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PRESENT to witness the presentation of Girl Scouting's highest award to Kristen Klement and Robin Greathouse were, l to r, Emily Klement, Kristen, Loretta Felderhoff, Jeanne Greathouse, Robin and Bob Greathouse.
Photo by Pam Fette

Highest honors in Girl Scouting awarded to two in Muenster

Two members of Muenster Girl Scout Troop 53, Robin Greathouse, daughter of Jeanne and Bob Greathouse, and Kristen Klement, daughter of Emily and Andy Klement, have attained girl scouting's highest rank, the Gold Award, (comparable to Boy Scouting's Eagle Rank) and the first awarded in Cooke County and the first in Muenster's recently formed service area. They also received a \$50.00 congratulatory award for a job well done.

Presentation was made in an awards program and dinner on June 17, 1991 in the Community Center meeting room. The Gold Award was presented by Barbara Reynolds, Cross Timbers Council Field Director.

Introduced to the girl scouting program in 1980, requirements for this award involve the completion of a combination of interest, leadership, career exploration and service projects; demonstration of ability and skill in goal-setting, planning, putting values into action and relating to the community. To work on this highest award, a young woman must demonstrate her conviction and commitment to contribute to her community.

Robin and Kristen presented thank you gifts to Jeanne Greathouse, their troop leader, and to Loretta Felderhoff, whose perseverance and diligence have made Girl Scouting possible for these girls.

Robin is a May 1991 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and Kristen is a May 1991 graduate of Muenster High School. Both will continue with college work.

The awards program on June 17 began with dinner, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Girl Scout Promise followed by presentation of awards. Emily Klement, junior troop leader, presented Brownie Awards and led the Brownie Troop Fly-Up to Junior Girl Scouts ceremony, assisted by Retha Sparkman, leader of Troop 795, to Allison Endres, Heather Hess, Rhianna Samek, Johnna Schneider, Crystal Sparkman and Joann Sparkman. Each girl was presented a daisy, in memory of Juliet Lowe, founder, who was nicknamed "Daisy."

Junior Awards were presented by Emily Klement, leader of Troop 770, to Valerie Bartush, Sherrie Bonner, Becky Endres,

Shauna Endres, Trisha Endres, Crystal Klement, Laura Klement, Tammi Lopez, Yvonne Martin, Angel Sicking, Jessamy Sicking, and Amanda Wimmer.

Cadette Awards and One Year Service Pins were awarded by Loretta Felderhoff, leader of Troop 495, to Kerri Barnhill, Vanessa Felderhoff, Ashley Hartman, Amanda Russell, and Julie Walterscheid.

Senior Awards were presented by Jeanne Greathouse, leader of Troop 53, to Robin Greathouse, Kristen Klement, Dawn Knabe, and Jenny Yosten.

The Gold Award ceremony concluded the program. Grace before dinner was offered by Loretta Felderhoff, a member of the Board of Directors of Cross Timbers Council.

Appraisal District approves preliminary budget for 1992

by Elaine Schad

The Cooke County Appraisal District Board of Directors has approved a preliminary \$477,230 appraisal budget for fiscal 1992, with virtually no change in the budget amount from the current budget, officials said.

The CCAD budget is funded by county taxing entities. The district also approved a collection budget of \$122,999, a 2.9 percent increase over last year's budget. The collection budget is funded by those entities which contract with the CCAD to collect local taxes.

The preliminary budget is being sent to county taxing entities. Final approval is expected by the CCAD board in August. Taxing entities will then have 30 days to give final approval to the budget, which will take effect Jan. 1.

Despite salary adjustments and some merit raises, an upgrade of the CCAD mapping department and the proposed purchase of a new computer system for the district, the total budget is actually a tad lower than the current year's \$477,240 budget.

"We have the same bottom line, but are shifting some line items," said Chief Appraiser Ross Fry.

The district will purchase a new \$5,000 computer mapping system, hoping to have the county mapped within two years, Fry said. The mapping department, however, will be reduced by \$10,000 with the deletion of one employee position, for a total budget expenditure of \$36,635.

The district will purchase a new computer system estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The current system will not be large enough to handle all the software changes that will be required with the establishment of the new

Cooke County Education District, which will most probably contract with the appraisal district to disperse funds to local school districts, Fry said.

An assortment of salary adjustments will be made to keep those positions competitive with the market, said Fry. Overall, expenditures for appraisal salaries should increase by about 3.8 percent, he said.

In other appraisal matters, Fry reported the Appraisal Review Board has been hearing appeals from property owners concerning their 1991 property tax appraisals since June 18. Taxpayers have 30 days from the time they receive their appraisal notices to contact the appraisal district office about a change. If they are not satisfied after working with office appraisers, they may appeal to the ARB.

Fry reported that there were no appeals requested for hearing by the ARB on oil and gas appraisals. He expected only about two dozen appeals from about a dozen people who requested to go before the ARB.

Fry said a CCAD appraiser recently spent two weeks at City Hall in Muenster working with officials and property owners. Land values were raised in the Muenster area, especially vacant lots, where Fry said they had been appraised, "tremendously too low." He said vacant lots had been valued at about \$2,500 when the market was much higher.

The CCAD appraisers also focused in on the Lake Kiowa community, totally reappraising all property. A suit of Lake Kiowa property owners from last year is still pending.

Muenster business tax abatement delayed

by Elaine Schad

Cooke County commissioners this week stopped short of granting a new Muenster business a tax abatement, saying they need more time to complete all the formal paperwork.

Renewed Materials Industries could open as early as next week in the former Valenite facility on the west side of Muenster. Valenite shut the building due to a consolidation in the Gainesville area.

The new company, which is moving to Muenster from the Austin area, specializes in taking used tires and making flooring for trailers and trucks as well as rubber

bumpers for parking lots, officials said. The company is expected to initially employ about a dozen people with plans to expand to 24 employees within 18 months.

Under consideration is a proposal to grant the company a 100 percent abatement over the next five years and a 50 percent abatement for the five years after that.

The City of Muenster and the Muenster School District have approved the abatement. Cooke County and Cooke County College must also approve the proposal before it takes effect.

Tight money delays roads to new bridge

Texas Highway Department officials informed the Muenster Chamber of Commerce Tuesday that there will be some delays in construction of connecting roads for the proposed new Red River Bridge north of Saint Jo.

Jim Stacks of the Wichita Falls office explained that contracts for different parts of the road will have to be let separately instead of all at once. "We just don't have the money to do them all together," he said. "In fact, projects all over the state have been delayed. Even so, we're giving this one priority in our district."

Considering the grand scheme of things, the delays are not bad and Chamber members attending the meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Chamber office were not

upset. Roads of greater interest to Muenster will be completed first. Section one of FM 677 (please see map section) and the bridge will have the contract let in December 1991 and construction should be complete in July of 1994. Sections two of FM 2953 and FM 373 will have contracts let in September of 1992, (new fiscal year) and should be finished in November of 1994. Section three of FM 103 is not scheduled because of lack of funds but Stacks said the department still committed to build the road.

The right-of-way acquisition is not affected by this delay and is nearly complete.

Stacks was accompanied at the meeting by Highway Department engineers Dale Cantrell of Wichita Falls and Leiland Jett of Bowie.



MIKE PAGEL, left, guards an Eagle 97 player at the 6th Annual Hoop-It-Up basketball tournament in downtown Dallas last Saturday. Ready to

assist defensively are Kerry Kyle and Ryan Klement, right. See Hood-It-Up story, page 9.
Photo by Janet Endres

Lindsay Homecoming Picnic set for June 30

The Lindsay Community and St. Peter's Parish will host their annual homecoming picnic on Sunday, June 30.

Dinner in the school cafeteria will be served from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. with the menu featuring baked chicken, dressing and all the trimmings. Dinner prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

The traditional "Picnic in the Park" begins at 2 p.m. and a horseshoe tournament will also begin at 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

Adam Arendt will provide music. There will be an auction at 7 p.m. and the big raffle will follow. Refreshments, games, food and fun for all will be the order of the day. Everyone is welcome.

Officials begin negotiations on Cooke County landfill

by Elaine Schad

A landfill site to serve member communities in Cooke County could be selected within the month if a task force is successful with negotiations soon to get underway, officials said.

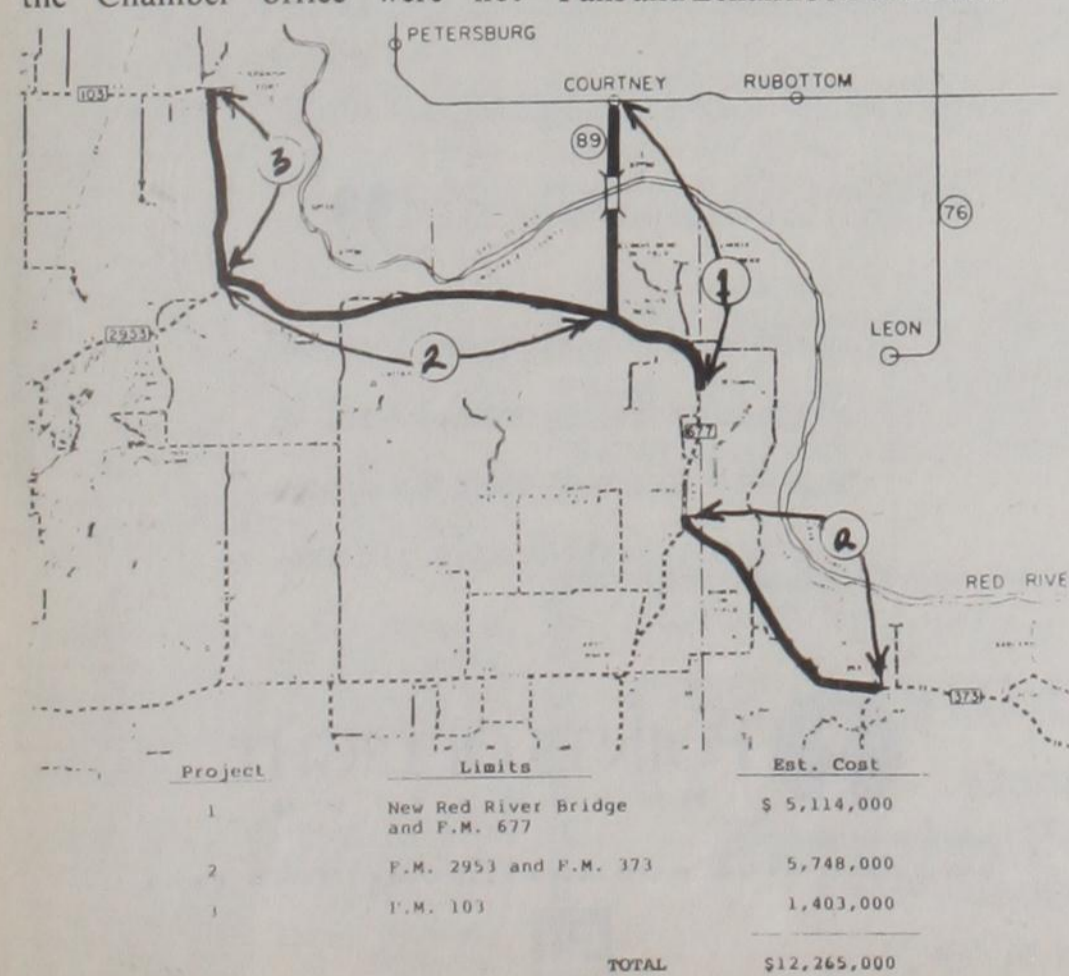
The City of Gainesville will be in charge of the negotiations for the purchase of the landfill site after the cities of Muenster, Gainesville, Valley View, Callisburg, and Cooke County approved resolutions giving Gainesville the authority to handle the negotiations.

"We're just getting to the point where we can start negotiations," said Gainesville Mayor Charles Woolfolk, who chairs the regional task force. "We have a total of 15

sites, and have one that we're seriously looking at."

Woolfolk declined to give the locations of the site now under consideration, but said the city may know whether the site can be purchased within the next several weeks. A study conducted last year indicated the southwestern part of the county has the best soil and other qualifications for a landfill. About two months ago, however, about 50 angry residents near Lake Kiowa in the southeastern part of the county appeared before the Gainesville City Council after they heard rumors the landfill may be placed in their area.

All of Cooke County's current Please See Landfill, Page 2



Good News!

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, all you his angels, you mighty in strength, who do his bidding, obeying his spoken word.

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A CAFE Catastrophe

By Edwin Feulner

You're driving cautiously on a dark, rain-slickened road and suddenly an oncoming car edges into your lane. It's too late to swerve. So, you brace yourself...

The above scenario is played out thousands of times a year on our nation's highways. Indeed, driving is one of the most dangerous things Americans do. If you were in such an accident, would you rather be behind the wheel of a Toyota Tercel or a Mercury Grand Marquis?

The larger Mercury could well save your life, but Congress is doing its level best to down-size automobiles again. Legislation is being considered that would raise the fuel-economy standard of all cars sold in the United States, boosting the price of larger -- and safer -- automobiles.

The bill's stated goal, that of reducing fuel consumption, is noble enough. But good intentions in this case probably will force at least some Americans to swap blood for oil.

Think about it: Raising the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards will compel manufacturers to produce more "puddle jumpers" -- smaller, lighter, cars. This is because the simplest way to increase miles per gallon (mpg) is to scale down car size and use less steel.

And that makes for a less-safe automobile. Indeed, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration studies confirm a significant relationship between car size and the rate of death and serious injury in accidents.

Studies show that current CAFE standards already cause as many as 3,900 additional highway deaths in any given model year, calculated over a 10-year period. By forcing an increase from the current 27.5 mpg to 34 mpg by 1996, the legislation probably would boost the CAFE-related death toll another 30 to 60 percent.

Sure, larger, safer cars would still be available under higher CAFE standards. But they'll cost more. The reason: CAFE ratings are not based on the mpg of each model, but on the average efficiency of all cars sold by a manufacturer. So, if Chevrolet sells too many large cars -- even fuel-efficient ones -- and fewer smaller cars with higher mpg ratings, it will run afoul of the standards.

If you were a car manufacturer, what would you do? You'd promote your economy cars by raising the prices of larger, gas-hungry models -- penalizing, by default, large families and the elderly, who generally prefer bigger, safer automobiles.

The irony of this bill is that higher mpg standards will have little if any effect on energy conservation; more economy cars on the road won't mean less driving. Moreover, federal regulations are a poor way of telling automakers to improve fuel economy. Consumers are very good at sending that message, particularly when gasoline prices skyrocket, as they did in the 1970s.

If Congress wants to encourage Americans to conserve fuel, it should allow the price system to operate freely. The tradeoff between automobile safety and fuel efficiency must be left to the consumer, not the government.

Note: Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.



SMALL BUSINESS ANGLE®

by John Sloan

ANSWERING THE CALL TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

Americans in the '90s are hearing the call to service. Volunteerism has become fashionable again. Many people have begun to realize that government programs and tax dollars can't solve all the nation's problems, but concerned citizens can tackle many of them.

- Unfortunately there's plenty to be done.
- One out of four students who enter high school this year will not graduate four years from now.
- Arrests of youths age 14-17 are 30 times greater than they were in 1950.
- Some 25 million Americans cannot read.

To support today's volunteers and to encourage others, this spring The Points of Light Foundation sponsored a celebration honoring America's volunteers and encouraging others to get involved. The foundation is a non-partisan organization comprised of some of the nation's top business and civic leaders.

The foundation solicits the help of media, businesses, unions and civic and religious groups. Its goal: to take aim at serious social problems central to everyday life. Scheduled events during the celebration target illiteracy, homelessness, at-risk youth and isolated elderly people.

Thankfully the overpriced, overrated and overreported lifestyles of the '80s have lost their luster. But it also is important to note that away from the limelight millions of small-business owners have been answering the call to service for years and continue to do so today.

Local business owners have a significant stake in the community, its government and its citizens, so they are involved. And not just in the political arena, although they are more active in that realm than the average American.

A 1990 survey of members of the National Federation of Independent Business found that small-business owners almost universally do some type of civic work. More than 40 percent are members of a business club, such as the local Chamber of Commerce. Membership in civic clubs, such as the Kiwanis, rated another 20 percent as did involvement in fraternal orders, such as the Masons. Thirty-six percent reported they actively work as a volunteer in a non-political setting.

The national volunteer movement spearheaded by The Points of Light Foundation is a welcome effort. The country can use all the caring it can find, but no one knows if this renewed interest will wane. One thing is for certain, if a healthy small-business community can be maintained, it will provide the bedrock for the nation's social and economic foundations.

John Sloan is President of the National Federation of Independent Business, representing more than half a million small-business men and women.

Williamson reports on 72nd Regular Legislative Session

by Ric Williamson
State Representative, District 63
This is the second in a series of articles on legislative activity during the recently concluded Regular Session of the Legislature. In this article I will discuss the Recap of Major Crime Bills and progress towards Relief for Overcrowded County Jails.

Under current law, murderers who are given life sentences can be paroled after serving only 15 years in prison. The 72nd Legislature adopted a new law requiring capital killers who receive life sentences to serve at least 35 years before being eligible for release.

The state can bring rape charges against a husband if the man sexually assaults his wife and bodily harm or the threat of bodily harm results from the attack.

In response to the growing menace of urban street gangs, lawmakers added gang-related crimes to the state's organized crime law. This means that when gang members are convicted of crimes like arson, burglary, or assault, their punishments will be pushed up to the next-highest level. The effect of this new law will be more time in prison for gang members who engage in serious criminal behavior.

An overwhelming proportion of convicted criminals abuse drugs,

and their drug problems are a major reason many inmates commit repeat offenses after they are released from prison. To break this link in the crime cycle, legislators approved treatment programs for prison inmates with histories of drug abuse problems.

Over the past several years, because of federal and state limits on prison overcrowding, thousands of state inmates have backed up into county jails. Currently, 54 counties house 9,000 state prisoners, and the costs associated with housing these felons have fallen on local property taxpayers. Two lawsuits were filed against the state by counties seeking to recover their costs.

In response, lawmakers passed a bill designed to end the legal dispute between the counties and the state. The bill won't go into effect unless all the counties involved in the lawsuit agree to the settlement, which will cost the state \$1.6 billion over the next four years.

Here are the legislation's key provisions:

*The state commits to building as many as 28,500 more prison beds during the next four years, bringing the total number of prison beds in Texas to over 90,000.

*A comprehensive study of the state's criminal law and sentencing guidelines will occur.

*As much as \$40 million will be awarded to counties that successfully divert offenders away from prison and toward alternative types of punishment.

*Financial guidelines are established for reimbursing counties for past and future costs associated with housing backed-up state prisoners.

I encourage your comments about state government and you may reach me through my Weatherford office at P.O. Box 1179, Weatherford, Texas 76086 or my Austin office at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.

Williamson appointed to conference committee

State Representative Ric Williamson (D-Weatherford) has been appointed to the Committee on Federal Budget and Taxation of the National Conference of State Legislatures. The Committee on Federal Budget and Taxation is a standing committee and a part of the state-federal assembly. The National Conference of State Legislatures is an organization made up of all 50 State Legislatures. The National Conference of State Legislatures as an organization has existed for over 70 years. The Committee on Federal Budget and Taxation annually develops recommendations to the United States Congress concerning changes in federal law that will positively impact state government.

"Our state faces a severe cash flow crisis in large part because of decisions made by the United States Congress. I have been concerned for quite some time about federal policy as it affects our state tax system. Along with my appointment to the Southern Legislative Conference of Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations, this appointment will allow me to work with other Legislators and other states to develop a more rational and sound state - federal partnership," Williamson said.

Williamson now serves on five separate regional and national committees of state legislators.

Hospitals agree to use private services for transfers

by Elaine Schad

Cooke County's two hospitals have agreed to use private carrier services when possible for routine transfer of patients to hospitals located outside the county so the county's ambulances can remain available for emergency calls locally, officials said.

Cooke County Commissioners this week reached an agreement with Gainesville Memorial Hospital and Muenster Memorial Hospital. The hospitals will use private carriers for non-emergency transfers, but Cooke County Emergency Medical Service ambulances will remain available when needed and will continue to provide in-county transfers.

"There's been a problem because we'll take an ambulance and send it to Dallas and then don't have a backup," said Commissioner Kenneth Alexander. "We need the ambulances to stay here, and the private carriers would like the business," he said.

The agreement came about through a request by CCEMS Chief Bobby Harbin and from a meeting with representatives of the commissioners' court, GMH Administrator Gerald Culwell and MMH Administrator Herman Carroll.

The change is not expected to significantly affect CCEMS revenues, but was made so that the county could provide better emergency service, officials said.

A farewell reception is planned for Fr. Sebastian June 30 at 2:00

A farewell reception will honor Father Sebastian Beshoner, OSB, on Sunday, June 30, in the cafeteria of the Sacred Heart Community Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cookies, punch and coffee will be served.

Have a Happy 4th!

To allow The Enterprise staff to observe the July 4th holiday, our deadline must be moved up one day. Therefore, The Muenster Enterprise will be published on Wednesday and mailed for afternoon delivery at the regular hour. Subscribers on rural routes will receive their copies as usual on Friday.

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landfills are expected to be shut down within the next two years, the victims of more stringent environmental regulations expected to take effect statewide in the near future. It will be too expensive for most area cities to operate landfills on their own, said Woolfolk. Muenster officials have said they plan to close their landfill when the regional landfill is opened.

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Reminder...
The Muenster Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting Thursday (tonight), June 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the south wing of the hospital.

"My face was numb. It was maybe 25 degrees out, there was snow on the ground, and right in front of my apartment door was a bum wearing a Mets T-shirt freezing to death. I stepped around him and went in. I thought, 'great, just the ending I needed to an already lousy day.' Just then, this sick feeling came over me. Forget me, what about that guy? I went to my closet and pulled out a coat I haven't worn since college. I stood there, feeling dumb. Was he going to be mad if I give him a hand-out? He's freezing to death. I opened my door and handed him the clothes. He put them on and stored at me. Then he walked away. It was weird but it was good. I'm not the Salvation Army, but giving out a coat isn't all that hard."

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Gertrude Fette services held Wednesday, June 26

Gertrude Victoria (Otto) Fette died in Muenster Memorial Hospital on Sunday, June 23, 1991, at 6 p.m., following a long period of failing health.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1908 to Joe and Emma (Seyler) Otto. On Sept. 13, 1927, she was married to Joseph Edward Fette in Sacred Heart Church. In 1931, they moved to Nebraska and returned to Muenster in 1936 to reside on a farm north of Muenster. They built a new home in Muenster in 1956.

She was a member of St. Anne's Society, a wife, mother and grandmother. She retired from Rohmer's Restaurant in 1970. She loved to work in her yard and enjoyed visiting with grandchildren.

Survivors include four daughters and sons-in-law, Emily and Leonard Hartman, Florence and Johnny (Alfred) Rohmer, Patsy and Raymond Flores and Della and Bob Campbell. Also 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Eva Jo Otto; and two sisters, Pauline Hellman and Ollie Klement and brother-in-law, Johnny Klement.

She was preceded in death, in addition to her husband Joe Fette,

by her parents and two grandchildren, John Hartman and Kevin Rohmer.

Mass of Christian Burial was offered in Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, June 26, officiated by Father Sebastian Beshoner, OSB, at 10 a.m.

Participating in the funeral liturgy were grandchildren Karla Kintz and Joe Bayer with Readings from the Old Testament and New Testament.

Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by granddaughters Vicki Fisher, Darlene Stewart, Jeannan Biffle and Sonda Luker. Lee Carol Bayer read the Offertory Petitions. Joe Bayer read "A Tribute to Grandma" after Communion.

Sacred music was presented by a nephew and niece, David and Pam Fette, with organ accompaniment by Ruth Felderhoff. Mass servers were Gregg Flusche, John Flusche and Russell Fette. Eucharistic Ministers were Janie Taylor and Dorothy Hartman.

McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster was in charge of services. A rosary was prayed in the McCoy Chapel at 4 p.m. on Tuesday and a Wake Service was held at 8 p.m.

Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under direction of McCoy Funeral Home. Pallbearers were



GERTRUDE FETTE

grandsons Tim Hartman, Joe Bayer, Kevin Haverkamp, Billy Haverkamp, John Hartman and Floyd Haverkamp.

Relatives coming from out of town included Joe and Christine Bayer of Long Beach, California; Lee Carol Bayer of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Karla and John Kintz of Georgetown; Marilyn Hartman of San Antonio; Denise and Tim Smith of McKinney; Bill Otto of Arlington; Donald and Barbara Bayer of Waco; Jerry Fette of Wylie, Texas.

Mayor of Lindsay, 61, dies June 24

Lindsay joins the family of Robert Doyle Cogburn, 61, in mourning his sudden death on Monday evening, June 24, 1991 about 5:40 p.m. at his home at 231 Pecan St., of an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, officiated by the Rev. James Braswell and the Rev. Dr. Harry M. Roark. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

Burial in Fairview Cemetery was directed by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home of Gainesville. Pallbearers were: Tom Riddle, Bill Dankesreiter, Roy Christian, Rollie Christian, and D.J. Rater.

Cogburn was born on Aug. 13, 1929 in Slidell to the late Robert L. and Laverta Doyle Cogburn. On Sept. 3, 1955 he married the former Ann Hinzman in St. John's Catholic Church of Valley View.

A teacher for 21 years at Gainesville State School, he also served as Loan Officer for North Texas Credit Union, and on the Board of the Texoma Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse of Sherman and the House of Hope, Sherman.

A member of the Retired Teachers Organization of Gainesville and the Gainesville Optimist Club, he was a past lieutenant governor of the Optimist Club of the North Texas District, Zone 4.

The family moved to Lindsay in 1975. He drove a school bus several years and was a substitute teacher.

Mr. Cogburn served on the Lindsay City Council in the late 1970s and again for two years prior to his election as Mayor of Lindsay in May 1990, in which position he was serving at the time of his death. He is credited with a number of street improvement projects and other projects aimed at expansion and growth, particularly upgrading the city's sewer system. He devoted special effort to inspiring pride in the community.

Survivors of Robert Doyle Cogburn are his wife, Ann Cogburn of the home; one son Daniel of Gainesville; one daughter Dee Ann Miller of Gainesville; five sisters Opal Fortenberry of Gainesville; Beatrice Skinner of Decatur; Pearl Fortenberry of Valley View; Mary Jo Linker of Quinlan, Texas; and Jackie Goin of Aubrey, Texas. Also two brothers, A.L. Cogburn of Goodwell, Okla.; and James Cogburn of Whitesboro.

