

Farwell's barber shop

More than just a place for a haircut

by Teresa Mesman

It was a place for conversation and relaxation. It was a place where you could go and get into a really heated discussion about sports, the weather and politics and while you were there, you could get a little off the top.

The local barbershop was more than just a place to get a haircut.

The local barbershop in Farwell has now gone the way of those before it - into the past.

When Red's Barber Shop closed last month, a lot of people around town started reminiscing about the barber shops that had been around in the past, so I started asking questions and reading about Farwell's history. When one reads about Farwell's history, the barber and his barber shop play a major part.

Long-time residents of Farwell and Texico fondly remember one of the very first barbers in Farwell. His name was Bob Kyker and he played a major part in "cutting" Farwell's niche in time. In addition to being a barber, he was also a historian and town wit. He is remembered as a very funny, jolly man who always laughed and had a smile on his face.

He came to Texico in 1905 and soon thereafter began barbering in Farwell. His original shop was in what was



then called the "Hamlin Block" of buildings in the new village of Farwell. He barbered there for approximately 10 years.

In 1915, Farwell boasted a brand new, luxury hotel called the Farwell Inn. Bob moved his barber shop into the lobby of the hotel. Both the barber shop and the hotel were doing

very well until a supposed arsonist set the hotel on fire.

Bob was able to save his barber chair from the burning building. He then moved his shop over onto, what was then Main Street (Ave. A - Hwy 84). It was from this location, that many people, who still live in Farwell today, got their haircuts from.

Bob Kyker cut everyone's hair, from little boys and girls to the women of the community. Even though he was specifically trained as a mans' barber, he knew all about all kinds of hair and how to cut it in the styles of the day. Bob



was also an influential community leader and served a six year term as Parmer County Treasurer in addition to running his barber shop.

He was a very gentle man as well, who genuinely cared for the people of the community. He especially enjoyed treating little kids with things.

Wilma Moseley fondly recalls the times that her mother would have to literally hold her head up for Bob to cut her hair because she would fall asleep in the chair.

"He would also give me a nickel and I would skip down to the drugstore and get an ice cream cone after he cut my hair" she recalled. "One time, I got a cone and had eaten just about all the ice cream when I saw that there was a bug in the cone. I threw it down and went shrieking to Mr. Kyker and he walked back up to the drugstore and demanded that they give me another one - and they had better make sure there were no bugs in it!"

Bob barbered in Farwell for 45 years. He sold his barber shop to Sterling Billington in 1937 and worked for him until he retired in 1950.

Sterling Billington was perhaps the best known barber in

Farwell. He cut the hair of many generations of families in the area and he trained a great number of barbers.

Sterling grew up cutting hair. He was the eldest of several boys and had started cutting their hair at the age of eleven. He grew to like cutting hair and chose to follow it as a profession. Back in the late 20's, there were no formal Barber Colleges in the state of Texas to train at, but barbers were required to do an apprenticeship in a barber shop.

Sterling trained under his uncle in Waco in 1927 and then worked in the city for several years. He then went to work in a shop in Dalhart, Texas for a time and then moved to Farwell in 1933. He began working for Bob Kyker.

In 1937, he bought Bob Kyker's Barber Shop, but Bob stayed on and worked for Sterling. This shop was on the 100 block of Ave. A.

Sterling then moved his shop to the 200 block of Ave. A for a couple of years and then, in 1942 moved the shop into the building at 207 Ave A. This is where the longest running barber shop business remained until May 1995.

Sterling truly loved the barber business and was completely dedicated to it. He began his day at 7:30 a.m.



because he had customers who needed their hair cut early. From the 30's to the 50's, the shop would stay open until midnight on Saturdays because there were so many customers that needed the shop to stay open late; plus the shop was the place to be on Saturday! It was the center of activity!

Television was the only reason that Sterling's shop started closing at an earlier time on Saturdays. Folks wanted to get home and watch the new talking picture box,

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Way to go, Frances

Some good news for Border Town Days this year:

Once again, the CAKE Train will be present to give rides to young'uns around the Farwell City Park.

Frances Kube, Farwell's No. 1 go-getter, called the Tribune last week to say that Jerry and Marcia Cole, of Pleasant Hill, who own the train, have agreed to let members of St. John Lutheran Church operate it at BTD this year.

