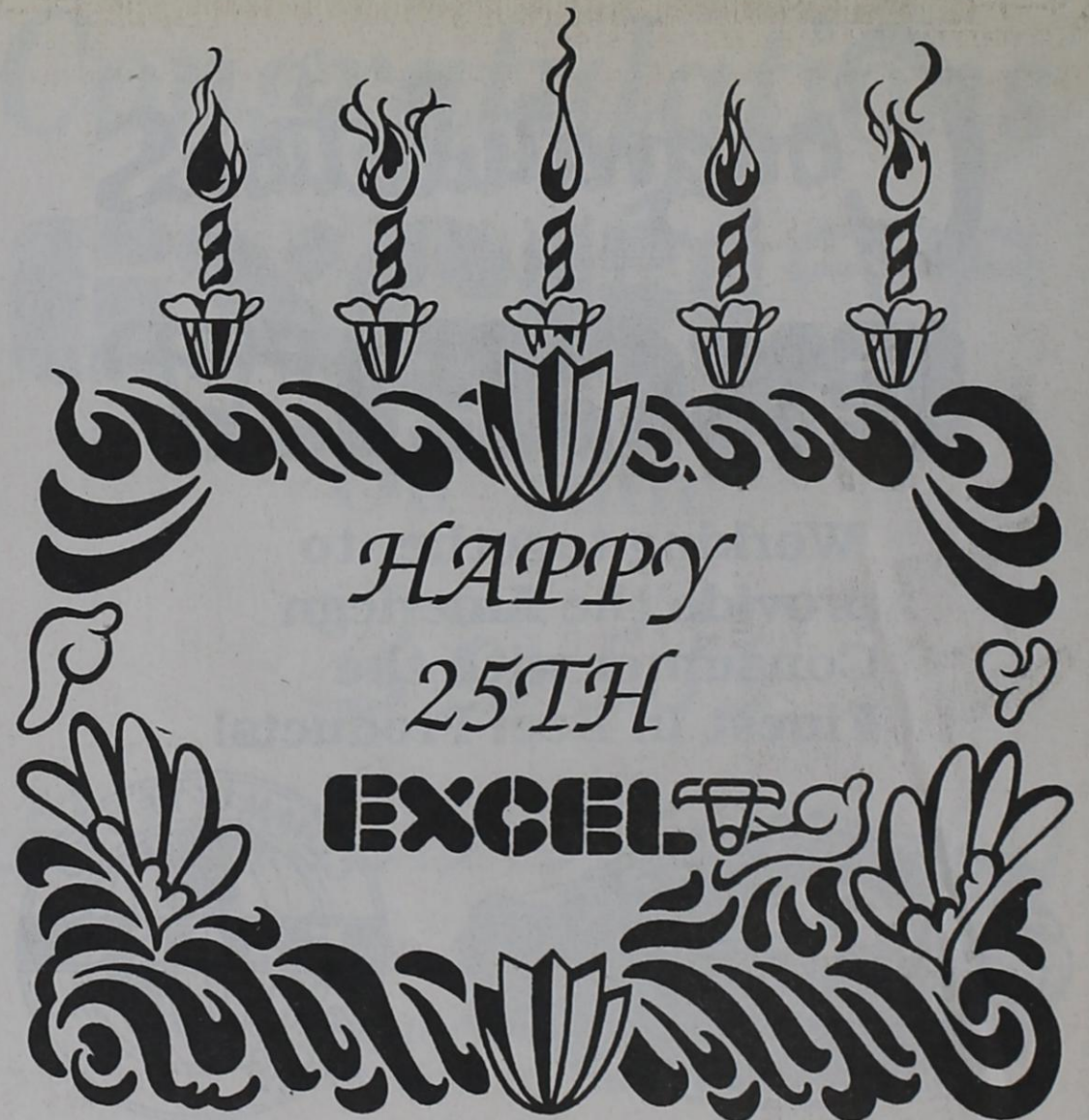


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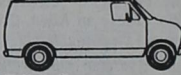
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TCFA Releases Figures On Impact Of Cattle Industry

You could almost call it a "hidden" industry. Not many realize how large it is, how many people it employs, or how significant it is to the economy.

In fact, not many realize that this industry, with its headquarters in Amarillo, produces over 1/4 of the nation's fed beef.

"Cattle feeding in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico," said Joe Hathoot of Canadian, 1992 president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, "generates \$14 billion every year for our local and regional economy."

To arrive at those figures, Hathoot calculated the total value of the cattle fed in the TCFA area in 1991 and then applied an economic multiplier to determine total economic impact. "Based on TCFA data, the average price for fed cattle

in the TCFA area in 1991 was \$74.56 per cwt. and the average live weight was 1,128 lbs," he said. "That means the 6 million fed cattle produced in the TCFA area in 1991 had a value of \$5.05 billion."

Using a 2.82 multiplier supplied by Dr. Steve Amosson, ag economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo, Hathoot calculated the total value of cattle fed in the TCFA area to be \$14.2 billion.

But it hasn't always been that way. Speaking in Amarillo to the annual convention of the Panhandle Press Association, Hathoot looked back on the past 25 years of growth the industry has enjoyed.

"Back in 1967, when TCFA was formed, Texas wasn't even considered a major cattle feeding

state. We marketed only 1.6 million fed cattle," he said. "However, the industry grew rapidly and, in 1984, Texas became the first state to ever market over 5 million fed cattle. Today, when you add the fed cattle production in Oklahoma and New Mexico, the total comes to more than 6 million--about 27% of the fed beef produced in the U.S."

The industry is particularly important to the Texas Panhandle and neighboring western Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico, according to Hathoot. "About 80% of the region's fed cattle production--5 million head--can be found in the Panhandle of Texas, western Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico," he said.

When discussing economic impact, Hathoot said he often finds it easier to look at the impact of just one feedyard.

"A typical feedyard in the TCFA area has about 20,000 head capacity. Feedyards employ about 1.1 people per 1,000 head on feed. That means a typical feedyard will employ 22 people directly," Hathoot said.

But the impact doesn't stop there. According to the Revenue Estimating Division of the State Comptroller's Office, for every job generated directly by the cattle feeding industry, another 7.73 jobs are created elsewhere. "That means a single, average-sized feedyard in the TCFA area will generate enough economic activity to provide jobs for another 170 people," Hathoot said. "And since our region has about 2.5 million head on feed at any given time during the year, the cattle feeding industry in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico has a direct employment of 2,750 people, provided economic stimulus to create another 21,250 jobs, for a total of 24,000 jobs."

According to Hathoot, that can be a significant economic base to the many small and medium-sized communities throughout TCFA Cattle Feeding Country that are

home to feedyards. Included in the many jobs that a feedyard generates are truck drivers, packing plant employees, computer sales and support, industrial machinery parts and financing, to name a few.

"Take truck drivers, for instance," Hathoot said. "A single 20,000 head feedyard will require more than 3,600 truckloads of feedstuffs and cattle a year. That means 10 semi-trucks a day roll in and out of a single feedyard."

Hathoot, however, takes particular pride in the significant role that cattle feeders play in feeding a hungry world. "More importantly, a single 20,000 head feedyard will produce enough beef to feed 234,000 people for a whole year. That's a city about one and a half times the size of Amarillo."



BOXED BEEF....Jim Kofford, who served as manager of Friona's Excel plant in the mid-1970s, is shown holding a portion of meat which had been wrapped in cellophane and was about to be packed in a cardboard box. "Boxed beef" has been a part of the Excel operation practically from the first.

Discovery Center Sets "Astronomy Day"

The Don Harrington Discovery Center and the Amarillo Astronomy Club will be sponsoring "Astronomy Day" on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and from 8:30-10 p.m. at the Don Harrington Discovery Center. This event is free to the public, and children and adults of all ages are encouraged to attend. Numerous activities will be available for children and adults to participate in and learn more about astronomy.

"Astronomy Day will be great fun for everyone! There will be activities, information and shows for all ages. After all, astronomy is a universal subject," stated Christine Brunello, planetarium coordinator at the Discovery Center.

The children's activities will include: Make an Alien, Create a Crater and Design a Planet. Prizes will be awarded throughout the course of the day. Various informational hand-outs will be available for adults, as well as contests, telescope displays and an astronomy viewing session. Members of the Amarillo

In conjunction with Astronomy Day, the Don Harrington Discovery Center will be presenting exciting planetarium shows throughout the day. These shows will include *The Universe Game*, *The Sky Tonight*, and *The Light-Hearted Astronomer*. Admission is \$2 per person, and all Discovery Center members are admitted free. However, free passes will be awarded throughout the course of the day.

Weather permitting, various outdoor activities have also been planned. Participants will be able to take a look at the sun, or walk along on a guided tour of the solar system. An observing session will also be held from 8:30-10 p.m. in the Discovery Center's parking lot. This observing session will be rescheduled for May 8, if the weather does not cooperate.

Make plans to attend "Astronomy Day" at the Don Harrington Discovery Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact Christine Brunello at 355-9548, ext. 13.

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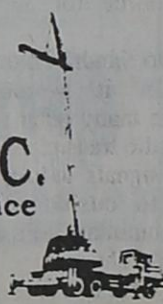
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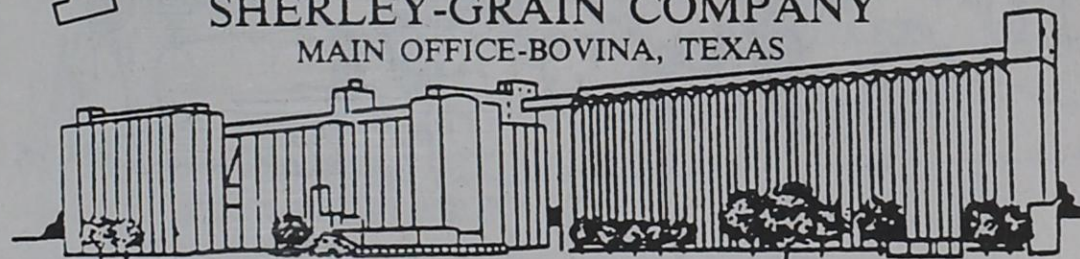
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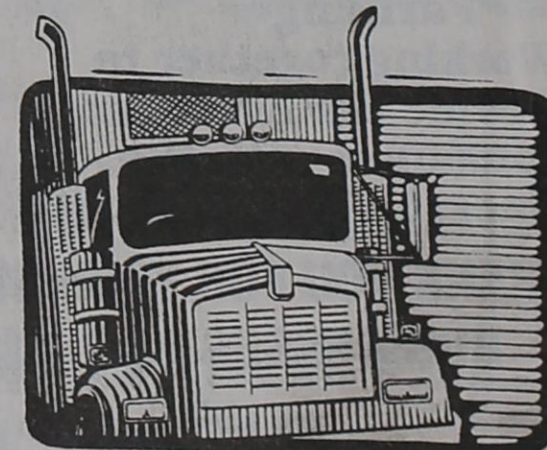
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Excel Closely Allied With Old 'Bull Town'

By JIM STEIERT
Special For Friona Star/
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When the cowboys of the historic XIT drove herds to a 640-acre railroad shipping pasture east of a place called "Bull Town," they likely never dreamed that the dusty little cow village would one day be home to major cattle feeding and next door to the packing industry.

Certainly they couldn't have known that cattle, the same raw product that they were shipping to some unseen distant market, would one day be fed and slaughtered virtually within the shadow of old Bull Town.

Things might have been a lot easier in those days, had the cowboys been able to drive their cattle only about eight miles east to a packing facility like the current-day Excel Corporation packing plant.

Back then, modern-day Bovina was simply the Hay Hook Line Camp of the XIT Ranch. The railroad shipping pasture was a place to gather beeves for loading on rail cars. It allowed the animals room to calm down from drives, so that they would be a little less cantankerous come loading time.

The cattle were crowded into rail cars, and ironically, were hauled far from cattle country for final processing.

In the early 1900s, train crews called this shipping point "Bull Town," since bulls seemed to make a habit of lying on the Santa Fe tracks that were responsible for the building of this oldest town in Parmer County.

According to the Parmer County history, "Prairie Progress," the railroad made it possible to ship in cotton seed, which was used in feeding cattle. Some of this seed was spilled around the railroad tracks during unloading. The spilled seed made the tracks attractive to cattle, which pretty well had the run of the place. There were occasions when trains had to stop because of cattle lying on the tracks, or when train crews had to pull dead bulls off of the railroad.

Bull Town drew droves of cattle that were driven to the holding yard for shipment to market. Pens at the shipping yards bulged with the herds from many different ranches, and the bustling stockyards, at one time, attained the distinction of being called the largest inland cattle shipping point

in the world. Historical accounts indicate that as many as 10,000 head of cattle were shipped at one time.

The village eventually gave itself the name "Bovina," when a post office was established in 1899. It's said that the name comes from the Latin "bos" meaning ox, or cow. Closely associating itself with things bovine seems natural for Bovina, since cattle feeding and processing are still very much in the picture for this Parmer County community.

Feedyards of multi-thousand head capacity are located within only a few miles, and the Excel packing plant is also only about eight miles east. Many of the employees at the Excel plant live in Bovina.

In a manner of speaking, it might be said that Bovina is still a major beef shipping point--although the beef is in boxes these days, instead of on the hoof.

The Excel plant just down the road can slaughter up to 3,800 head of cattle a day, according to Carol Aistrup, plant controller. Many of the cattle that the plant purchases for slaughter are bought at local feedyards and shipped less than 100 miles to the plant.

A good many of these cattle come from feedyards in the Bovina area. The short shipping distance is quite an improvement over the grueling cross-country journeys by rail to the packing plants of yesteryear.

Once cattle are slaughtered, and after a 48-hour chilling period, beef is fabricated at the plant. Much of it goes into boxed and primal cuts. The Friona Excel plant can ship 10 million pounds of fabricated beef and hamburger a week.

Processed beef from the Parmer County plant is shipped to supermarkets and major restaurants all over the country, particularly in the Southeast.

Fittingly, the Excel Corporation plant has helped to write a new chapter of Parmer County history that, in some respects, isn't all that far removed from old Bull Town.

weight gain. Feldman suggests the following for maintaining a healthy fat/body percentage: *Drink eight glasses of water each day; *Consume 20-30% of total caloric intake from fat; *Avoid eating saturated fat, instead substitute monounsaturated and polyunsaturated varieties; *Exercise regularly.

"What's important for people to realize is that they need to strike a balance between too much and not enough fat in their diets," said Feldman. "If 20-30% of your total caloric intake is coming from fat then that's a good balance."

Feldman suggests the following formula for tabulating 20% fat consumption: (calories per day x .2)/9=number of fat grams.

Experts Warn That Some Fat Is Necessary In Diet

Today, people across the country are cutting the fat out of their diets. Many don't realize, however, that a certain amount of dietary fat is needed for energy. The energy produced from fat is used for muscle movement and stored fat is the primary source for aerobic exercise.

According to Sandra Feldman, R.D., dietician at Methodist Hospital, fat has many other uses. "Fat is used for the transmission of brain and nerve signals, to keep our skin smooth, to cushion body organs and to maintain optimum body temperature," she said.

But although fat is a necessary part of the diet, an excessive amount of dietary fat can cause

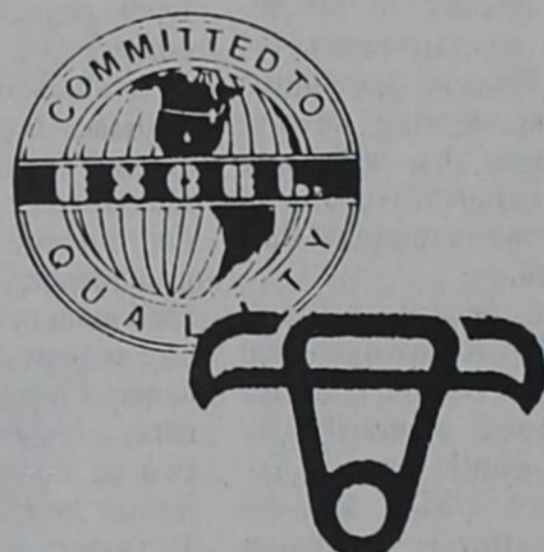
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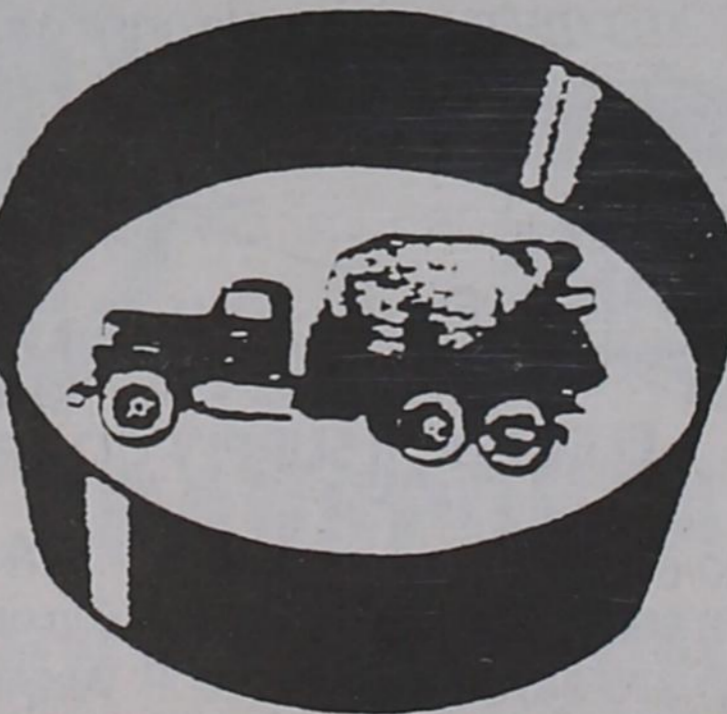
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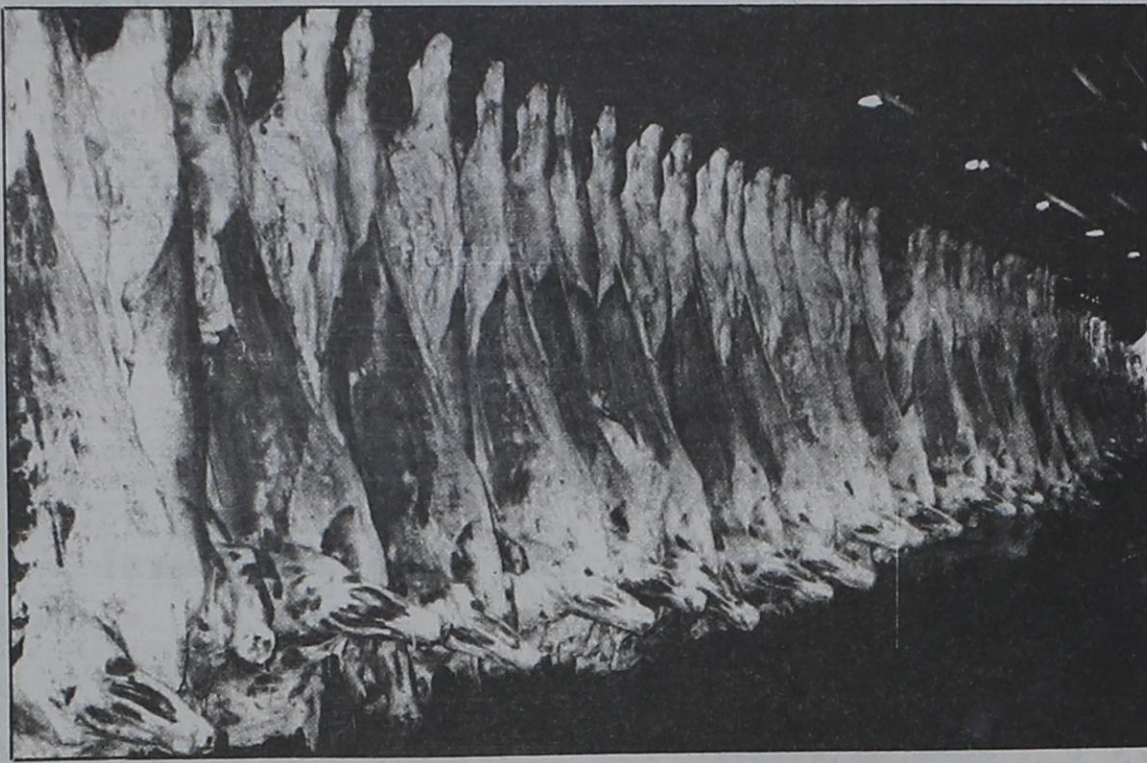
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Extensive Research Helps Protect Area Environment

In an effort to help feedyards in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico continue to operate in an environmentally sound manner, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) is sponsoring several research projects that will yield valuable information on groundwater preservation and dust and odor control.

The most recent project, according to TCFA Environmental Manager Tom McDonald, is fly ash research funded primarily by Southwestern Public Service Co. with help from USDA and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The project is designed to see if fly ash can help stabilize feedyard pens and reduce dust emissions. Fly ash is a byproduct of coal-fired power plants.

In addition, TCFA and the Extension Service are looking at alternative ways that farmers can

incorporate feedyard manure into their fertilizer programs. Results from several studies are very positive.

In studies at the Etter Research Station, feedyard manure was applied to irrigated crop land at 20 tons per acre to determine its effect on forage production and groundwater. "Farmers have long used manure as an environmentally safe organic fertilizer. We wanted to see if it was more economical to apply a higher load of manure every two to three years instead of a lighter application every year," McDonald said. "And, of course, we wanted to verify our knowledge that feedyard manure is environmentally sound."

According to the results, farmers can use feedyard manure at 20 tons per acre on irrigated cropland in a two-crop rotation. Yields were very similar to crops grown with

commercial fertilizer and there was an economic advantage of \$4 per acre with the manure treatments.

Runoff water from test fields that underwent a 20-ton manure application per acre contained less than 0.5 to 2.5 milligrams per liter of nitrogen. EPA standards for human drinking water are 10 milligrams per liter. Nitrate movement was very similar for both manure and commercial fertilizer treatments and poses no threat to the groundwater supply.

A study using 30 tons per acre is currently underway, McDonald says, using similar parameters to the 20-ton study. "We're very encouraged at the results of these tests—it affirms that manure is an environmentally sensitive organic fertilizer that area farmers can incorporate into their fertilizer programs."

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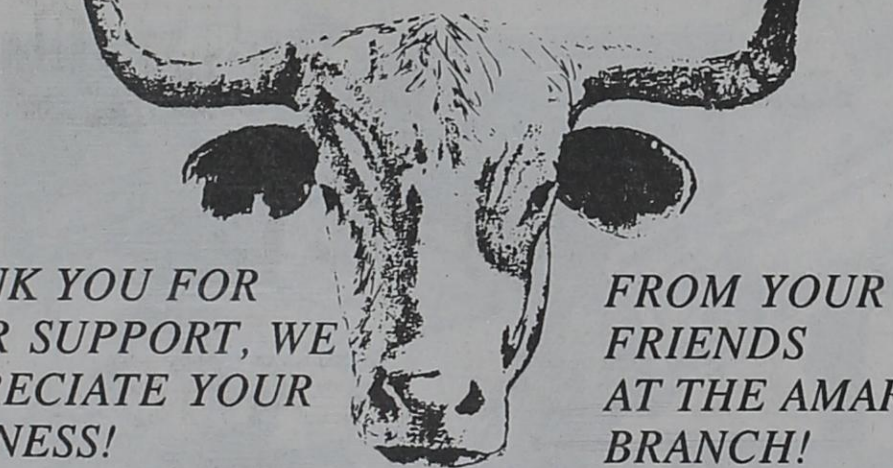
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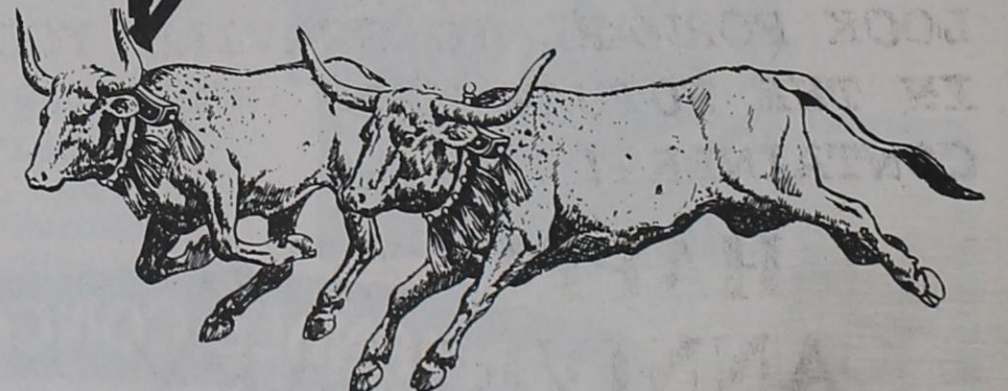
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Excel Corporation Markets Everything But The "Moo"

(Compiled from reports by Ian and Ivory Isaacson, and local interviews)

When a beef packing plant like the Excel Corporation's facility at Friona processes cattle, about the only thing that doesn't get utilized is the "moo."

Virtually everything else--hair, hide, hooves, horns, bones, intestines, blood--has an end use and a market value. Between the area packing house, local by-products outlets and industries elsewhere, some 99 per cent of each animal is used.

Carol Aistrup, Excel's plant controller at Friona, says that edible offal products such as hearts, livers, intestines and tripe, find a home on the international market.

Edible offal from the Friona plant is cooked, frozen at Millard Warehouse in Friona, and channeled into the export market. Much of this material goes to Japan.

Inedible portions of cattle carcasses from the Friona plant at Friona are also utilized through local, national and international channels.

Hereford Bi-Products has facilities at Friona for handling gullets, lungs, livers, and spleens, all of which are processed into dog food for the pet food division of H.J. Heinz. The materials are directed to El Paso by Hereford Bi-Products.

The Hereford firm also buys neck bones from the Friona Excel plant. These are shipped directly to Hereford and used for bone meal.

Blood from the slaughter plant is dried and shipped for sales elsewhere, for use in a variety of products.

One of the items manufactured from this material is blood meal, which, ironically, is utilized in poultry feed.

Cattle blood has a number of important uses in the medical field, supplying plasma to treat hemophilia, to kill viruses, to supply iron for countering anemia, blood albumin for RH factor types and thrombin as a blood coagulant.

Beef by-products have many other medical-related uses. Because cattle are much like humans in their

organic chemical structure, medicines made from beef by-products are readily accepted by humans, and scientists can produce medicines much more economically from these by-products than from man-made materials. Scientists use this resource in surgery, research and routine health care.

From the pancreas of cattle such as those processed at Friona, a number of medical products are derived, such as insulin for treatment of diabetes, glucogen to treat hypoglycemia, trypsin and chymotrypsin for treating burns and wounds, and pancreatin to aid in digestion.

The pituitary glands supply medicines to improve lactation, regulate blood pressure, control intestinal and renal functions, and help arthritis and allergies. Cattle livers are a source of material for heparin, an anti-coagulant, liver extract for treating anemia and Vitamin B-12.

Bone provides bone marrow for treating blood disorders and soft cartilage for use in plastic surgery, and the spinal cord and nervous system provide cholesterol for hormone products.

Intestines are used in the manufacture of sutures.

Hides from the slaughter of up to 3,800 head of cattle a day at the Friona Excel plant are placed in the export market, with Japan and Korea buying the majority.

Gelatin extracted from hides, horns, hooves and bones is used in a wide array of food items such as ice cream, yogurt, mayonnaise, marshmallows, and flavorings for cooking. Gelatin is also a material used in manufacturing photographic film.

Many household items are derived from fats and fatty acids by-products. Shaving cream, perfumes and cosmetics, ceramics, shoe cream, deodorants, soaps, insulation, textiles, detergents, cellophane, linoleum, plastics, floor wax, insecticides, paints and freon are among these. Sheetrock and wallpaper are also end products of beef by-products.

Beef fats and proteins are also ingredients in many widely used

lubricants and fluids. Fatty acids contain glycerol, which is used in anti-freeze. Stearic acid, derived from cattle by-products, is used in helping tires hold their shape. A binding agent derived from cattle fat is also used in asphalt. Hydraulic brake fluid, various machinery oils and fluids, steel ball bearings containing bone charcoal, car polishes and waxes and textiles for car upholstery are also items derived from beef by-products.

By-products from Friona's Excel plant could end up anywhere from Fido's feeding dish in a home somewhere in the Panhandle to an operating room at a major metropolitan hospital on the East Coast, to luggage traveling to Europe, to a dinner table in distant Japan.

But, if the end user is looking for a clue to the item's source, the "moo" will be missing.

(Ian and Ivory Isaacson are members of the 4-Leaf Clovers and Little Peppers 4-H Clubs in Deaf Smith County. Their dad, Stan, is the manager of the 7-X Feedyard, located near Summerfield. Ian and Ivory will be competing in district 4-H method demonstration competition in Canyon in May with their presentation, "Did You Pack Your Cow Yet?" which they prepared with the help of their mom, Cindy. Their method demonstration highlights the importance of beef by-products.)

Cancer Unit Sets Drive

The Parmer County Unit of the American Cancer Society will be conducting a business drive in Friona during the month of May.

It has been many years since this has been done. Businesses will be contacted, but contributions can always be made at the Friona State Bank to help in the fight against cancer.

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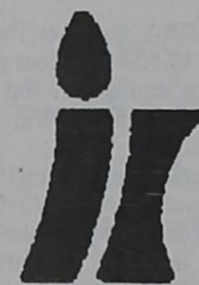
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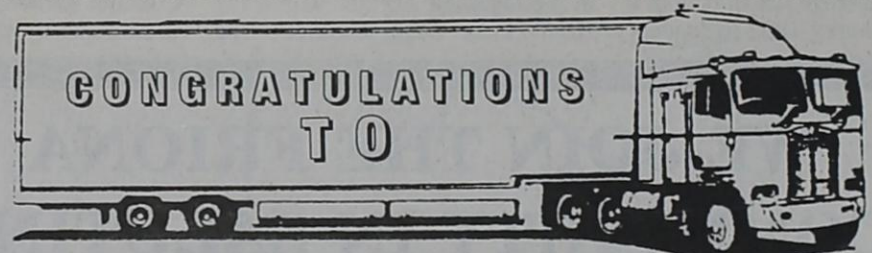
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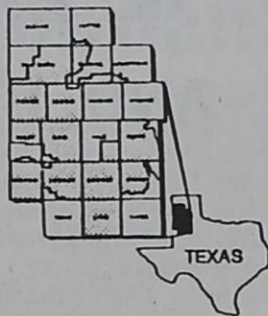
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Cochran	69	+0.41	+0.26	+0.66
Crosby	72	+0.49	-0.18	+1.66
Deaf Smith	88	-0.72	-1.15	-1.03
Floyd	98	-0.42	-0.72	+0.10
Hale	27	-0.12	-0.93	+0.42
Hockley	88	+0.36	+0.12	+0.88
Lamb	99	-1.02	-1.11	-0.17
Lubbock	128	+0.33	-0.19	+1.72
Lynn	75	+1.10	+0.34	+2.76
Parmer	97	-1.26	-1.71	-1.47
Potter	6	-0.49	-0.88	-1.43
Randall	51	-0.14	-0.26	-0.03
District	1,076	-0.31	-0.69	+0.14

Average Changes In Depth-To-Water In Feet For Observation Wells Maintained By The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 1993



Ground Water Levels Are On Decline In Parmer County

Parmer County ground water levels decreased an average of 1.47 feet in 1992 in the measured well in the network of 97 privately-owned wells maintained by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in its 577,950 acre service area within the county. This decline represents a decrease of 127,437 acre-feet of water from storage in the Ogallala Aquifer last year in Parmer County.

Ground water levels within the Water District's Parmer County service area declined 1.26 feet during the 10-year period from 1983 to 1993. A decline of 1.71 feet was recorded during the five-year period from 1988 to 1993.

Ground water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer within the 6.4 million acre Water District service area had an average rise of 0.14 of a foot from January 1992 to January

1993. This is a net increase of about 135,103 acre-feet of ground water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer within the Water District service area.

A zero average annual change in ground water levels was recorded for the first time in the Water District's history in 1985. Depth-to-water measurements revealed an average ground water level rise of 0.50 of a foot in 1986; an average rise of 0.90 of a foot in 1987; an average decline of 0.51 of a foot in 1988; an average decline of one foot in 1989; an average decline of 1.06 feet in 1990 and an average decline of 0.73 of a foot in 1991.

A network of 1,076 privately-owned observation water wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer within the High Plains Water District. The

depth-of-water measurements are taken in January and February of each year in order to allow water levels to stabilize from the pumping during the previous growing season.

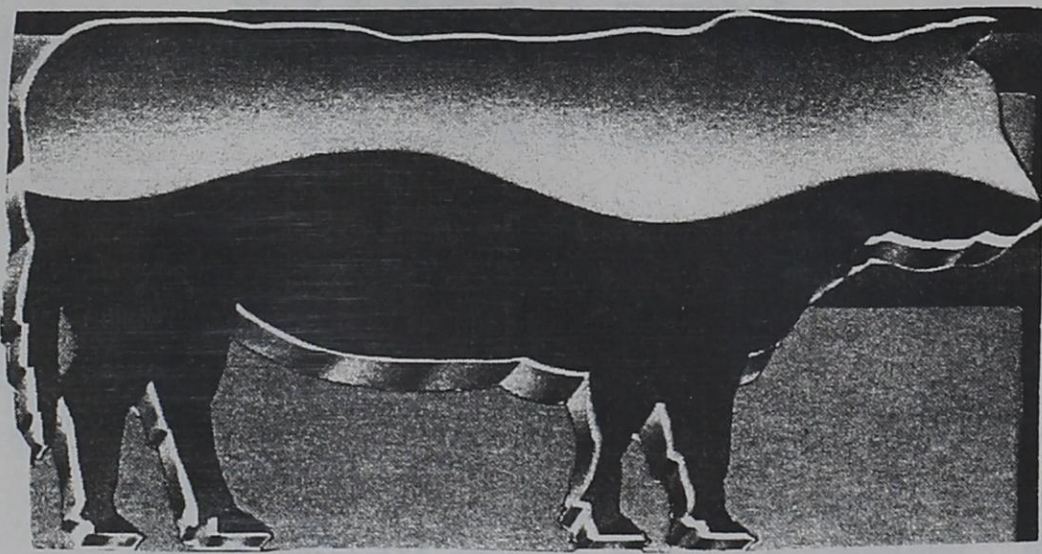
By comparing the current depth-to-water measurements with those taken the previous year, Water District technical division staff members can determine what changes have occurred in the ground water levels.

Of the 15 counties or portions of counties making up the High Plains Water District, eight recorded average rises in depth-to-water levels. These counties were Armstrong, Cochran, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Hockley, Lubbock and Lynn. Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb, Parmer, Potter and Randall Counties showed average declines in the depth-to-water measurements.

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R. Perry Added To TSN Radio

Dallas-based Texas State Networks announced today the addition of State Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry to their programming line-up. Perry will answer questions posed by residents around the state regarding farming and agriculture issues, as well as the goings-on in Austin and Washington.

The daily five-minute program, entitled "Shoot the Bull," was offered to the 123 affiliates of the Texas State Network beginning Monday, April 5.

TSN News Director Tina Nelson said initial survey results have been very encouraging. "Initially, we looked at this as an opportunity to bolster our ag network programming, but after we started surveying our affiliates, we found a surprising amount of interest from our news affiliates and were pleased to be able to give our customers

what they want."

Nelson added that once Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry responded to TSN's inquiry, and agreed to do the program, all the pieces fell into place. "Commissioner Perry has been incredibly cooperative and we are pleased that he has been able to commit the time necessary to making this a quality program," Nelson said.

The program will be hosted by Texas Agribusiness Network Associate Farm Director Scot Harrison.

The Texas State Network is the oldest and the largest state radio network in the country, with continuous service for almost 55 years.

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Financial Institutions Support Cancer Center

The Harrington Cancer Center has recognized the area financial institutions involved with the Area Bank Matching Contribution Program. 1992's recognition once again came at the cancer center's "The Stars at Night" special event on March 27.

The following institutions were recognized in four categories:

Largest actual contribution--First National Bank, Perryton, Booker Branch.

Largest account balance--First National Bank, Perryton; John Cluck, president, with a balance of \$414,746.62.

Banks raising over \$500 in 1992 deposits--First State Bank, Canadian; First State Bank, Dumas--(First National, Amarillo, Dumas Center); First National Bank, Panhandle; First National Bank, Perryton; First National Bank, Perryton, Booker Branch; First National Bank, Wheeler.

Banks participating in the 1992

area bank matching contribution program--Banc Central, Amarillo; First National Bank, Amarillo; First National Bank, Borger; First State Bank, Canadian; First National Bank, Canyon; First Bank and Trust, Childress; First Bank and Trust, Clarendon; Farmers and Stockmans Bank, Clayton, New Mexico; Citizens State Bank, Dalhart; First State Bank, Dimmitt; First National Bank of Amarillo, Dumas Banking Center.

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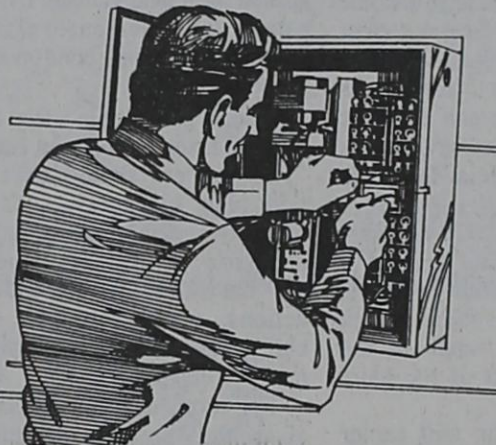
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Bank, Perryton; First National Bank, Perryton, Booker Branch; Perryton National Bank; First National Bank, Spearman; First State Bank, Stratford; Texline State Bank, Texline; Wellington State Bank, Wellington; and First National Bank, Wheeler.

Area financial institutions actively support the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center by encouraging citizen gifts and support to the Cancer Center. Active customer donor accounts are those which receive gifts at least quarterly.

Each institution receives a plaque honoring its Trustee status and a traveling Loving Cup is presented annually at the center's special event to honor the most donation-productive trustee for the year. For more information regarding the Area Bank Matching Contribution Program, contact Charlotte Rhodes at (806) 359-4673.

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RECENT EXPANSION...A ground-breaking was held at Friona's Excel plant in June of 1991 for the \$11 million expansion project at the plant. From the left are Guy Hunter, project manager; Randy Highsmith, construction engineer; and Jacky Messer, contractor.



AT PLANT DEDICATION....Twenty-five years ago this past week, Friona Star publisher Bill Ellis, left, was visiting with John S. Reid, second from left, who at the time was president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. Reid was one of the speakers at the plant dedication in 1968. Next in order is longtime Friona Santa Fe agent J.C. Beck, and Friona Star photographer Tyler Vance.

Program Is Set In Lubbock On Lowering Estate Taxes

Farmers and ranchers have been concerned for years about high taxes that erode their estates. To help take the bite out of their high estate taxes, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is planning several educational programs.

A two-day seminar is planned for May 20-21 in Lubbock, which will help farmers and ranchers learn how to reduce taxable estates and learn new methods for passing their operations to the next generation without tax and administrative burdens.

The seminar will begin with a discussion on estate taxes, including deductions, expenses and tax rates.

Basic estate planning devices will be explained in depth. Among these are wills, by-pass trusts, gifts, disclaimers and property

titles.

Relating estate plans to income tax savings can be of even greater benefit than just thinking about an estate plan. In fact, sometimes income tax savings can even be greater than estate tax savings for people with commercial farm and ranch businesses.

There will also be a separate segment of the program devoted to treating beneficiaries fairly. This is a most important subject when there is a farm or ranch in the family and only part of the heirs want to run it.

Another discussion will center on estate planning tools for agriculture and will deal with corporations, partnerships and selling part of the business to heirs.

The second day of the program will be devoted to special estate tax

rules for agriculture. These include special farm land valuation, deferred estate tax payment rules, life insurance, "flower" bonds and other property.

"Estate planning is a step toward reduced taxes," points out Hayenga. "This process should start when you plan to inherit substantial property, when you have an active and growing business, when you still have time to take tax-saving actions, when you have minor children, and when your children marry or divorce."

For more detailed information about the seminar, contact your local County Extension Agent or from Wayne A. Hayenga, or Carol Sabo Agricultural Economics Department, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 77843, phone: (409) 845-2226.

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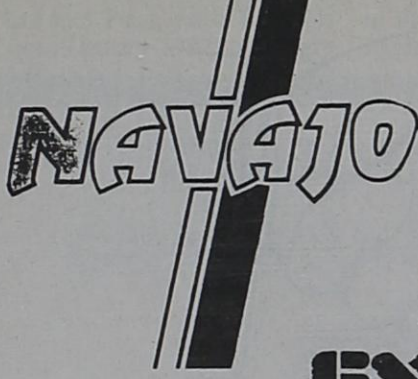



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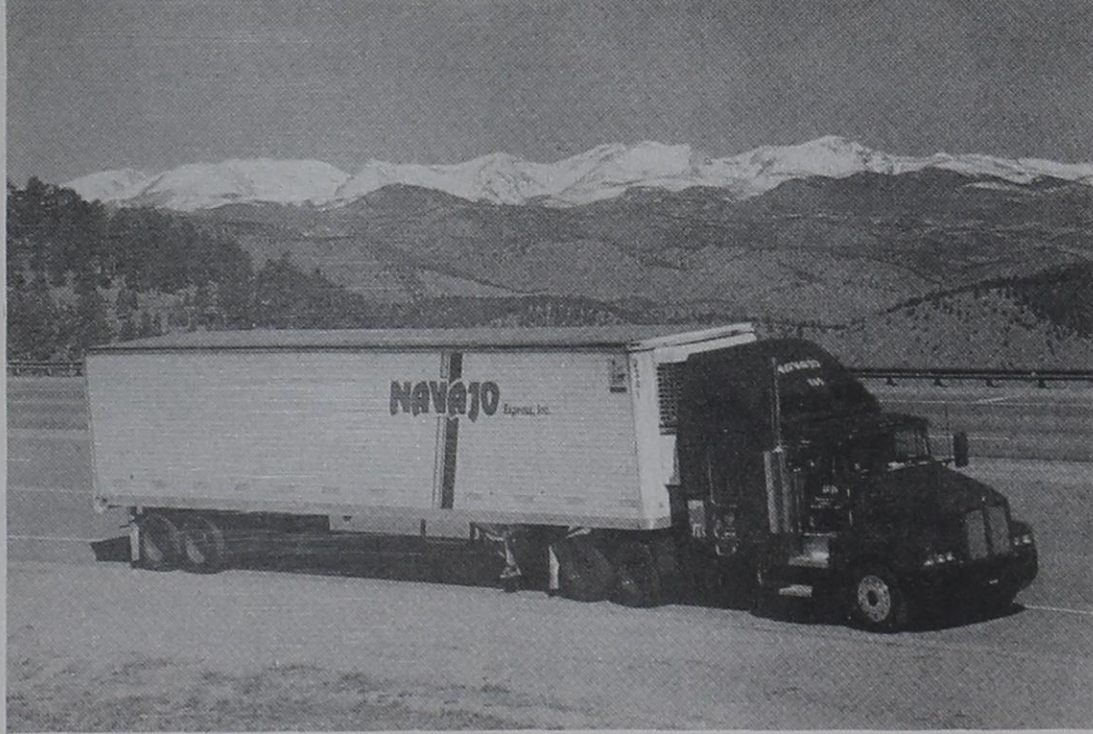
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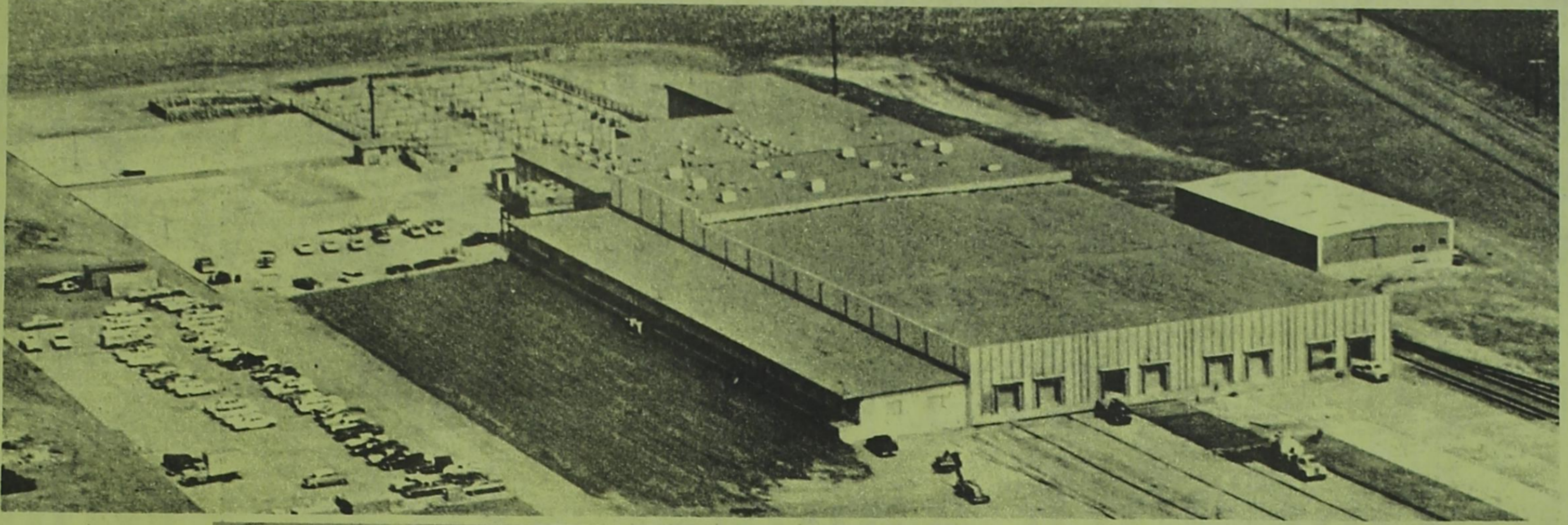
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The Excel (originally Missouri Beef Packers) plant is shown (top photo) as it was photographed from above the ground on April 20, 1968 by Star photographer Tyler Vance, and another aerial photo taken on April 29, 1993 by Star photographer Lisa McLellan. The original 1968 plant has been almost completely surrounded by new construction.



Heritage Center Makes Summer Time Changes

The American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum in Amarillo, will operate under its summer schedule, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, beginning May 1 and continuing through August 31. Guests can view exhibits dedicated to the history and modern activities of the American Quarter Horse breed, enjoy specially scheduled live demonstrations in the outdoor Justin Arena and shop at Quarter Horse Outfitters.

"This marks our second full summer to greet visitors from around the world and create more fans of the versatile American Quarter Horse breed," noted Leslie Baker, director of public relations for the museum. "Regardless of a visitor's equine experience, the museum offers something for everyone."

The Heritage Center's location, along Interstate 40 East at Quarter Horse Drive, Exit 72A, in Amarillo, provides a convenient stop for summer travelers, and special parking is available for buses, recreational vehicles and horse trailers. Overnight accommodations and a variety of restaurants can be found nearby, along with many other exciting Panhandle attractions which make a stop in Amarillo memorable.

AQHA and AQHA members who present their membership card receive a discount on admission and a 10 percent discount on Quarter Horse Outfitters purchases.

The Heritage Center will resume its winter schedule on September 1, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For admission rates and group reservations, call the Heritage Center at (806) 376-5181.

Financial Aid Available In Parmer County

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) has financial aid available for economically disadvantaged residents of Parmer County who plan to attend local colleges this summer and fall.

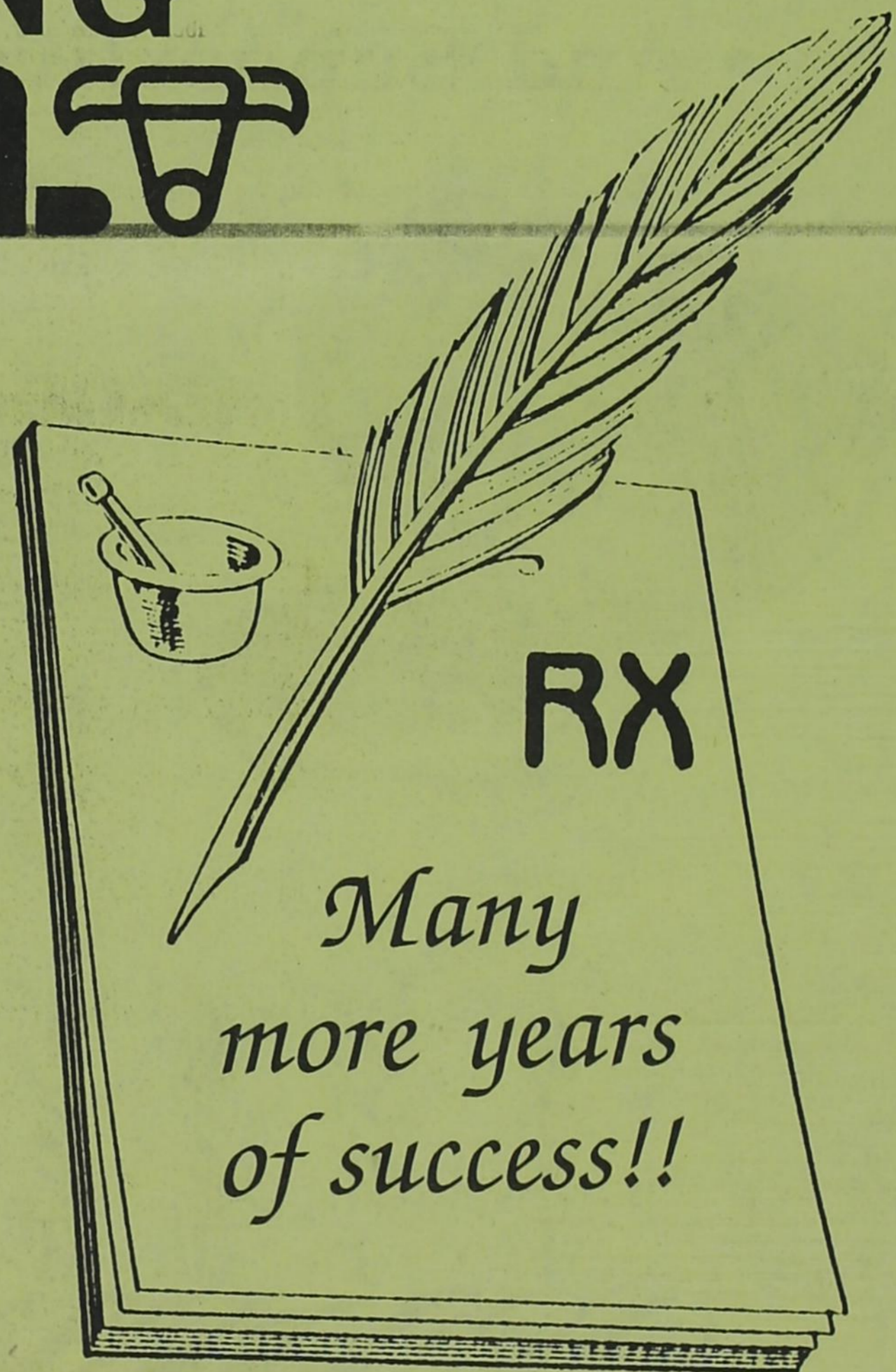
An information meeting about applying for JTPA will be held at the Friona Police Department on May 4 at 6 p.m., or call Lorna Lange at 364-8600 for more information.

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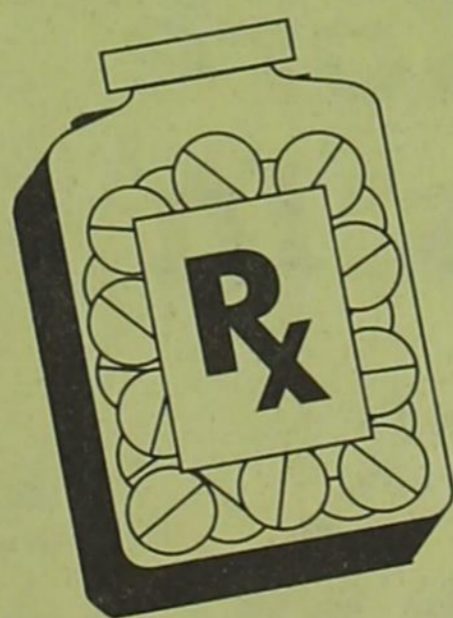
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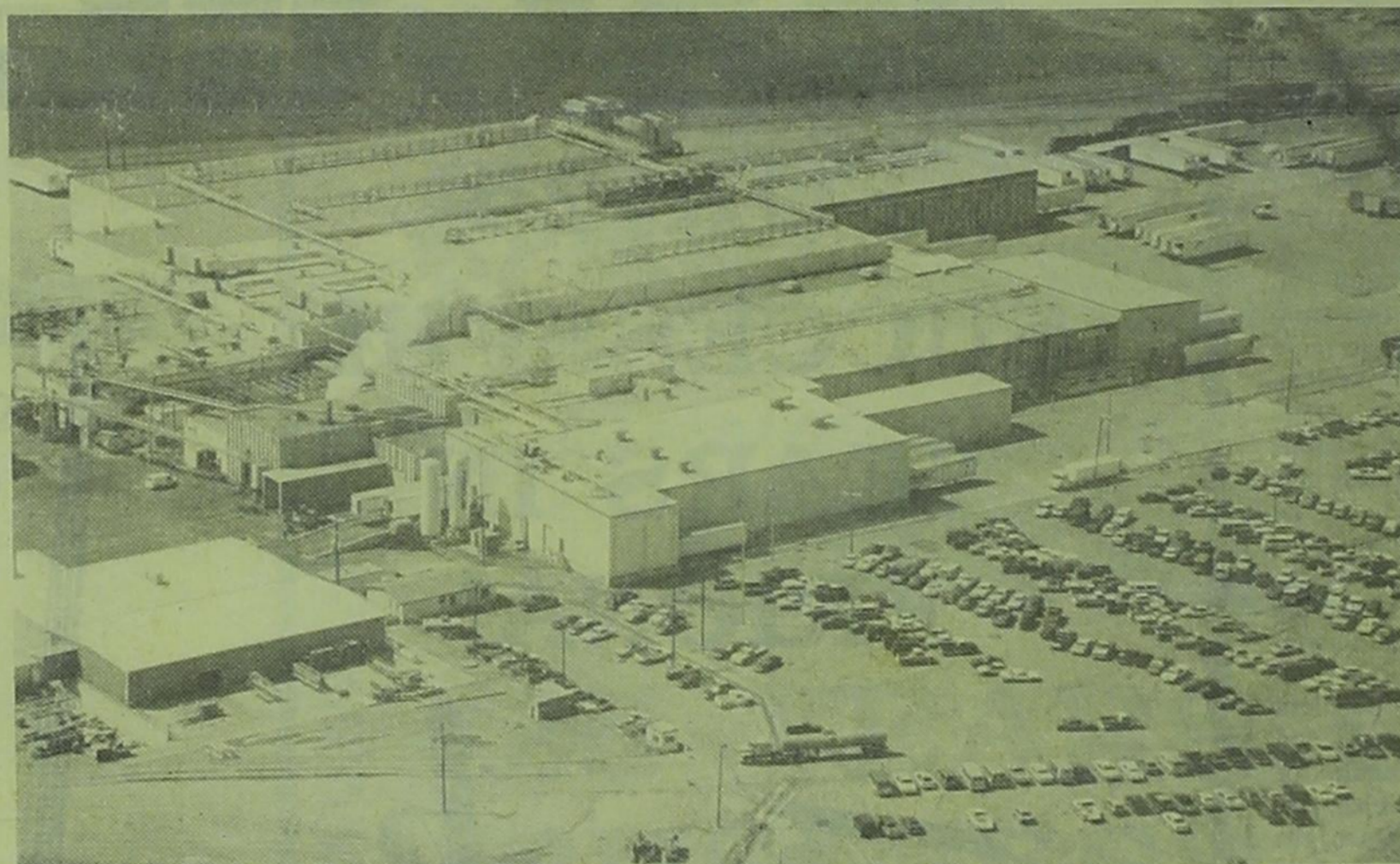
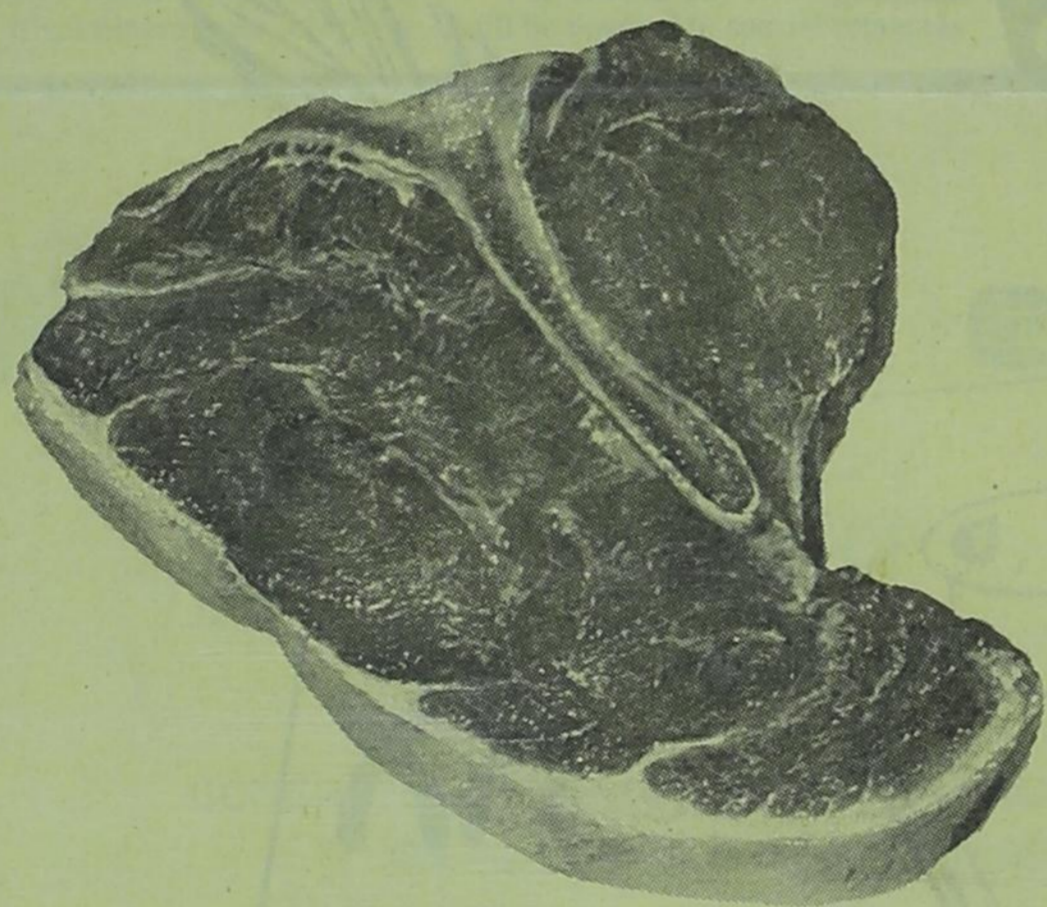
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