Former Gainesville resident

Bob Breeding dies

Memorial services were held on Sunday, June 23, 1991 at 3 p.m. for Bob Breeding, formerly of Gainesville, who died in New York at age 43 on Friday, June 21.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1947 in Sherman to Mamie Lee and Ralph Breeding and lived most of his life in Gainesville. A graduate of Gainesville High School and North Texas State University, he also attended Pratt Institute in New York City, studying Art and Photography. He was employed by Skidmore, Owens and Merrill in Chicago, moving later to New York to become a free-lance artist in photography and sculpture.

Preceding him in death on Oct. 21, 1967 was his father, Ralph Breeding, owner and operator of Breeding Photography Studio in Gainesville.

Bob Breeding is survived by his mother, Mrs. H.L. Case of Gainesville. Urban and Jane Endres are an uncle and aunt and Eileen Vogel, Daniel Endres, Carl Endres and Jack Endres are cousins.

Geo. J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home was in charge of services and Dr. Harry M. Roark officiated.

James John Eckart is dead at 76 on June 21

James John Eckart died at his home on June 21, 1991 shortly after midnight, about 12:30 a.m., after a sudden illness.

He was born on June 9, 1915 in Subiaco, Arkansas to John James Eckart and Rose Seidl Eckart. He lived in Muenster since 1938. On Oct. 22, 1940 he married Angeline C. Walterscheid. They observed their golden wedding last year with a family reunion and gathering for relatives and friends.

Survivors include his wife Angeline Christina Eckart; five daughters Mary Ann Koessler, Agnes Hesse and Dolores Hofbauer of Muenster; Betty Simmel of Argyle and Rose Black of Myra; six sons Don of Muenster, Jim Jr. of Myra, Jerry of Forestburg, John of Spokane, Washington, and Mike and Steve of Denton. Also 31 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Also one sister, Catherine Parque of San Gabriel, California and four brothers, Father Stephen Eckart of Lindsay, Albert and Gilbert of Midwest City, Oklahoma and Leo of Paris, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepmother, Margaret Eckart.

James Eckart was retired from Muenster Public School, where he was employed for 26 years, but continued to work part-time there after retirement and until his death, mostly as a volunteer. He was a long-time assistant at MISD where the faculty respected him, the students considered him a friend and little children planned birthday surprises for him. His hobbies included gardening and sharing his crops, playing with his

grandkids, painting by numbers, reading, and seeing old movies. He prided himself in being the first visitor with his new grandchildren in the hospital after their birth.

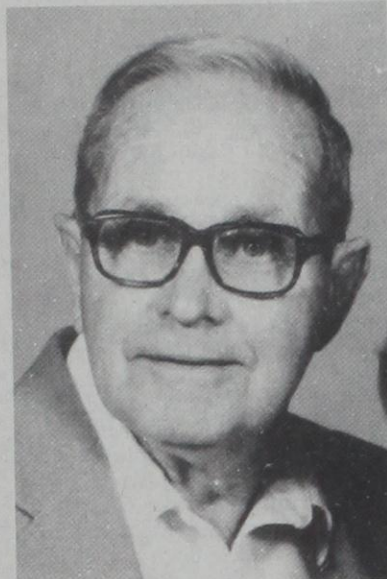
Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 24 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, with his brother, Father Stephen Eckart OSB and Father Sebastian Beshoner OSB officiating. Also in the sanctuary were Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, Father Harry Fisher, and Father William Wewer.

Participating in the funeral liturgy were: granddaughters Janet Hesse and Carol Koessler with Liturgical Readings from the Old and New Testaments. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Jayna Hofbauer. Offertory gifts were presented by grandchildren Donna Black, Jennie Black, Johnathan Yosten, and Kristen Yosten.

Eucharistic Ministers assisting Father Stephen and Father Sebastian were Raymond and Peggy Walterscheid, Norbert and Mary Ann Walterscheid, Rudy Koessler and Rosemary Dankesreiter. Mass servers were grandchildren David Hesse, Nicholas Yosten, and Stephen Hofbauer.

The Sacred Heart Men's Choir sang for the Mass, and several selected sacred songs, including "Pilgrim's Song," "How Great Thou Art," "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name;" and "Amazing Grace."

A Rosary service was held Sunday at 4 p.m. in McCoy Funeral Home. A Wake service was held in Sacred Heart Church Sunday night at 8 p.m. Included in the Wake service was "Amazing



JAMES ECKART

Grace" sung by Wendell Black, Will and Jenny Matthews, Terry and Mark Krebs and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Black, without accompaniment - in a most impressive and touching salute, knowing that hymn was one of James Eckart's favorites.

Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, directed by McCoy Funeral Home of Muenster. Pallbearers were Jeff Simmel, Neil Hesse, Kenny Hesse, Danny Black, Paul Black, Max Koessler, Jason Hofbauer and Kelly Colwell.

Attending from out-of-town were Al Eckart and Carol Eckart of Midwest City, Ok.; Leo and Georgia Eckart of Paris, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Meurer of Windthorst; John Eckart of Spokane, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grimler and children of Lewisville; and relatives and friends from Pilot Point, Lindsay, Denison, Myra, Denton, Argyle, many areas of Cooke County, and Muenster.

Service held June 25 for Ann Walterscheid, 80

Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, June 25, 1991, at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church for Ann Catherine (Huchton) Walterscheid, age 80, a native of Muenster. She died Saturday, June 22, in Gainesville Memorial Hospital about 8 p.m. after a two-week illness.

She was born on Oct. 26, 1910 to Otto J. Huchton and Catherine (Herr) Huchton. In February 1954, she married Otto William Walterscheid in Sacred Heart Church. He preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 1975.

Ann Walterscheid was a longtime Director of Nurses at Muenster Memorial Hospital and was the first RN to retire from MMH. She received her nurse's training at St. Vincent's Hospital of Sherman in the three-year program, 1929-30-31. She was employed by St. Vincent's and later by the old Gainesville Sanitarium and by the old Gainesville Hospital and moved to Muenster Memorial Hospital when it opened. She was also employed in the office of the late Dr. Shea of Gainesville. A member of Sacred Heart Church, she also held membership in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Ann Walterscheid is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Debbie Walterscheid of Lindsay; and two granddaughters, Leah and Allison.

Also, she is survived by three sisters, Ernie Hellman, Cecilia Huchton and Laura Trachta, all of Muenster; and three brothers, John Huchton of Muenster, Walter Huchton of Bedford and Sidney Huchton of San Angelo.

Also preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were three brothers, A.J., Henry and Edward Huchton.

Participating in the funeral liturgy were Father Sebastian Beshoner, OSB, Father Stephen Eckart, OSB, and Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, who were concelebrants of the funeral Mass.

The First Reading was given by LaQuita Walterscheid; the Second Reading by Kevin Huchton and the Responsorial Psalm by Bryan Huchton. Prayers of the Faithful were written by Ann's son, Robert, "In Honor of Mother," and read by Michael Gobble. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by John and Pat Yosten.

Sacred music was presented by Ruth Felderhoff, organist, and Shawna Herr and Brenda Spaeth, vocalists, who sang, "Amazing Grace," "Wherever You Go," "Turn To Me" and "And I Will Follow."



ANN WALTERSCHEID

McCoy Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. A Rosary Service was held on Monday at 4 p.m. in the McCoy Chapel where the Wake Service was held at 8 p.m. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, directed by McCoy of Muenster. Pallbearers were nephews Wayne Trachta, Glenn Trachta, Tim Hellman, C.J. Hellman, John Douglas Huchton and Neil Huchton.

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NORBERT and MARY ANN WALTERSCHEID are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra Ann Walterscheid, to Kevin Joe Reeves, son of Joe and Donna Reeves of Saint Jo. Father Victor Gillespie, OSB, will officiate in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, July 27, 1991, at 5:00 p.m. The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a 1990 graduate of Texas Woman's University with a Bachelor of Science-Dental Hygiene degree. She is presently employed as a Dental Hygienist for Mickey Weatherly, DDS, of Gainesville. The future-groom is a 1985 graduate of Saint Jo High School and a 1989 graduate of Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He is employed by Weber Aircraft. The couple plans to reside in Muenster.

In Forestburg...

Scott family selected as hosts for YFU student

Becky and Larry Scott of Forestburg will welcome a new "daughter" in August 1991 - Mika Matsui, a Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange student from Japan. Mika, who will be a student at Forestburg High School in Forestburg, will live with the Scott family for an academic year.

As a member of the Scott family, Mika will participate in all family activities, from vacations

to household chores. While sharing the culture of Japan with her host family and schoolmates, she will learn about U.S. culture.

YFU, established in 1951, is one of the world's oldest and largest nonprofit international exchange organizations, dedicated to international understanding and world peace. About 4,000 U.S. families open their homes to YFU international students each year.

Palmer-Freeman reunion is held June 8 in Ross-Point

Descendants of Robert Palmer, who died on March 12, 1732 in North Farnham, Richmond County, Virginia and his second wife, Martha Freeman, gathered in the Ross-Point Community Center on June 8 for their fourth annual reunion. Those in attendance descend from ancestors who came to Cooke County in 1858-59 from Sandy Mush, Buncombe County, North Carolina. Several still live in the Gainesville-Rosston area.

Registration and visiting began at 9 a.m., followed by potluck lunch. The program consisted of the flag salute and singing of "God Bless America," followed by a roll call of those Palmer descendants who served in all wars, from the Revolutionary War to the recent Persian Gulf War. Welcome address and responses were given.

Gifts were presented to Clyde

Bewley of Forestburg, oldest present; Kyle Perkins of Henderson, youngest; Martha Palmer McGill of Catalina Island, California, for coming the greatest distance; to Eunice Johnson Nelson of Gainesville, for the greatest contribution to Palmer family history; and to Willis Redwood of Tulsa, the in-law most faithful by attending all reunions to date.

More than 50 attended, coming from Bowie, Forestburg, Houston, Dallas, Rosston, Duncanville, Gainesville, Fort Worth, Henderson, Booneville, Ark., Tulsa, Catalina Island, Marietta, Okla. and Millburn, Okla.

The next reunion will be held in Santa Rosa, California in June 1992, planned by Penny Fruth and Mary Williams.

MDA to receive benefits from Gainesville dance

The Muenster Budweiser Bass Club and the Gainesville VFW will host a dance Friday, July 12, at 8 p.m. to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Proceeds from the \$5.00 cover charge will go directly to assist in MDA's Cooke County patient services program.

The dance will be held at the Gainesville VFW located on Hwy. 77 North in Gainesville. Andy Serina and the Captive Hearts Band will be performing live.

For information about the dance, or to make reservations, please call the Gainesville VFW at 817-665-9054.

Money raised through the dance helps provide orthopedic appliances (i.e. wheelchairs, walkers, braces), diagnostic examinations, genetic counseling, clinic visits, camps, research programs and public health education all at no cost to the patient or their families.

Children 'travel to Jesus through Mary' at VBS

Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School was held June 17-21 from 9 till 11:30 a.m. each morning. The theme for the week was "To Jesus Through Mary."

Children of ages 4 through grade 5 spent the week learning about Mary, and how she brings us closer to Jesus through her prayers and example. Students made rosaries, Mary booklets, class posters and other items as craft projects. They saw videos on Fatima and Lourdes; participated in three special liturgies and a candlelight living rosary. The daily attendance averaged 189 students and about 90 teachers, aides, classroom helpers, refreshment hostesses and nursery caretakers.

On Monday, June 17, at 9 a.m., Vacation Bible School opened with Mass, celebrated by Father Victor Gillespie. Mass servers were John Klement, Jeffrey Yosten and John Bartush. Mrs. Karen Davis was the Eucharistic Minister. Music Ministers were Pam Fette and Emily Klement. Frances Bayer gave the First Reading and Mandy Barnhill read the Psalm Responses. The Prayers of the Faithful were given by Ashley Hartman.

Pam and Emily led a Praise and Worship Service on Tuesday in church at 9 a.m. Ashley Klement carried in the Bible while the American and Papal flags were carried in by Chad Felderhoff and Adam Klement. Father Victor visited all classes and gave each child a holy card in remembrance of Bible School.

Wednesday began with the celebration of Mass with Father Victor as celebrant. Mass servers were Josh Walterscheid, Patrick Miller, and Matthew Nasche; Eucharistic Minister was Lanie Bartush and the Music Ministers were Pam and Emily. The First Reading was given by Amy Truebenbach, the Psalm Response by Raegan Koessler and the Prayers of the Faithful by Jonathan Yosten.

Thursday, a candlelight Living Rosary was prayed in the Sacred Heart Community Center Main Hall. The children used the rosaries that they had made during the week. Mrs. Pam Fette led the children in songs with her guitar and beautiful singing voice. Father Victor blessed the rosaries and prayed for the continued success of ABBA and for abortions to be stopped. Then, as Father led the group in the Apostles' Creed, John Daniel Bartush lit the 12 red candles representing the crucifix. The lights were turned off and the rosary was prayed by candlelight. Six white candles were lit to

represent the Our Fathers and 53 blue candles were lit as the Hail Marys were led by different students. At the conclusion of the rosary, all in attendance sang "This Little Light of Mine" led by Pam Fette. Mothers, babies, grandmothers and guests were also present.

At mid-morning each day, students were served refreshments by June Bartush, Peggy Grewing and Kenya Endres, as well as a number of assisting hostesses.

VBS closed with a special liturgy on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. All of the students, teachers, aides and helpers participated in Entrance Procession. It was led by Jeff and Justin Klement carrying the American and Christian flags. The classes marched in, one at a time, with a student leading and carrying the class poster. Posters were displayed on the Communion rail. Following the classes in procession were: Dustin Walterscheid carrying the Bible, Christina Weinzapfel carrying a rosary, Elizabeth Fette with a statue of Mary and baby Jesus, Jacqueline Bartush holding her Mary booklet, and Rose Bartush bringing a red rose. The celebrant was Father Victor and Mass servers were Russell Fette, John Flusche and Bryan Miller.

Kayla Felderhoff gave the Reading; Allison Endres, Kelly Felderhoff and Nicholas Taylor presented the Prayers of the Faithful. Bringing in the Offertory gifts were Aaron Hess, Kami Klement, Ashley Walterscheid, Darrell Henschel, Eric Fisher and Alicia Cochran.

The music was presented by Pam Fette, Ruth Felderhoff and Christy Hesse. Eucharistic Ministers were Frances Bayer, Irene Hartman, Karen Davis, Dolores Miller and Sister Monica Swirczynski.

Before the final blessing, Lanie Bartush and Debbie Cochran presented the money collected for the mission project to Mrs. Mildred Yosten. Mrs. Yosten represented ABBA (All Babies Born Alive), the pro-life group of Cooke County. She encouraged the children to pray daily for all unborn babies in the world and thanked them for their gifts.

Teachers, aides and helpers were given a certificate of appreciation for a job well done. Pam Fette presented directors Lanie Bartush and Debbie Cochran with white delicate rosaries held in miniature ceramic cradles as gifts for their unborn babies. Father Victor gave them and all mothers "with child" who were present a special blessing.



JENNIFER CAMPBELL helps two pre-schoolers make rosaries at Sacred Heart's Vacation Bible School held last week. Janie Hartman Photo

St. Richard's Villa News

by Frances Reiter

Janie was on vacation this past week but thanks to the volunteers we never missed an activity. Some of the fun we had was snapping beans that Irma Koelzer brought to share with us. They sure tasted good cooked with new potatoes. Bingo callers this week were Lou Vogel, Augusta Walterscheid, Margaret Kupper, Mrs. Hermes, Mr. and Mrs. Dill, Amanda Fuhrmann, Gen Pels and Leona Eberhart.

Friday morning we had an extra special surprise. Mildred Lawson came to visit and brought her accodian. She played about 45 minutes and we could have listened forever. This is her first time back with us since her illness. We have missed her so and are glad she's back.

Also Wednesday Jodi Doughty, Janie's daughter, came to the Villa to do manicures. We enjoyed her and the children Chad, Christian and Traci. They also came Friday and passed out ice cream cones to everyone. After Janie came back we took a trip to the zoo in Gainesville. Residents attending were Joyce Kermickle, Mary Poole, Annie Jostwerner, Ursula Herr, Laura Haverkamp, Phil Vogel, Rosie Walterscheid, Bertha Bewley, Ida Hoenig, Loraine Hughes, Joe Weinzapfel, Carl Smith, Buck Ware and Andrew Fleitman. Volunteers were Nakita Williams, Betty Gilpin, Janet Fisher, Gerri Walterscheid, Jodi Doughty, Rita Russell, Robin Hacker. Come by sometime and take a look at our pictures.

We have certainly enjoyed the fresh vegetables that you have all shared with us. Thanks to you we have had some nice meals out of them.

We are planning a cookout and wheelchair parade for the Fourth of July. Hope to see you there. Mrs. Beatrice Knabe visited with her mother Frances Reiter for 10 days before returning home to Hereford, Texas. Frances sure enjoyed the visit. Sadie O'Connor is back from a stay at Muenster Memorial as is Bessie Hutson and we wish them both a speedy

recovery. Hilda Reiter had minor surgery at the hospital and is doing fine.

We are beginning to get tomatoes off our vine here, lots of cherry tomatoes. On one vine Andrew Fleitmann counted 40 tomatoes. We may have a produce stand after all. No, I think that Andrew's green thumb has helped them to grow. Come by for a visit and enjoy our patio garden with us.

Also the state inspectors visited us and had nothing but good things to say. The home had no deficiencies and no problems. They interviewed the residents at Resident Council then some of them individually. Their comments were that we have an outstanding home. They also liked the town of Muenster and enjoyed their stay.

NOTICE

A car wash will be sponsored by the Sacred Heart Drill Team and cheerleaders on Saturday, June 29 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. It will be held at the D.J. One Stop.

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Family reunions

Hess

A Hess Golf Tournament will be held the morning of the Hess family reunion on Sunday, July 21. Anyone wishing to play in the tournament should call Don Hess at 759-4310 or Brian Hess at 759-4982. All attending are urged to be present about 1 p.m. for a covered dish meal. Those not playing golf will begin assembling at the City Park Pavilion about 11:30 a.m. for visiting. This is the annual reunion of descendants of Frank and Mary Hess.

Schmitz

The Theodore and Pauline Schmitz family reunion will be held at the Muenster City Park Pavilion on Sunday, July 14, beginning at 11 a.m. Bring covered dishes, drinks and lawn chairs.

Hoenig

Descendants of Aloys and Anna Hoenig will hold a reunion on Saturday, July 6, beginning at 2 p.m. in the pavilion of Muenster City Park. There will be a covered dish supper. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs.

Granbury Opera House stages 'Anything Goes'

On Cole Porter's 100th birthday, it seems fitting that the Granbury Opera House produces "Anything Goes," his most popularly revived musical farce.

This ship-board spoof of the early '30s plays at the Granbury Opera House June 27 through July 28 with performances held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at

8 p.m.; Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.; and Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Please call the box office for ticket information and reservations at Metro 572-0881 or (817) 573-9191. The box office is closed on Mondays. Prices are \$10 to \$12. Special discounts are available.

Three top country artists will perform at Six Flags

Three of country's top recording artists are scheduled to perform at Six Flags Over Texas during the first week of July.

Sawyer Brown, celebrating their 10th anniversary together, will be performing Tuesday, July 2.

Tanya Tucker is scheduled to perform on Wednesday, July 3. Her newest single, "Down To My Last Teardrop," is on Billboard Magazine's Hot Country chart as the Hot Shot Debut.

Ricky Van Shelton will perform on Thursday, July 4. His latest release, "I Am A Simple Man," is still at the top of Billboard Magazine's Hot Country chart after eight weeks.

The three concerts will all begin at 8 p.m. in the theme park's Music Mill Amphitheater. All seats are reserved. There will be a \$2 concert fee for each concert in addition to Six Flag's regular admission price.

Tickets may be purchased at any Rainbow Ticketmaster outlet, or at the Six Flags concert box office on regular park operating days.

A sincere thank you to the following people who helped make the Vacation Bible School at Sacred Heart a success:

- Muenster Knights of Columbus and Muenster Catholic Daughters for monetary donations
- Cooke County Farm Bureau Insurance and John Bartush for pencils
- The Dairy Inn One Stop and Ben Blindel for candy
- Father Victor for the beautiful liturgies, homilies and blessings and for all his help
- Loretta Felderhoff and Monica McCoy for ordering supplies, making copies and certificates
- Diane Grewing for fast and neat typing
- Pam Fette, Emily Klement, Christy Hesse and Ruth Felderhoff for music and singing
- June Bartush and Peggy Grewing for being in charge of refreshments - a great job!

- Peggy Sparkman, Jean Walterscheid, Colynda Sicking, and Helen Whitecotton and their helpers for taking such good care of the babies in the nursery
- Donnie and Mike Stoffels for carrying boxes and boxes to and from the attic
- Danny Cochran for making the wooden mission boxes
- Pam Fette for encouraging us and helping us plan the liturgies and just being there
- Teachers, aides and classroom helpers for your talents, time, effort and sweat spent everyday
- Everyone who helped in any way.

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Students present piano recital June 5

Nineteen piano students of Rosemary Dankesreiter were presented in a recital on Wednesday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Muenster Public School Auditorium. The stage was flanked with bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums. In the center

stage stood a large arrangement of daisies, miniature daisies and multi-colored spring flowers. Atop the piano was a large candelabra with yellow flowers entwined.

Mrs. Dankesreiter greeted guests and welcomed all to the

performance which included duets and solos from classical tunes, popular hits, American favorites and religious hymns.

Muenster students performing two selections from memorized repertoires included Nicole Endres, Emily Felderhoff, Jessamy Sicking, Kristen Knauf, Tanya Knauf, Kayla Felderhoff, Lisa Lippe, Leslie Grewing, Michael Flusche, Raegan Koesler, Allison Bayer, Valerie Bartush, Anne Flusche, and Laura Klement.

Era students are Todd and Kerri Reiter, Elizabeth Luttmr and Ashley Zimmerer are from Lind-

say and Amy Neal is from Saint Jo.

Duets were performed by Valerie Bartush with Jessamy Sicking and Lisa Lippe with Kayla Felderhoff.

Concluding the program Mrs. Dankesreiter thanked all for attending and congratulated the class on the wonderful progress and accomplishments each had attained during the year. Individual and group pictures were made.

A reception followed where cookies and punch were served by Amy Dankesreiter and Paula Reiter.



PIANO STUDENTS of Rosemary Dankesreiter are, l to r, first row, Allison Bayer, Kayla Felderhoff, Michael Flusche, Elizabeth Luttmr; second row (seated), Kristen Knauf, Anne Flusche, Jessamy Sicking; third row, Laura Klement, Valerie Bartush, Ashley Zimmerer, Raegan Koesler, Emily Felderhoff; top, Lisa Lippe, Kerri Reiter, Tanya Knauf, Nicole Endres, Amy Neal, Todd Reiter, and teacher Rosemary Dankesreiter.

Waco "Brazos Nights" provide entertainment

Enjoyable and affordable summertime entertainment is a convenient drive to the banks of Lake Brazos at Waco's Indian Spring Park! This summer's agenda for the City of Waco's "Brazos Nights" will provide twelve evenings of musical entertainment. Featured performers include "Johnny Dees and the Rocket 88s" and Lionel Cartwright.

Brazos Nights will be held June 28 through August 3 on Friday and Saturday nights in Indian Spring Park, located at the intersection of University Parks Drive and Franklin Ave. (Turn west on University Parks Drive at Exit 335B off Interstate 35.). All Friday night performances begin at 8 p.m. and include local entertainment, concessions and a relaxed summer evening of family fun.

Highlighting each Saturday night performance will be a display of colorful laser lights synchronized to music, beginning just after dark. Musical entertainment on Saturday nights will begin at 7:30 with the exception of July 6 when the starting time is 8 p.m. A fireworks display will also be featured on the 6th.

Spend the weekend in Waco at one of its affordable hotels, eat in one of the many fine restaurants, shop, and visit the city's many attractions, including the newly opened Dr. Pepper Museum, Lake Waco, the Texas Ranger Museum and Hall of Fame, and the homes of Historic Waco.

For more information call 1-800-922-6386.

A schedule of events includes: **June 28**, "The Morticians" 50s and 60s favorites; **June 29**, "Johnny Dees and the Rocket 88s", Laser Show; **July 5**, "Gilded Edge" Rock and Roll; **July 6**, Waco Symphony Orchestra Fireworks Display/Laser Show *Patriotic Salute to Desert Storm troops; **July 12**, Kent & Jenny Findlay Show, Good Ol' Country Fiddlin'; **July 13**, Lionel Cartwright-Country, Laser Show; **July 19**, "N'Tyce" Rock and Roll; **July 20**, Master of Illusion - Magic Show, "Texas, The Band,"

Laser Show; **July 26**, "Sons of the Desert" and "Crossfire" - Country and Western; **July 27**, Comedy Night and "Hourglass," Laser Show; **August 2**, "Riff-Raff" Rock and Roll/Heavy Metal; **August 3**, Hispanic Bands Street Dance Fiesta, Laser Show.

Skin cancer is linked to sunburn!

"Catching rays" may not be much fun for careless sun worshippers this Fourth of July. They could resume daily activities with a painful case of sunburn that can be costly in terms of looks and health.

Everyone should have fun during 4th of July celebrations, but protect against sunlight exposure to avoid premature wrinkling and aging, said Dr. John E. Wolf Jr., chairman of dermatology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He suggests everyone consider the dangers of sun exposure.

Malignant melanoma, a skin cancer affecting approximately 25,000 people and causing an estimated 8,000 deaths each year in the U.S., has been linked to severe sunburn. Melanoma growth may begin in normal skin or an existing mole which may enlarge, bleed and become scabby and itchy. Most cases are diagnosed in middle-aged and elderly people with pale skin who have been exposed to intense sunlight for many years.

Sunburn, inflammation of the skin caused by overexposure of the sun's ultraviolet rays, destroys cells in the skin's outer layer and in blood vessels beneath the skin. The skin may become red and tender and, in severe cases, blister. The length of time a person can spend in the sun varies considerably with the color of the skin. Fair-skinned people are particularly at risk since their skin produces small amounts of the protective pigment melanin.

Knowing when to go outside can also prevent sunburn. Ideal times are early morning or late afternoon when the sun is less intense. Weather conditions can also increase the amount of damage caused by sunlight exposure.

Wolf cautions people to cover up if they notice skin discoloration. It could be the first symptom of a first degree burn. Such burns can be easily avoided by taking a few precautionary measures.

A sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 should be used before exposing the skin to the sun. The sunscreen should be applied regularly, particularly when surfing or swimming. A long-sleeved shirt and a hat can provide additional defense.