And the proceeds from the train rides will go to Parmer County Crime Stoppers, which has been raising funds to keep going.

The Cole family have too many irons in the fire at the end of July to bring the train here themselves.

Also, Mrs. Kube said, the Aid Association for Lutherans, an insurance company, matches funds raised by its members for local community projects. And this one will qualify.

Sounds like Crime Stoppers will "make out like a bandit," so to speak...

Speaking of BTB, here's more good news for families:

The Clovis Christian School will be bringing a moonwalk to our celebration. Kay Fowler is the local contact.

As BTB chairman, I can honestly say that our committee has tried to work hard to make BTB a true family get-together. When I arrived in the Twin Cities in the mid-1980s, the major complaint I heard about BTB was that although it was great for old-timers to get together, there wasn't enough for the kids.

It's been quite awhile since I've heard that complaint.

With the CAKE Train, bicycle contest, Moonwalk, dunking booth, water polo, volleyball tourney, basketball court, and wider variety of concessions, etc., BTB offers a bunch of activities for kids.

Meanwhile, there's plenty for the old-timers, too. Last year, we saw a record number of high school reunions. Then there's the antique cars and antique tractors, merchants giveaway, entertainment at the gazebo, etc., for the seniors.

This year may be our best

for entertainment. We have quite a lineup scheduled at the gazebo, starting with queen's contest and including a bunch of top-notch singers.

And don't forget the folks who wear Middle Ages outfits and have sword fights!

A Farwell lady dropped off these "Communist Rules for Revolution" which were published before 1919.

Some readers may believe that some of those instructions, from 76 years ago, might be relevant in a certain society today:

"Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

"Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext with the view of confiscation of them and leaving the population helpless.

"Get control of all means of publicity and thereby:

"- Get people's minds off their government by focusing attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

"- Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

"- Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt and ridicule.

"- Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and ruthlessly as possible.

"- By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

"- Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

"- By spacious argument, cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues: honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness."

From Teresa:
The other day, I was pe-

Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

rusing through one of the many magazines that we receive and I came to the health and beauty section. The entire section was devoted to how to look good by the pool this summer.

This piqued my interest because the pool scene has been a large part of my life. I was a competitive swimmer from the age of 9 through college. I was also a lifeguard and swimming teacher for nine years, so swimming suit fashion interests me.

The style mandated by this article made me laugh. The models were shown wearing 2 inch heels, a long scarf draped around their head, neck and shoulders, a long sleeve cover up, a wide brimmed hat and sun shades that looked like enlarged cat eyes - complete with fake diamonds in the rims.

My idea of pool fashion is a swim suit that you don't have to dig out every time you jump off the board and straps that won't come off with the hit of every wave of water or clinging kid that won't swim to the side.

And the hair, well the models were shown with shiny, perfectly slicked back hair that looked like plastic. The article even read to keep your hair combed back wet with a small amount of leave in conditioner for a perfect by-the-pool do.

My idea of pool hair is whatever happens at the moment. Wet hair is best because it stays in place and is cool. But when the locks start to dry - stick a visor on and forget it. The Rastafarian look is in. The more matted the better.

Keeping conditioner in your hair is a good idea, too. If you get too much, though, your hair gets that matted, but oily

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Geries named to city council

Don Geries was appointed to the Farwell City Council on Tuesday.

The council named Geries to fill the post vacated when councilman Jimmie Mace was elected mayor last month.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a building permit application for Muleshoe State Bank to build a larger building just behind their current facility on Avenue A.

Mike Ratke, who manages the Farwell branch, presented plans for a 3,700-sq.-ft. brick building. One employee will be added.

Groundbreaking is set for July. The current building will be torn down.

- Heard Mace report that Rebecca Smallwood has asked that poles be installed at the Farwell City Park so volleyball nets can be fastened to them. City Water Supt. Dee Hammitt will install poles in the park.

- Agreed to seek bids for the annual street repair program. The following streets will be spruced up: all of 7th Street; 5th Street from Avenue C to Avenue I; and 3rd Street from Avenue G to the south end of town.

Residents who see the need for other street areas to be repaired are asked to call City Hall at 481-3620.

