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## CATTLE NEWS

### 'DEAN' WINS BIG

*Bull vying for triple crown...*

*Top-seeded Limousin could become top U.S. bull in breed*

■ **Hale Center brothers share ownership of Limousin championship bull**

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview

HALE CENTER — Troy and Kyle Burnett have high hopes that Dean, their prize winning Limousin bull, may go on to take the 1994 Limousin triple crown and become U.S. champ.

The bull put the first jewel in his crown winning the \$10,000 1994 American Futurity in Missouri recently. Dean goes on to Atlanta, Ga., in November and to Denver, Colo., in early 1995. Dean wins all three, he could conceivably be at the top of the U.S. Limousin breed by spring — about the time his first two offspring are expected to be calved.

The Burnetts are partners in the bull with Steve Lowrance of Shallowater. As a yearling, Dean was class champion at Fort Worth and class champion at the Houston Livestock Show. Both promote the raising of fine cattle through their membership in Hale County Purebred Breeders Cattle Assn.

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FIRST JEWEL IN TRIPLE CROWN? — Dean, a Hale County bull, is shown winning the Limousin division in the American Futurity recently.

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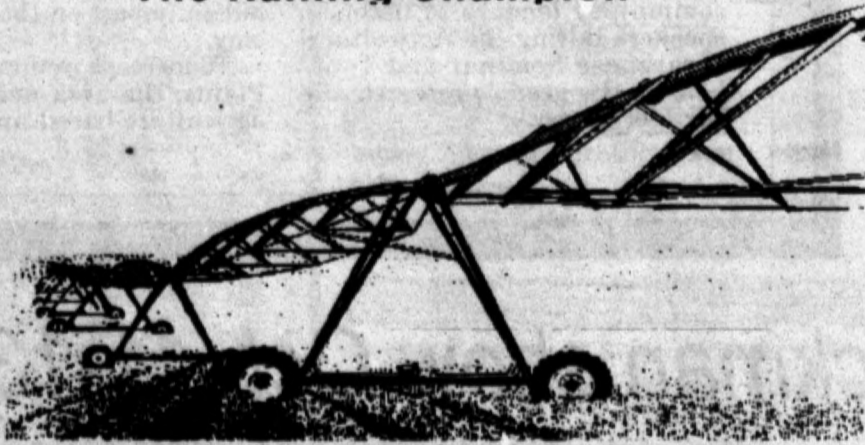
  
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# Lubbock Mayor says ag sector is yet to be developed to fullest extent

David Langston is speaker at Extension Service event

By Linda Carriger  
AgReview Writer

LUBBOCK — Agriculture is the economic life support of both urban and rural communities in the High Plains Region, speakers at an agricultural fair sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service stressed Friday.

Researchers at the extension service invited urban and rural community leaders to listen to speakers during the Agricultural Awareness Seminar and Tour held at the group's research site north of Lubbock.

The speakers, who were introduced by Plainview attorney Graddy Tunnell included Lubbock Mayor David Langston and DowElanco North America vice president Charles Fischer.

"Agriculture is the industry that brings us and it's the industry that's going to lead us into the next century," Langston said.

The Lubbock mayor told the group that cities need to understand that agriculture has a \$22 billion impact on the area's economy.

To increase profits on the High Plains, the area needs to entice agriculture-based manufacturers

to their cities.

"If we just took raw cotton and turned it into fabric, it would double the value of the cotton," Langston said.

The mayor added that 35 percent of the cotton produced in the United States is from Texas, but that only 11 percent of the cotton is processed into other goods in Texas.

Other states' economies are benefiting from Texas agriculture, he said.

"We don't intermix," Langston said. "We don't forge those partnerships that are in our best interests."

Fischer said in the future farmers will have to concentrate their sales in the global instead of regional markets to maintain profit margins.

"Tomorrow's winners are going to be those who are most able to compete in the global market," he said.

Farmers will have to buy into satellite technology to keep up with markets across the globe, Fischer said.

Frank Jones, president of Plains Cotton Growers, said the competition for cotton growers will come from North America, Pakistan and India.

China has a good climate to grow cotton, he said, but they will probably not be a market force.

"China's primary locomotion power is animals," Jones said. "If you grow a bunch of cotton you can't feed that to your animals so the incentive is gone (for producing cotton)"

Fischer said biotechnology will play a role in tomorrow's agriculture.