If the skin has been damaged by the sun, place a cool, wet compress on the skin followed by a moisturizing lotion to soothe the skin and relieve the discomfort. Aspirin can relieve some of the pain and the redness. For a severe sunburn, a physician may prescribe corticosteroid medication to combat burned skin and prevent scarring or discoloration.

Reiters attend graduation



JULIE ANN DISTEFANO

Julie Ann DiStefano graduated from St. Agnes Academy in Houston during graduation ceremonies held in the Houston Music Hall on May 26. She graduated Cum Laude and was eleventh in a class of 132.

While in school Julie was a member of the National Honor Society and other organizations. She was active in sports such as the school's swim, soccer and track teams. She did volunteer work at a nearby hospital and a muscular dystrophy camp.

This fall Julie plans to attend Texas A&M where she will major in Business and take the required sciences to be admitted into Medical school.

A Mass was offered before the graduation ceremony. Those attending were Julie's parents, Charlie and Peggy Reiter DiStefano, of Missouri City; brother Michael; grandparents Wilfred and Polly Reiter of Muenster and Ms. Maggie DiStefano of Alexandria, La.; uncles, aunts and cousins Johnny DiStefano of Alexandria; Roger Reiter of Muenster; Chris and Sandy Reiter and Lydia, Kelly, Rachael, and Terry of College Station; and Paul and LuAnn Kubis of Houston.

Arts & Crafts Show set for Sat. in Bowie

The Jim Bowie Days Arts and Crafts Association Showcase will be an event of Saturday, June 29, 1991 in Bowie, Texas.

Schedule of Meeting

Parent Support Group
The Parent Support Group will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 2, at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of Sacred Heart Community Center.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Luke of Holbrook, Arizona were brief visitors in his hometown one afternoon last week, enroute to their home after vacationing with Edie's relatives in Texarkana and Louisiana, and Gene's relatives in Hot Springs, Ark., Arlington, Irving and Muenster.

Mrs. Beatrice Knabe of Hereford spent a recent 10-day vacation here with her relatives in the Hoedebeck-Reiter families and her late husband's relatives in the Knabe families.

Rita (Felderhoff) Tucker of Wichita Falls and Anselma (Felderhoff) Wright of San Antonio met in Gainesville one morning last week to spend a full day dropping in on surprise visits with their brothers, Al, Vince, Leo, Frank, Felderhoff and their families in Gainesville and Muenster, and their Aunt Theresa Hesse.

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4-H CLUB fashion winners are, l to r, back - Donna Lester, Janet Pearson, Diana Bouldin, Melody Mobley, Christi Mobley, Charlene Lutkenhaus, Sean Herbold; front, Jennifer Bullard, Andrea Fuhrmann, Emily Felderhoff.

12 go to District Show

by Cassie Bullock
County Extension Agent
 Cotton or polyester, knit or woven, solid or print, easy care or dry clean, casual or formal - these are just a few of the decisions a 4-H'er makes when constructing or buying a garment. The 4-H Clothing Project includes learning activities that help them make these decisions.

Not everyone who participates in a Clothing Project chooses to enter the Fashion Show. This year 29 of the 60 in the Clothing Project entered the Fashion Show held at J.C. Penney's. The theme for this year's Fashion Show was "4-H Fashion is Coming Up Clovers."

Twelve of the 4-H'ers will be going on to the District Fashion Show July 11 in Dallas to represent Cooke County.

Diana Bouldin from Red River 4-H Club and Andrea Fuhrmann from Lindsay Junior 4-H Club were high scorers in the Junior Construction Division.

Representatives in the Junior Buying Division will be Emily Felderhoff of the Muenster 4-H Club and Donna Lester of the Lindsay Junior 4-H Club.

Winners in the Intermediate Construction Division were Jennifer Bullard of Era 4-H Club and Melody Mobley of Sivells Bend 4-H.

Janet Pearson, a member of Lindsay Junior 4-H, will represent Cooke County in the Intermediate Buying Division.

In the Senior Division, Sean Herbold of the Emerald Riders and Silver Cedar 4-H Clubs will be a representative in the Tailored Category.

Charlene Lutkenhaus of the Lindsay Senior 4-H Club won the Sports and Specialty Category and Kimberly McKown from Mountain Springs 4-H advanced in the Non-Tailored Category. Christi Mobley of Sivells Bend 4-H advanced in the Evening Wear Category.

In the Senior Buying Division, Laura Lutkenhaus of Lindsay Senior 4-H will advance to District.

Other area students who entered the fashion show include: Molly Trammell, Erica Fuhrmann, Leah Hermes, Amy Hoberer, Megan Sandmann, Abby Trammell, Sadie Trammell and Sarah Trammell, all of Lindsay Junior 4-H.

Helping with commentary at this year's Fashion Show were Charlene Lutkenhaus, Sean Herbold, and Kimberly McKown. Four-H parents and visitors were also treated to a program by Barbara Holeman, Beauty Control Consultant, which included Skin Care, Wardrobe Coordination and Color Analysis.

First State Bank sponsored the 4-H Fashion Show. We appreciate their sponsorship as well as J.C. Penney's for providing the space for our 4-H Fashion Show. The actual Garment Judging was held at the Family Life Center. We appreciate the use of their facility.

Serving as judges were Imogene Evans, Nancy Moore, Sharon Waggoner, and Betty Hassell.



KIM FELDERHOFF assists Christopher Grewing in the correct procedure in folding the American flag during Muenster's annual Cub Scout Day Camp last week.
 Janie Hartman Photo

TCOG offers assistance to low income residents

On June 25, 1991, the Texoma Council of Governments will begin administering the Summer cooling phase of the Energy Crisis Program on behalf of the low income population of Cooke County. The Texoma Council of Governments' energy assistance office is located in the basement of the Cooke County Courthouse in Gainesville, Tex. and will be open starting on **Tuesdays only**, June 25, 1991, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Texoma Council of Governments' staff may be reached at (817) 665-3302 on the above mentioned day and times. Individuals or households who are faced with a health threatening situation due to an inability to pay for cooling service for their home are urged to call the Texoma Council of Governments at (903) 786-2955 for further information.

Applicants seeking assistance will be required to meet certain income qualifications and must have some type of extraordinary circumstance or situation which has depleted their financial resources to the point where they are unable to meet their cooling bills. A utility termination notice alone will not guarantee assistance. The program will be administered on a first-come/first serve basis and will continue weekly until funding is depleted.

All information deemed necessary by the Texoma Council of Governments to determine a household's eligibility must be presented prior to a household receiving assistance. Only assistance that relates to the cooling of the home will be addressed. No security deposits or water bills will be paid.

This office is not authorized to contact utility companies regarding extension of services for applicants.

Industry recycles 61 percent of aluminum beverage cans

(NU) - Americans are now recycling 61 percent of their aluminum beverage cans, are being paid \$75 million a month in cash for the returns, and, as a bonus, are easing landfill burdens by reducing solid waste.

This is the encouraging report on the growth of aluminum recycling by the Aluminum Association, a Washington-based industry trade group. It says that consumers earned an estimated \$900 million in 1989 by recycling a record 49.4 billion all-aluminum beverage cans. About 42 billion aluminum cans were recycled in 1988.

Industry leaders say 3 million to 4 million Americans are regular visitors to the estimated 10,000 aluminum buy-back locations nationwide. Millions more are said to be occasional recyclers.

"Recycling almost 50 billion aluminum cans — six of every 10 produced — is an unparalleled environmental achievement," said Aluminum Association President Dave Parker.

"Still, the aluminum industry wants to recycle and reuse even more metal in the years ahead. That's why we're working to make aluminum recycling a top-of-mind reality in

every corner of the country."

Aluminum companies recycled more than half of the aluminum beverage cans produced during the 1980s. During the decade, Americans recycled more than 320 billion aluminum cans, representing about six million tons of metal that was returned to productive use instead of being relegated to landfills.

In addition to reducing solid waste, aluminum recycling saves about 95 percent of the energy needed to make new aluminum from bauxite, the primary ore of aluminum. Specifically, U.S. aluminum manufacturers save almost 7.5 kilowatt hours of electricity for each pound of the lightweight metal they recycle.

The aluminum can recycling survey was conducted by the Aluminum Association, the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and the Can Manufacturers Institute.



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Family Reunions

Walterscheid
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Stoffels
 The Stoffels family reunion will be held on Sunday, June 23 at noon in the Lindsay City Park Pavilion, with a covered dish feast.

Hess
 A reunion of descendants of Frank and Mary Hess will be held on Sunday, July 21 at Muenster City Park Pavilion. All are reminded to bring food for the noon meal and evening meal. The reunion will continue from 11:30 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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Remembering Grandma

It's very hard to say goodbye to Grandma, but we know it's time to let her go, but first we'd like to share with you some very special memories.

Grandma had a "goody closet" which seemed to have shelves and shelves of sweets for us. Mounds, sugar cookies, chips and Juicy Fruit, everything to spoil her grandkids. She'd not only have them at her house, but she'd send some home with her daughters for the children.

She had no favorites, each of us was special and important to her. Being short of sleeping arrangements, once Grandma put one baby in the crib and one in the chest of drawers. Poor Grandma, Darlene never let her live that one down, nor did she let Tim.

It may seem strange that Grandma's wonderful Mert Salad was so high on our list of memories of her, but it was tradition and that tradition meant love, closeness and family. Like at Christmas, you'd walk into her house, she'd be at the stove, in her apron, pretty as a picture, making potatoes. She was the head of the family after "Bompa" died and she carried the position well. We were to all get along - Grandma insisted - or she'd "get the switch after us" - she'd threaten, with her ornery smile. Family was very important to her and she wanted us to be close.

Grandma worked at Rohmer's Restaurant for years... but to us, it was always known as Grandma's Cafe. "We all got to go see her at work now and then and get an ice cream cone. People from all around remember her, she had made lots of friends while she was there with her chipper personality which made her a perfect waitress."

Grandma's stories were especially great. We'd have her tell them over and over again. Even though later in her life, it would take a little longer for her to tell them. She'd laugh a little, rub her head (the way she always did) and then go on; the thrilling part was how her pretty dark eyes would glisten as she'd relive the excitement in her stories. We never grew tired of anything she told us, we were always begging for more.

It's hard to let her go now and we'll miss her terribly. She was so wise in many ways, but her love for each of us will always be with us. Each of us has our own special memory of Grandma to hold on to and keep forever. She had a beautiful smile and her eyes would light up like stars at times.

After family get-togethers, someone would drive Grandma home. You all remember this... she'd convince you she could get to the door okay... so, out of the car she'd walk, purse on her arm, and you'd sit there watching her and think, "I love her so much," and up the stairs she'd go, opening the door and turning to wave her "I made it and I'm fine" goodnight wave.

Grandma, we'll miss you, but Bompa has waited all these years to have you back and God has so generously let us have you all this time. So, to God's open arms, along with Bompa's, we return you and say goodbye and, we love you, Grandma!

by the Grandchildren

Classes of 1981 hold reunion

A 10-year reunion was held for 1981 graduates from Muenster Public School and Sacred Heart High on Saturday, June 8, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Many attended the 5 p.m. Mass in

Sacred Heart Church which was offered for a deceased classmate, Dean Swirczynski.

Following the meal, catered by Ginny Schneider, all attending enjoyed listening to their favorite

"remember whens" led by Monte Endres and Larry Fleitman. David Muller DJ Service provided music from '81 and today for the dance.

After votes were tallied, the following were awarded buttons designating the category won: Most Changed MHS - Rick Winn, Brenda Nix, and Betty Luttmir; SHHS - Jamie Moster and Angie Bartush. Least Changed MHS - Jeff Tempel, Troy Lutkenhaus, Brenda Nix and Betty Luttmir; SHHS - John Hartman and Brenda Richey. Traveling Longest Distance MHS - Ben Luke of Midland; SHHS - Brian Grewing of Dallas. Most preferred to be stranded with on a desert island overall from both schools - Donna Biffle and Monte Wimmer.

A gift of appreciation was presented to Margie Knabe Walterscheid by Monte Endres on behalf of their class in appreciation for all of the hard work done organizing the reunion. Each

classmate received a booklet containing names, addresses and information on every class member.

Red and white colors were used in the decorations. The tables held red and white streamers and floral arrangements.

Displayed memorabilia included photos and uniforms from drill team, football and cheerleading. A banner proclaimed "Welcome Graduates of 1981."

Unable to attend the reunion were Giles Truebenbach, Troy Grewing, Michael Nasche, Gina Hofbauer, Wisdom, Kirk Mollenkopf, James Hess, Virginia Bartush, Marceline Bartel Felderhoff, Brian Bednorz, and Linda Krahl Wimmer from Sacred Heart.

Also Judy Dittfurth Hobbs, Carol Klement, Donnie Fleitman, Mark Grewing, Steve Luke, Charles Lutkenhaus and Wylie Lewis Jr. from Muenster Public High.



MHS CLASS OF 1981 - Sitting, l to r, Rene Reiter Barber, Denise Sicking Landers, Barbie Wimmer Felderhoff, Brenda Wimmer Nix, Betty Luttmir; standing, Jon Zimmerer, Jeff Tempel, John Walterscheid, Ricky Winn, Bruce Coffey, Troy Lutkenhaus, Ben Luke, Jim Biffle II, Larry Fleitman, Monte Wimmer, Glenn Fisher, Karl Barnhill and Bob Hamric.



SHHS CLASS OF 1981 - Sitting, l to r, Janet Dangelmayr Bezner, Shellie Walterscheid Hoedebecke, Tammy Henscheid Wimmer, Lisa Hennigan, Diann Caplinger Zimmerer, Sherie Felderhoff; middle, Sam Hess, Nancy Sicking Barnes, Brenda Henscheid Richey, Kellye Klement Hess, Terrye Flusche Felderhoff, Rene Reiter Barber, Donna Hess Biffle, Angela Bartush, Margie Knabe Walterscheid, Floyd Haverkamp; back, Craig Bayer, Monte Endres, Jamie Moster, Steve Hennigan, John Hartman, Ted Walterscheid, Troy Wolf, Brian Grewing and Greg Rohmer.

Photos courtesy Donna Biffle

Coast Guard Academy supplies competition

The United States Coast Guard Academy is now accepting and processing applications for appointment as Cadet, U.S. Coast Guard, Class of 1996. Applications are being accepted for both men and women. Appointments as Coast Guard Cadets are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas. Applications must be submitted to the Director of Admissions prior to December 15, 1991. Candidates must arrange to participate in either the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing Assessment (ACT) prior to or including the December 1991 ACT and SAT test administrations.

Appointments as Cadet are tendered based on the candidate's high school record, performance on either the SAT or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community affairs and/or part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and have demonstrated proficiency in both the mathematical and applied science fields.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of appointment, have no legal obligations resulting from a prior marriage, and must have reached the age of 17 but not 22 by July 1, 1992.

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To obtain an application or further information write: Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 15 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320 or call (203) 444-8501.

Kimberely Bryan returns from trip to Washington

Submitted by **Cooke County Electric Co-op**
Her head filled with dreams and her eyes filled with tears, Kimberely Bryan of Gainesville returned June 18 from a 12-day trip to Washington D.C. During the trip Bryan met U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and visited the Capitol, Mount Vernon and dozens of other sites of historic interest. She described the tour as the experience of a lifetime.



YVETTE MENDOZA of Buña autographs Kimberely Bryan's shirt in Lewisville June 18. The youngsters were returning from the Youth Tour to Washington.
Photo courtesy of CCEC

Bryan, 17, was one of 83 participants in Texas Electric Cooperative's Washington Youth Tour. Her expenses were paid by Cooke County Electric Cooperative, which sponsored an essay and speech contest to select an outstanding youth from its service area. Most of the other participants won seats on the tour in similar contests.

The Texas Youth Tour to Washington coincides with National Rural Electric Youth Day in the nation's capital. However, the Texas group has its own special set of activities and generally took a more extensive look at Washington than those coming from other states, according to Bryan.

While tours of the Smithsonian, the Capitol, the FBI Building, Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial and other sites were emotional and exciting events, Bryan said the people on the tour were what made the trip so special. She says she's formed friendships that will last a lifetime.

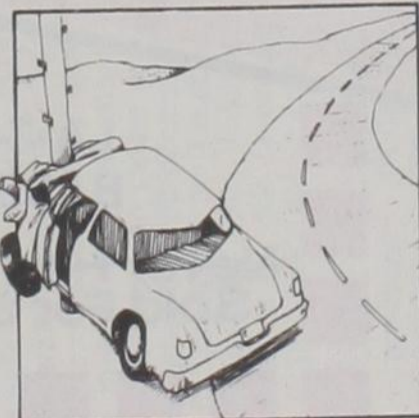
Bryan is among six children of James and Cathy Bryan of Gainesville. The family has been a member of Cooke County Electric Cooperative since 1981.

The tour began in Lewisville on June 6. Eric Williams, Member Relations Specialist at Cooke County Electric Cooperative, and Kimberely's father were on hand to see her off and participate in pre-departure dinner. Also on hand was Jim Morris, executive vice president and general manager of Texas Electric Cooperatives.

Bryan enjoyed her visit to the office of U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, a former Electric Cooperative President, who personally showed some of the youngsters around the Capitol. She said she was impressed that the first picture she saw on the wall of his office is of Gainesville's train depot. Stenholm also displayed prominently an American flag made of beads by youngsters at Gainesville Christian Kindergarten, she said.

Bryan said she would love the opportunity to chaperone a future Youth Tour. Past winners are not eligible for the Cooke County Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Contest.

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Superintendent continues explanation of school finance bill

by Steve Cooper
MISD Superintendent

Last week I attempted to explain the minimum level of taxation established in SB 351 which is the new school finance bill for Texas. This level is often referred to as Tier 1. This tier is devoted entirely to the County Education District. They set the rate dictated by the state and they collect the

taxes to be disbursed to each component school district. In our case, the CED is composed of all schools in Cooke County.

The state has mandated a minimum of .72 tax rate for each CED. This figure is deceiving because the state requires this .72 rate to be multiplied by their estimate of what the property is

worth in a district. This figure is then used to determine how much actual tax money each CED must raise. The .72 is misleading because the value of property in the district is not as high as the state says it is (true in most CEDs). The County Appraisal District's figure (the actual amount your taxes are based on) is then multiplied by this .72 rate, the result will be less than the state figure because the local tax base is less than the state says it should be.

Example: If the state says the property in the CED is worth \$748 million and you multiply this times the .72 you get approximately \$5.3 million dollars. This is the amount the state says you have to raise. Now take the actual appraised value, according to the local appraisal district, which is approximately \$698 million, before exemptions to be voted on. If you multiply this \$698 million times the .72 you get approximately \$5.02 million which is not enough according to state requirements. So the only alternative is to raise the tax rate until this \$5.3 million figure is reached. Of course this example has not taken into account the adjustment for percentage of collections which will also raise the final rate. This minimum tax rate described above is referred to as Tier 1 in the new state

finance plan for schools.

The plan has a second level of taxation called Tier 2. This is called the local tax level because this money is not pooled but comes directly to the district. Tier 2 taxes are used to pay debt service and can also be used for enrichment. This tier is supposed to go from \$.72 to \$1.17 (a 45 cent spread). The higher the CEDs have to set the rate in Tier 1 the less a school district has to work with in Tier 2. The CED rate in Tier 1 usually is for the maintenance and operation expenses of a school district and that money is generally not used for debt service (the money a district owes for bonded indebtedness). What this means is districts may tax above and beyond the minimum rate up to \$1.17, to meet additional expenses not covered in Tier 1.

The final level of taxation in the new plan is Tier 3. This is set from \$1.17 to \$1.50 (which is the maximum amount of taxation by law). This level is to be used exclusively for local enrichment. Many districts will not participate in this level of taxation because of the high rate involved. Keep in mind also, that the rate of taxation for each of these tiers continues to escalate through 1995.

Preliminary figures, by the County Appraisal District, in-

dicates a possible tax rate for our CED to be in the vicinity of .90. The final figure will depend on the exemption vote on August 10 and the percentage of collection figure from the combined component districts. The only input Muenster will have on next year's tax rate will be how much to levy for debt service, which has been about a nickel in the past.

I think at this point and time most readers will have begun to understand the far reaching implications of the new finance bill. Perhaps the most frustrating aspect of the new bill is the virtual elimination of any local control over taxes. This is absolutely true in Tier 1 with some control in each succeeding tier, but not much. There is a lot of concern on our local board. These folks for years have insisted that Muenster ISD be very conservative in using the taxpayers' money. The efficient use of taxpayers' money has kept the tax rate in Muenster one of the lowest, if not the lowest, in the county over the years. Now the right to control your own local tax rate has been taken out of the local board's hands and predetermined in Austin by a new law that is supposed to "equalize" educational funding. This school district has consistently ranked in the top 10 to 15 percent of the schools

statewide academically (and we will continue to do so) but taking away local control is not the answer to the problem.

This new finance law is the culmination of 7 or 8 years of litigation. State inroads into local control are not something new. We have been saddled with state mandates for years with no money from Austin to implement. This will continue as we are anticipating budget concerns next year in light of classroom mandates. However, regardless of mandates, the proper and efficient use of taxpayer dollars will always be the top priority of the district. The tax rates that local districts have had some control over in years past will not be the case under the new bill. Those days are gone.

Next week I would like to answer some of the questions asked most often. For instance: What can we do? (There are some things that can be done.) and What about consolidation - Will that ever happen?

As I mentioned in last week's article, I would be happy to discuss this with anyone at anytime. Also I encourage you to talk to your representatives in Austin. Their addresses and phone numbers were in last week's article.

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July 3-4 - 4th of July Celebration, Ozona. Ozona celebrates the Crockett County Centennial from July 1-7, however, 4th of July fun festivities kick off Wednesday evening with heaping bowls of ice cream and a hilarious male bathing beauty contest at the rodeo arena. Don't miss old-fashioned fun on Thursday in the historic town square with a morning parade, arts and crafts, foods, games and a variety of contests for all ages. Apple pie-baking, beard-growing, husband-calling and pet contests, stick horse races, fireworks display and a family street dance are sure to disturb the Ozona! Contact Nancy Moore with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1135, Ozona 76943 (915/392-3737).

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Texas dairy industry is big business

by Craig Rosenbaum
County Extension Agent

Texas now ranks sixth in the nation in dairy production and has about 387,000 head of dairy cows which produced 5,501,427,212 pounds of milk in 1990. This is 14,215 pounds per cow per year and is more than double the production of 20 years ago.

The price paid to Texas dairy farmers in Zone 1 for 1990 was \$14.50 per hundred pounds of milk, although present milk price is only \$11.59. Total milk sales plus dairy cows marketed as beef, generated \$866 million in gross returns to the state's 2100 dairy farmers, which ranks third in the agriculture of Texas. While most of the milk in the other major dairy states goes into cheese production, more than 50 percent of the milk produced in Texas is marketed as fluid milk, which in part, accounts for the favorable return to the state's dairymen for 1990.

Cooke County has 62 producers which produced 98,042,155 pounds of milk for 1990. At a price of \$14.50 per hundred pounds, this amounts to approximately \$14 million income in milk sales alone for the dairymen of our county.

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tons of hay per acre with 19 percent crude protein and 86 percent leaves. At the same time, coastal bermuda cut every 12 weeks yielded 11.6 tons per acre but crude protein dropped to 9.7 percent and leaf percentage declined to 51 percent.

Regarding coastal bermuda hay, the first two cuttings in May to early June usually produce the best protein level.

Producers should pay close attention to the fertility level of their pastures for top quality hay production.

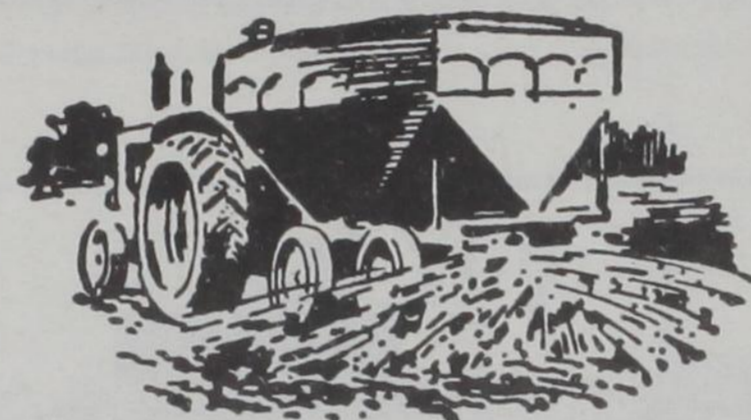
Research by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has shown that one ton of forage from nearly any grass requires about 50 pounds of nitrogen, 12 to 15 pounds of phosphorus and 40 pounds of potassium.

Nitrogen is the key element and can produce noticeable variations in yield and protein content of coastal bermuda.



ANDY SERNA at planting time. *Janie Hartman Photo*

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REGI BAYER works his field east of Muenster in preparation for planting.

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Just a farmer?

By definition a farmer is someone who earns his living by farming; to farm, says Webster, is to raise crops or livestock especially for a living. A simple explanation for a vocation. So simple that it doesn't nearly encompass all of the qualities and skills needed to produce crops and raise quality livestock.

Among some of the necessary skills that come to mind are nutritionist, veterinarian, chemist, accountant, geneticist, welder, mechanic, conservationist, researcher.

Though his hands might be calloused and hard from manual labor, be assured that he is a man with a quick mind, a resilient spirit, and enough faith to keep

going when everything seems to be against him.

Because he derives his living from the earth, he must depend on a temperamental Mother Nature for assistance. An early freeze; a rain too late, too heavy or too early can make or ruin a crop.

Many a farmer has invested seed, fertilizer, and labor into a crop, watched it sprout, grow and ripen only to see it destroyed by hail, wind or rain before he can harvest it.

As a businessman, a farmer must, at times, perform miracles. Often a farm family must budget a whole year on what is earned in a season. Weekly paychecks are an unknown luxury.

This and the unpredictable

grain and cattle markets are some of the reasons that many farmers must have another job on the side or a spouse who works outside the home.

The work is often hard and must go on in rain or shine and in freezing cold and extreme heat. Despite the hardships, there are many joys.

Colorful sunrises and sunsets, bird songs, and changing seasons give the farmer a variety of scenery. The swell of pride felt as perky, newborn calves hit the ground and grow in size and strength. Pleasure at a crop harvested, or rain in the heat of August. Selling grain or livestock when the price is good - especially if it drops the next day. Planting

straight crop rows that grow lush and green; having greener pastures than the neighbor. Knowing he's made wise, management decisions.

All of these are a few of the joys of farming. They help to offset getting out of a warm bed at 2 a.m. on a bitter cold winter night to make sure the cows, ewes, or sows aren't having trouble bringing their baby into the world.