- Heard Mace report that city officials will meet later with Ted Copeland, a representative of the state highway department, to discuss whether parking should be banned on Avenue A.

Mace said Copeland has advised Farwell to remove its "no parking" signs between the state line and 3rd Street until they meet.

Councilman John Carlson supported the no parking ban, citing safety reasons and liability involved.

Ratke, a visitor at the meeting, suggested Avenue A be striped to help motorists.

- Tabled a variance hearing for Virgil Reed who wants to put a mobile home in the area of his doughnut and barbecue restaurant.

- Allowed Southern Union Gas to increase its rates by an average of 2.08 percent.

- Received two bids on a 1980 Chevy pickup; Johnny Stewart, Farwell, bid \$52.50. Bob Thurman, Texico, bid \$327. Thurman's bid was accepted.

- Approved building per-

mits for John Nigreville, 809 Ave. B, for a deck enclosure; and for Robert White, 900 Fifth St., for a garage.

- Received the May report from Police Chief Roy McGaa. It included 4 warnings issued, 4 citations issued and no arrests.

The activity breakdown included a vehicle burglary, a theft, 2 acts of vandalism, a parking violation, a suspicious vehicle and 4 traffic violations.

- Approved buying a computer for McGaa, who had been using his personal equipment for the past two years.

- In his report to the council, McGaa emphasized that since he is the lone police officer for Farwell, "the police department does not have the manpower or ability to provide standard service to the community. Until it can do so, complaints are to be expected."

He noted that requests for police service - all legitimate - include patrols when school starts in the morning to slow down speeders, a noon patrol at the school, a 5 p.m. patrol to slow down speed-

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Obituaries

Johnny Fleming

Johnny W. Fleming, 60, of Pearl River, La., died June 18. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell with the Rev. Cecil Bunch officiating.

Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona is handling the arrangements.

He was born March 2, 1935, in Pearl River. He married Minnie Ree Medley in Farwell on March 2, 1956. He retired from the U.S. Air Force and also from Sears Roebuck & Co. He was a member of the 21st Street Church of Christ in Clovis.

Surviving are his wife; a son, John, of Wolforth, Texas; 3 daughters, Pamela Moore, of Lake Arthur, N.M.; Sandra Warren, of Farwell, and Susan Troglia, of Antelope, Calif.; a brother, Mid Lavan Fleming, of Pearl River; 2 sisters, Ruby Nelson, Bonnie Sylvest and Nancy Hamilton, all of Pearl River; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Henry, Barney and Cecil, and a sister, Opal Fogg.

Pallbearers will be from the U.S. Air Force.

Honorary pallbearers will be nephews Kenneth Nutt, Jack Medley, Mike Medley, Terry Christian, Gary Christian, David Medley, Tim Medley, Steve Powell and R.B. Hill.

Norvell Tate

Graveside services for Dr. Norvell G. Tate, 90, Albuquerque, were June 16 at Mission Garden of Memories. The Rev. Greg Martin officiated. Funeral services were held earlier at Albuquerque.

He died June 11 at a retirement home in Albuquerque. He was born May 25, 1905, in Wayne, Okla., to Vernon and Ada Tate. He came to New Mexico when he was 2.

His family homesteaded at Ranchvale. After receiving a teacher degree, his first job was at Frio High School on the Frio Draw.

He then taught and coached at Pleasant Hill High School. Then he went on to teach at Folsom, where he met his wife, Mary Lee Holman, another teacher. They were married in 1928.

They moved to Texico, where they both taught here until the early 1930s. They moved to Gallup, N.M., in 1934. He later became the first principal at Albuquerque Highland High School and retired from that school district in 1959. He later was assistant dean of men at Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo. In 1980, he returned to the original Tate family farm near Ranchvale.

Surviving are a son, James, of Saratoga, Calif.; a daughter, Nancy Herring, Placitas, N.M.; 4 brothers, Wayne, of Broadview; Haney, A.V. and Travis, all of Ranchvale; a sister, Betty, of San Diego; 7

grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was succeeded in death by his wife, in 1989; a brother, Hardie; and 4 sisters, Opal, Clorene, Doris and Ada.

Gary Tuck

Services for Gary E. Tuck, 55, Clovis, were June 16 at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Terry Anderson officiating. Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens with military honors conducted by Cannon Air Force Base.