"Biotechnology is a tool whose time has come, and no action of lawyers or activists can stuff that genie back in the bottle," Fischer said.

Biologically creating plants with more resistance to the environment and productivity will decrease the number of producers in the industry and push competition, Fischer said.

"Agriculture is not a destiny,

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## Farmer-Stockman show Oct. 11-13 is 'working event'

By JOE BRYANT

A&M Extension Journalist

LUBBOCK—Visitors to the second annual Texas Farmer-Stockman Show Oct. 11-13 at Lubbock will find several new features in the two-and-a-half-acre "Info Plaza" which showcases modern agriculture and family life.

Outdoor displays and performances by cowboy poets have been added to the six circussize tents of Info Plaza exhibits, says Dr. Bob Robinson, district director for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Plaza coordinator.

The specially designed Plaza has been set aside for area universities and local, state and national agricultural agencies to update citizens on the latest research and helpful services.

The Texas Farmer-Stockman Show, the state's first working farm show, will be held at the City of Lubbock farm, just east of Loop 287 on Farm Road 835 (East 50th Street). Show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

The Info Plaza, at the southwest corner of the 53-acre commercial exhibit area, will feature six mas-

sive tents of displays, outdoor exhibits from Texas Tech University's Ranching Heritage Center, and a special exhibit which will demonstrate what happens in a pickup crash when occupants fail to wear seatbelts.

Landscaped features in the area include a pond, solar-powered geyser and waterfall, trees, low-maintenance plants suitable for area homes, and places spectators can relax. Texas Tech's food tent and dining area has moved this year to the Info Plaza.

Exhibits in the Info Plaza will be clustered by themes and will interest urban visitors as well as agricultural producers. One tent will feature water quality and the environment. Another will show how modern, lean animals support modern lifestyles.

Agricultural competitiveness is the theme for another tent. One tent will focus on life quality, health and well-being. Another will showcase the opportunities and services of area universities and agricultural agencies. The sixth will spotlight conservation of natural resources.

Exhibitors in this area will include: High Plains

Research Foundation, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, USDA-Soil Conservation Service, Texas A&M University System, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Tech University and West Texas A&M University.

Also, Texas Forest Service, Texas 4-H, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Texas Water Development Board, Texas Young Farmers Association, TTU Center for Agricultural and Technology Transfer, TTU Textile Research Center, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The Info Plaza will be adjacent to plots showing the latest crop irrigation and production practices. Demonstrations in those plots will be conducted by the Soil Conservation Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District and Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Adult admission will be \$3. Persons under age 18 will be admitted free.

# Study sheds light on pesticide regulation nationwide

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Information collected from the 50-state survey of pesticide regulations by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research was used to rank the states according to a number of criteria. They include total budgets of pesticide programs; money collected from pesticide product registration fees; fines assessed pesticide violators;

suspensions and revocations of pesticide applicator licenses; and complaints investigated. These comparisons show: — California ranks first in the total budget for pesticide programs, averaging \$44.1 million per year from 1990-92. Other states in the top five in annual pesticide budgets are: Florida, \$5.8 million; Wisconsin, \$4.3 million;

North Carolina, \$4.1 million; and New Jersey, \$3 million. — Wisconsin ranks first in the amount of money collected from pesticide product registration fees, totaling \$3.5 million in fiscal year 1992-93. Other states are: Minnesota, \$3.3 million; Florida, \$2.9 million; New Jersey, \$2.2 million; and California, \$2.1 million. — California ranks first in

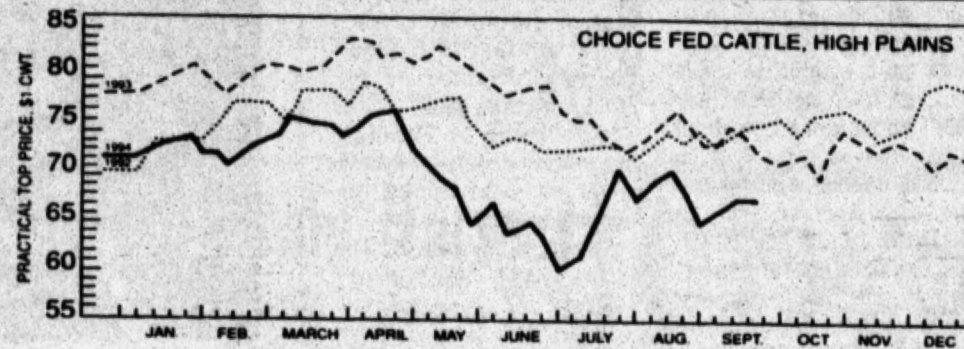
pesticide applicator licenses suspended or revoked, averaging 96 per year from 1990-92. Other states are: South Carolina, 25.3; Washington, 23.7; Colorado, 15.3; and Iowa and North Carolina, tied at 10.7. The center also adjusted rankings to take into account variations in populations and agricultural activity. For

example, California, which has the largest total pesticide program budget, also is the nation's most populous state and a leading agricultural producer. However, North Dakota ranks first when pesticide program budgets are divided by state populations. Rhode Island ranks first when budgets are divided by state crop acreages.

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it's a trip," Tunnell said. "It's a way we have to change all the time." Researchers at the agriculture center said the purpose of the seminar and tour was to relate the importance of agriculture to community leaders. "The city of Lubbock needs to recognize the importance of agriculture and promote it within the state and in the community," said Stan Carroll, the seminar chairman and assistant research scientist. Mike Edwards, the general manager of Pollard Friendly Ford in Lubbock, said urbanites often forget how products are processed from agricultural products. "We tend to look at things from our own point of view," he said. "We walk into a store and expect a cotton shirt to be there," Edwards said. "By God, if it's not, we want to know why."

## Fishing around West Texas edging out of the doldrums

**BAYLOR:** Water clear, 82 degrees, 13 feet below normal level; black bass good to 8 pounds on white buzz baits, cranks and Slugs; crappie good but small on minnows; catfish fair.  
**GREENBELT:** Water clear, 72 degrees, 7 feet below normal level; largemouth bass fair; smallmouth bass slow; walleye slow; sand bass fair trolling early and late; crappie slow; catfish good to 4 pounds on minnows, night crawlers and water dogs.  
**KEMP:** Water muddy, 7.5 feet below normal level; black bass slow; crappie slow; sand bass good on artificials; stripers slow, a few caught; catfish fair drifting with shrimp.  
**MEREDITH:** Water clear, 77 degrees, normal level; black bass slow, a few caught on topwaters; smallmouth bass slow, some on topwaters and jigs; walleye slow, beginning to catch some at night 30 feet deep on minnows and shad; crappie slow; sand bass good over humps and POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 83 degrees, 3 feet below normal level; black bass slow, some caught on spinner baits; stripers and sand bass good in schools on small topwaters; crappie slow; catfish fair on jugs.  
**PROCTOR:** Water murky, 1 foot below normal level; black bass fair to 6 pounds on cranks and plastic worms; crappie fair on minnows; hybrid stripers slow; catfish good to 17 pounds on shad.  
**SPENCE:** Water clear, 82 degrees, 30 feet below normal level; black bass fair to 5 pounds; stripers fair; white bass fair on the surface; crappie slow; catfish slow.  
**WHITE RIVER:** Water murky, 11 feet below normal level; catfish good on chicken liver and dough bait in deep water; everything else is slow.



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## Electric Co-op group plans new generator

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative has filed with the Texas Public Utility Commission a notice of intent to apply for a certificate of convenience and necessity for construction of a new 400 megawatt generating plant.

Scheduled for initial operation in early 1998, the plant would consist of four 100 megawatt, simple cycle gas turbine powered generating units. Natural gas will be used as a primary fuel.

A final site selection has not been made, but two preferred sites are currently under consideration. One is located in Moore County south of Sunray

and the other involves properties in Yoakum and Gaines Counties east of Denver City.

In its filing, Golden Spread advised the commission that it also intends to solicit proposals from other utilities and independent power suppliers for both new capacity and demand side control options. The solicitation will be made in about three months and will include a request for purchased power or other supply options.

Golden Spread currently purchases wholesale power from Southwestern Public Service Company and from West Texas

Utilities Company. SPS' 1993 load and capacity resource forecast, which includes the Golden Spread loads, shows a need to construct 486 megawatts of new gas turbine generating capacity to serve area loads.

Golden Spread President Robert W. Bryant said, "Our proposal does not duplicate any existing generating facilities. It simply means that SPS can defer the construction of additional generating plants on its system, and that will benefit SPS retail consumers."

Golden Spread's member systems are Bailey County Electric

Cooperative of Muleshoe, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative in Hereford, Greenbelt Electric Cooperative in Wellington, Lamb County Electric Cooperative in Littlefield, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative in Floydada, Midwest Electric Cooperative in Roby, North Plains Electric Cooperative in Perryton, Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative in Dalhart, South Plains Electric Cooperative in Lubbock, Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulia and Tri-County Electric Cooperative in Hooker, Okla.

Golden Spread's mem-

ber systems serve 90,000 South Plains Texas retail consumers in the Panhandle and in the Panhandle of Oklahoma.

## Stallman calls court decision 'promising'

By BOB STALLMAN  
Texas Farm Bureau Pres.

There really is a Fifth Amendment, and it is not some kind of constitutional quirk to be ignored while private property rights are trampled.

We in Farm Bureau have been saying that for quite a long time now. The good news is, the U.S. Supreme Court seems to agree.

The takings clause of the Fifth Amendment states that government may not take private property for public use without compensation. The Supreme Court seems to be expanding the definition of "taking" to include the diminished value of property due to government mandates and regulations.

In the case of Dolan versus Tigard, Florence and John Dolan, a mother and son with a plumbing supply store in Tigard, Ore., decided to expand their store. The necessary building permits were conditional, requiring the Dolans to give up a strip of their land as a "greenway and bicycle path. The strip

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in question amounted to 10 percent of the Dolan's property.

The Court ruled that such action is a "taking" under the Fifth Amendment, and

that the Dolans were entitled to compensation.

It will now be much more difficult to impose regulations that lower the value of property or to demand that

private property be dedicated to public use without compensation.

The decision, coupled with the Lucas case of 1992,

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# WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD IS ON DRUGS.

## The Telltale Signs

Chronic eye redness, sore throat or dry cough.  
Chronic lying, especially about whereabouts.  
Wholesale changes in friends.  
Stealing.  
Deteriorating relationships with family members.  
Wild mood swings, hostility, or abusive behavior.  
Chronic fatigue, withdrawal, carelessness about personal grooming.  
Major changes in eating or sleeping patterns.  
Loss of interest in favorite activities, hobbies, sports.  
School problems - slipping grades, absenteeism.

Take a deep breath.

You're not a failure as a parent. You're not helpless. And you're not alone.

If you think you're a failure, consider this: There are many kids with neglectful parents who never use drugs. There are also children with seemingly model parents who do use drugs.

So the first thing to accept is that drugs, while indeed dangerous, are one more problem for youngsters to handle. And they'll do it better and faster if you're aware, involved, and don't stick your head in the sand.

### THE AWARE PARENT IS THE GOOD PARENT.

Part of awareness and a major deterrent to experimentation is to talk to your kids about drugs.

But even with a lot of parental involvement, there are no guarantees. So it's important to know the symptoms of drug use and to take action if you see your youngster displaying them.

### THE WARNING SIGNALS.

There are no symptoms that are absolutely reliable. But there are clues (see box).

Most of these symptoms tend to be gradual which is why parental awareness is so important.

But don't jump to conclusions.

Many of the warning signs for drug use are the same as those for depression or for the ups and downs of being a teenager. There's also the possibility it's a physical or emotional problem.

But whatever the problem, we're talking about a child who needs help. Right now.

### START WITHIN THE FAMILY.

Nothing beats the power of love and family support. That has to start with a frank discussion.

Don't make it an attack. And don't try to talk with your child if he or she seems under the influence.

Wait for a calm moment and then explain that you're worried about certain behavior (be specific) and give your child every opportunity to explain. That means really listening, not doing all the talking.

At the same time, it's important to speak frankly about the possibility of drugs. And it's particularly important to talk about your values and why you're dead set against drugs.

If your youngster seems evasive or if his or her explanations are not convincing, you may want to consult your doctor to rule out illness and to ask for advice.

You may also want to have your child visit a mental health professional to see if there are emotional problems.

### FURTHER ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY.

If your child seems non-responsive or belligerent, and you suspect drugs are involved, immediate action is vital.

First, you'll need an evaluation from a health professional skilled in diagnosing adolescents with alcohol or drug problems.

You may want to get involved with an intervention program to learn techniques that will help convince a drug user to accept help.

For the user, there are self-help, outpatient, day care, residency, and 24-hour hospitalization programs.

The right program depends entirely on the circumstances and the degree of drug involvement. Here, you'll need professional help to make an informed choice.

Another point: If a program is to succeed, the family needs to be part of it. This can mean personal or family counseling. It may also involve participating in a support group where you learn about co-dependency and how not to play into the problems that might prompt further drug use.

If you don't know about drug programs in your area, call your family doctor, local hospital or county mental health society or school counselor for a referral. You can also call the national helpline - 800-662-HELP - for advice and a referral.

### WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GIVE UP.

That child who upsets you so much is the same little boy or girl who, only yesterday, gave you such joy. They're in way over their heads, and they never needed you quite as much as they need you now. No matter what they say.

For more information on how to talk with your kids about drugs, ask for a free copy of "A Parent's Guide to Prevention." Call 1-800-624-0100.

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# Processed veggie acreage zooms by 12 percent in '94

By MIKE LANDWEBER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acreage for harvest of processed vegetables increased 12 percent this year from 1993, with tomato production predicted to reach a record high, the Agriculture Department says.

Processors contracted out 1.49 million acres from farmers for the production of five major crops: snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas and tomatoes. With the exception of cucumbers, acreage for each of the vegetables increased from the previous year.

Tomatoes are forecast to weigh in at a record 11 million tons, an increase of 14 percent from 1993 and 27 percent from 1992. Green pea production increased 42 percent from 1993 to 474,490 tons, mainly because last year's crop suffered from bad weather.

The Agriculture Department also reported a slight decrease in total acreage for fresh vegetable harvested in the summer quarter from the previous year.

Area for harvest of the 12 selected fresh market vegetables dropped to 323,100 acres. Still, the decrease from the summer quarter in 1993 only amounted to 690 acres lost.

Of the 12 vegetables, acreage for broccoli, carrots, celery, sweet corn, head lettuce and bell peppers increased, while that of snap beans, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplant and tomatoes decreased or held steady with levels from the previous year.

Meanwhile, acreage for melon harvest is estimated to increase to 143,300 acres, up 7,300 acres from last year's summer quarter.

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gives real credibility to the private property rights movement. Lucas was a South Carolina developer who was told he could not build on his beach front lot due to environmental regulation. In the process, the value of his property was reduced to almost zero.

South Carolina, and for that matter, the City of Tigard, offered no compensation. The Supreme Court says they must.

This is an important decision for farmers, ranchers and landowners across the nation. It will force governments at all levels to look more closely before taking a person's property without compensation.

Yes, there really is a Fifth Amendment. It really does have a "takings clause"—and it can no longer be ignored!

Although cantaloupe and honeydew melon acreage is expected to decrease, watermelon drove the increase with a projected gain of 11,700 acres for a total of 82,700.

Onion growers foresee a 6 percent gain in harvested acreage from 1993, buoyed by a spring harvest of 35,400 acres, an increase of 16 percent. Total onion acreage for harvest in 1994 is 159,990 acres.



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July 21, 1994

Rollie Hyde, Publisher  
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Dear Rollie:

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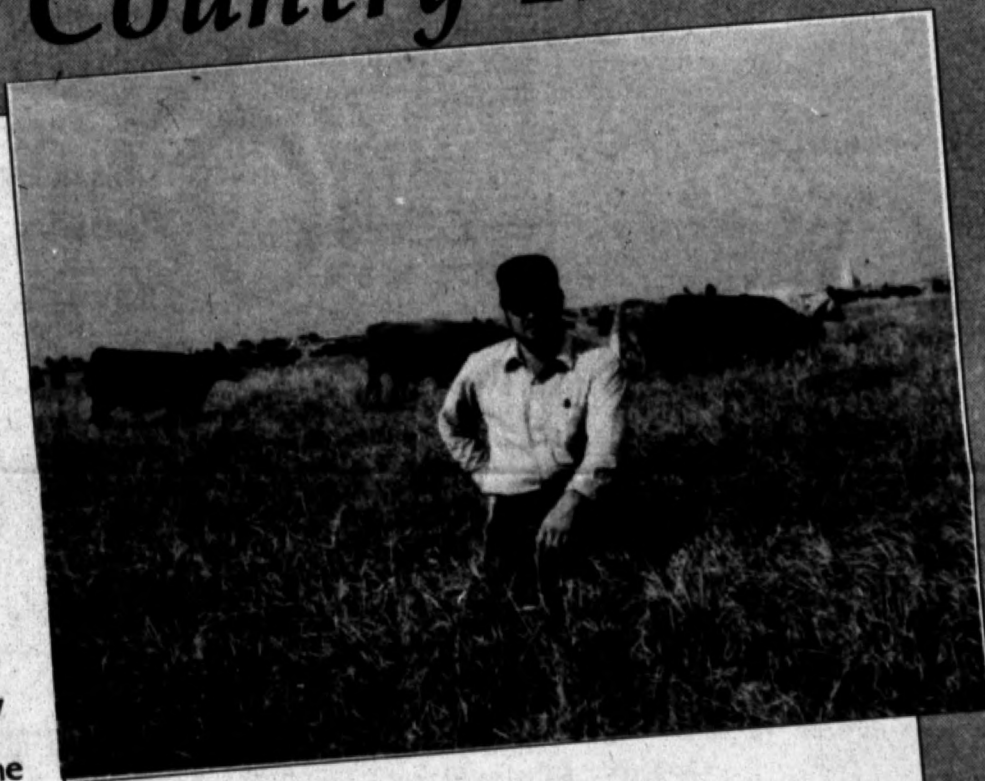
I want to give **Country Trader** the credit, just to say you get the right information to the right people. A number of your readers have tried Matua and have had excellent results in an area stretching from Stratford south to Bovina, Tulia, Plainview and Abernathy.

Now we know, no one covers Texas Panhandle agriculture like the **West Texas Country Trader!**

Sincerely yours,

Keith Carmichael

Keith Carmichael  
Cutting Edge Ag Products, Lowry City, Mo.



# Tips given on renovating your old home place

By POPULAR MECHANICS  
For AP Special Features

Buying an older home for future renovation can be an exciting and rewarding experience. Aged brass doorknobs, ornately carved banisters, fine wall moldings, natural wood beams and trim are just a few of the features that attract many buyers.

Yet, along with their charm and style, older homes often have serious problems and limitations unapparent to the untrained eye. For example, new base-

ment paint could hide persistent flooding. Heavy carpeting may mask a rotting floor and that attractive wainscot may be home to thousands of wood-eating insects.

Buyers can also feel cheated when they discover that local zoning and building ordinances prohibit the remodeling and improvements planned when the house was bought.

It definitely pays to hire a professional to evaluate a home's structural and mechanical condition, and about how much it will cost to fix up, before you sign on

the dotted line.

The inspection should cover roofing, walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, foundations and basement slabs. An inspector will determine whether main structural components are sound, free from rot or insect damage, and strong enough to support the weight of the house. He'll check out all exposed water and waste pipes, faucets, drainage, water heaters and connections to appliances. He'll also evaluate the overall condition of the electrical system to see that it's adequate for your current and

future needs. Grounding connections and exposed wiring will be tested for overload protection as well as the efficiency of heating and cooling systems.

A home inspection typically costs one-tenth of one percent of the cost of the house, with a minimum charge of about \$150.

The importance of a home's location cannot be stressed enough. You'll probably want to be close to main roads, mass transit, good schools and shopping centers as well as be removed from major commercial sites and airports. In

addition, you'll want to find a location where real estate values are rising or are likely to rise, in case you decide to sell the house in a few years.

Surrounding areas should also be investigated. Make sure that a garbage dump, industrial park or other unwelcome facility isn't planned for a nearby parcel of undeveloped land. To get this information, you may want to have a real estate appraiser develop a feasibility study of the prospective property. This report will examine such trends as property appreciation rates,

population growth or decline, average income and employment base. It may also examine street traffic patterns, convenience to transportation, stores and schools.

When you buy an older home, a deposit of between 5 and 10 percent of the total purchase price is considered reasonable. You should make sure this deposit is held by the real estate broker or your attorney and placed in an interest-bearing account, with interest going to you, the buyer, at the time of the closing settlement.

## There's more to bathtub care than meets the eye

By READER'S DIGEST  
For AP Special Features

Making your bathtub or shower sparkling clean need not be a chore if you know the right steps to follow. Regular cleaning once a week usually wins at least half the battle. Here are some tips that can help you achieve complete victory.

The best time to clean a tub or shower is right after using it, when steam has loosened the dirt. Before you exit, just wipe off the damp surfaces with a towel. If you are in a hurry and must set aside another time to clean the bathroom, run the shower on hot for a minute beforehand, then open the shower curtain or tub door to help loosen dirt on other bathroom surfaces. Be sure to close the curtain or door eventually, so it can air-dry.

Wiping tub and shower surfaces while they are still wet is important if you live in an area where water is "hard" (contains minerals). Commercial cleaners applied with a sponge or damp cloth will remove hard-water scale and film. For a homemade cleaner try white vinegar, undiluted

or mixed with up to four parts warm water.

To avoid bathtub rings, don't use oily bath preparations. If a ring does form, wipe it off with undiluted ammonia (wear rubber gloves) or a wet sponge generously sprinkled with baking soda. For stubborn rings, wipe with white vinegar or automatic dishwashing detergent, then rinse.

Wipe mildew areas with a cloth dipped in household bleach. Again, wear rubber gloves. (CAUTION: Never mix any combination of bleach, ammonia and commercial cleaners; a toxic gas may result.) To reduce and often eliminate mildew, increase ventilation as

much as possible by installing an exhaust fan (or by increasing the size of the present fan) and opening doors and windows soon after bathing or showering. Extend shower curtains so they dry thoroughly and leave shower doors ajar so that air can circulate inside the enclosure.

Clean stained porcelain surfaces with a commercial bathroom cleaner containing mild abrasives or by applying a paste of cream of tartar and hydrogen peroxide. Avoid cleaners with harsh abrasives; when used repeatedly they can mar smooth finishes. Spread the paste over the stain and scrub lightly; let the paste dry

and then wipe or rinse it off. To shine chrome fixtures, wipe with rubbing alcohol or a damp cloth dipped in baking soda.

To clean a fiberglass tub, use a water conditioner for dishwashers or a commercial bathroom cleaner containing EDTA (ethylene diamine tetra acetate).

Wiping with bleach, vinegar or alcohol will clean the caulk around bathtubs. However, cracked caulk must be replaced. First pry out the old caulk with an ice pick or screwdriver and clean away any residue by wiping with mineral spirits. Attach masking tape to the tub and wall on both sides of the gap, leaving a space about

half an inch wide; then fill the tub with water to expand the gap fully.

Slice the nozzle on a tube of tub-sealing caulk at an angle of about 45 degrees to produce an opening about a quarter-inch wide. Starting at a corner, place the nozzle over the seam between the tub and wall and then

push or pull the tube while squeezing it to force caulk into the gap. Apply caulk at an even rate. When finished, smooth the surface with a lightly-soaped finger so that caulk extends onto both strips of tape. Remove the tape carefully after the caulk has hardened overnight. Drain the tub.

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#### Questions & Answers

**Q.** Our vinyl floor is separating at the seams in some areas. What's the best way of repairing this condition?

**A.** You can close simple tears and separated seams in vinyl flooring by buying an inexpensive seam-sealing kit. Make sure it's the same brand as your vinyl. In some cases you'll need to reglue the vinyl to the floor. While this is easy enough to do, it's usually not required. In any case, you simply apply a little flooring mastic to the undersides of the separated vinyl and press it back in place. To keep it there while it dries, set several books or a brick on the seam or tear for a day or so.

With the vinyl stuck firmly in place, insert the applicator tip of the sealer bottle into the seam or tear, and pull it along until the entire seam or tear has a coating of sealer. Allow it to dry completely before resuming traffic in that area.

**Q.** My husband and I have a running argument about a register in our bedroom. We don't heat our bedroom in the winter, so he covers up the return air register with tape. I say that the tape stops the removal of cold air from our room. He says if the hot air is shut off, the return air register should also be shut off. Which is the correct answer?

**A.** I agree with you, but it depends on what your husband is trying to accomplish. By sealing off the return register, he is isolating your bedroom from the central heating system, especially if the bedroom door is kept closed. Unless you keep a window open in your bedroom for air circulation, sealing the return register will cause the room's air to become stagnant. The lack of air exchange can cause some discomfort, especially if someone smokes in the room.

By leaving the return register open, there will be air circulation within the room. The return air will create a negative pressure in the bedroom. In turn, this causes the air in the house to migrate into the room through the door opening or under the door if the door is closed.