Farmers like to gripe about the government and politicians, prices in the grocery store, and the weather. But most are honest, hard-working, good-hearted people who make good friends and neighbors and whom we all depend on for the food that feeds the nation.

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Modern hog operation proves to be family affair

by Janet Felderhoff
 JD Ranch of Muenster probably has one of the most efficient hog operations in the area. The "Hog Farm" as the Dangelmayr brothers call it is a compact grouping of grain tanks, pens, a farrowing barn and nursery, grower barn, finisher barns, and breeding barn.

Bill, Paul and Joe Dangelmayr are working partners in the operation and their sister, Betty Flusche, is a part owner, also working at the hog farm are Chris Dangelmayr, son of Paul and Patsy Dangelmayr, and Tom Dangelmayr, son of Bill and Charlotte Dangelmayr. The hog farm was built about 10 years ago on land south of Muenster that is located so that wind won't carry the smell to any nearby homes.

"We've been doing it (raising hogs) all our life," said Paul. "It goes way back, Grandpa raised hogs and Dad raised hogs," added Joe. "We all raised hogs at home and decided to raise hogs together since we each couldn't afford all of these barns." The plan didn't completely work though. Paul remarked that they all still raise hogs at home, "Now we just raise more hogs."

JD Ranch raises grain and raising hogs for market is also an excellent way to market their grain. When interviewed the men were in the middle of grain harvest and stated that they weren't selling the grain but storing it to make hog feed. They also have to purchase some grain during the year. With grain prices down and the hog prices up you can make a little money in the hog business now

they concluded. Their hogs are fed a mixture of 40 percent wheat and 60 percent milo that is rolled with a roller mill, along with the correct calibration of supplement. Only the pigs in the nursery are fed pig pellets. The automatic grinding system was added later when it became more economical to grind their own feed instead of having it brought out from town.

In about 1982 when the brothers began their endeavor in a joint hog farm they put up a tank, determined which way everything should lay to provide the best drainage, and built some pens. When it was determined that they definitely wanted to continue the operation, they decided to "do it right" and built a finishing barn and farrowing barn. "One project followed another to make it all work right," said Paul.

Dangelmayrs built most of the buildings themselves, using tin and lumber from old barns. The roofs were all new as was some of the equipment such as the automatic grinder. When possible they purchased what was needed from operations that were going out of business.

From the time the pigs are born until they go to market, about six months later, the JD Ranch hogs rarely, if ever, get their feet on the ground. The floors of the barn are made of cement, cement slates, or plastic coated mesh wire. "They don't know what to think when their feet touch ground," said Joe. In the gestation pasture the sows are on the ground, but seem to like the farrowing house best.

When it is their turn to be taken

from the gestation pasture into the farrowing barn, the sows walk right into the first farrowing crate that is open. The sows spend the next five to six weeks here where her pigs are born and will stay until they are taken to the nursery to be weaned. Each crate has its own feeder and nipple waterer.

The farrowing crate has bars that help to separate the sow from the pigs. "Pigs are less likely to be laid on by the sow when kept in a farrowing crate because the sow will lay down more straight," commented Bill. The sow and pigs stand on a plastic coated metal floor with small open slots. More even temperatures are attained on the floor by this method. Uncoated metal gets cold in winter and hot in summer.

Another plus in the farrowing crate is heating mats on each side of the crate for the pigs to lay on. They work well because baby pigs need to be kept at temperatures between 90 and 95 degrees while the sows prefer 65 degrees. The little pigs will nurse the sow and then go back to the heating mat. "They're like a little baby - you've got to take care of them and keep them warm," Bill remarked.

In the summertime there are water coolers in the farrowing house and nursery to blow cool air. "All that they have to have is a little humidity in the air; they don't need refrigerated cooling," Paul advised. An airduct system was installed to change air in the

barns every 10 minutes. The fans run every two out of ten minutes to change the air and keep the pigs healthier, said Bill.

"The nursery is where all the action takes place," acknowledges Joe. "That's where you have to be on your toes, be careful, and know what's what. The nursery is the trick. You do your homework on the nursery every day." Heat lamps keep the temperature at 85 degrees during cooler months. "Once they come out of the nursery you've pretty well got it made," speculated Paul. "When they're in the farrowing house or nursery you've got to watch them. They're little bitty babies yet." It would be easier if they could be left on the sow longer but that would put the rotation system out of kilter.

The final step before being sold at market is the finishing barn. Here the hogs are fed a ration with 13 1/2 percent protein until they reach a size suitable for processing. H & W Meat Co. purchases the JD Ranch hogs on a regular basis and Fischer's Meat Market gets some. The others are sold at the

ready to go into a section another group has to be ready to come out to make room.

Ideally there are 10 sows put into the farrowing house every two weeks and at the same time pigs are weaned from 10 sows. An average litter has between 12 and 16 pigs, but they may not all survive. The weaned pigs are kept in the nursery for four weeks where they can be easily watched and given medicated feed and water as needed. After four weeks the pigs move on to the grower barn.

"The reason that we wean at five weeks is to get more litters per year," said Paul. "It all works in a system." When one group is

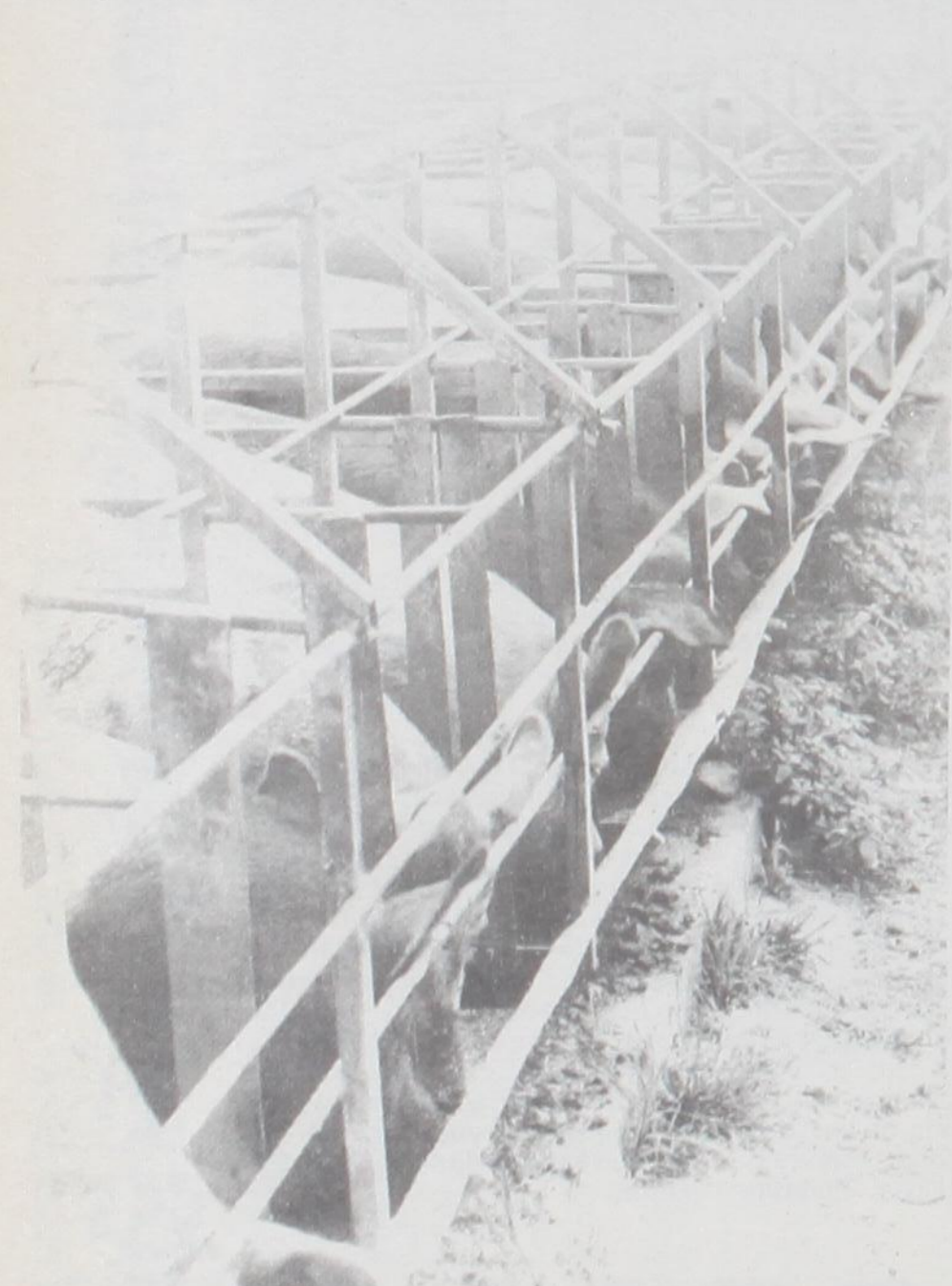
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Hay weathering losses discussed

by Craig Rosenbaum
 County Extension Agent
 With the hay making season in full swing, producers need to give serious thought about storing bales properly, particularly the large round bales. Failure to do so can result in sizeable losses to weathering.

Many producers are turning to large round bales due to labor savings, but often they do not store bales properly and thereby save labor at the expense of hay quality.

A demonstration conducted by the Extension Service in South Texas was aimed at studying weathering losses. Sorghum sudangrass hay was stored by five different methods: in the barn; uncovered, outside on the ground; uncovered, outside on a pallet off the ground; covered with plastic outside on the ground; and covered with plastic and stored on a pallet off the ground.

The hay was stored from July until January during which time about 20 inches of rain fell. Weathered parts were removed and weighed to determine losses, and samples of both weathered and unweathered hay were checked for quality. Bales averaged 1575 pounds at harvest and 1400 pounds at feeding.

The storage method greatly influenced the amount of hay weathered. Largest losses were in bales stored on top of the ground because the hay acted as a wick and soaked up moisture from the ground. Uncovered bales on the ground lost 220 pounds on the average (16 percent of their weight) while uncovered bales on the ground lost 110 pounds. Those that were uncovered but stored on pallets off the ground lost 80 pounds on the average while covered bales on pallets lost only 35 pounds.

Although the interior of

outside-stored bales was comparable in quality to hay stored indoors, feed value of hay that was weathered on top, sides and particularly bottom of the bales was reduced sharply. Energy content of this weathered hay was reduced by 50 percent of the energy in the unweathered hay. These losses will be greater in loosely baled hay.

The biggest savings comes from storing hay off the ground. Old truck tires, pallets and similar items work well for this purpose. As far as covering hay outdoors is concerned, the cost of a plastic covering will likely be equal to or greater than the value of the hay saved.

The following is recommended to minimize outside storage losses to hay: Store hay in a well drained site and off the ground if possible, store to allow air movement around bales, align rows with flat areas facing north and south for more rapid drying after rain, and avoid storing all hay in one place to decrease fire risks.

Producers can estimate storage losses by selecting either weighing weathered and unweathered hay at feeding, or by estimating loss by calculating average depth of weathering on the round bale.

To estimate storage loss by weighing, select and weigh sample round bales prior to feeding, then strip off and weigh weathered hay. Percent loss is calculated by dividing weathered hay weight by total bale weight and multiplying by 100. For example a bale weighing 1150 pounds had 250 pounds of weathered hay stripped off prior to feeding. Percent loss is as follows: % loss = 250/1150 x 100 = 21.7%.

Another method of estimating percent loss is by using the calculated hay losses based on the average amount of weathering on 6-foot diameter, 1200 pound round bale.

ESTIMATED WEATHERING		HAY LOSSES	
Inches	%	Pounds	Square of hay bales
0.9	5	60	1
1.9	10	120	2
2.8	15	180	3
3.8	20	240	4
4.8	25	300	5

A producer can also estimate the amount of hay loss by measuring the diameter of the round bale, estimating the average amount of weathering in inches, and using the following table:

Calculated percent loss per inch of weathering in a round bale.

Diameter of bale (feet)	% hay loss/inch weathering
4	6.2
4.5	7.3
5	6.6
5.5	6.0
6	5.5
6.5	5.1



GENE SICKING round bales hay near his home, a bumper crop because of the spring weather. Janet Hartman Photo

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Prevent haymaking losses, follow these tips

by Craig Rosenbaum
Cooke County Extension Agent

A four-to-five-week cutting cycle will produce plenty of good quality hay.

Once the hay crop is cut, delayed drying results in reduced feed value and hay volume because of plant respiration, leaf shattering and leaching.

Although the plant is cut, respiration continues until the plant's moisture content drops below 35 percent. This respiration decreases feed value. Respiration losses are slight with optimum drying conditions, but can amount to 16 percent of the crop when drying conditions are poor. Mechanical crushing of stems speeds up drying and helps reduce losses.

Leaf shattering is most serious with legumes, but also occurs in grasses. In legumes losses can total 20 percent of dry matter and up to 11 percent protein. Raking hay in to windows while moisture is at or above 40 percent will reduce shattering losses.

Rain causes leaching losses - losses of water soluble nutrients. Rewetting of cut hay also favors micro-organism development which can cause additional losses.

While rainfall is a hazard for cut hay, continued exposure to bright sunlight also is a problem

because it reduces carotene levels and results in bleaching.

To reduce environmental related losses, bale hay as soon as it's cured. Continued exposure can only result in loss of feed value.

Baling losses occur in every haying operation. Some hay is left on the ground regardless of the condition of the hay or baler. Operators should strive to keep these losses to a minimum. Losses are the least when operating the baler at optimum speed with a full window.

Losses in feed value and production of hay can be minimized by cutting during the vegetative stage of growth, drying rapidly without rewetting, and baling as rapidly as curing is accomplished.

The shorter the time from cutting until storage, the less the loss of feed value and volume.



JERRY WALTERSCHEID rakes grass-cut hay in preparation for baling. Janie Hartman Photo



MIKE DANGELMAYR stacks hay on the trailer as it pops out of the baler. Janie Hartman Photo

Timing is important for quality hay

by Craig Rosenbaum
County Extension Agent

As producers start to think about their first cutting of hay, they need to give major consideration to timing.

The key point in producing top quality hay from the first cutting as well as subsequent cuttings is timing. This means cutting the plant at the stage of development when it is high in protein and digestibility - when it has a lot of leaves.


All grasses and legumes will be high in protein and digestibility until seedheads begin to form. At that point, the plant quits making new leaves and begins a fiber buildup which reduces both digestibility and percent of crude protein.

For example, studies have shown that coastal bermuda cut at a three-week interval produced 9.7 Please See TIMING, Page 16



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auction in either Muenster or Gainesville depending on where the prices are best.

"Fischer's and H & W would take most all of them when we first started, but after we got a better nursery and all it's getting bigger with more hogs, they can't handle them all," Joe commented.

The floor of the finishing barn consists of cement slates. It is built over an 11' x 14' pit that catches all of the waste products. The system works much like a septic tank system. "Waste water comes off the pits like in a septic system and the solids stay in the tank while the water goes into a lagoon to be pumped out onto bermuda

grass and fields," explained Bill. Joe observed, "Pigs are smart, they come down to the end to make their mess and keep the end where they eat clean." Pigs are also clean animals despite the smell of the manure. They will only drink clean water and don't want wet feed.

"It took a long time to build that one," Paul said of the finishing barn. "Each cement slat is 11½ feet long and we made

about 12 at a time." "I'm proudest of the finishing barn," said Joe. "There is hardly any labor involved between the pits and the automatic feeding system. You just keep the tanks filled. This is the part we like, when you get them here you've just about finished."

Besides weaning pigs every two weeks no matter what, there is the daily chore of checking them and feeding twice each day. And of

course occasionally the pigs have to be worked. This activity usually involves every available person in the family. "When we say let's work pigs, everybody just scatters," laughed Joe. "But when we get everybody corralled, we start one morning and go until we're finished."

"It's a messy job that we put off until we get a little spare time," said Joe and Paul. "We can probably

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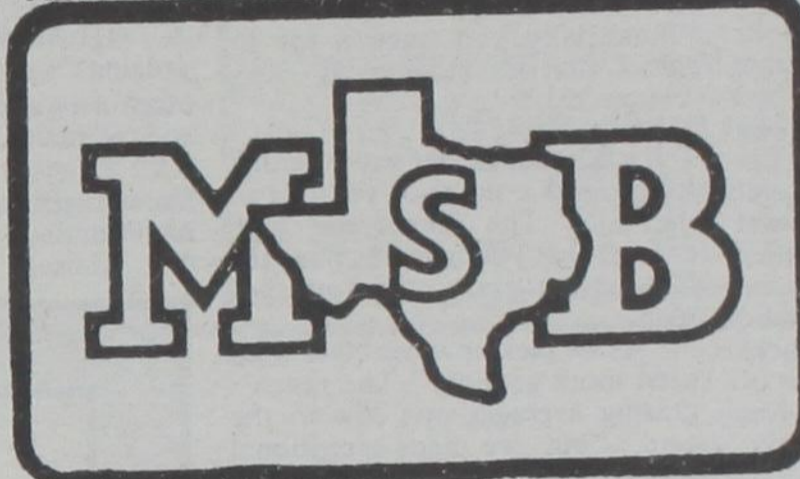
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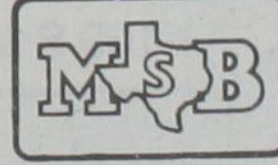
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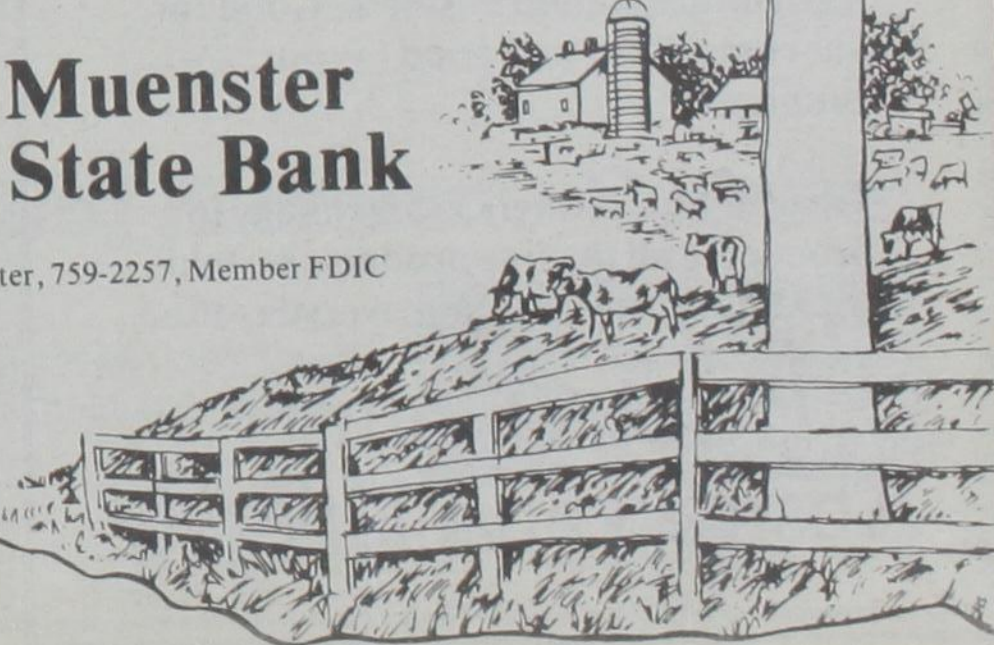
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Control grazing is effective tool for Fish Creek Ranch

by Janie Hartman

Controlled, rotational grazing has been practiced for many years. Interest has been increasing with more cattlemen adapting to some form of rotation grouping.

Larry Wassell and Tim Bartel started control grazing 18 months ago at the Fish Creek Beefmaster Ranch. The ranch, owned by Wassell and his wife Nancy of Grapevine, is located approximately seven miles north of Muenster on the old Bob Davis place. Bartel is the ranch manager.

The 230-acre ranch is all pasture land with a wide assortment of grasses. Native grasses, including old bluestem, cover the hillside. Bartel uses this area for winter grazing.

Coastal bermuda, clover mix and klein grass cover the bottom pastures. Bartel said he started the control rotation grazing program to improve the pastures. "You get more from your pasture," said Bartel. "It controls, not overgrazes; you get the most out of the grass, it eliminates spot grazing and it helps control weeds."

Wassell divided his bottom land pasture into 14 cells or paddocks of six to 10 acres each. Groups of 30 mother cows, a bull and calves are rotated every two to five days, depending on the growing season. "We graze our mother cows first, then follow with the dry," said Bartel. "The cattle are returned to each cell after 21-25 days, when coastal reaches its peak in nutrition."

Fish Creek Ranch also bales

several paddocks. The klein grass was cut and baled, should be baled again, then will go into the grazing program. Half of the coastal bermuda was cut for hay, also regrowing for a second cutting. "This spring we had an exceptional crop of clover to rotate as a second grass," commented Bartel. Clover also puts nitrogen back into the ground.

Full rotation grazing is also used. Wheat or oats is tilled into the grass with the time in the cells shortened.

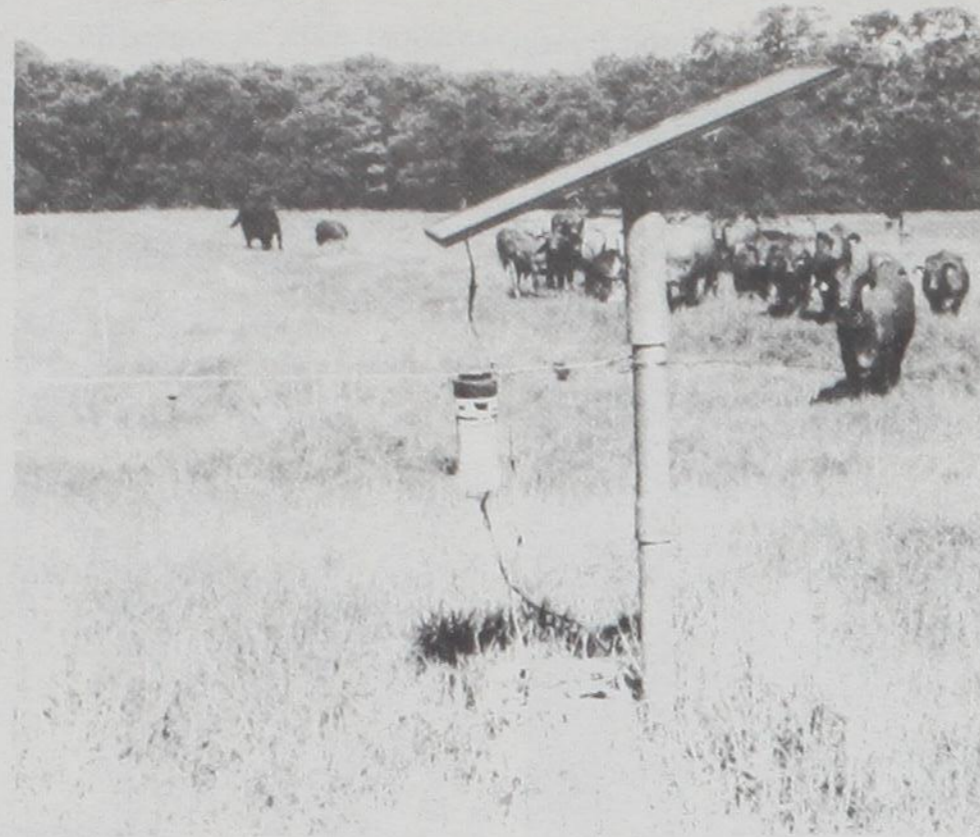
The fencing for the control grazing includes a 6-wire barb fence on the outside perimeter. Cross fencing is a 12 or 14 gauge aluminum electric wire, one strain of wire only. "Cows respect the wire, some don't stay hot and they still stay clear," Bartel said. "Financially you have a lot to gain, electric fencing is very economical."

Each paddock has water, either splitting of a pond or sections of the lake. The fences are high enough that young calves have the freedom to graze wherever they wish.

"As we pick up more cows we'll need more grazing." The ranch's grazing averages one cow to the acre, "but we had exceptional weather this spring," said Bartel.

Wassell said if the cattle were "free grazing" it would take two acres per cow. "Control grazing increases the number of head approximately 50 percent."

"A grazing cell is nothing more than a piece of machinery. That



A SOLAR-POWERED FENCE CHARGER divides pastures for grazing. Janie Hartman Photo

machinery allows the grazer stock and other control," commented R.L. Dalrymple, forage and crop management specialist of the Noble Foundation. "That stock control causes plant and other

responses. And those responses cause stock responses and still other responses. There aren't any miracles. The grazing cell didn't do it, but it allowed it to be done!"

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HOGS

work a pig in 10 seconds if its there," figured Paul. "We work fast and don't waste any time."

By unanimous agreement there aren't many visitors in the areas where the pigs are housed. This is done in an effort to control the spread of disease from or to someone else's hog operation. "If you get a disease you've just about got to fold up and start over," they said. "When you get them (pigs) confined you have to be very conscious of this."

"Personally if I wouldn't have been around hogs when I was younger and know a little bit about them I don't think that I'd have ever gone into it," remarked Joe of the hog business. "It's a lot of work, I guarantee," said Bill. It's very labor intensive and it doesn't happen itself was the general consensus.

On the positive side it provides a market for the grain raised by the farming operation and provides a more constant cash flow. Crops and cattle are usually only sold at certain times of the year instead of twice a month.

What to do with wheat residue

by Craig Rosenbaum
County Extension Agent

Farmers need to consider what to do with crop residue as they wrap up their wheat harvest.

Among crop residue management options are burning, clean tillage, conservation tillage and chemical fallow.

Burning of wheat stubble is the least desirable option because it leaves the land unprotected and subject to erosion. It also prevents the opportunity to add organic matter to the soil and destroys important plant nutrients, including nitrogen and sulfur, which could help succeeding crops.

Clean tillage involves burying most of the wheat straw, leaving the surface virtually barren of any crop residues. Use of a moldboard or disk plow can reduce surface residue levels as much as 90 percent. Each disking operation with a disk harrow may cover about 50 percent of the surface residue. So two or three diskings will leave little crop residue on the soil surface.

Conservation tillage will maintain desirable levels of wheat straw on the surface after tillage.

Research at Bushland (in the Texas Panhandle) has shown that wide-blade sweeps or rod weeders reduce surface residues by about 10 percent in each tillage operation. Other implements such as chisel plows, subsoilers or sweep cultivators bury about 25 percent of the wheat stubble in each tillage operation. Some producers are using herbicides to complement weed control efforts in these operations.