He died June 12 in San Antonio.

He was born Sept. 4, 1939, in Skaneateles, N.Y. He served in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1977, and then working as the base exchange supervisor of the Shopette at Cannon Air Force Base until retiring. Currently, he was a night supervisor at ENMRSH.

He married Norma Kluth on Dec. 11, 1976. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and VFW Post 3280.

Surviving are his wife; 3 daughters, Von Martin, of Tulsa, Okla.; Sherry Kluth, of Phoenix, and Pam Haseloff, Farwell; 2 sons, Christopher and Gary Jr., both of Heber Springs, Ark.; his mother, Josephine Tuck, of Skaneateles; a sister, Barbara Wymbs, of Mottville, N.Y.; a brother, Paul, of Santa Fe.

Among his grandchildren are Amy and Ray Haseloff, of Farwell.

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look when it dries - but hey, that's in style too these days!

Because my hair is lighter in color, I do make it a rule to always wash my hair after I get home from swimming. The green color that it will sometimes turn isn't very attractive - except around St. Patrick's Day.

My idea of a cover-up is a towel tied around the waist or a really oversized T-shirt. I was in Mexico one time and was wearing a mesh style shirt over my swim suit.

I fell asleep by the pool for about an hour and when I went back to my room to change clothes, I looked like I had fish scales. Believe me, I turned heads with my daring new suntan. I could

have worn a sea-shell bra and looked just like the Little Mermaid.

The new water shoes are a great invention. Scuba divers have known about them for years though. The ultimate pool shoe is still the pressed foam flip-flop though; especially if you are a lifeguard or a parent with children to watch.

They make perfect attention getters when you skip one across the top of the water and bean a kid on the head. No, it's not cruel and inhumane punishment or abusive, it's just that in a pool full of screaming and yelling kids, the warning of a lifeguard or the yell of a parent is seldom heard and often ignored.

Pool style should be whatever is the most comfortable for your body - and the emphasis is on your body. Some styles suit certain bodies and even though they are made of

elastic and Lycra, they're only meant to stretch so far.

One of the worst hazards at a pool are the swim suits. They can become dangerous weapons if they rip off and explode when they hit the

water. And if a suit is too loose, people will hurt themselves by tripping, falling and running into each other - because they are looking at what's hanging out instead of where they're going.

Parmer eligible for loans

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought are being accepted at the Rural Economic and Community Development Office on 3rd Street in Farwell.

Parmer County is one of seven in Texas recently named by Sec. of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover parts of actual losses resulting from drought.

Farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less,

said RECD director Tom Taylor.

For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 4.5 percent.

Taylor said that as a general rule a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an RECD emergency loan.

Farmers in the PIC or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

The deadline for applications is Jan. 19, 1996.

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ers, evening patrols to watch school grounds, night patrols to protect homes and visibility patrols morning, afternoon and night.

Although McGaa has repeatedly asked that a second police officer be hired, he hasn't been supported.

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Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Rex Williams:

On June 9, Dennis Stahl, 35, Hayward, Calif., was arrested by Friona police on a charge of burglary. The case is pending before the grand jury.

On June 10, Ruben Ortega, 23, Farwell, was arrested by Farwell police on a charge of possession of marijuana. He was fined court costs and given 10 days in jail.

On June 10, Sonja Perkins, 38, Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of assault. The case is pending in county court.

On June 13, Raymond Delgado Jr., 44, Farwell, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a warrant out of Curry County.

On June 13, Rebecca Larrea, 24, Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on charges of disorderly conduct and a warrant out of Randall County. Her case is pending before the justice of the peace.

On June 13, Jesus Larrea, 22, Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of disorderly conduct. His case is pending before the justice of the peace.

On June 18, Lewis King Jr., 44, Dallas, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a Department of Public Safety warrant.

On June 18, Faustino Garcia, 38, Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of DWI 2nd. The case is pending in county court.

Bucket Calf project nears

Youths ages 5 to 12 years old may participate in the 1995 Parmer County Bucket Calf Project.

Participants must buy a newborn calf, care for, and raise the calf. Monthly weigh days are held with educational meetings for the project participants.

Project goals are:
- For youth to learn responsibility by taking care of a newborn calf.

