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Rural Life

Why till the soil?

By STEVEN HOLMES

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WASHINGTON — Throughout American history, in voices as disparate as those of Thomas Jefferson, Henry David Thoreau and Country Joe and the Fish, many have rhapsodized about the rural life.

In the country, lungs breathe clean, souls tune in to nature's rhythms and democracy

Writer explains why farming tugs on the heart-strings of rural Americans...

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Colorful crop

Dewey Hukill, a Lamb County farmer, inspects brightly-colored foliage of canna under a center pivot in a photo taken several seasons ago. He is an owner of Agri-Gold, which grows the floral crop for bulb production in sandy soil south of Olton.

Greenwood headlines Cotton Barons Ball

Singer Lee Greenwood will headline the 1994 Cotton Barons Ball on Aug. 13. Proceeds from the ball benefit the American Cancer Society.

Greenwood has many top selling albums to his credit, but his best-known recording has to be "God Bless The USA," the patriotic anthem he wrote and recorded in 1985.

It won him Song of the Year honors from the Country Music Association.

Only two years after his debut album recorded in 1982, he was voted the Country Music Association Male Vocalist of the Year (1983).

The next year he won that award again and also a Grammy for Best Country Vocal Performance. His first three

albums achieved gold sales status and his Greatest Hits also went gold.

Greenwood has performed "God Bless The USA" as a musical tribute to his country all over the world.

More and more, it is sung alongside "The Star-Spangled Banner" at festivities across the country, much like Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" was used by past genera-

"I still get a little emotional when I witness the impact that the song has on audiences. I feel honored when fellow Americans hold it in such high esteem," Greenwood said when asked how it feels to be the author of a song many Americans regard as the "second National Anthem."

Greenwood's identity with this song prompted

known as my signature song. Without question, I have led a charmed life and this book enables me to share a part of it with the reader."

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tions to the Ball, contact Beverly Alvis at 296-7101.

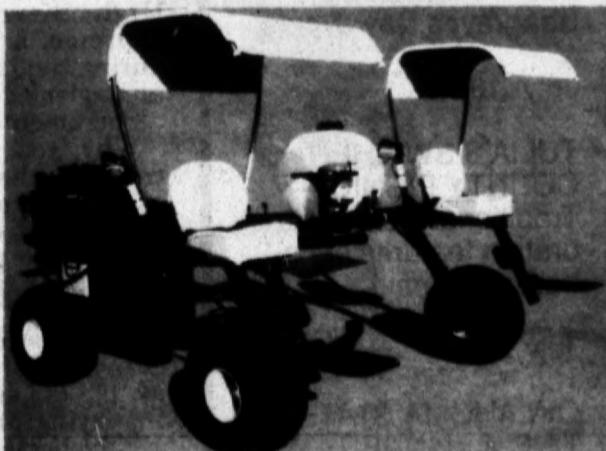
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his writing a book of the same name in which he conveys events in his life that inspired the song and the impact it continues to have on his fans.

Greenwood says, "God Bless The USA, the book, is a very lengthy explanation of why I wrote the song, 'God Bless The USA.' It also profiles my experiences leading up to and after writing what has come to be



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Buffalo Springs Lake offers enjoyment for South Plains boating, skiing buffs

BUFFALO SPRINGS LAKE — A water-related recreational area is just minutes from Plains area towns.

Buffalo Springs Lake offers boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking facilities, trails for hiking, rocks for climbing, assorted athletic opportunities and a multitude of special events during the year.

Buffalo Springs Lake

is located five miles southwest of Lubbock on FM835 and is administered by the Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1. The original cost of acquiring the land and constructing initial capital improvements was paid for by a bond issue during the 1950s. When the indebtedness was paid off, any future

tax levy was eliminated.

Since the establishment of the district, all its expenses have been paid by gate revenue, normal fees collected from users of the facilities and concession sales. Buffalo Springs Lake is a completely self-supported entity, and receives no tax revenue and no public funds such as grants.

The lake itself has 225 surface acres of water and 7 1/2 miles of shoreline. Many special events are planned annually at the lake, both public and private. Coming up, for example, are the national concrete canoe race finals, sponsored by the Engineering Department at Texas Tech. The event is expected to draw participants and interested onlookers from all over the United States.