Chemical fallow, or use of herbicides to control weeds and grasses between crops, is another alternative for managing wheat residue. This practice can eliminate, or at least reduce, tillage operations. If tillage is necessary to supplement weed control offered by herbicides, farmers should consider using wide-blade sweeps or rod weeders.

Each of these crop residue management options has advantages and disadvantages. The option farmers select will be affected by a number of production conditions, including the amount of wheat stubble, perennial weeds, compaction pans in the soil, type

of tillage and planting equipment available, and cost of herbicides.

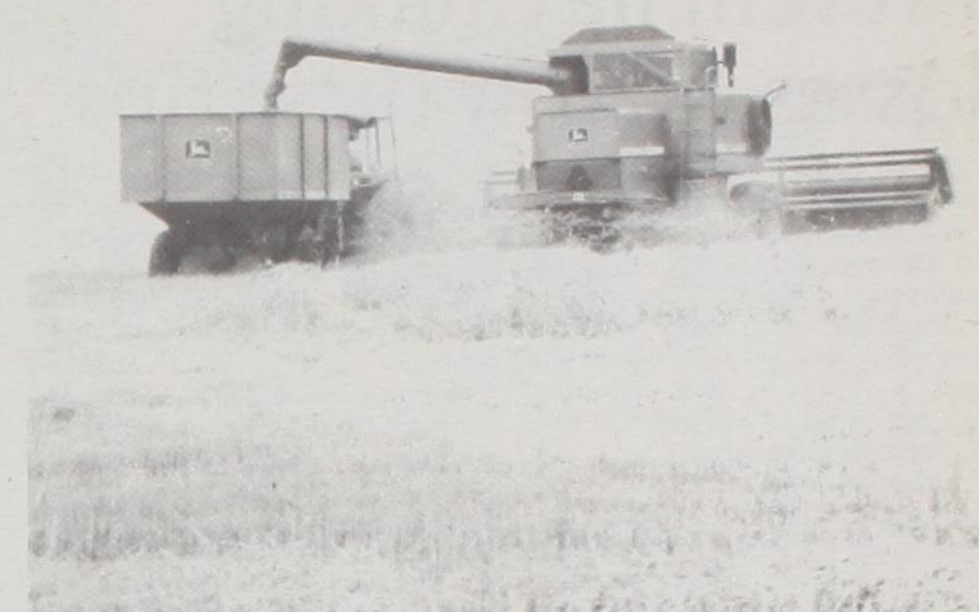
Clean tillage, using the moldboard plow or disk harrow, may lend itself to conditions where wheat has produced a large volume of residue, where perennial weeds are a problem, or where compaction pans are present in soils.

Conservation tillage and chemical fallow systems offer a number of advantages. Such operations keep wheat stubble on the surface to increase moisture storage, reduce soil erosion and aid weed control. Additionally, conservation tillage systems can conserve energy, reduce labor and lessen the wear on equipment through reduced usage. Also, less tillage helps avoid soil compaction problems and deterioration of soil tilth.

However, conservation tillage also has some drawbacks. These include the inability to deep till to break deep compaction pans and the inability to cover heavy residue. Also, herbicides may be needed to help control some weeds.

If large amounts of wheat residue are present at planting, no-till drills or other special planting equipment may be required. Weed control with a no-till, total chemical system may be relatively costly.

Regardless of the residue management system selected, use only those tillage operations that are essential to produce a good crop. Reducing the number of tillage operations can reduce fuel, labor and equipment costs.



TOM HARTMAN unloads wheat into the grain cart, during the recent harvest. Janie Hartman Photo

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Cattle feeders urged to cut losses with checkup

Cattle feeders who bring new young animals into their operation should check the animals for sickness at least twice a day. Finding sickness early is a key to cutting death losses, says Peter Anderson, University of Minnesota extension beef scientist.

"Watch cattle for loss of appetite," says Anderson. "Sick calves will stand apart and will not approach the feedbunk. Also, watch for increased water consumption, which is a sign of fever. Reduced water consumption may signal some other problem."

Anderson says other signs of a sick animal are drooping ears; lowered head; slow movement; knuckling over of fetlocks; dry, red nose, nasal discharge, and increased respiratory rate or heavy breathing.

He recommends removing sick animals from the feedlot immediately for isolation and treatment.

"A predetermined plan to deal

with sick calves should be in place, and all feedlot employees or involved family members should be familiar with it," says Anderson.

He suggests the following procedures and considerations for inclusion in such a plan:

*Record rectal temperature. Treat and isolate calves with a temperature of 104 degrees F. or more.

*Follow label directions when using a medication or treatment.

*Switch antibiotics if the animal doesn't improve within 48 hours.

*Treat a sick animal for at least three, but not more than nine days.

*Don't put an animal back into the feedlot until its temperature and feed intake are normal for at least 24 hours.

*Consider a vitamin B-12 injection for cattle with poor feed intake for seven days or more.

*Consider mass medication of all calves if the sickness rate is high.



TWO PIGLETS snooze after finishing their lunch in the farrowing barn at J.D. Ranch's hog farm south of Muenster.

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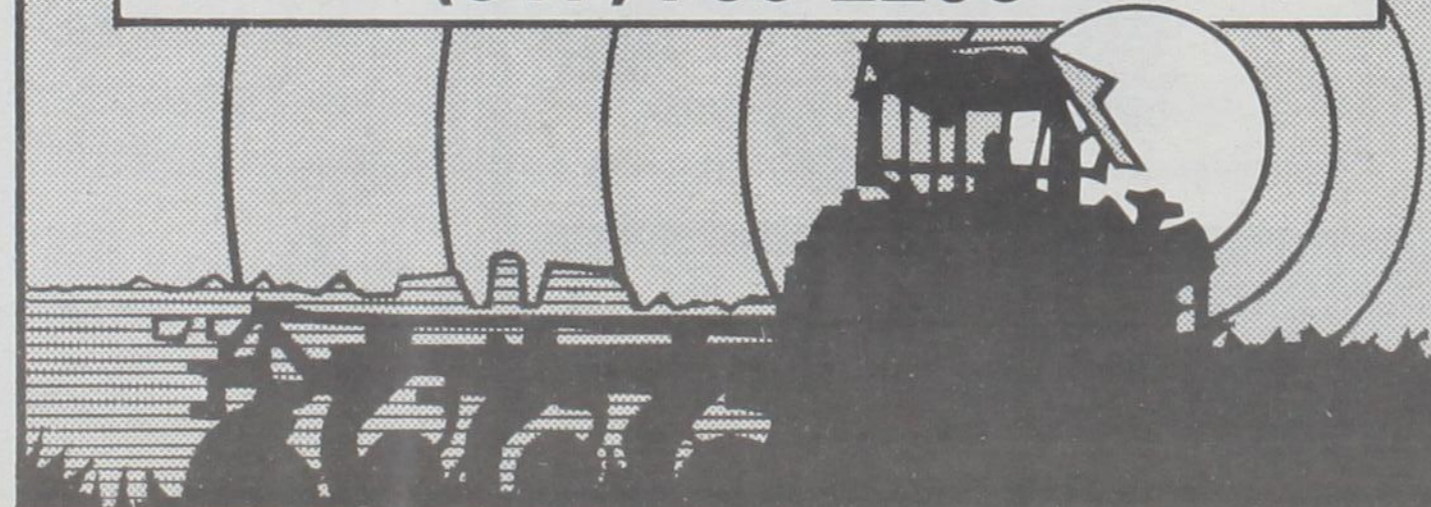
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Livestock need access to safe, abundant water

by Craig Rosenbaum
County Extension Agent

If livestock do not have daily access to adequate amounts of safe water their intake of feed, including roughages and concentrates, will be reduced, production will be lowered and the owner will suffer an economic loss.

Safe supplies of water are essential for livestock, as water makes up from 60 to 70 percent of an animal's weight.

Consumption of water is more important for livestock species than their eating food nutrients. The amount of liquid needed depends on the weather and the type of food an animal consumes.

Stress may occur if an animal is deprived of the opportunity to drink sufficient water. Dehydration also may result.

Dry cows require from 8 to 10 gallons of water daily, while cows in their last months of pregnancy will require about 15 gallons. Cows in milk need about 5 times as much water as the volume of milk they produce. Calves require much more water after weaning than before, as they seek to compensate for the milk they no longer receive.

Livestock may have health problems if they have access only to substandard water, caution Dr. F.C. "Buddy" Faries, Jr., and Extension Service veterinarian; Dr. John C. Reagor, head of diagnostic toxicology with the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory; and Dr. John M. Sweeten, Extension Service agricultural engineering program leader.

They said poor acceptance of the low quality water may mean less water intake by livestock. If the animals have access only to water containing mineral or organic contaminants, this may be a clue to the causes of substandard performance and nonspecific disease conditions.

Producers need to evaluate the quality of water for livestock and determine whether performance of livestock will be affected, if water could serve as a carrier to spread disease, or if acceptability or safety of animal products for human consumption will be affected.

Water quality problems most common that affect livestock production are high concentration of minerals (excess salinity), high nitrogen content (nitrates, nitrites), bacterial contamination, heavy growths of blue-green algae and accidental spills of petroleum, pesticides and fertilizers.

Elements found in water that seldom offer problems to livestock because they do not occur at high levels in soluble form, or because they are toxic only in excessive concentrations, are iron, copper, cobalt, zinc, iodine and manganese.

These elements do not appear to accumulate in meat or milk to the extent that they would cause a problem, according to Faries, Reagor and Sweeten.



CATTLE enjoy a dip in the stock pond.

Janie Hartman Photo

Sorghum producers to elect Texas directors

Texas sorghum producers will vote by mail later this summer to elect directors to fill five seats on the 15-member Texas Grain Sorghum Board (TGSB). Elections will be held in four of the five TGSB districts this year. Directors will be elected to represent producers in the Panhandle, West Texas, South Texas, and Upper Coast districts.

TGSB administers the funds collected by the statewide assessment on grain sorghum. The assessment is collected on a refund-only basis and is used to fund programs of research, disease and insect control, education and promotion.

Those eligible to vote are persons who are subject to the assessment collected by TGSB, including producers of grain sorghum and owners of land on which grain sorghum is grown. Any eligible voter may be nominated for a seat on the board.

Nomination forms are available from the TGSB office at P.O. Box 560, Abernathy, Texas 79311. The forms must be signed by the nominee and ten eligible voters and returned to the TGSB office

619,000 goats, sheep, lambs lost to coyotes

U.S. sheep and goat producers suffered an estimated loss of \$27.4 million in 1990 because of predators, according to a report by the USDA.

The report estimates a total of 490,000 sheep and lambs were lost in 1990 due to predation. Coyotes were responsible for nearly 64 percent of the total losses. Coyotes were also the most significant predator of goats. An estimated 129,000 goats were lost to predation.

"The Animal Damage Control program of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service contracted the National Agricultural Statistics Service to conduct a national survey," said James W. Glosser, administrator of APHIS.

Copies of the report are available for \$5. Call 1-800-999-6779 or write P.O. Box 1608, Rockville, Md. 20849-1608.

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TGSB will provide ballots to eligible voters prior to the election. Ballots will also be available at county extension office and at grain elevators. Ballots must be mailed to the TGSB office by September 10, 1991.

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A. CROPS HARVESTED AND SOLD IN 1990

CROP	ACRES HARVESTED FOR SALE	AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE	TOTAL QUANTITY SOLD	AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED	TOTAL VALUE OF SALES 1990	TOTAL VALUE OF SALES 1989	CHANGE FROM 1989
GRAINS							
Corn (bu.)	1,000	50.00	50,000	\$2.25	\$112,500	\$189,000	(\$76,500)
Oats (bu.)	10,000	45.00	450,000	\$1.80	\$810,000	\$525,000	\$285,000
Sorghum (cwt)	25,000	35.00	875,000	\$4.00	\$3,500,000	\$2,960,000	\$540,000
Soybean (bu.)	1,000	15.00	15,000	\$6.00	\$90,000	\$81,000	\$9,000
Wheat (bu.)	25,000	15.00	375,000	\$3.00	\$1,125,000	\$732,600	\$392,400
Barley (bu.)	0	0.00	0	\$0.00	\$50,000	\$166,250	(\$116,250)
FRUITS & VEGETABLES							
Melons (lbs.)	400	2,000.00	800,000	\$0.06	\$48,000	\$0	\$48,000
Peanuts (tons)	600	0.50	300	\$800.00	\$240,000	\$180,000	\$60,000
Pecans	0	0.00	0	\$0.00	\$5,000	\$50,000	(\$45,000)
Horticultural Crops	0	0.00	0	\$0.00	\$10,000	\$15,000	(\$5,000)
FEED, SEED & FORAGE							
Hay (tons)	45,000	2.00	90,000	\$50.00	\$4,500,000	\$3,600,000	\$900,000
Alfalfa (tons)	500	3.00	1,500	\$90.00	\$135,000	\$157,500	(\$22,500)
Sprigs (bu.)	40	200.00	8,000	\$1.35	\$10,800	\$20,250	(\$9,450)
Legume Seed (lbs.)	0	0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0	\$20,000	(\$20,000)
Grass Seed	0	0.00	0	\$0.00	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000
Silage (tons)	5,000	4.50	22,500	\$15.00	\$337,500	\$240,000	\$97,500
Wheat Straw	0	0.00	0	\$0.00	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
OTHERS							
Nurseries	0	0.00	0	\$0.00	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
Firewood	0	0.00	0	\$0.00	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL					\$11,628,800	\$9,236,600	\$2,392,200

B. 1990 SALES OF LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

LIVESTOCK OR LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	TOTAL UNITS SOLD	AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED	TOTAL VALUE OF SALES 1990	TOTAL VALUE OF SALES 1989	CHANGE FROM 1989
CATTLE - SLAUGHTER (hd.)	20,000	\$460.00	\$9,200,000	\$11,500,000	(\$2,300,000)
Calves - Beef (hd.)	70,000	\$425.00	\$29,750,000	\$27,625,000	\$2,125,000
Calves - Dairy (hd.)	5,000	\$110.00	\$550,000	\$495,000	\$55,000
Stocker Cattle (Value Added)	15,000	\$93.50	\$1,402,500	\$2,175,000	(\$772,500)
Breeder Cattle - Dairy & Beef	3,000	\$850.00	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000	\$0
Hogs (hd.)	6,000	\$100.00	\$600,000	\$405,000	\$195,000
Feeder Pigs (hd.)	1,200	\$35.00	\$42,000	\$26,250	\$15,750
Sheep & Lamb (hd.)	3,000	\$45.00	\$135,000	\$225,000	(\$90,000)
Goats (hd.)	1,200	\$40.00	\$48,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
Horses (hd.)	2,007	\$2,860.00	\$5,752,062	\$375,000	\$5,377,062
Stud Fees	630	\$1,750.00	\$1,102,500	\$250,000	\$852,500
Milk (cwt)	979,532	\$14.60	\$14,301,167	\$13,043,843	\$1,257,324
Honey (lbs.)	2,000	\$1.00	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
SPECIALTIES					
Fish	0	\$0.00	\$5,000	\$10,000	(\$5,000)
Wool (lbs.)	15,000	\$0.65	\$9,750	\$13,500	(\$3,750)
Recreational Leases (Deer, Fish, etc.)	0	\$0.00	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL			\$65,551,979	\$58,771,593	\$6,780,386

C. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS TO FARMERS IN 1990

AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION PROGRAM	TOTAL PAYMENTS 1990	TOTAL PAYMENTS 1989	CHANGE FROM 1989
FEED GRAIN PROGRAM	\$78,000	\$110,000	(\$32,000)
WOOL INCENTIVE	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$100,000
WHEAT CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$2,500
DAIRY TERMINATION & DISASTER PAYMENTS	\$1,180,000	\$1,000,000	\$180,000
TOTAL	\$726,000	\$1,056,000	(\$330,000)

D. TOTAL CASH FARM INCOME (A + B + C)

1990	1989	CHANGE FROM 1989
\$79,578,329	\$70,478,193	\$9,100,136

Uniform stock sought by buyers

by Janet Felderhoff

Bill Hamer, owner of Muenster Livestock Auction, has an inside track on what cattle buyers look for in the cattle they purchase for feedlots. He buys cattle for other people to put in feed lots; talks to buyers in other feed lots and is knowledgeable about what the packers want.

"Exotic cross cattle that are not excessively fat such as Limousin, Simmental, and Main Anju are what the buyers prefer now," said Hamer. "They don't develop so much fat. They're a leaner beef."

Also Hamer explained that buyers like to buy groups of cattle that are uniform in size because of box beef. Beef cuts need to be uniform in size to pack well in the boxes that processors sell to the retail stores. "We try to sort cattle into groups of five to ten so they will bring more money," remarked Hamer. "We do this with livestock sold at Muenster Livestock. If cattle are marketed properly they will bring more money."

A local cattleman recently predicted that box beef will eventually change the beef industry by causing a further need for consistency in the size of cattle. There will be a larger demand for cattle of similar weight, frame size, genetic make-up and age. "To meet this need cattle raisers will be forced to breed for herds that are more equal in size not only to herd mates, but even to the neighbor's herd," he commented.

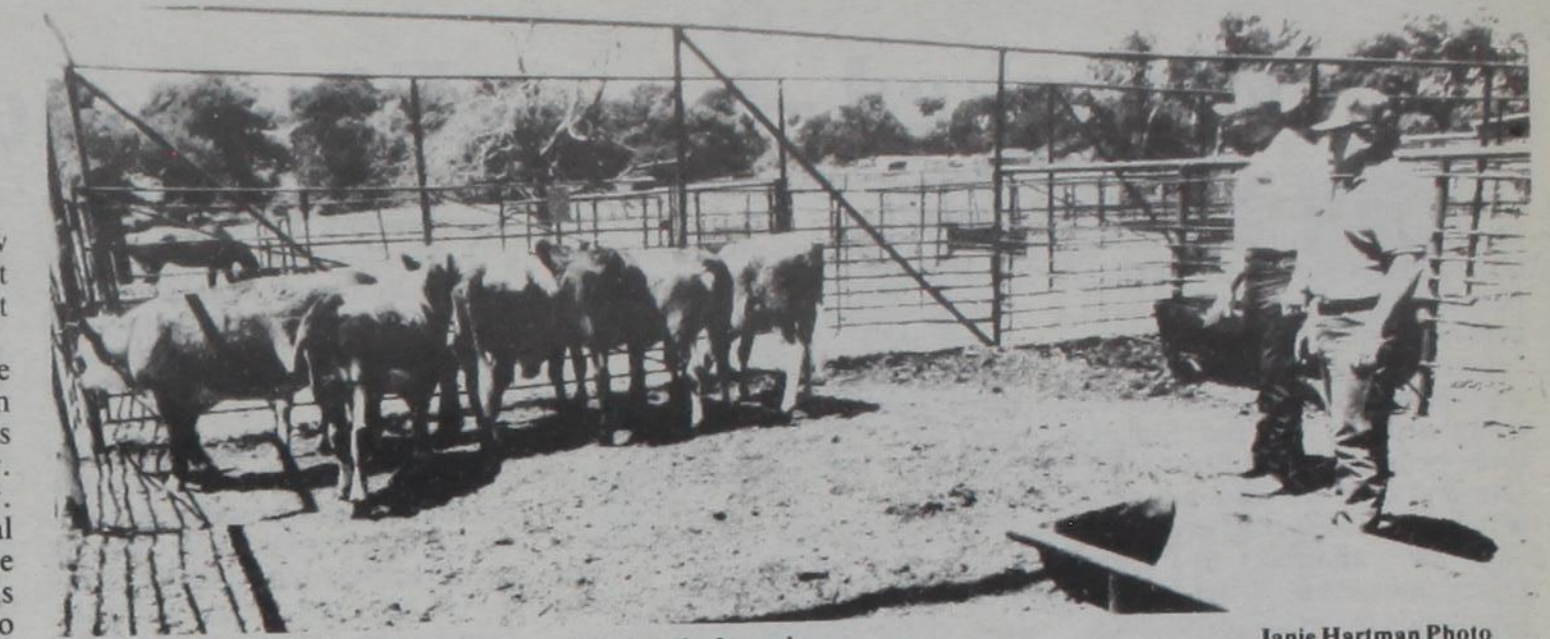
Most of the cattle bought at the Muenster Auction go to feed lots in West Texas, Kansas,

Oklahoma, Nebraska, and a few to Colorado. There are usually at least 10 regular buyers there and at times as many as 25.

"In the last 10 years cattle prices have definitely gotten higher, but production cost has tripled," remarked Hamer. "Prices are real good right now. Yearling and calf prices are real good and pairs are good. The average price on a steer calf is \$1.05 to \$1.10, a heifer calf .95 to \$1, and a yearling is bringing .82 to .90.

Hamer explained that the reason steers bring more than heifers is that heifers don't dress out quite as well as steers and that it also costs more to feed out heifers than it does steers. Optimum selling weight on calves is between 500 and 550 pounds and between 675 and 725 on yearlings.

If you sell an animal and don't get as good or better than the average price it might be because of one of the following: excessive fill, meaning the animal has a big belly from too much feed or water; is crippled or dwarfed and



BILL and MIKE HAMER look over calves ready for sale.

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doesn't develop; or doesn't conform to certain standards (doesn't fit well with box beef requirements).

What does the future hold for the cattle industry? "I think things will stay good for some time due to numbers being down and that herds aren't rebuilding real fast," Hamer replied. His advice, "When marketing cattle, the quicker their weighed, the better because of shrinkage and be sure you sell at a reliable market."

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We asked ——— Few responded

As a part of the agriculture issue to be included in the June 28 Muenster Enterprise, we distributed a survey to give more people the opportunity to have a personal part of that issue.

Over two dozen questionnaires were distributed, only three were completed and returned. Since the three people who replied took the time and effort to respond, we are printing a few of their replies. All will be allowed to remain anonymous even though we have permission to use names on some.

Do you believe that the town of Muenster supports agriculture?

1. Somewhat.
2. If not, what can be done to help? There could be more articles in the news media explaining the farmers' share of the cost of food items.
3. I think agriculture supports Muenster. People in Muenster take unfair advantage of farmers. Most school events are held for the 8-5 worker. They never take farmers and dairymen into consideration.

If yes, what makes you feel their support?

1. It is evident when you go to the local grocery stores and see people waiting in line to buy locally grown meat.

What keeps you going when so many things are stacked against you?

1. Keep a positive attitude and work hard.
2. Consider the potential alternatives for employment in this area ... I feel there is no stable source of outside employment, and agriculture is something I know - there is always work to be done, the only limits to what I can achieve are those I set. A positive mind, and the ability to make lemonade from a lemon helps.
3. My wife and I try to keep each other going. Being involved in the dairy business really nails us down, so really there's no place to go. There's always the hope that tomorrow will be better.

Grain crops and prices have been poor for the last several years. Do you see a future locally in wheat?

1. Yes, if I could rent or buy enough land.
2. That depends solely on each individual's required standard of living.
3. Being in the dairy business, we must rely on farm income alone because we don't have time for another job, but with today's milk prices, you really can't call that a living.

Will you plant more grass and run more livestock instead?

1. Yes. Need to get more out of wheat by good management - good seed, treating for insects and disease, proper fertilization, and going for more winter pasturing of wheat.

Do you feel that the government helps or hurts agriculture by offering subsidies and programs?

1. I don't think it is right for taxpayers to support farmers and it is not right for American farmers to feed the world for nothing. Let supply and demand work. Look at the livestock industry as an example.
2. We need the government to control imports and exports, but some subsidies and programs are really abused, costing billions of tax dollars.

Could you live on your farm income only or must you usually depend on a supplemental income such as a second job, spouse's earnings, or other sources?

1. Yes, if I could rent or buy enough land.
2. That depends solely on each individual's required standard of living.
3. Being in the dairy business, we must rely on farm income alone because we don't have time for another job, but with today's milk prices, you really can't call that a living.

Do you think people in urban areas blame farmers and ranchers for the high cost of groceries?

3. Yes, they don't realize the very small amount made by the farmer.

What is the best thing that this area has to offer farmers and ranchers?

1. Good roads, local markets, local places to buy feed, seed, fertilizer and farm machinery.
2. A German heritage of taking care of the land and its resources - both natural and man-made to the best of one's ability, thus, maintaining a tradition of leaving it improved for our children so that they will be able to survive, profit from it, and thus improve it for their children.
3. Competitive feed stores and elevators.

What is the worst thing about this area?

1. Too close to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, causing farmland to be too expensive to buy or rent. Too many farms being sold in 5- and 10-acre tracts for housing.
2. Poor service for farm machinery. Few dealers. I also don't like the idea that the entire Muenster area worked to get a new fire truck and now I find out it will not leave the city limits. This sure takes the "fun" out of trying to get a "rural" truck!!

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by Rick Perry
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

Agriculture is the cornerstone of our economy. From this most basic of industries grew one of the most powerful states in America. Agriculture today still plays a vital role in the Texas economy. Agriculture employs one of every five Texans and generates \$32 billion a year. Yet, despite its countless contributions, production agriculture is a mystery to many people.

It reminds me of the story about a little boy in New York City who was walking down the street with his mother. They passed an alley lined with several trash cans. Under one of those trash cans were nine or 10 empty milk cartons, and the little boy says, 'Look Mom, a cow's nest.'

We can laugh about that. But that same little boy could be living in Houston or Dallas or even Austin. The reality is as our farmers and ranchers have become more efficient, and as the industrial revolution has drawn more of the population into the cities, fewer people have active experience with farming and ranching. No longer do children take trips to visit grandma at the farm - they go see her at a condominium on the beach.

The masses know little about production agriculture, and television and movies have done little to expand that knowledge. I do not propose that everyone have 40 acres, a mule and grow everything they eat. What I am saying is that the farming and ranching com-

munity has a pressing challenge to inform the rest of our citizens of how safe, sensitive and innovative our industry is, as well as the economic importance it still has. I call it "Ag Literacy."

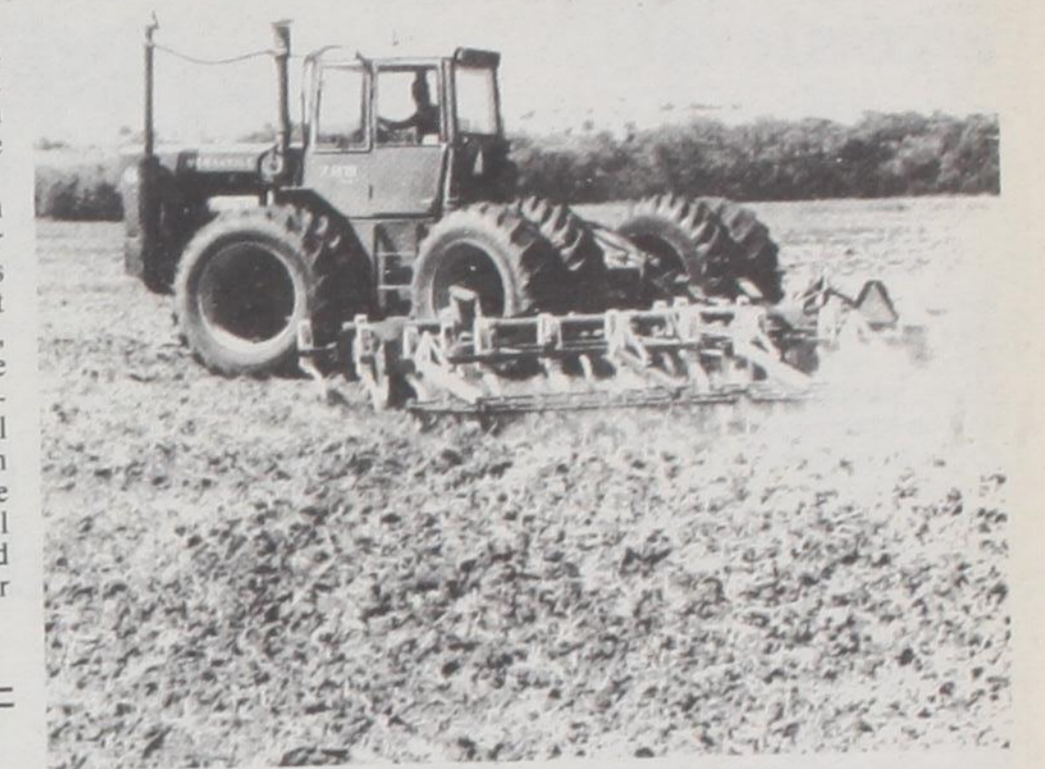
An average farmer produces the food and fiber for 128 people. Ten years ago, it was 109. Our farmer's productivity has increased faster than in any other industry - an hour of farm labor today produces nearly eight times as much as 40 years ago.

The fact is, ag research has ventured into new areas of technology aimed at producing more for less. Through biotechnology, we've developed the state-of-the-art seeds that are more resistant to pests, and as a result, require fewer pesticides. The average American spends less on food than any other nation in the world. Our food supply is abundant and wholesome. The entire ag sector needs to let our neighbors know about our industry's wholesomeness. We need to let everyone know agriculture is not a by-gone industry. By introducing our youth to agriculture through such forums as livestock shows and youth fairs, we can raise an "ag literate" group. To this end, we need to expand our attempts to acquaint our youth with agriculture - become our own public relations specialists, if you will.

Although we must actively educate our youth about agriculture, we must continue our public relations campaign to include adults. I feel sure that most

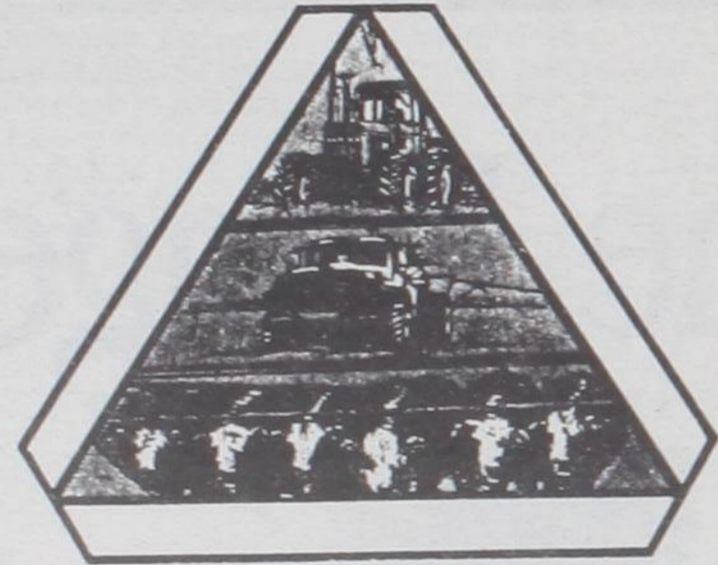
Texans had no idea or interest in what a supercollider was until it was apparent just what an economic impact getting one would have.

I believe that mainstream agriculture is the key to a brighter economic future. Agriculture is our most renewable resource - not only has it spanned generations, it's sustained them. And as we seize the opportunities that it continues to produce, agriculture will carry on that tradition. Through these successes, I also believe we can educate our non-agricultural citizens about our industry and just how important it is in our lives.



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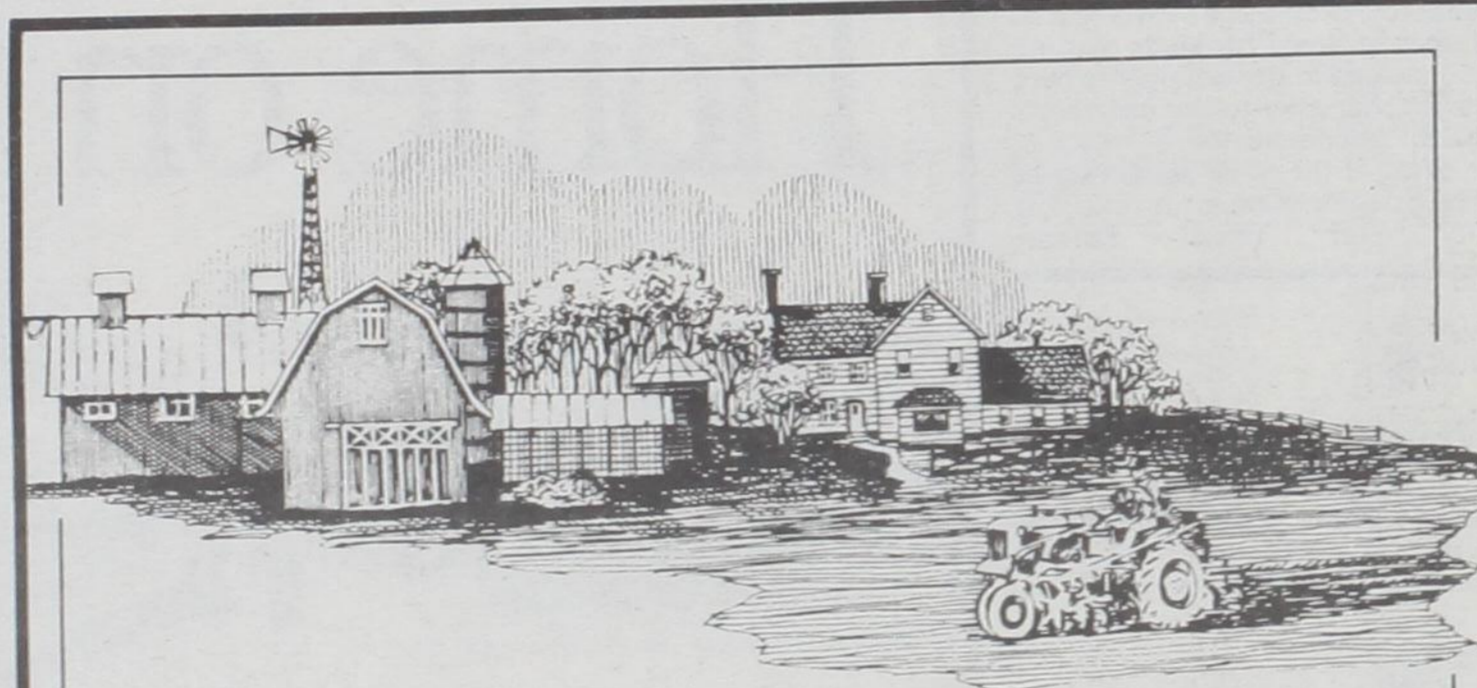
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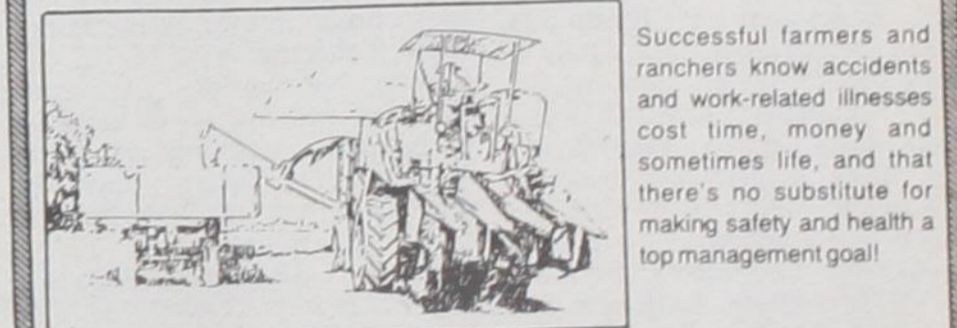
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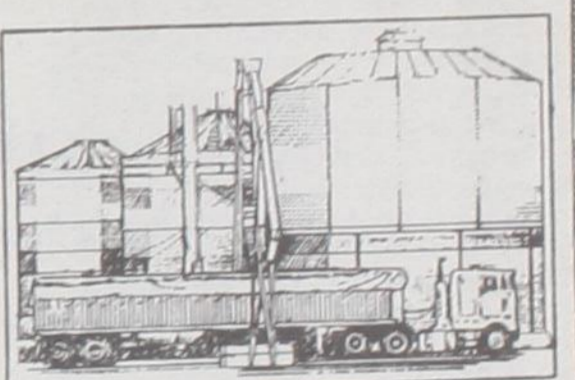
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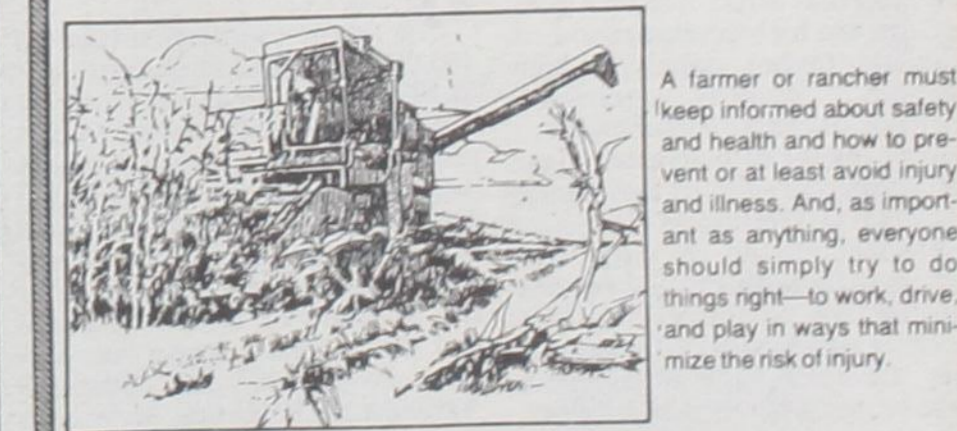


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High tensile electric fencing...

Effective tool in controlling stock and pasture

by Janie Hartman

High tensile electric fencing is entering the heart of cattle operations. Cattlemen are fencing areas that no man dare fence before. Increasing costs have forced farmers to re-evaluate fencing methods. There are two basic types of fence - electric and nonelectric. Nonelectric includes woven wire, barbed wire, wood, rock or an 8-10 wire high tensile fence. The electric fence may be a single temporary or a multi-wire with electric pulses from an energizer.

High tensile fencing was introduced to the U.S. from New Zealand and Australia. Interest continues because of less cost and longer life than barbed wire fencing; which is slowly becoming less popular. High tensile's smooth wire, with a jolt, is taking its place.

There are many ways to build any fence, but there are guidelines to follow to have a good, permanent, long-lasting and effective fence. There should be no short cuts. When setting out to build an electric fence, you should keep in mind that you are building a relatively maintenance-free tool to control stock and pasture. Only the best components and workmanship make the best fence.

The smooth high tensile wire has several advantages over customary fencing as it is easier to handle, needs less labor, safer for livestock, adaptable to specific needs, improves pasture management, low maintenance, and is easily electrified to give better livestock restraint and predator protection.

If you haven't looked recently at what's available in electric fencing, you may be surprised. New systems are far more advanced than old ones sold ten years ago. Electric, high tensile fencing con-

tinues to gain popularity, because it's both cheaper and easier to install.

High tensile electric fences are less expensive per foot than a barbed wire fence. A 12 1/2 gauge smooth wire is more suitable in electric fencing because it's large enough to carry heavy voltage many miles and it's easy to handle.

Wires are held in tension along steel, wood or fiber glass posts. The high elastic limit of high tensile wire reduces the common stretch or sag problems associated with banked fencing. Tension in the wire can be maintained by permanent in-line strainers.

This wire also allows post spacing of 20 to 100 feet, without sagging. Galvanized wire will assure a rust-free long life.

A variety of gates are made for electric systems, from drive through to stretch spring wire, or just a good insulated handle on the end of a wire, help complete the fenced area.

The effectiveness of an electric charger is the rancher's main concern. This depends on the power of the energizer, length, diameter and type of wire carrying the current; insulators; type of animal; conductive nature of the ground; the effectiveness of the ground rod; and leakage or shorts.

Energizer specifications should require a high power, low impedance, short duration shock that will provide high power to the fence line to insure shock power; will not short out under heavy loads of grass and weeds; will deliver a short, powerful pulse that is over within a fraction of a second; and a unit which is electronically designed for safety to man and animal. Units should be constructed to stand up under heavy use year in and year out and

should be housed in a tamper proof case.

Beware of fence controllers which advertise weed burning power. They are unsafe because they can start fires in dry conditions.

A simple fence-mounted solar panel can generate enough power to keep a 12-volt battery charged and working to power an energizer where electricity is not available.

When choosing a post, fiberglass rods are ideal, because they're self insulating and are warranted not to short out or take power from your fence line. These rods are less expensive, more durable, stay straight and spring back when hit or bumped. Some ranchers prefer wooden posts for permanent installation. Steel posts or rods are durable and often less costly than fiberglass, but they're not flexible and they require insulators. Also polyethylene insulators are replacing porcelain because they're more weather resistant.

Posts can be driven with post drivers, or they come equipped with a tread in foot design. Because fewer posts are needed, fencing in even rocky soil conditions becomes less demanding. Again posts may be driven 20 to 100 feet apart, depending on the terrain.

Improper grounding of the charger is the most common cause of system failure. Farmers needlessly reduce the effectiveness of the electric fences by failing to earth them properly. Poor grounding must be resolved before an electric fencing system will become totally effective. Your grounding system is 90 percent of your fence. For best results, four 1/2" to 3/4" galvanized pipes, 8' in length, can be driven into an area of water runoff. These pipes

should be in a series and as far apart as they are long. Grounding to an old well casing works if available.

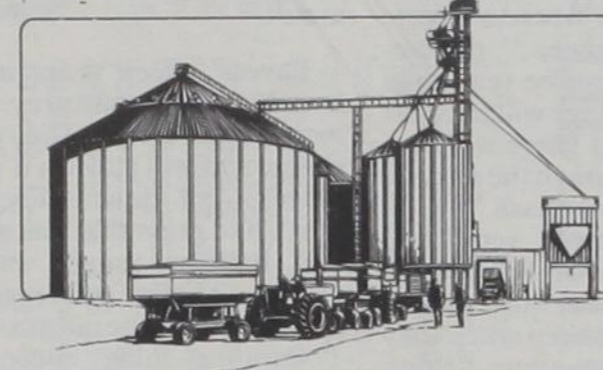
To test your ground, after the line is connected, make a bad short (lay several steel posts on the fence) at least 300 feet from the ground rods. Put one hand on the ground, the other on the ground rod. If any shock is felt, more grounds are needed. If you don't like to be shocked, or you don't trust your system, use a voltmeter. Do not ground near utility pole ground rods!

Most existing fences can also be modified to contain livestock. Offset brackets are available for both barbed and net wire that

keep the electrified wires from contacting the established fence.

Barbed wire should not be electrified. Energizers are designed to give adequate shock to the animal, but the animal should be able to quickly get clear of the fence. Animals or children can become entangled in barb, repeatedly shocked, sometime to death.

Almost any person can construct an electric powered fence after receiving some instructions on construction techniques. Electric, high tensile may well be one of the few proven effective and economical tools available to area ranchers in today's troubled economy.



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Bindel Dairy weathers crunch

by Janet Felderhoff

Harold and Sug Bindel operate a dairy about six miles northeast of Muenster. The barn is rented from Sug's father, John Klement, who was in the business, "most of his life."

There aren't any hired hands on Bindels' dairy. "We do all of the milking ourselves," commented Sug. All of their children have had to take their turns helping milk and farm. "I don't regret bringing up my kids on the dairy," she reflected. "My kids are workers and that's why."

The couple's three children are Darren, the youngest who is still in school; Darla, who attends college; and Debbie who is married to Kim Hale.

Milking twice a day almost every day for over 20 years hasn't dampened Harold's spirits. "I like dairying, like to be my own boss, and I like to fool with cattle. I raise all of my calves."

Despite the economic crunch being felt by dairymen across the country, Harold remains optimistic. "It'll turn around again," he speculated.

Milk is selling for \$11.76 per hundred pounds in this area. After deductions from AMPI and the government, the dairy farmer only gets about \$11 per hundred pounds.

"For most dairy farmers to break even they need over \$12 per hundred pounds," said Bindel. Many dairymen blame the government for their situation. But Bindel places the blame on the shoulders of the dairymen.

"It's our own fault," he said. "Some dairymen got greedy and

bought too many cattle. Certain areas got so much bigger." He doesn't think this is so much true of this area as in other parts of the country.

The Bindels are handling the financial squeeze by "making due." Not only do they do their own milking, but when milk prices are low they don't buy any new equipment and make cuts wherever they can. "I don't feed my cows alfalfa hay anymore," remarked the resourceful businessman. "Now I raise High Gear to cut costs."

Besides running the dairy Harold does custom baling, has a farrowing house with 20 sows and raises hogs, and grows about half the feed needed by his livestock.

When queried about the government's solution to the milk glut several years ago by its Dairy Buy - Out program, the Bindels replied that they really hadn't noticed a difference. "It may have helped more than we think though," offered Sug. "A lot of the ones who sold out then and expected to be able to get back in dairying about now won't be able to afford to."

Harold thinks that allowing supply and demand to work might be a solution. "It might be better if it were allowed to be a free market," he said.

Bindel dairies in a flat barn and utilizes six of the eight stanchions. He milks three cows at a time. With a herd of 75-80 milking cows, it takes about an hour and a half each morning when they begin at 6 a.m. The procedure is repeated again at 5 p.m. in the afternoon. Each cow produces an

average of 50 pounds of milk per day.

Harold is a dairyman with a great deal of patience. He never hits the cows when they balk at putting their head in the stanchion. "I've waited as long as 15 minutes on a cow," he commented. "If you beat a cow she won't give milk anyway."

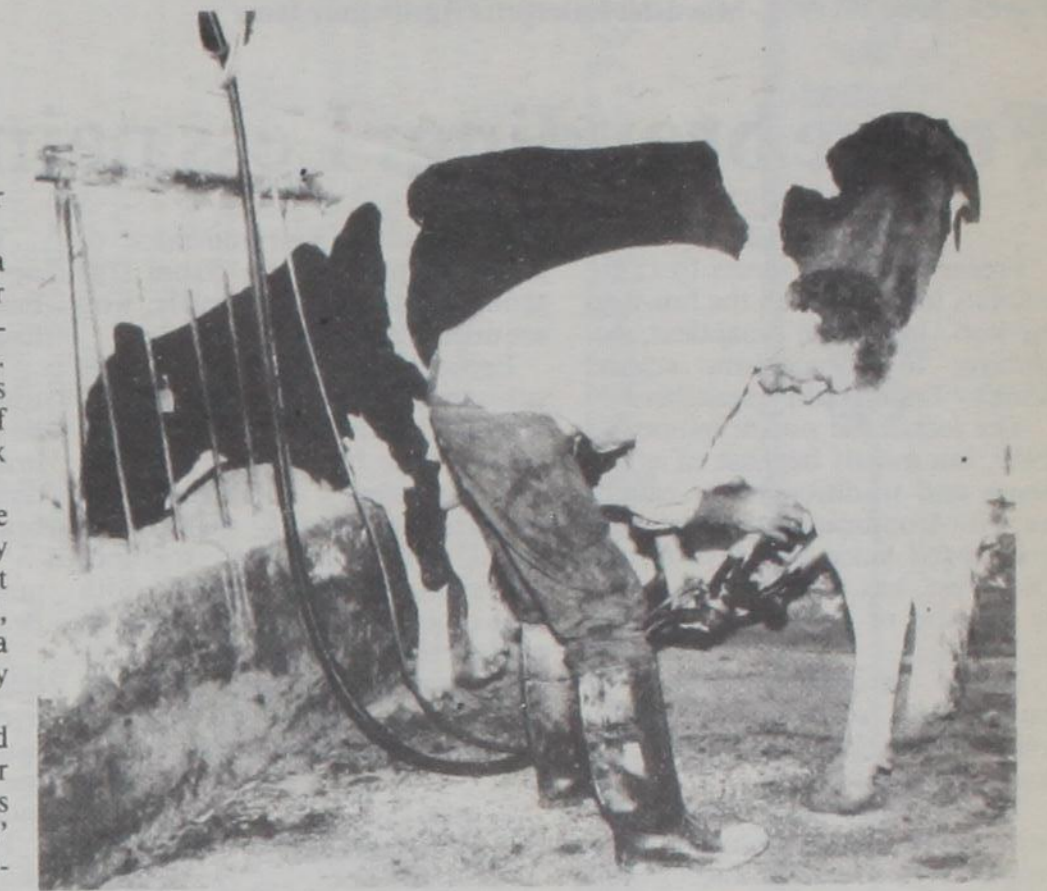
When John Klement built the barn it was designed for Jersey cows not Holsteins. Spaces can get pretty cramped with the larger, longer Holsteins. "I won't keep a cow that kicks," he stated. "They go to the sale barn."

The cows are also accustomed to people and noise. Their daughter Debbie's family lives close to the dairy and the Bindels' granddaughter Krystal is a frequent visitor in the milk barn.

Harold's herd has very few cases of mastitis. He credits an old oil well that was converted to a water well for this. "It's out in the middle of the pasture and is 650' deep so the water is cool, there's shade and everything," said Bindel. "I don't let them go in the pond and I feed everything way up, away from water and mud. Our cows are fed in the wintertime on a rock hill. They have to walk but it keeps 'em out of the mud."

"Another thing in the wintertime, I'll leave a patch of bermudagrass pretty tall so that they can lay in it. They're clean when they come in the barn and they never get frozen bags or anything. It took me many a year to figure that out!"

To survive the stress and dairy routine Harold and Sug try to get away from the dairy for a few

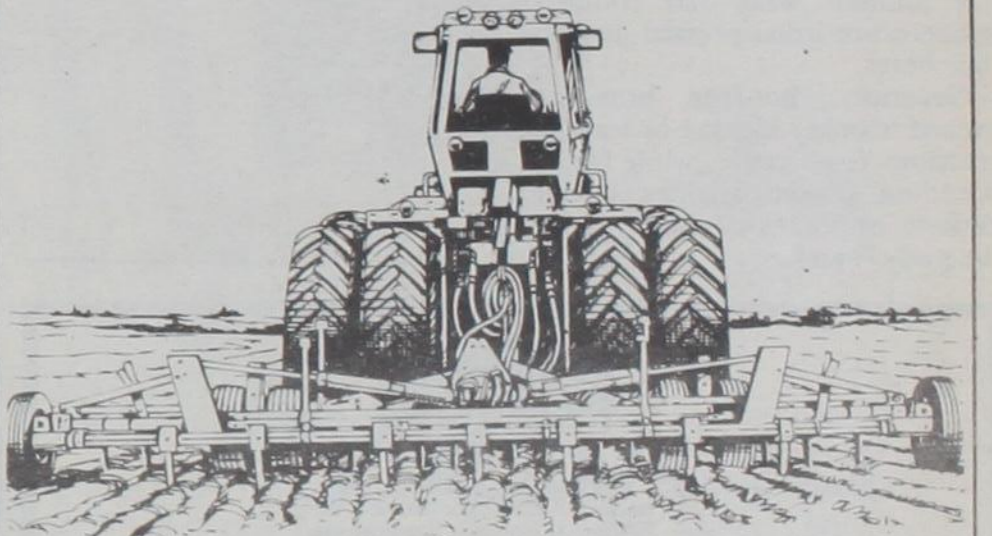


HAROLD BINDEL places milkers on one of his gentle Holsteins. Janie Hartman Photo

days every year. "We always tried to take the kids on a small vacation," added Sug. "Probably the Bindels' children won't go into the dairy business, but they said optimistically, 'You never know about the next generation.'"

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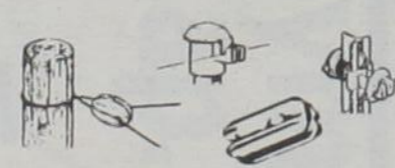
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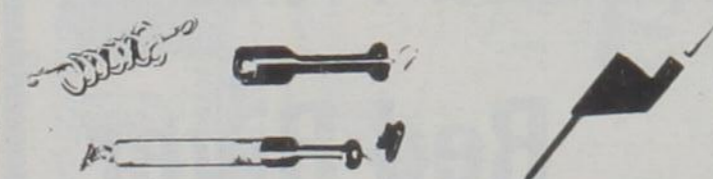


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Freeze branding: Less pain for stock

by Steve Hill

Freeze branding seems to cause animals less pain than the hot-iron method, but it isn't painless, according to comparison studies done by Texas A&M researchers.

The technique was developed in 1966, but mostly because of expense and tradition never caught on. Hot-iron branding, practically unchanged since the days of the Old West, has aroused controversy because of perceived suffering by livestock.

Freeze branding apparently causes less severe but slightly longer-lasting pain, according to a study led by A&M.

The researchers compared behavioral and physiological response to freeze branding and hot-iron branding among crossbred calves, Angus calves and mature Jersey and Holstein dairy cattle.

They noted whether animals reacted vocally or attempted to avoid branding by jumping, kicking or other responses.

They also monitored heart rates and levels of epinephrine (also known as adrenalin), norepinephrine and plasma cortisol in the cattle's blood for approximately 30 minutes after branding. All three substances are hormones associated with "fight or flight" responses to stressful situations.

The A&M team branded a third of each group with hot irons and another third with irons frozen by liquid nitrogen. The rest were control animals who had room-temperature irons pressed against their hides.

Generally, hot-iron branding caused stronger kicking or leaping reactions from cattle, while freeze branding caused slightly longer periods of increased heart rates, the study found.

Perhaps the best indicator of pain intensity came from the group of mature dairy cattle, who are docile by nature.