- For youth to gain an appreciation for animal agriculture.

- For youth to learn the basics of record keeping.

- FXor youth to have fun.

Persons interested in participating are asked to call Gary Patterson at the Parmer

County Extension Office, 481-3619, for more information.

Courthouse Notes

WD - Mary H. Harper - William E. Harper - Lot 13, Blk. 2, Hicks Add.

WD - William F. Rupp - Western Relocation Mgmt. - Lot 32, Blk. I, Western Add.

WD - Thomas Rhodes, Jr. - Agri-Sprayers, Inc. - 0.95 acre tract out of Sec. 15, T7S; R2E.

WD - Thomas Rhodes, Jr. - Bovina Gin, Inc. - 2.71 acre tract out of Sec. 15, T7S;R2E.



Mrs. Butch Cagle

Kerri Donahey, Butch Cagle wed

Kerri Jo Donahey and Butch Cagle were married June 10 at Central Baptist Church of Clovis with the Rev. Jim Prock officiating.

Kerri is the daughter of Jack and Donna Donahey, rural route Texico. Butch is the son of James and Louise Cagle, of Amarillo, and Johnny and Shirley Roberts, of Amarillo.

Jill Claggett, of Amarillo, was the Maid of Honor. Bridal attendants were Laurye Ellis, of Amarillo, and Terri Richardson, of Vega. Best Man was Stacy Blocker, of Tulia. Groomsmen were Gary Green, of Amarillo, and Tony Warren, of Amarillo.

Guests were seated by Lyndon Donahey, of Hobbs, N.M.; Larry Green, Gary Green and Tony Warren, all of Amarillo. Flower girl was Daneen Donahey, niece of the bride. Ring bearer was Jonathan Donahey, nephew of the bride. Candlelighter was Shamarah Cagle, daughter of the groom.

The bride received a bachelor's degree in business education and a master's degree in business education from West Texas A & M. She is a business teacher at Vega High School. The groom is a boilermaker welder and a member of Boilermake Local Lodge 531.

Grandparents of the bride are Susie Donahey and Gladys Castle, of Clovis.

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Farwell General Medical Clinic

In back are Dr. Chasteen and medical assistant Sharon Armstrong. In front are Summer Johnson, trainee, and Vicki Taylor, receptionist.

The Farwell General Medical Clinic is located at 301 3rd St. in Farwell. The phone number is 481-3200.

The clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.; plus Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Dr. Nancy Chasteen, D.O., has operated the clinic since December 1993.

The Farwell Clinic was begun about 1950 with G.D. Anderson in conversation with Dr. M.F. Green, of Muleshoe. Visits were made with Claude Rose, Carl Davis, John and Sam Aldridge, G.D. Anderson Jr., Guy Nichols, C.D. Anderson, Fred Gerles, N.L. Tharp, Johnny Williams, Leroy Faville, Clarence Worley and Security State Bank.

Twenty thousand dollars were raised by these men, giving individually, and a contract was let with plans being furnished by Dr. Green as to how he wanted it constructed.

The first plan which was carried out was for a small hospital operation. There were about 8 or 10 patient rooms constructed, along with the necessary equipment, X-ray rooms, etc.

Dr. Green was the man in charge, and his nurse was his wife, Geraldine. He also had some office help and some other nursing help; for the first months of operation, patients were admitted and had to be cared for on a 24-hour basis. This didn't prove successful because of the expense, and the lack of hospital equipment, so it was discontinued. The doctor operated in the clinic, and sent hospital patients either to Clovis or Muleshoe.

The following doctors were here over the years: M.F. Green, Ted Glenn, Robert Silva, Jerry Gregory, Bill Green, Bill Lewis, Frank Kretsinger and N.B. Chasteen.

In 1976, the Farwell Hospital District was formed. The clinic was given to the district at that time. They maintain the building and grounds.

The clinic was remodeled about 15 years ago with a donation from G.D. Anderson of \$60,000. Charles Aycock supervised the planning of the remodeling, which included expanded quarters for the dentist. Dr. J.R. Ivins is the present dentist, and was preceded by Dr. Lee Clayton.

On Aug. 5, 1990, a fire occurred in the medical clinic, which was again remodeled, with insurance funding.