A gigantic fireworks display is planned for July 4 with various Independence Day activities beforehand. Concerts and music festivals are frequent activities at the lake and the hot air balloon festival is scheduled Sept. 23-24.

Capital improvements under way at the lake are an expanded new swim beach, which will likely be ready by July 1. The horseshoe-shaped beach is a protected cove, and a breakwater will pre-

vent swimmers from being swamped by the wash of passing boats. Water slides will be added before the summer of 1990.

An outdoor amphitheatre is also in the works, with studies being conducted to select the most suitable site.

Among the amenities now available at the lake are camping grounds, horseshoe pitching pits, archery ranges, volleyball courts, barbecue pits, pay phones, showers, restrooms, concession areas, fishing houses, boat launching ramps, horse and pony rides and a nature trail.

Sponsored by the Llano Estacado Audubon Society, the Nature Trail is a walking tour which encompasses the flora, wildlife, geology and history of the Yellowhouse Canyon area. On the 1.7-mile trail, hikers can view numerous plant species such as grasses, shrubs

and trees; identify both resident and nesting birds; catch glimpses of small mammals such as raccoons, squirrels, rabbits, and mice; see amphibians and reptiles and enjoy the butterflies.

Most of the water in Buffalo Springs Lake comes from underground springs, originating in the Ogallala Aquifer. The water is tested regularly by lake personnel to maintain its high quality and it is tested monthly by the State of Texas to determine if it meets both state and federal regulations for quality. It does.

Buffalo is considered a "constant level" lake, in that it does not vary appreciably from month to month or year to year.

Fishing is considered excellent now at Buffalo, with notably large stripers earning the area an enviable reputation across Texas.

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July 9

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Aug. 4-8

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Mexican peasants given title to croplands

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — President Carlos Salinas de Gortari visited this border city Wednesday to hand-deliver 11 certificates of ownership to a third generation of peasant farmers.

Salinas presided at a ceremony under a huge tent at Lucio Blanco, one of thousands of "ejidos" — communal farms — across the country.

Ejido Lucio Blanco, which takes its name after a revolutionary general, was the first communal farm created after the 1910 Mexican Revolution, Salinas said.

"It's very significant that this event was held in this place full of history," Salinas said, with several thousand "campesinos" — rural peasants — crowded around him.

"It was here where Gen. Lucio Blanco gave in 1913 the first provisional certificates of ownership to 11 campesinos, and where the first ejido was formally created 25 years later."

The president said he was here to fulfill a promise made by the government after the Mexican Revolution.

Salinas told farmers they should be proud of owning the property they have worked on

for the past three generations.

Salinas is winding down a six-year term that expires Dec. 31.

Tamaulipas Gov. Manuel Cavazos Lemus praised the Mexican president.

"He has helped those who need the most help," the governor said. "Yesterday's slogan was 'Land and Liberty.' Today's slogan, thanks to President Salinas, is 'Land, Liberty and Productivity.'"

Cavazos said 31,548 certificates of ownership have been handed over to rural and urban residents from Tamaulipas this year alone, adding that the goal is to reach 50,000.

Angler's 'mistake' yields rod busting perch

By JIM BERTKEN

c. 1994 Los Angeles Daily News

CROWLEY LAKE, Calif. — In the High Sierra, where trout reign supreme, a little mistake was made during the late 1960s that has become an angler's gold mine.

Sacramento perch.

Why, you might ask, would anyone travel to the majestic Eastern Sierra — the land of golden, rainbow, brown, brook and cutthroat trout — and spend any time dabbling for these spiny little fish that are perch in name only.

These sunfish, the only variety native to California, are prolific, scrappy, big (as sunfish go) and not bad in the frying pan. (The locals say perch are the best-eating fish in the Sierra.)

And best of all, while a trout might be wary and sometimes downright lock-jawed, Sacramento perch have no sense. It's not a question of "Will I catch?" but "How long am I going to spend at the cleaning table?"

Doug Butler of Ridgecrest and his fishing partner, Jim Adams of China Lake, were setting up for a day of perchng at Crowley Lake at sun-up Sunday. They were getting set to jump into Butler's 10-year-old Sea Ray and chug on out to the grounds.

"We'll fish until noon, catch about a 100 fish then spend an hour and a half at the cleaning table," Butler said, not a whisper of cockiness in his tone.

Hundred-fish mornings are nothing new to him, he's fished the lake since 1946 and knows how to fill a bucket.

By 2 p.m., Adams had his electric filet knife connected to his truck battery and was going to town. He and Butler had caught 116 fish (they keep track with a clicker). No big deal, just a big meal.

Butler said he began seeing the fish at Crowley during the early 1970s.

Curtis Milliron, the biologist who is writing the Crowley Lake fishery management program for the Department of Fish and Game, said that's not far off. The first Sacramento perch were netted during a DFG sampling program back on Sept. 23, 1965.

Milliron figures a mistake was made by an angler who brought the fish to Crowley to use as bait. Not only is transporting live sportfish illegal in California, but the use of Sacramento perch or any live gamefish as bait is also against law.

The reasoning behind these laws is that introduced species usually negatively impact the fish that live there naturally. The introduction of largemouth bass into Riverside's Lake Perris effectively destroyed a promising spotted bass fishery. Ironically, the Sacramento perch is being crowded out in its natural range — in the Sacramento Valley — by introduced bluegill, crappie, largemouth, smallmouth and striped bass.

The perch-trout relationship in

Crowley, meanwhile, has been nothing but positive. Crowley is being managed as a trout fishery with different strains of trout being introduced to provide for season-long trout fishing.

The success of those trout relies on the lake's bountiful vegetation and the abundant insect life. Midges, tiny mosquito-like insects that hatch by the millions at Crowley, are the staple for the growing trout. The weedbeds offer cover for the fish as well.

The Sacramento perch feed on the same foods and spawn in those same weedbeds. And there's plenty for everybody.

"Not only do the perch grow well," said Milliron, "but the trout grow well, too."

At first, biologists were concerned that the warm-water fish would populate the lake so heavily that their food source would dry up and the population would become stunted.

Not so.

In August of 1993, DFG records show offer these averages: A perch angler fishing from a boat caught six perch per hour and returned with 21 fish. Those fish weighed 3/4 pound.

Now, for a sunfish that's a big fish. The state record, a 3-pound, 10-ounce perch, was caught at Crowley in 1979.

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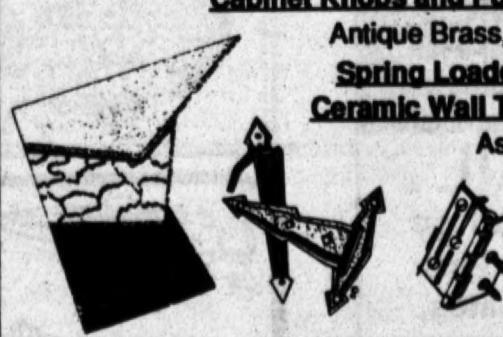
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World cotton production down but prices are up

WASHINGTON (AP) — World production of cotton in the 1993-94 season is estimated at 76 million bales, 6.8 million less than in the previous season and 8 million below estimated consumption.

A new report by the Agriculture Department's Foreign Agriculture Service also said the U.S. share of world cotton trade had risen slightly, inching up from 19.6 percent in 1992-93 to an estimated 21 percent this season. The cotton marketing year runs from August through July.

Lower global production figures reflect losses of a quarter-million bales due to bollworm infestation in China and Paraguay and overly high production estimates for Iran, the report said. Crop estimates increased in Australia, Turkey and Benin to reflect better harvesting conditions.

World cotton prices continue to rise dramatically. The so-called Cotlook A Index averaged 86 cents per pound during May, compared with 58 cents in June 1993.

The 1993-94 forecast for

domestic consumption is 10.3 million bales, with exports forecast at 7 million bales and domestic ending stocks estimated to be 3.6 million bales, the report said.

The U.S. share of world trade was 26 percent during calendar 1993, rising 35 percent from 1992 figures to 7 million bales more than any other cotton-producing country. U.S. exports this season have been boosted by production declines in several major producing countries.

But world cotton trade overall may expand this season because of increased consumption in areas in the former Soviet Union, and in parts of Asia, principally South Korea, Japan and China.

"Anticipated cotton shortages in major cotton-producing countries, such as China, India and Pakistan are expected for the 1994-95 crop year," the report said.

The United States has exported more than 442,000 bales of cotton to China this season, accounting for a projected 75 percent of that

country's cotton consumption. The report attributed the U.S. market share in China to reduced cotton availabilities from India and Pakistan.

"The outlook for U.S. cotton exports to China next year is promising as China will likely need to import significant amounts of cotton in the next few years to make up for an imbalance between cotton supply and demand," said the report.

World cotton production for 1994-95 is forecast up 10 percent from this year's estimate, at 84 million bales. The United States' cotton production is expected to increase by 1.55 million bales to 17.7 million bales, a growth of 9.6 percent.

The report forecast domestic consumption in calendar 1994 at 10.5 million bales, exports at 7 million bales and ending stocks at 3.9 million bales.

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RURAL**From Page 1**

grows its strongest roots. Yet in spite of those paeans to arcadian joys, Americans have deserted farms and small towns at such a startling pace that the 1990 census showed that less than one-fourth of the population was rural — down from about half in 1920.

Even as the rural population dwindled, the trappings of country life followed Americans to the cities, pushed along by the modern-day environmental movement and shrewd marketing.

Consumers bought rugged clothes from retailers like L.L. Bean and the western look from designers like Ralph Lauren, remodeled their kitchens to resemble weathered cupboards in Iowa farmhouses and drank beer said to be brewed from "pure mountain water." If the life in rural America could not be lived in earnest, it could, at least psychologically, be replicated.

Sue Halpern, a writer who lives the rustic life in New York's Adirondack Mountains, noted that polls of city and suburban dwellers often find them expressing a desire to live in small towns. "This is more than little wistful," Ms. Halpern writes in her book, "Migrations to Solitude" (Vintage,

1992). "They'd probably rather own a Model T, but they're going to buy a Taurus."

Now comes new evidence that some Americans are acting on wistful sentiment and moving back to the land of big sky. But when they get there, they are finding that it no longer resembles the land of their dreams.

In a recent study, Kenneth Johnson of Loyola University-Chicago and Calvin Beale of the Department of Agriculture have confirmed their belief that the population of rural America is again on the rise as it was, briefly, during the short-lived "rural revival" of the 1970s.

Using annual estimates of population shifts compiled by the Census Bureau and state demographers, their report shows that 64 percent of the country's 2,277 non-metropolitan counties grew in the early 1990s, compared with only 46 percent of these counties during the 1980s.

The number of people moving into rural areas outstripped the number moving out by 377,000 from 1990 through 1992, reversing the trend of the 1980s, when a net total of 928,000 people left rural counties.

If more Americans are headed to the country,

the atmosphere they find — and probably help to create — may be far different from what they had imagined.

Retirees may muse about spending long, lazy hours fishing on a quiet pond, but they are likely to find the local lake clogged with bass boats or waterskiers.

Migrants to eastern Idaho or northwest Wyoming seeking the backwoods solitude of cross-country skiing might find their peace shattered by buzzing hordes of snowmobilers.

If they wander into L.L. Bean in Freeport, Me., they will find a shopping mall. Outside, they will already have encountered a strip of outlet stores selling

everything from porcelain to designer apparel to vacation souvenirs. (In case you were planning to have a dinner on fine china, looking like the ultimate in chic, next time you went camping.)

But malls and their urban wares are not really the issue. It's not so much that paradise is being paved over. It's being landscaped into golf courses.

The growth in rural areas, according to Johnson and Beale, is strongest in counties with large retirement communities and recreational areas where residents can ski, sail, climb mountains or hike.

While the migrants

have brought about economic rebirth in many places, they have also profoundly transformed the local economy. Work is likely to mean waiting on tables, not tilling the land.

"There's so much of a tendency of urban people to regard rural America as a playground," Beale said. "This creates a lot of controversy in places like the West where many local people get resentful. They may want the business, but they realize that it may change the character of the place."

In it, he summed up these contradictory impulses: "We wanted a place of ultimate wilderness, with that first and last yardstick of privacy: a place where you could walk around naked if you wanted to.

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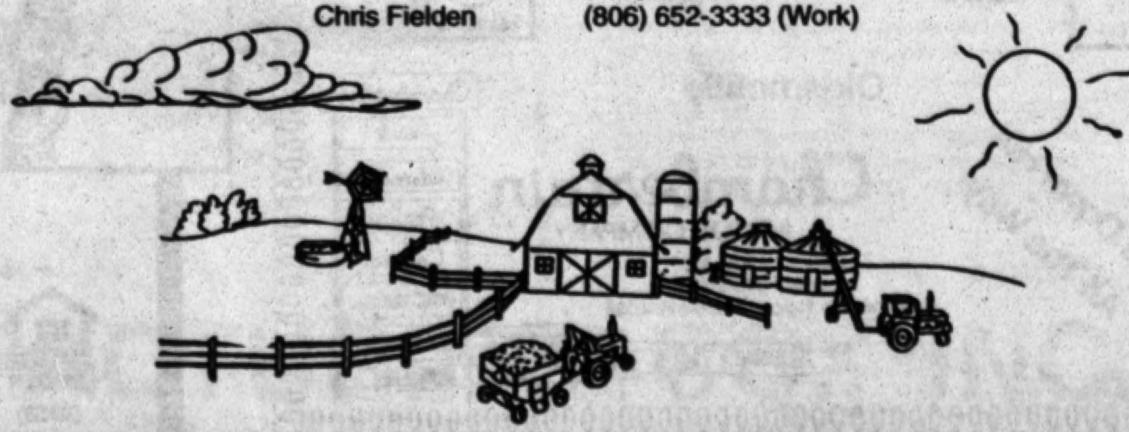
July 16, 1994

Plainview Country Club

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| 8:00 | Registration |
| 8:30 | Welcome and Seminar Overview
Seminar Planning Committee |
| 8:45 | Keynote Address "Connecting Kids to Farm Safety"
Marilyn Adams, President and Founder of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids |
| 9:15 | Participant Introductions |
| 9:30 | "Turning Negative Situations into Positives"
Panel Members: Marilyn Adams, Jimmy Curry |
| 10:00 | Break and Exhibits |
| 10:15 | "Working With Key Organizations", Moderator, Shari Burgus
Panel Members: EMS, Daren Miner, Hale Center EMS; Extension, Steve Gaylord, Hale County; Ag Business, John Zeitz, Cargill; FFA, Heather Isabell |
| 11:15 | "Reducing the Risk: Age and Ability Appropriate Tasks"
Dr. Steve Turner, Plainview Pediatrician |
| 12:15 | Lunch |
| 1:00 | Breakout Sessions (Choose One)
Chemicals, Brian Shaw, TX A&M; Equipment, Ken Shields, Deere and Co.; Irrigation, Carmin McCain, Hi Plains Water District |
| 1:30 | Breakout Sessions (Choose One)
ATV, Dayton Martin, ATV Safety Institute; Guns, Kenneth Sjogren; Hispanic Populations, Dimas Garcia and Ernestine Gomez, TX Migrant Council |
| 2:00 | Breakout Sessions (Chapter Meetings)
Hale County Chapter, Marilyn Adams; Floyd County Chapter, Shari Burgus |
| 2:45 | Break and Exhibits |
| 3:00 | Breakout Sessions (Choose One)
Educational Resources and Curriculum, Shari Burgus; Walks, Safety Days & School, Programs, Marilyn Adams |
| 3:30 | Breakout Sessions IV Repeated (Choose One) |
| 4:00 | "Ideas Into Action" |

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PRO-SHIELD, INC. ANNOUNCES NEW PRODUCT ELIMINATES HAIL, PROTECTS PROPERTY

HOUSTON, Tx. — Pro-Shield, Inc., a subsidiary of Houston, Texas-based Pro Companies, introduces a breakthrough in storm control, the first hail-suppression system available to the United States market. The Anti-Hail Device, invented in France and developed in Canada, is the only known system in the world proven 100% effective in protecting crops and other property against damage due to hailstones.

The Anti-Hail Device was engineered to protect high-dollar investments in crops, automobile manufacturing, aircraft, and horticulture, among others. In 1991, hail accounted for \$1.7 billion in crop losses for the U.S. (11% of total crop production), ranking only behind the flood-drought cycle and disease as a major cause of loss.

Over 350 units have been sold worldwide since 1972 to individual growers and to national governments, with documented testimonies to their effectiveness.

Although U.S. farmers buy crop insurance from private companies and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, the anti-hail system offers a 35% higher percentage of protection, which can lower the cost of both premiums and claims. The United States insurance industry is taking a "wait and see" approach, but internationally, leading insurance companies lowered the cost of premiums for device owners once the system proved its value, while some owners dropped their hail coverage altogether.

The Anti-Hail Device consists of a "cannon" housed in a combustion chamber which shoots repeated low-frequency shock waves into hail-producing clouds known as cumulonimbus. The shock waves change the cloud structure, creating a barrier between warm air from the earth and cool air inside the cloud. This prevents ice particles from volleying through updrafts and downdrafts where they would increase in size and form hail stones. The cannon does not inhibit normal rainfall.

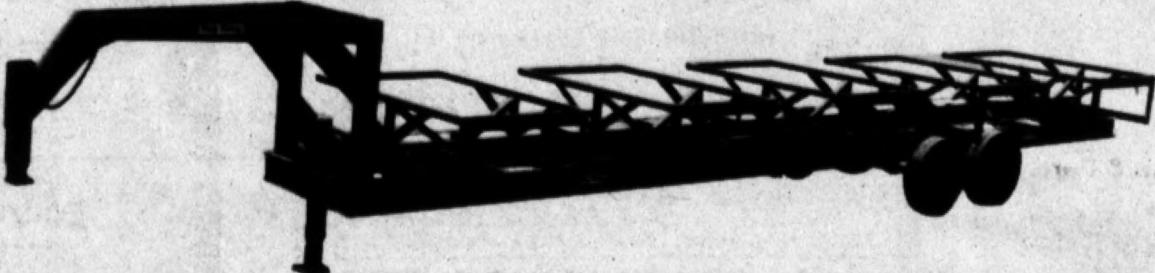
Pro Companies owner, Jack Coates and his partners, Steve McVille and Robert McVicker, plan to sell or lease 50 units within the next year. While marketing is still in the early stages, the entrepreneurs foresee negotiating cooperative agreements with insurance companies and the government to subsidize part of the cost for small farmers. A U.S. manufacturing plant is on the drawing board for completion by the fourth quarter of 1996.

The first installation of the Anti-Hail Device will take place on July 19, 1994 at the Lusk Onion Farm in Clovis, N.M. This one unit will protect over 200 acres of onions which equals thousands of dollars worth of produce.

Pro Shield, Inc. would like to extend a cordial invitation to all interested readers to come and witness this historical event. If you are interested in attending, please call Pro Companies at 713/671-0646, attention Robert McVicker.

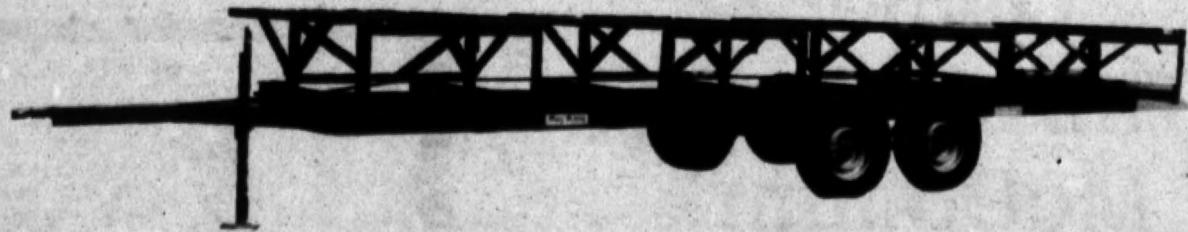
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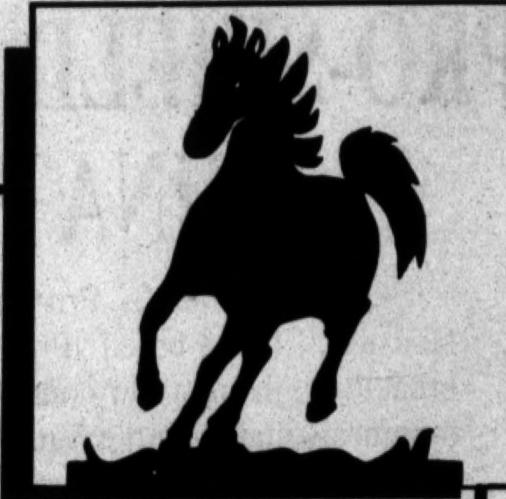
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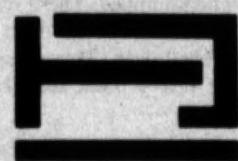
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