Epinephrine levels were substantially higher in heat-branded cattle in the first half-minute after branding. There was no apparent difference in vocalization among the groups based on branding method. However, calves branded with heat or cold within the vicinity of other calves tended to bawl in pain, apparently to alert other cattle. Those branded in isolation tended not to vocalize their pain.

The study seems to support the opinions of those who think freeze branding should be an option for livestock owners.

The Kingsville-based Santa Gertrudis Breeders Association, however, allows either kind of branding. But, interim executive director Les Brandes said, freeze brands don't always "take."

"It looked nice, but for all practical purposes it didn't work," Brandes said of freeze branding.

It can be difficult to read freeze brands on lighter-colored livestock, but darker livestock usually brand well with the freeze method. Freeze branding also is more expensive.

However, hot-iron branding can cause scar material to form, ruining any potential leather use for that area of a hide.

In light of animal-rights and welfare questions and the study's findings, electronic identification is the "logical replacement" for both branding methods.

Electronic identification would center on microchips injected into livestock with syringes. European countries are already experimenting with industry-wide identification, stated Dr. Ted Friend, associate professor of animal science at Texas A&M, and the American livestock industry very likely will need to find ways to electronically "brand" its stock.



JOE GUZMAN, left, Mingo Jemenez, center, and Ruben Flores shear sheep at the Paul Bayer farm. The men are from San Saba and travel in groups, shearing sheep for \$2 a head. Jemenez took only 3 1/2 minutes to shear one ewe. Flores assists with holding the sheep and collecting the bundles of wool while the other two shear. Janet Hartman Photo

Dogs provide protection for sheep

by Janet Felderhoff

Hundreds of sheep dot the green bermuda grass pastures and hillsides near the home of Keith and Collette Bayer about eight miles north of Muenster. The rolling hills and wooded areas create a peaceful backdrop for the grazing sheep, various birds and the Great Pyreneese dogs that are all a part of the Bayers' farm.

The wooded areas also provide homes for coyotes and, with a flock of sheep, that could mean big losses, but according to Keith, they don't have any problem with the predators. "It would never work without the dogs," he said.

Bayer wasn't sure exactly why Great Pyreneese dogs deter coyote attacks on flocks of sheep. The dogs stay with the sheep day and night. "I've seen it where a coyote will get into the sheep," remembered Keith. "It can be real quiet and suddenly the dogs will take off across the pasture. There will be a coyote walking through the pasture that they are going to chase."

Great Pyreneese are very large white dogs that, when full-grown, stand as tall as a ewe. Most people put them with the sheep when they are still pups. "Sometimes I think that the dogs believe that they are sheep," commented Keith.

Raising sheep is a 24-hour job in the winter when they are lambing. "Sometimes you wonder if you'll ever get any sleep," said Bayer. "On cold, wintry nights, lambs that are just born must be taken into the barn and dried off or they'll freeze. They're real small and can't take a lotta cold, not as much as a newborn calf."

Bayer's flock begins lambing in October and usually is finished in three or four months. Lambs who are orphaned or rejected by their mothers or just aren't getting enough milk are brought to Keith's sister, Janet Barnhill, to bottle feed until they are three or four months old. "You have to get them milk from their mother at first though or they'll die," he said. "Once they get mother's milk, they can be fed on a special powdered milk replacer. When I had no other alternative, I tried feeding them milk I bought in town and kept them alive for a week or two, but without that first mother's milk, they'll die."

Bayer is in partnership in the sheep business with his dad, Art Bayer, and his sister, Janet. "Five years ago, when I got married, I decided that I didn't want anything to do with sheep, but half a year later, I missed it and wanted to get back into it," said Bayer. "That's when we put sheep out here."

Included in the Bayer flock are both registered purebred sheep and mixed breed sheep. There are Ramboulet, Suffolk and Dorsett. Bayer remarked that some years there were many multiple births while others there were very few. "When you do, it adds up to more profit." Presently, their sheep lamb only once per year. It is possible in some parts of the USA to have ewes lamb twice a year, but Bayer didn't know of anyone who had tried this successfully in this area.

Sheep are sheared in the spring to keep them cooler in the hot summer. The wool is sold and this provides another source of income from sheep. "The market is down on wool," explained Keith. "When we called one of the markets, they told us it wasn't worth a trip just to sell wool - to wait until we brought in a load of lambs ready to market."

Sheep raisers have always had to travel some distance to sell both sheep and wool. There are markets in San Angelo, Davis, Oklahoma, Enid, Oklahoma and Fort Worth. Recently, a market has opened in Gainesville for sheep. Bayer estimates the average cost of a ewe to be somewhere between \$50 and \$80 at this time. Registered sheep are more valuable than those that aren't.

Bayers' sheep graze mostly on bermudagrass pastures enriched with Yucchi clover. They prefer the clover and will stay on it until they graze it all down. The animals don't like grass that has gotten tall and become tough. Instead of grazing it, they will regrow new growth and let the tall grass stand.

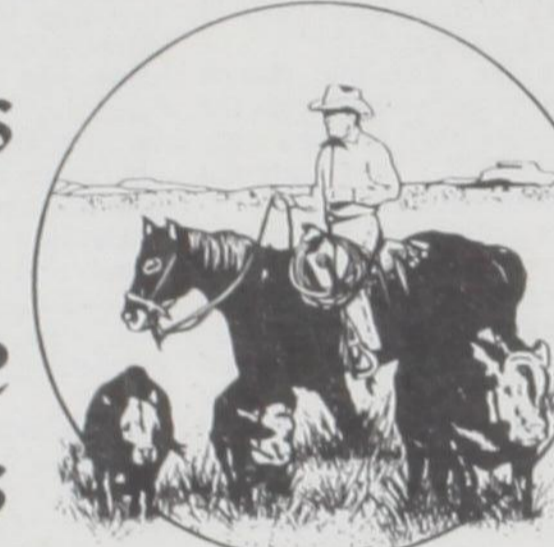
Another thing sheep like is weeds. Many farmers and ranchers increase pasture gains and carrying capacity by grazing cattle and sheep together. This works well because generally cattle prefer the grass in a pasture mixture while sheep prefer legumes and other broadleaf species. Keith said that in their operation they don't mix cattle and sheep because it is easier to be set up on one place to work sheep and another to work cattle.



KEITH BAYER makes his evening rounds to check the sheep. At right, one of Bayer's Great Pyreneese dogs. Janet Felderhoff Photo



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Sports

Local teams hoop-it-up

by Mike Pagel
Basketball junkies from all over Texas and its surrounding states were in the West End Marketplace in downtown Dallas this past weekend to compete in the world's largest 3-on-3 basketball tournament: HOOP-IT-UP. Among over 12,000 of these basketball junkies were three teams from Muenster. Monte Endres, Neil Hesse, Mel Walterscheid and Dale Hermes of Lindsay made up the Division 11 Muenster-Lindsay team. The Division 38, Muenster II team was composed of Ryan Klement, Brian Hess, Kerry Kyle of Lake Kiowa and myself. The third team from Muenster consisted of Frank and Eleanor Felderhoff's four sons John, Mark, Tim and Terry. Their Division 51 team name was appropriately enough, Frank's Boys.

The two day, double elimination tournament, which is played in the streets and parking lots of the downtown area, began on Saturday for all teams. Muenster-Lindsay won both games on Saturday morning and as a result, was given the rest of the day off. The game winning shot by Dale in their first game was captured in color by the Dallas Morning News photographer Judy Walgren and was featured on the front page of Sunday morning's "Sports Day" in the Dallas Morning News.

Frank's Boys lost their first two games and as a result of that, tumbled into the D.U.D. (Down Under Division) brackets. It was there, on Sunday morning, that Frank's Boys won their first Hoop-It-Up game in three years. Congratulations guys, your perseverance has finally paid off! As for our team (Muenster II), we weren't scheduled to play our first game until around 1:00 Saturday afternoon. By that time the heat was on, becoming a factor for most teams. Whether or not it was a factor in our first game, we were beaten 16-14. The Trailblazers whipped us on the boards and the scoreboard. With our backs against the wall in game two, we played perhaps the best and certainly most physical of the three games we played that day. A strong performance by Brian allowed us to defeat the Frito

Force 16-12. In our third game of the day we were matched up against a team from KEGL Radio in Dallas. Kerry had the big game this time as we jumped out a big lead and eventually hung on to win again by the score of 16-12.

On Sunday morning, we arrived at our designated court for our first game of the day. It was there that we found out that we would be involved in a rematch with the same Trailblazer team that had beaten us less than 24 hours before. This game was to be a different story though. We won the battle of the boards and the game as Ryan scored the final 3 points in a rough and tough 17-15 win. We savored that victory for less than 90 minutes before we were severely humbled in our fifth and final game by the Underground, 17-4.

Earlier, on that very same court, Muenster-Lindsay lost their first game of the tournament 16-10 to a tall Mustang team. It seemed as if those dependable and seemingly automatic outside jumpers from Dale and Neil just wouldn't fall that game. Muenster-Lindsay would not lie down and give up. They bounced back to win consecutive games against RFNS, ASCAP, and that same Mustang team that had beaten them earlier in the day. Mel, Neil, Monte and Dale were now set to play in the Championship game of Division 11 against the Outsiders. Muenster-Lindsay certainly had a height advantage on the Outsiders, but the hopes of bringing a Hoop-it-Up Championship home to Cooke County were put on hold for at least one more year. The young Outsider team jumped out to a quick, early lead and never looked back in a 16-6 victory.

Despite the heat and the fact that no championship trophies were brought home, everyone had an exceptional time. The buzz about Hoop-it-Up in 1992 can already be heard around Muenster: "We'll get 'em next year!"

Hess boys make All-Stars

Cody Hess and Eric Hess, both of Southlake and both the grandsons of Ed and Lucy Hess of Muenster, were selected for their Little League All-Star Baseball team. The boys were picked from a division of 28 teams.

Cody, age 7, is the son of LeRoy and Colleen Hess. Eric, age 8, is the son of Terry and Sharon Hess.

Tee-off at 10 on July 7

Tee-off time is 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 7, at Nocona Municipal Golf Course for the Muenster Golf Association's monthly tournament. Come on out for a day of fun, sun and fellowship!



ABOVE, Dale Hermes, left, and Mel Walterscheid, right, crash the boards as Monte Endres attempts a jump shot at the Hoop-It-Up tournament. At right, Mike Pagel, left, and Brian Hess double team an opponent during the world's largest 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Dallas last weekend.

Photos courtesy of Janet Endres



Sports Reports...

T-BALL RESULTS

Thursday, June 20
Radical Dudes 23, Sky Sharks 15
Yellowjackets 17, Red Hawks 17 (Tie)
Saturday, June 22
Rockets 23, Blue Angels 21
Yellowjackets 25, Sky Sharks 16
Tuesday, June 25
Rockets 20, Radical Dudes 8
Red Hawks 21, Blue Angels 14

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Thursday, June 20
Longhorns 34, Muenster #1 1
Muenster #2 20, Muenster #3 10
Friday, June 21
Nocona 19, Muenster #3 9
Tuesday, June 25
Saint Jo 21, Muenster #1 13
Longhorns 29, Muenster #3 0

NORTH TEXAS SUMMER BASKETBALL

Monday night, June 24 (Girls)
Game 1: Red 53, Teal 39
Game 2: Gray 49, Blue 24
Game 3: Yellow 38, Black 36
Game 4: Green 44, Orange 28
Tuesday night, June 25 (Boys)
Game 1: Red 50, Teal 49
Game 2: Gray 51, Blue 38
Game 3: Yellow 73, Black 43
Game 4: Green 55, Orange 53

Girls' Standings thru Week 4:
Yellow 4-0
Gray 3-1
Black 2-2
Teal 2-2
Red 2-2
Green 2-2
Orange 1-3
Blue 0-4

Boys' Standings thru Week 4:
Red 4-0
Teal 3-1
Green 2-2
Yellow 2-2
Black 2-2
Blue 2-2
Gray 1-3
Orange 0-4

Small game harvest decline continues

AUSTIN - State wildlife officials said the annual small game harvest continues to decline for most species. Only the squirrel harvest was up from last year and only the spring turkey harvest has increased over 1981 levels.

Don Wilson, small game program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said the bobwhite quail harvest declined 68 percent from 1981-82, down from 2,457,959 to 778,212. The total number of quail hunters was down 10 years ago, a decrease of 34 percent. In 1989-90, 167,151 quail hunters harvested 898,529 bobwhites.

The blue quail harvest was down 73 percent. In 1990-91, 46,121 hunters harvested 137,288 blue quail, down from 10 years ago. In 1989-90, 47,991 hunters took 148,074 blue quail.

"Since we had a good year in 1987, all three subsequent years were bad quail years. It's unusual to see three poor production years in a row," Wilson said.

"Almost everything in small game has been going downhill, but I think if we get a good quail hatch the numbers will be back," he said. "Quail hunters are pretty responsive. They are just not going because of bad hatches. It'll probably come up if the hatch improves."

Rabbit hunter numbers declined 49 percent over 10 years ago and the harvest fell 71 percent. In 1990-91, hunter numbers was 105,621, down from 208,333 in 1981-82. The harvest was 320,840, down from 353,832 in 1989-90 and 1,119,281 10 years ago.

The squirrel harvest is up from 572,630 in 1989-90 to 717,980 last year, but down from 10 years ago when it was 1,380,216, a 48 percent decrease. Hunter numbers also were up from 1989-90, but down 32 percent from 1981-82.

The only bright spot is spring turkey hunting. The harvest has increased 159 percent from 1981-82. Ten years ago 15,705 turkeys were harvested during the spring, but last year that number was 40,674. In 1989-90, 56,391 turkeys were harvested. Hunter numbers, although down last year, were up 139 percent from 10 years ago.

The mourning dove harvest

decreased from 6,748,510 ten years ago to 4,441,146 last year, a drop of 34 percent, and down slightly from 4,463,394 in 1989-90. Hunter numbers only dropped four percent from 1981-82, with 391,357 hunters in 1989-90.

The pheasant harvest decreased 43 percent from 1986-87, the first year records were kept. In 1986-87, 75,447 birds were harvested compared to 58,049 in 1989-90 and 43,095 last year. Hunter numbers fell 17 percent. There were 35,510 hunters in 1989-90.

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Fishing Tip #27

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Fishing Tip #28

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Luke brothers lead Bud team to 16-3 victory

by Mike Pagel

Budweiser's Jesse Luke struck out five batters on his way to pitching a complete game as Bud defeated Muenster Drilling 16-3 in Little League action Monday night. Jesse's older brother, Jacob, got the scoring underway in the bottom of the first inning with a bases-loaded double that put Bud ahead 2-0. Bud finished the inning by scoring the 5-run limit.

Despite his shaky first inning, Muenster Drilling's Paul Swirczynski pitched well, striking out four batters through three innings.

"It's not that we hit the ball any better, but our boys really started to listen to our coaching tonight," Budweiser Coach Don Hess stated of his players shortly after the game. "It really made a

difference."

A prime example of the Bud players listening to their coaching came in the third inning, when Budweiser executed a double-steal squeeze play to perfection. With runners on first and third base, first base coach Melvin Luke sent his runner from first on a steal to second. When Muenster Drilling catcher Aaron Hess fired the ball to second, Don Hess, coaching at third base, sent his runner from third to home for another run.

Cody Perryman, Aaron Klement and Matthew Fuhrmann also hit the ball well for the undefeated Budweiser team. Michael Boydston, Paul Swirczynski and Cory Anderle fared well at the plate for Muenster Drilling, who now falls 0-3 on the season.

Knights' baseball camp stresses fundamentals

A baseball camp was held in Lindsay May 28 through May 31. The camp was coordinated by Terry Krebs and directed by Coach Pat Benton. It covered hitting fundamentals and drills, fielding fundamentals and drills, baserunning skills and drills, strategy instruction, pitching and

Aaron Krebs, Richard Haayen, Jeff Wilson, Corey Neu, Justin Walterscheid, Chris Bezner, Tracey Escobedo, Mark Tooley, Aaron Strickland, Jeff Bezner, Scott Arendt, Zachry Bowman, and Robert Sharp. Assisting with the camp were Jason Benton and Joe Coke.



KNIGHTS BASEBALL CAMP PARTICIPANTS

throwing fundamentals and drills. The camp closed each day with a scrimmage game between the participants. Campers received a T-shirt and new baseballs.

A trophy for "Outstanding Camper" was awarded to Courtney Hoelker. Also participating in the camp were Scott Metzler,

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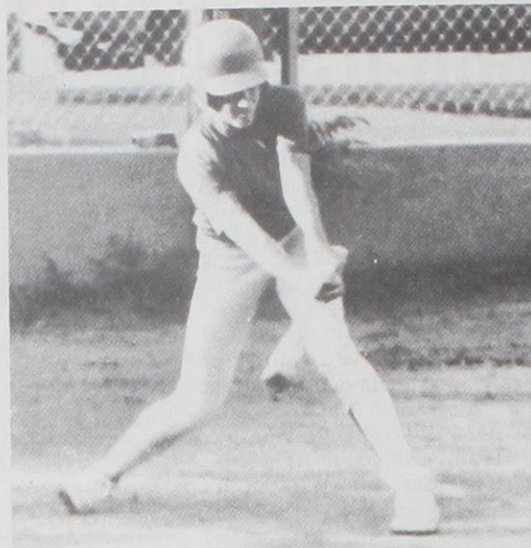
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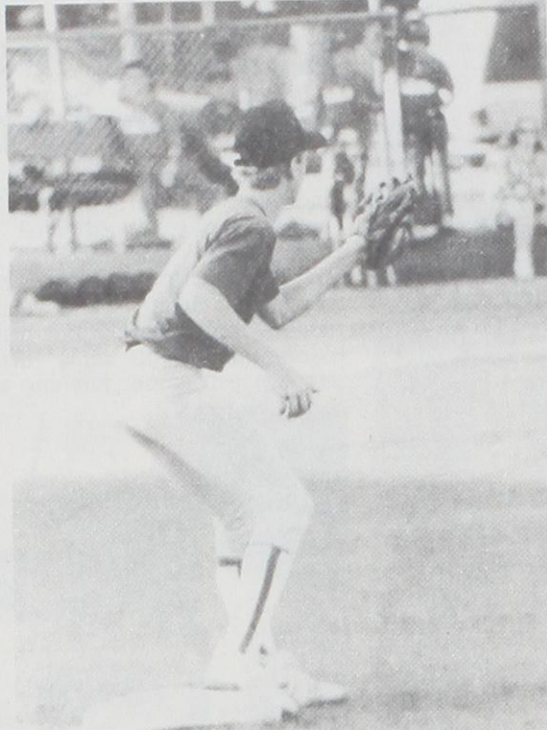
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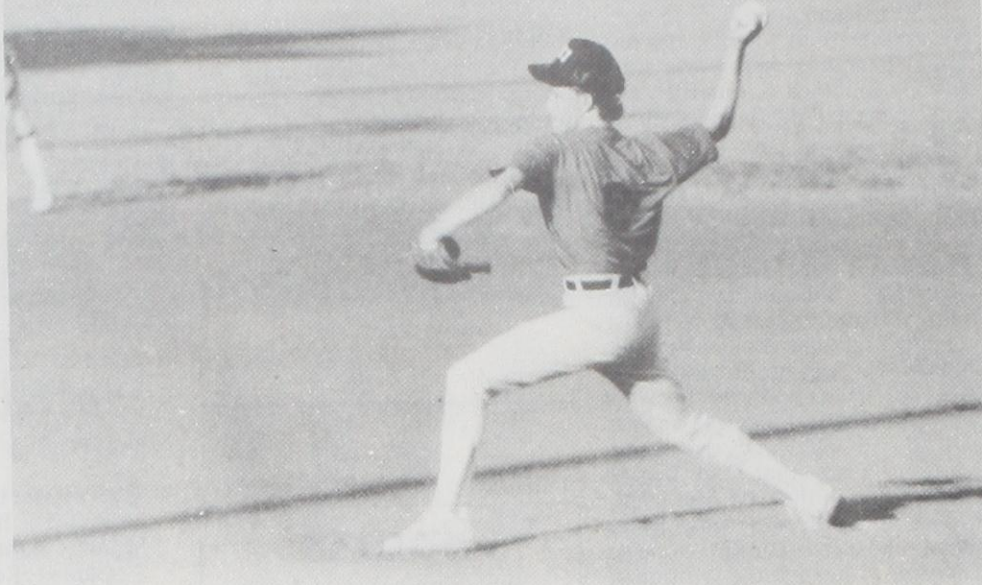
Brandon Walterscheid tags the runner at third.



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Jason Huchton gets an out at first.

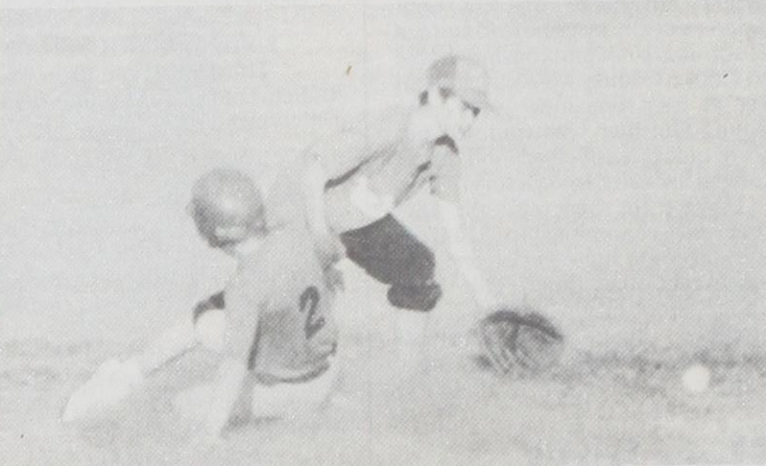


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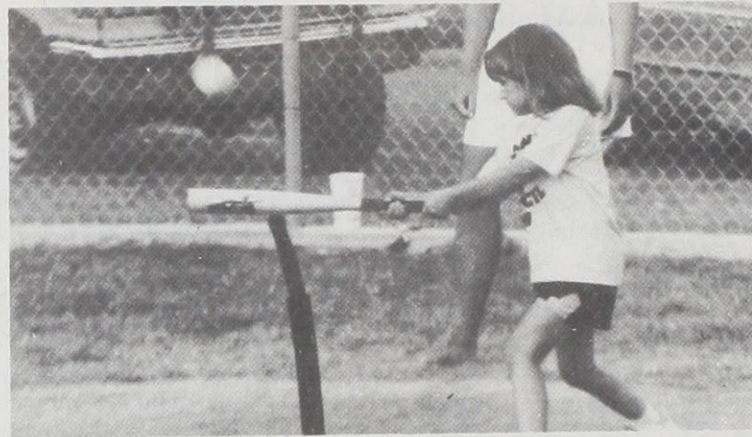
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Dustin Walterscheid leaves first as Dillon Sicking watches the play.



Jay Reed slides safely to second base.



Crystal Lutkenhaus



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Nicole Endres heads for third base.



Sara Hess runs home, Becky Fette watches.



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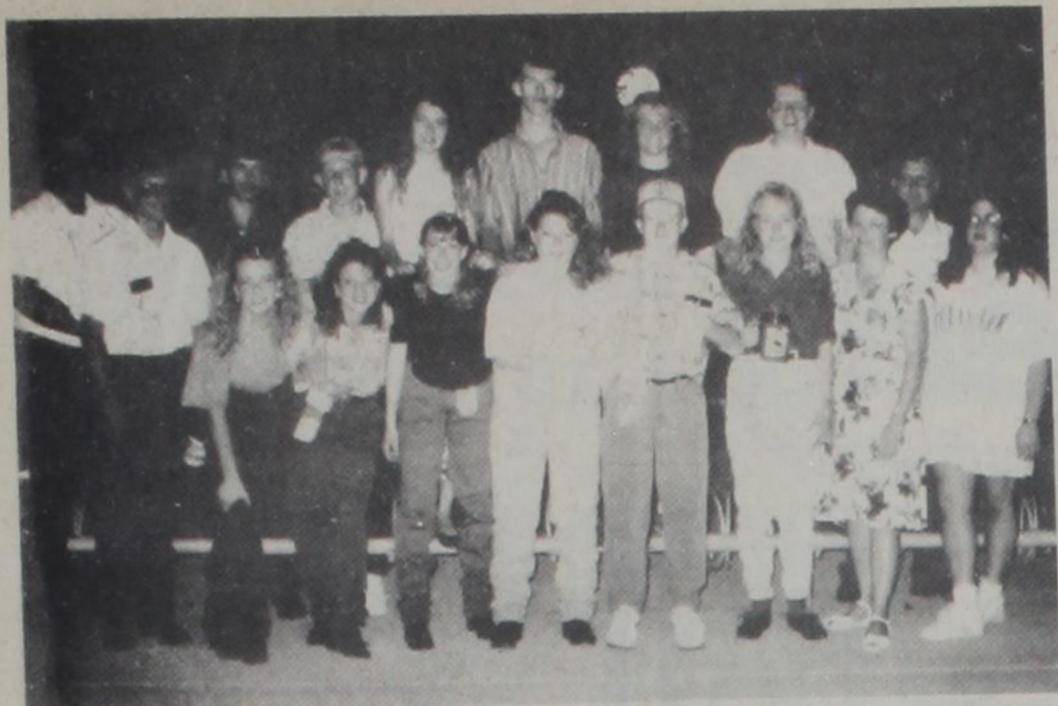
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Country Tidings

by Ruth Smith



4-H CLUB members who attended the State Round-Up are, l to r, back-Paul Miller, Clifford Lutkenhaus, Danny Miller, Daryl Kupper, Jennifer Kupper, Werner Becker, Sherilyn Sicking, Sean Herbold, Dennis Lutkenhaus; front - Kimberly McKown, Summer Anderson, Lindsay Vitochuk, Julie Woods, Greg Brooks, Charlene Lutkenhaus, Sara Flusche. Not pictured are Brenda Friedrich and Amy Fette.

Round-Up Results

by Cassie Bullock
Cooke County Extension Agent

Cooke County 4-H'ers were among 2,500 outstanding young people from across the state to compete in the 1991 Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University June 4 and 5.

Roundup, the biggest 4-H event held each year, gives 4-H'ers an opportunity to gain educational experiences that support 4-H projects, demonstrate skills and practice leadership at the State level. Outstanding 4-H'ers compete in over 40 contests in which they showcase their speaking abilities, decision-making skills and talents.

Those attending from Cooke County were: Sara Flusche (Family Life Educational Activity) with her illustrated talk "Wiser about Older;" Charlene Lutkenhaus (Food and Nutrition Education) with illustrated talk, "Breakfast Like a King;" Greg Brooks (Focus on Health) with "Boozin' and Cruzin';" Sean Herbold (Horse Demonstration) with "Colic: The Dreaded Five Letter Word;" and Sherilyn Sicking (Rabbit Demonstration) with "Hopping Through 4-H."

The Dairy Judging Team coached by Vernon Friedrich consisted of Daryl Kupper, Jennifer Kupper,

and Brenda Friedrich of the Valley View 4-H and Werner Becker of the Muenster 4-H. The Dairy Judging Team placed fourth in State.

In the Rifle contest coached by Paul Miller, Tommy Felderhoff and Steve Fette were: Clifford Lutkenhaus, Danny Miller and Amy Fette.

The Share-the-Fun team from Mountain Springs 4-H placed 2nd in State. Members were Summer Anderson, Kimberly McKown, Eric Vann, Lindsay Vitochuk, Julie Woods, coached by Sandy Vann.

Charlene Lutkenhaus also entered the State Food Show with her No-Knead Caramel Braid Bread. By placing first at District she qualified for State competition.

Without the help of the parents and leaders these 4-H'ers would not have the opportunity to participate at State. Lisa Kupper, Dennis and Carolyn Lutkenhaus, Paul Miller, John and Beth Brooks, Toni and Weldon Holland, Jerry and Marilyn McKown, Jerry and Evelyn Sicking, Billy and Sandra Vann, Steve Fette and Vernon Friedrich deserve a big Thank You.

Texas' tourism marketing campaign voted nation's best

The state's continued success in attracting visitors to Texas in 1990 despite a shrinking advertising budget has won national recognition from marketing executives for the second consecutive year.

The Association of Travel Marketing Executives (ATME) in Chicago awarded its prestigious "Atlas" award to the Texas Department of Commerce/Tourism Division (TDOC) for its 1990 marketing campaign.

TDOC and its advertising agency, Austin-based GSD&M, captured honors not only in the "over \$5 million budget" category, but also in the nation's best "overall" travel marketing campaign in both the private and public sectors.

In bestowing the Atlas award, judges complimented the state tourism office and advertising agency for the state's promotion of "Texas. It's Like a Whole Other Country." The campaign's innovativeness, creativity, media execution and excellent consumer response also were cited.

"We capitalized on the awareness of 'Texas. It's like a whole other country' and the successes of the 1989 program," said TDOC tourism advertising and promotions manager Anita Neama, who was in Chicago to accept the Atlas.

"We dovetailed advertising, promotional and travel trade strategies into a comprehensive plan with multiple layers. It worked beyond expectations."

The state spent more than \$6 million in 1990 to increase awareness of and interest in Texas among U.S. domestic travelers, change misperceptions about the state and develop first-time travel and repeat visits to Texas.

TDOC's and GSD&M's

strategy was to "fine tune" its previously successful marketing program by targeting certain geographic markets through national and regional print and broadcast advertising, media promotions, travel trade buyer tours and a unique magazine postcard insert to prompt travel information requests.

"We wondered how we could do any better than last year in winning the Atlas, but we were able to increase consumer response despite a 17 percent decrease in our advertising budget," said Steve Dalbey, GSD&M's state tourism account director. "There are many companies that would envy that type of success. We did it by challenging ourselves and continuing to be innovative."

The marketing program generated 884,843 responses in 1990-10,000 more than in pace-setting 1989. In addition, hotel/motel revenues increased 8.9 percent last year to almost \$2.2 billion, setting yet another record. Awareness of Texas as a travel destination was up 33 percent as a result of the '90 campaign.

Since the state's tourism marketing campaign was launched in 1988, funded solely through receipts from one-half of the state's six percent hotel/motel tax, the state's tourism office has won 40 marketing and advertising awards for its success in bringing more travelers to Texas.

According to national travel industry research, Texas ranks third in domestic pleasure travel with more than 14 million person/trips taken by non-Texans to Texas in 1989. The travel industry is the state's fourth largest, generating \$17 billion in expenditures.

Yogurt: a new twist on an ancient recipe

Yogurt, flavored, frozen or even plain has been steadily growing in popularity in the United States since the 1960s, although Americans "discovered" it in the early 1940s. The making of yogurt dates back to Biblical times. Originating in the Mid-East, it was made with goats, mares or yaks milk.

Yogurt, like buttermilk and sour cream, is a cultured dairy product. It can be made from whole milk or from skim milk to which nonfat dry milk solids have been added. The milk is thickened or curdled by the action of acid producing bacteria. In ancient times, yogurt was made from "raw" milk in an effort to preserve the milk. Raw milk contains acid producing bacteria which allow it to "sour" or curdle naturally. Today, yogurt is made from pasteurized milk. Pasteurized milk is almost bacteria-free and therefore, can spoil rather than sour. In order to prepare a soured product, pure cultures of bacteria are added to pasteurized milk. This is referred to as cultured yogurt.

Because yogurt is made from milk, it contains the same nutrients as milk. It is a good source of calcium, protein and

riboflavin. One cup of plain yogurt contains 120 to 180 calories depending on whether it is made from skim or whole milk. Low-fat yogurt is made from skim milk, and although it is low in fat, it may not be low in calories. The addition of dry milk solids to enrich low fat milk or the addition of sugar or honey can increase the calorie content. Read the label carefully.

Yogurt can be used in cooking to add a distinctive flavor to a recipe or it can be used as a substitute for sour cream. Because it tends to curdle or separate, special handling is necessary when adding it to a recipe. Yogurt should be heated gently and added gradually to casseroles or soups. Vigorous stirring thins yogurt; therefore, it is best to stir gently or to spoon on without stirring when used as a garnish or topping. To use in dips or as a topping for baked potatoes, combine with cottage cheese for a thicker product.

Making yogurt at home is easy and economical. There is also the advantage of adding your own flavoring and fruits so that calorie content can be controlled. Most basic cookbooks contain a recipe for yogurt.

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Changes in food labeling should benefit consumers

by Sandra Avant

COLLEGE STATION - Manufacturers of products marketed as "fresh" learned last month that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is getting serious about food labeling.

By November, the FDA will propose sweeping regulations that amount to the first major changes in food labeling in 20 years.

Products with labels that make glib claims using such terms as "light," "lite," "reduced," "low-fat" or "cholesterol-free," among others, will have to start backing them up when the FDA rules become final, likely by November 1992.

The new regulations, mandated by the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990, should benefit consumers the most, said Dr. Mary Kenney Bielamowicz, nutritionist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The new law requires that virtually all packaged foods contain nutrition information on the labels.

The FDA signaled in April that it will enforce the few food label rules on the books by seizing more than 2,400 cases of Citrus Hill Fresh Choice orange juice. The FDA complained that the product's manufacturer, Procter & Gamble, violated its policy that prohibits using "fresh" to describe orange juice.

Until now, nutrition labeling has been largely voluntary, Bielamowicz said. The FDA required only that a label contain the name and address of the manufacturer and a list of all ingredients in descending order of weight. Calorie information was optional.

"Once FDA regulations are implemented, consumers will be able to make better food choices,

especially if they are on strict diets relating to health problems," she said.

Required nutrition information will focus more on macro-nutrient data such as fat and minerals, Bielamowicz said. Labels will list service size, number of servings, and total calories, total fat, cholesterol, sodium, carbohydrates, sugars, fiber and other ingredients in each serving.

High-fiber claims would be prohibited under the law unless the food is also low in total fat, Bielamowicz said. A health claim also is forbidden unless it is authorized by FDA regulation based on "significant, scientific agreement" supporting the claim.

For the first time, fresh fruits, vegetables and seafood will be labeled. Regulations will allow nutrition information to be provided at a single location at the point of sale and permit the information to be expressed as an average, or range per serving.

Under the new law, FDA may allow a statement on the absence of cholesterol in a product, but only if it would help consumers maintain healthy diets. However, claims of "no cholesterol" won't be allowed in products that do not contain cholesterol to begin with, Bielamowicz said.

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Hard work may be more effective than fun and games in shaking a bad mood, researchers at the University of Virginia found. Psychologists got best results motivating participants to expend effort on intellectual tasks.

Synthetic vitamin A product seems to ward off new tumors in the same head and neck area where an old cancer has been treated. Doctors at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center warn that isotretinoin has some severe side effects.

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Death claims George Stephenson

Funeral service for George W. Stephenson, 400 N. Dixon St. in Gainesville was held Monday, June 24, 1991, at 2 p.m. at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Rev. Jim Dorff, pastor of First United Methodist Church and Rev. Marvin Lancaster, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, officiated.

Interment was in Valley View Cemetery under the direction of Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Stephenson passed away Saturday, June 22, in the Gainesville Memorial Hospital.

He was born Jan. 13, 1899 in Valley View. His parents were the late Fred and Lula May Johnson Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson's wife, the former Gwen Berry Stephenson of Rosston, preceded him in death on Oct. 18, 1976.

He is survived by one daughter, Judy Stephenson of Gainesville; one son, George B. Stephenson of Dallas; one granddaughter, Amy Judith Stephenson of Dallas; and two nieces of New York.

Mr. Stephenson was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a member of the Friendship Sunday School class.

He owned and operated the Geo. Stephenson Tire & Battery Company in Gainesville. Their slogan was the famous, "Let George Do It." The company was in business for 49½ years.

As for hobbies, Stephenson enjoyed hunting, doing so in many different states in North America. He also enjoyed coming to their ranch and seeing their cattle.

In the funeral service, Rev. Jim Dorff read Scriptures from Psalm and the 23rd Psalm, then offered a comforting prayer. The hymn, "Standing on the Promises" was sung. Rev. Dorff read the 14th chapter of John. Mr. Stephenson's daughter, Judy, offered the Lord's Prayer and spoke of her father as "being a good man."

"Amazing Grace" followed. Rev. Lancaster read Scriptures and spoke of how he loved his children and had a wonderful wife, Gwen. The minister spoke of how God chooses His children and that Judy was a special child and that Mr. Stephenson loved Judy and George equally, and was a sharing person.

The service closed with a prayer. Pallbearers were Solen Bragg, Giles Truebenbach, Kenneth Hill, Mike Rigler, Loyd Gibbs, Jim Myers and Ben Turbeville.

Kelley reunion

Descendants of the late Leonard and Mae (Totty) Kelley held their annual reunion Saturday, June 15, 1991, at the Forestburg Community Center. There were 88 present. Lots of picture taking, visiting and eating took place.

They were from Everett, Washington; Lindsay, Sayre, Oklahoma; Houston, Dallas, Baytown, Pearland, Rowlett, Granbury, Denton, El Paso, Spring, Amarillo, Pampa, Plano, Sanger, Era, Lewisville, Montague, Muenster, Gainesville and the local area.

Mrs. Louise Shults and others made a quilt that represented four generations of the family that was on display.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Penton, Mrs. Josephine Berry and Mrs. Wilma

Richardson visited and entertained at St. Richard's Villa in Muenster Sunday evening.

Tom and Becky Richardson, Chari and Laura and Kim Richardson went to Borden's picnic Saturday evening in the Muenster Park. Barbecue, swimming and games were enjoyed.

We say "Happy Birthday" to C.H. "Tip" Christian. His birthday was Sunday, June 23. It is number 80 for Tip. He received cards and phone calls from their children and grandchildren, sisters and friends.

Mrs. Lola Webb, Billie and Spike Webb of Dallas visited the C.H. Christians Saturday.

Ran, Cassie and Matt Greanad spent the weekend in Arlington, visiting with the Will Payne family.

Brad Hutson, Betty Luttmir and Kenda Hutson visited and had dinner with Mozelle and Kenneth Hutson Sunday.

Mozelle and Kenneth visited Mrs. Essie Agee in Saint Jo Sunday evening.

Brandon Berry of Baltimore, Maryland visited Mrs. Josephine Berry Sunday afternoon. He is also visiting Joe Frank Berry and friends.

VBS is a success

The Vacation Bible School at the Rosston Baptist Church was well attended each evening. The children enjoyed the religious training and the making of crafts and the recreations. Mrs. Barbara Pellet was the instructor. Parents night was Friday evening. A program was presented.

Personal

Kimberly McKown of Valley View spent Thursday night with Odessa and Jack Berry, then Odessa took Kimberly to the Leonard Park in Gainesville to the 4-H Club meeting.

Faye and Lee McKown of Dallas spent Friday night with Odessa and Jack Berry. Saturday they all went to Thackerville, Oklahoma to help Katie and Johnnie Cook celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and Mrs. Mae Fletcher of Marietta celebrate her 85th birthday. The Cooks' anniversary was Friday, June 21.

Leo reunion

The annual Leo reunion was held Sunday, June 23, at the Ross Point Community Center. Lunch was at the noon hour. A nice group of people attended.

Emory Fletcher of Gainesville and his daughter, Coetta Yeates, and husband, Phil, and their children, Amanda and Phillip, of Rowlett attended the Leo reunion, then visited Odessa and Jack Berry.

Faye and Lee McKown, Odessa and Jack Berry visited Sunday afternoon with Wanda and Wilbur DeBorde at Era, then went to the George Stephenson family visitation at the Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home in Gainesville.

Personal

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Shields and daughter June Dickerman of Saint Jo, Joe and Jackie Phillips of Forestburg, James and Mattie Parrish of Sunset. The ladies all attended installation services at Greenwood Eastern Star Lodge, while the men attended the lodge meeting at the Forestburg Masonic Lodge.

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Thanks to all the wonderful people who gave Mass offerings, brought food and plants and offered their sympathy and prayers to us. Your love and kindness overwhelms us.

Thanks to our friends and neighbors and to anyone we may have omitted.
God bless you all!

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Agency aids ranchers to 'steer clear' of disease

Mention "North Central Texas," and big city ideas of banking, traffic, or universities may emerge. For some people, though, thoughts turn to livestock because the counties surrounding the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolis team with ranching and dairy production.

Especially familiar with these operations is Torri Reagan, a large-animal veterinarian who heads a 17-county area, including Cooke County, for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). A state agency, the TAHC works closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) to wipe out or control specific livestock diseases and pests.

Area 3, based in Fort Worth, is one of TAHC's dozen regions. The state line is the northern boundary, and the west side includes Clay, Jack, Palo Pinto, and Erath counties. The area's southern border is made up of Somervell, Johnson, Hill and Navarro counties; while Ellis, Dallas, Denton and Cooke counties take up the eastern edge. Montague, Wise, Parker and Hood counties complete Area 3.

These 17 counties have around 15,000 cattle herds, or about 10 percent of the state's 136,000 herds.

"It's a lot of ground to cover, but with a dedicated team, we keep up," said Reagan. He works with two office clerks and a "field staff" comprised of another veterinarian, a supervising inspector and a dozen animal health inspectors.

The TAHC's main focus is on eradicating cattle brucellosis, a contagious, bacterial disease that can cause cows to abort, deliver weak offspring or produce less milk. Infected cattle are diagnosed through a blood test run at a livestock market or ranch and confirmed at the state-federal laboratories in Fort Worth or Austin. Sometimes, the area staff also may collect tissue samples from slaughtered cattle so the laboratory can run additional tests.

The TAHC and the USDA began all-out war against brucellosis in the late 1950s, when more than 25,000 Texas cattle herds had the disease. By the mid 1980s, Texas' infection had dropped to 2,000 herds.

In May, the infected herd count again dropped to only 350 herds, with 14 of them in Area 3. No infected herds are in Cooke County. Eventually, said Dr. Reagan, infection in Texas will be just a memory, like it is in 29 states that have eradicated the disease.

"Texas' 144 livestock markets must have a veterinarian test adult cattle for brucellosis before the sale. Area 3's 15 markets have 20 sales each week. An animal health inspector works at each one, issuing permits for moving restricted livestock, and making sure the cattle get a blood test," said Dr. Reagan.

"A blood sample from each adult animal is shipped to the state/federal laboratories for confirmation tests," he said. "If we find infection, we contact the owner and test the entire herd."

Because there is no cure for brucellosis infection in livestock, Dr. Reagan said infected animals are slaughtered. (Affected tissues are safely disposed of at slaughter, and cooked meat is safe to eat.) The rest of the herd is quarantined for at least six months and retested until the veterinarians and inspectors find no more infection. To help prevent the spread of disease, the staff vaccinates female cattle in infected herds.

Nearby, or "adjacent," herds also must be tested, because the brucellosis bacteria can be spread by coyotes dragging an aborted fetus or placenta to a neighboring pasture, or by infected cattle wandering into a nearby herd.

As added protection, Dr. Reagan urges the producers with uninfected herds to also have heifers immunized against the disease. Private veterinarians who are approved by the TAHC can vaccinate female cattle that are four to 12 months old. Male cattle are not immunized, because the vaccine can cause sterility in bulls.

Dr. Reagan and his staff also test dairy cattle suspected of having tuberculosis, a disease that could infect livestock workers or those who handle raw milk. Private veterinarians run routine tuberculosis screenings and TAHC staff retest the cattle that respond positively. Currently, no herds in Area 3 are infected. Every two months, the Area 3 staff prepares and sends nearly 3,800 milk samples to the state-federal laboratories for brucellosis testing.

"Texas is in the national program for wiping out swine disease, too. We draw blood samples from hogs to test for brucellosis and pseudorabies. Pseudorabies is not rabies; this virus acts like the flu and can kill young pigs quickly," Reagan said.

This spring, 16 swine herds in the state had brucellosis, with 12 of them in Area 3. None of the seven pseudorabies-infected herds were in Dr. Reagan's area.

Besides cattle and swine programs, the TAHC is responsible for eradicating specific diseases and pests in other livestock. The TAHC also regulates the movement of livestock into and within the state to prevent disease outbreaks.

For instance, TAHC's regulations govern horses infected with equine infectious anemia (EIA), a potentially fatal viral disease spread by contaminated medical instruments or biting flies. To protect neighboring horses, the TAHC veterinarians or inspectors issue permits to have infected horses shipped to slaughter or a research facility. Or, the permanently identified animals can remain on the ranch, quarantined from other horses. Dr. Reagan said 20 of the 373 EIA-infected horses detected since the first of September were from Area 3.

"We also follow up on the permits that allow a producer to bring animals into the state. We visit ranches raising exotic deer or ostriches and follow up on out-of-state swine delivered to Area 3 hog farms. We also check records at the 26 slaughter plants in Area 3 to ensure that restricted or diseased animals were delivered, or that necessary blood samples were collected," said Dr. Reagan.

"Our goal is to protect the livestock industry, and meet specific standards of disease control," said Dr. Reagan. "The decision to quarantine a herd, or send an animal to slaughter isn't pleasant. We do it to protect Texas' livestock industry and keep it number one."

Black fly treatment is effective in East Texas

by Herb Brevard
OVERTON - A biological pesticide spread from a boat has successfully reduced black fly infestations along a 42-mile stretch of the Sulphur River near Texarkana.

The approach offers a cost-effective way to treat black flies in the streams and rivers of East Texas, where they are becoming a growing problem for livestock and people, said Dr. James Robinson, an entomologist for the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Overton.

The treatment cost about \$9,000 to apply, yet probably will save \$2 million this year by preventing losses in cattle, horses and wildlife, Robinson said.

Waste reduction project wins USDA award for Ext. team

by Mary Mahoney
COLLEGE STATION - A project that can preserve 25 percent of Texas landfill space by recycling instead of bagging lawn clippings has earned a two-member Texas A&M University System team a USDA superior service award.

Dr. Bill Knoop, a Dallas-based turf grass specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Robert A. Whitney, former County Extension Service Agent in Fort Worth now serving at Comanche in Central Texas, received the award June 12 in Washington, D.C.

Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan recognized Knoop and Whitney for the development and implementation of the "Don't Bag It" program. The Texans were cited in the environmental and natural resource protection category.

Knoop devised the program that was piloted in 1989 by the Tarrant County office of the Extension Service and the City of Fort Worth, using volunteer demonstrators directed by Whitney.

During summers, as much as 50 percent of all solid waste in landfills comes from yards, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Landfills, however, are running out of space, and recycling is an increasingly important alternative.

Grass clippings can be easily recycled with no storage or processing. Research also has shown there is no need to bag grass clippings if good turf management practices are followed.

A year after the program began, a survey of the first 200 participants in "Don't Bag It" showed 98 percent of the respondents would not bag their grass clippings

Farmers search for renewal with their God

from Farmland News
More than eight out of 10 farmers attend church regularly, according to a survey of 1,200 readers of *Successful Farming* magazine.

Many avoid Sunday work as much as possible. There is a sense of renewal of interest in spiritual things, especially among the most successful farmers.

Mark Freed, a Lexington, Ill. farmer, says he's heard farmers with all the material things express a desire for something to fill an "emptiness."

Les Beekman, Buffalo Center, Ia. senses an obscuring of denominational lines in rural communities.

"We have fewer and fewer people living in our rural areas," he said. "We need to reach outside of denominational boundaries for fellowship."

Numerically, farmers rank their church affiliation in this order: Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ. No farmers identified themselves as Jewish.

again. They also said their lawns had improved, and that they mow their grass in 38 percent less time. In Fort Worth alone, 30,000 bags of lawn clippings were kept out of the landfill.

Knoop and Whitney, encouraged by the success in Fort Worth and interest expressed by other cities, developed a "Don't Bag It" handbook, slides, video and publications to show others how to use the program in their own communities.

By March 1991, more than 100 Texas cities had initiated "Don't Bag It" programs, over 1,500 demonstration lawns had been designated across the state, and 3 million Texans had received information on the program.

The Texas program developed by Knoop and Whitney is a model for many cities throughout the United States, Carpenter said.

The "Don't Bag It" program also earned the EPS's 1990 Award of Excellence and the 1989 national Keep America Beautiful Award.

Wildlife depend on farmers' mowing right for survival

If you know when to mow, your hunting trips could be a lot more productive.

Pat Graham, a wildlife biologist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, says that mowing at the right time can make the difference between a successful and unsuccessful hatch for nesting animals.

Graham uses quail as an example.

He says quail nest in May. It takes two to three weeks to lay eggs, which hatch in 23 days. That means that in most years the peak quail hatch occurs from mid to late June.

"It's important to maintain undisturbed nesting areas until the second week of July," Graham says. "If mowing has to be done earlier, leave a border of at least 30 feet around the outside edge of the field or next to woody draws, because quail almost always nest within 66 feet of the field edge or woody cover."

While early mowing destroys nests, Graham says that late mowing also creates problems.

"If mowing is not completed by August 15, the grasses may not have enough regrowth for nesting

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

Sorghum Midge Update
This past week, I visited with Allen Knutson, Extension Entomologist, and Allen says midge are running about two weeks early this year. Already sorghum midge have been observed and treated in Collin County. So, Cooke County farmers should be on the lookout for midge, especially in later-blooming grain sorghum.

The adult midge is a small fragile-looking orange-colored fly about 1/12th of an inch long. Larvae or maggots are tiny and pink to orange in color.

Adult female midges deposit 50-250 tiny white eggs between the glumes or husks of developing seeds. Eggs hatch in 2-3 days into pink to orange larvae or maggots which consumes the internal contents of developing seeds. Larval development requires 9-11 days. Adults live only 1-2 days.

Sorghum midge can damage grain sorghum only when it is blooming. A single floret or seed is susceptible only 1 day, a head normally blooms and is susceptible for

about 7-9 days. A field which is uniform is usually susceptible for 2-3 weeks. Susceptible grains are only those with yellow blooms or anthers.

Midge larvae cause damage by feeding on the ovary of the seed which prevents normal development of the seeds and results in "blasted" heads. Severe damage can result in 90-100 percent yield loss.

To determine if midge are present, begin scouting when 10 percent of the heads are in bloom. Remember that a sorghum head blooms from the tip downward and on the first day or two of bloom only a few florets or seeds are blooming. Sample between mid-morning and noon. Each day a new midge population is present, so sample daily, if possible. Sample either by carefully observing heads for midge adults or by slipping a clear plastic bag over a sorghum head, shaking the head and looking for adult midges at the top of the bag. Sample a minimum of 50-100 heads per field per day.

The most cost effective control for midge is uniform planting of hybrids of uniform maturity in a community. Johnson grass control is also helpful because this is usually the first spring host for sorghum midge.

Chemical control may be justified when more than 1-2 adult midge per head can be found on susceptible hybrids or 5-10 on resistance hybrids. As many as 3-4 applications at 3-4-day intervals may be necessary to protect a field from economic losses. Days 5-12 of bloom in a uniform field contributes about 75-80 percent of potential grain production and are key days for midge control.



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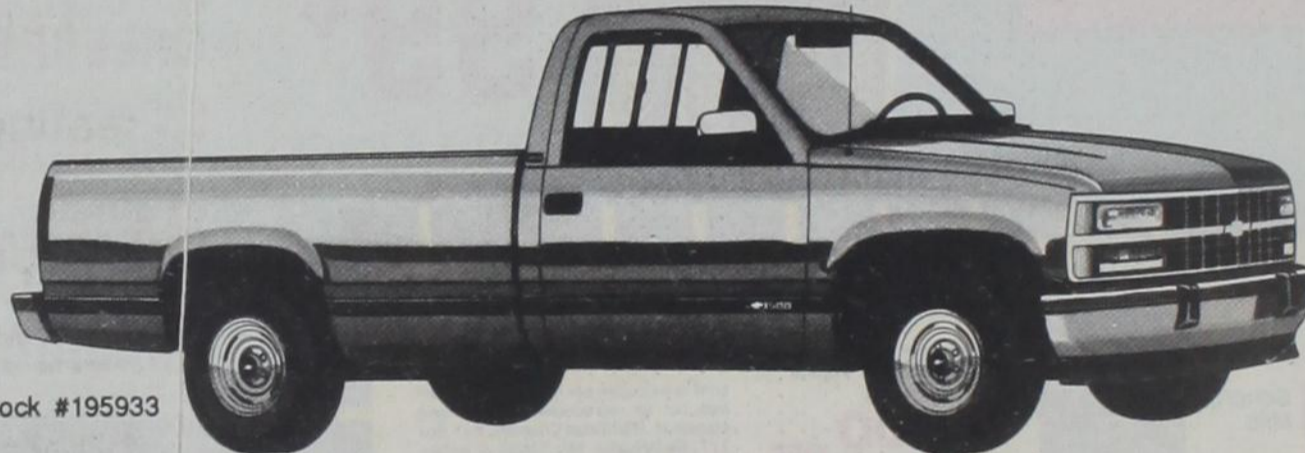
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SLICED BACON..... 12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.49**
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LITTLE SIZZLERS..... 12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.29**

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DOG FOOD..... 23 OZ. **79¢**
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LIGHTER FLUID..... 32 OZ. **\$1.19**
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