Barbers

so they didn't hang out at the barber shop as late.

He also worked continuously at the profession with the exception of the years that he had to stop and serve a tour of duty with the Navy during World War II. He simply shut the doors to the shop and went to do his job with the military.



Cutting hair was a family affair for the Billington family. Sterling's wife Estelline owned and operated Estelline's Beauty Salon in the adjoining room at 207 Ave. A. She operated this from 1935 to 1987. Their daughter Katherine worked for her mother and their son Mike shined shoes for his dad from the ages of 6 to 16.

Sterling trained several barbers in his shop and many broke away and opened shops of their own in Farwell.

Sterling died of a heart attack on Nov. 1 1977. Estelline worked in her beauty shop until her death in 1987. Their son Mike, who gave much of the information for this article has been living in Ft. Worth for the past 25 years.

George Magness, Sterling's nephew started barbering in 1951 in Sterling's shop after training at the Amarillo Barber College for six months. He worked for five years in the shop and then opened up his own shop for five years before leaving the profession for about six months.

He then came back to the business and opened up another barber shop in the Watkins Building and again in the Magness Real Estate Building. He barbered until 1966 and then went to work for a farm fertilizer business.

"Barbering was a great profession, but it is very hard work," said George. "It is a lot of long hours standing on your feet and your arms get really tired from holding them up for hours at a time and cutting hair."

George still lives in Farwell.

Truitt Hardage became a barber in 1958 after training at the Amarillo Barber College for six months. He received his license in Dallas and then worked for Sterling Billington for a couple of years. In 1960 he opened Truitt's Barber Shop and barbered in Farwell until 1974. He barbered alone for most of the years, but did have a brother-in-law named Bryan Spiller that barbered with him for a year and a half.

**Steer Validation Day
scheduled June 28**

The annual Parmer County Steer Validation Day will be held June 28 at Lazbuddie Feeders, starting at 9 a.m.

Anyone planning to exhibit steers at the State Fair of Texas in September, Parmer County Junior Livestock Show, Ft. Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston or San Angelo livestock shows must have their steers validated.

The validation process includes taking a photo of the steer, placing an ear tag on the steer, and making a nose print of the steer.

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Truitt is now living in Hereford, but his daughter Tori Meeks still lives in Farwell with her husband Tim.

Red Lonsdale was the last of the barbers in Farwell to this point. He went to Lubbock Barber College for nine months, got his license and then went to work for Sterling Billington from January to October 1977. When Sterling died on Nov. 1, 1977, Red was left with some decisions as to what he should do. He purchased all of the equipment that had belonged to Sterling in 1978 and began renting the barber shop from the Billington's. Red's Barber Shop was open for 17 years.

Red was an incredible barber, not only in his talent of cutting hair, but in the obstacles that he had to overcome to perform his craft. Red suffers from a debilitating arthritic condition that settled in and severely affected his arms and hands. Red fought the odds for many years by keeping himself physically fit and healthy, a habit which he will continue to maintain in his retirement from barbering.

However, in May of this year, he had to hang his scissors



Cole Castleberry

1st birthday

Cole Castleberry celebrated his first birthday on May 22.

He is the son of James and Cindy Castleberry, of Benbrook, Texas. He has a brother, Taylor.

Attending the party were grandparents Randy and Betty Jean Kelley, of Farwell, and Felton and Melva Everett, of Haskell; his great-grandmother, Lola Everett, of Haskell and aunts, cousins and friends.

Cole is the great-grandson of Johnye Eubank, and Ray and Pauline Castleberry, of Farwell, and Willie Andress, of Haskell.

Concerts slated

The ENMU School of Music will host two outdoor concerts by the 1995 ENMU Summer Band, directed by Dr. David Wilborn.

Performances are 7 p.m. mst. on June 28 and July 27.

The concerts will be on the lawn between the School of Music and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

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up. The day that Red formally announced his retirement and the closing of his shop, the communities of Farwell and Texico mourned their loss.

Barbering is a completely different art from hair styling and cosmetology. There are still barber colleges in Amarillo and Lubbock, but there aren't that many men attending them and moving into the smaller towns.

Farwell and Texico are fortunate to have some of the most experienced hairstylists, cutters and cosmetologists in the area at the Beauty Box and Pierce's Beauty Salon. And the location of the Barber shop has now been opened on both sides by two very talented and experienced haircutters who own Taylor's Cuts and Sandy's Shear Shack.

many men, in particular, have had an adjustment to make since the barber shop closed down. There is a large number of men in the area that have never had a woman cut their hair before.

But, like the local barber shops in Farwell, that too will soon become a thing of the past.

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<p>First Baptist Church Farwell</p> <p>Rev. Rick Sullivan Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday - Mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Texico</p> <p>Rev. Bob Brown Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>	<p>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. mt</p>
<p>Lariat Church of Christ</p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m., winter, & 8:30 p.m., summer</p>	<p>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</p> <p>Minister - James Koehn Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</p> <p>Sunday Mass - 12:15 p.m. mt Religious Education (C.C.D.) 1:15-2:15 Community Meal - 1:15 p.m.</p>
<p>Church of Christ 110 9th St.</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.; winter, 8 p.m.</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</p> <p>Pastor - Edward Greenethaner Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Farwell Church of Christ</p> <p>Dennis Dillon - preacher Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship - 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m.</p>
<p>United Pentecostal Church Texico</p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Friday (youth) - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</p> <p>Rev. Carl Treat Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Texico</p> <p>Rev. Bob Burris Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt Worship - 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. mt Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</p> <p>Pastor - Steve Venable Worship Service - 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>High Plains Baptist Church</p> <p>Pastor - Bobby Atwell Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Worship - 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>New Light Baptist Church</p> <p>Pastor - J.R. Shiner Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>

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Tamara Offield and Michael Mimms

Approaching marriage

Tamara Offield, daughter of Joe and Judy Offield, of Plainview, will marry Michael Mimms, son of Dalton and Beulah Mimms, of Lazbuddie, on July 15 at her parents' home.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plainview High School and Wayland Baptist University. She teaches in Plainview.

Mimms is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School, Lubbock Christian University and A & M Vet School. He is a partner in the Hereford Vet Clinic.

Volleyball tourney slated

There will be a volleyball tournament held during the 4th of July activities in the park at Texico.

Teams can consist of six men or mixed with men and women.

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It is anticipated that the effect of the change in rates, when allowed, will be to increase the revenues of the Company within this service area by 2.08 percent. All customers will receive an increase in their commodity charge of \$.0061 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf). A residential customer using 50 Ccf of gas per month would experience an increase of \$0.30 per month.

A complete copy of the Company's Statement of Intent is available for inspection in its Farwell, Texas, office located at 101 Avenue A, Farwell, Texas 79325.

Southern Union Gas

NOTICE

The Lazbuddie Independent School District is currently accepting bids for the following: gasoline and diesel, athletic supplies and equipment, milk, and janitorial supplies.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 1995. If you are interested in placing a bid for any of the above items, please contact Phil Warren, Superintendent, Lazbuddie I.S.D. administration office, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie, Texas 79053. You may call (806) 965-2156 for a bid specification list on the items on which you wish to bid.

The Lazbuddie I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

Phil Warren, superintendent

Published in the State Line Tribune on June 23 and June 30, 1995

'94 cotton crop stats given

Final statistics on the 1994 crop show the Texas High Plains managed to put together back-to-back 3 million plus bale crops. The figures indicate the area produced 3,067,200 480-lb bales in 1994.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) abandonment on the 1994 crop totaled only 6 percent and the crop's weighted average yield came to 482 pounds per harvested acre. The abandonment figure reflects a total of only 184,800 acres lost during the season out of 3.219 million acres planted to the fiber crop.

"Expectations for the 1995 crop becoming a third 3 million-plus bale crop are still out there," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson.

Johnson acknowledges, however, that early planted cotton, especially in the southern areas of the High Plains, is hard to find and that recent weather has significantly muddled the complexion of the entire High Plains crop.

"To be honest we really do not have a good feel for how this year's crop is doing," explains Johnson. "The crop's condition runs the gamut from just planted all the way through cotton with five true leaves and nobody appears to be able to predict where the 1995 crop is headed."

The 1994 crop figures were obtained from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS).

As usual several High Plains counties ranked as the top cotton producing counties in the state. In fact the top 11 counties were all located on the Texas High Plains. They are: Gaines, 1; