

Ranch People "Under the Hill" Provide Subjects for Lubbock Artists



J. Don Finch and another local cowboy are among the many local subjects the skill of Durward Campbell has captured in his paintings.



Durward Campbell

Threading my way through the chattering banter of the visiting judges' wives tour which overflowed the foyer of Lubbock's Ranching Heritage Center, I worked my way toward the gallery being constructed in the west wing.

Workmen with ladders, spotlights, hammer and nails were busy creating gallery space for the National Western Artists Show and Sale on October 14th-16th. Amid the confusion and clutter a TV cameramen shot interviews by Larry Elliott, news director of Channel 28, KAMC-TV.

In his ten-gallon Tom Mix hat and high topped boots, Alvin Davis, director of Ranching Heritage, strode by, intent on some detail concerning the show or the patio luncheon being prepared for the artists.

Casually I browsed through the bronzed wildlife sculptures of Terry Gilbreth, realistic down to the last feather, and continued through a wide variety of western art from seventeen contributing artists: Indian tipis and ponies, buffalo and longhorns, homesteads and Model A's, horses and cowboys.

The mules first caught my eye. "Hey, I know those mules," I thought aloud. Kit and Huldie were old friends from our History Day at the Ranch activities. Faithfully, with only an occasional balk, the pair had pulled the school wagon loaded with visitors during the on-site Sesquicentennial program at Mott Camp, formerly a linecamp of the Matador Ranch.

The muleskinner and brakeman, Kirk Brock and Craig Dubois, the kelly green wagon, the juniper-studded foothills, all were familiar. Below that oil painting was a pencil drawing of cowboys gathered at the Bird Pease River Ranch at Paducah. Who was this artist, Duward Campbell, who captures my friends and neighbors with his brush and pen?

A Lubbock native who paid his way through school as part of a roving branding crew, Duward Campbell often rides incognito, his saddlemates rarely realizing or caring that Tech graduate is gathering images, impressions, background for his full-time occupation of western art. He draws heavily on the working cowboys of the ranches in the breaks of

Motley, Cottle, King, Dickens, and Floyd counties for his subjects. The Willie, the Bird, and the Burleson Ranches have provided many a scene and face for his work.

Rural women, known for their tenacity and spirit, captivate his artist's eye and touch his heart. The farm wife, the storekeeper, the postmistress, or the ranch cook are equally fascinating.

"One of my favorite times is 5 a.m. in the morning, sitting around with a cup of coffee while the ranch wife begins cooking for the day's work," Campbell confides, claiming the lady has an entirely different perspective from her husband. Texas women possess a unique place among western women he believes.

Looking more like a football line-backer than an artist, speaking with candor and sincerity, Campbell echoes a recurring theme heard from other artists.

The tightening of Texas oil money has meant the tightening of belts for the artists. Hard times, certainly nothing new to aspiring artists, have returned. Marketing, selling, and merchandising takes more of their creative time while broader mar-

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The family of Aaron Lee would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors for prayers, flowers, and friendship that was shared at the recent death of our precious loved one. We have always heard that "Friends are Forever." We feel that our lives are filled with friendship and we cherish you all.

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To all who worked so diligently to make it such a joyous occasion for all the family.

It was an honor to have our nephew, Bishop Dan Solomon, to bring the morning message.

It also enabled us to enjoy a family reunion, which was long over due. To the friends and relatives who came from far and near to help us enjoy this time. Also our friends and relatives from other churches, who came to help make it such a good day.

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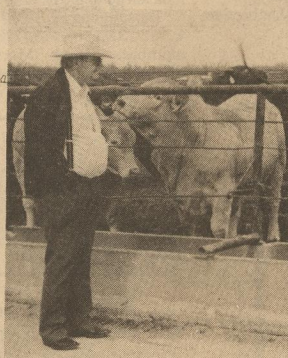
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CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in Motley County consists of 129 contracts on 29,592.7 acres. Of these contracts a total of 16,138 acres were seeded in fiscal 1988 to permanent vegetation both native and introduced grasses. More than 2,500 acres are scheduled to be seeded to permanent grass under the Conservation Reserve Program next year.

In both the development of Conservation Reserve Program and the development of Farm Bill Plans, we are attempting to enhance our plant community to facilitate wildlife. Planning for wildlife is important and should be considered. Hunting is quickly becoming a big business. Managing to enhance wildlife habitat could lead to a substantial source of income if properly managed through the leasing of lands for hunting purposes.



Over 16,000 acres were seeded to permanent vegetative cover both native and introduced grasses through the Conservation Reserve Program in fiscal 1988.

FOOD SECURITY ACT (FARM BILL) OF 1985

The Matador Field Office of the Upper Pease SWCD developed 249 Conservation Plans for producers farming highly erodible cropland in order to meet the provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act. Alternative cropping systems to consider when developing a Conservation Plan may be Wind Stripcropping, Interseeding, Various Crop Rotations, Terraces, Waterways, and perhaps the conversion of more marginal cropland to pasture by seeding a permanent vegetative cover.

COVER CROP (INTERSEEDING)

A cover crop is a crop of close-growing grasses, legumes, or small grains such as wheat or rye grown primarily for seasonal protection of the soil. Its main purpose is to control erosion during periods when the major crop such as cotton does not furnish adequate cover. A cover crop not only protects the soil from wind erosion but also it provides organic matter to the soil, improves infiltration, aeration and soil tilth. Also when applied according to Soil Conservation Service specifications this cropping sequence will meet the requirements of the food Security Act.

The cropping sequence with the use of a cover crop most often applied in our area is that of interseeding a cover into the existing crop. Small grains such as wheat or rye is interseeded each fall into the existing cotton crop. The cover crop is then maintained throughout the critical erosion season.

WIND STRIPCROPPING

Wind Stripcropping is establishing rows of locally adapted perennial grass or high residue crops with rows of low residue crops such as cotton. Windstrips help to serve as an effective barrier to protect not only the soil but also young seedlings during the months of severe wind erosion season here in our area. When applied according to the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) guidelines the wind stripcropping system will not only help to conserve soil moisture, save valuable topsoil, and seedlings, but also it will meet the Conservation Compliance Provisions of the Food Security Act (Farm Bill) of 1985.



The Food Security Act of 1985 requires producers farming Highly Erodible Farmland to implement an approved conservation plan on their farmland. Practices such as interseeding, (above) and wind stripcropping (below) are viable alternatives to meet the requirements of the Farm Bill.

1988 Fiscal Year Conservation Accomplishments

BRUSH MANAGEMENT	3,500 acres
CONSERVATION TILLAGE	7,500 acres
PASTURE PLANTING	3,580 acres
RANGE SEEDING	12,638 acres
TERRACE SYSTEMS	506,000 feet
WIND STRIPCROPPING	22,000 acres
CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM	129 on over 29,000 acres
GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION PROGRAM	20 on over 13,000 acres
FSA CONSERVATION PLANS	249 on over 73,000 acres
LTA CONTRACTS	4 on over 1,700 acres

Upper Pease SWCD Accomplishments

- Member of National Assoc. of Conservation Districts
- Member of State Assoc. of SWCD Districts
- Represent Upper Pease SWCD at South Plains Assoc. of SWCD
- Represent Upper Pease SWCD at State Assoc. of Soil and Water Conservation Meeting.
- Participated in Great Plains Conservation Program Meetings
- Assisted SCS with the Conservation Reserve Program
- Participated in Conservation District Meetings
- Sponsor of Motley County 4-H Banquet
- Sponsor Poster Contest for local youth
- Sponsor Essay Contest for local youth
- Represented District Unit communicating with State Congressman and Senators
- Furnished part-time personnel to Soil Conservation Service
- Published one annual report
- Sold 260 trees during the tree sale
- Sowed over 3,500 acres with the district owned grass drill
- Feature article in the Texas Farmer Stockman
- Feature article in the Soil and Water Conservation News

Other Accomplishments of the SCS and SWCD in FY88

- Made 433 highly erodible land determinations on 98,609 acres
- Made 38 non highly erodible land determinations
- Determined needs on 53 referrels from the ASCS
- Constructed 6 waterways
- Constructed 2 pipe outlets
- Constructed 3 ponds
- Wrote 22 news articles
- Made 12 talks and tours to 386 people
- Had 147 displays
- Wrote 249 Food Security Act Conservation Plans
- Wrote 3 Long Term Agreement Contracts
- Seeded 16,138 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program



The GP program continues to be an active part of district activity. A GPCP contract is a long term agreement between the producer and USDA whereby the USDA agrees to provide cost share assistance for certain conservation practices. Currently there are 20 GPCP contracts in the district. These producers are Lillie Barkley and Bertha Stearns, Bobby Clay, Joe Ike Clay, Ronald Clay, Darrell Cruse, Donnie & Darrell Cruse, Davis Farm Supply, Francis Brothers, James Gwinn, George Hughes, Gary Lancaster, Carter Luckett, Hal Martin, A.J. Perkins, James Potts, Truitt Read, Walter W. Spray, Gale Stafford, Leona Terry, and Johnney Turner. Recent funding for GPCP contracts has provided funds at the local level. Producers interested in GPCP should contact the Soil Conservation Service in Matador.



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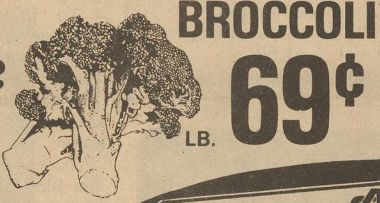
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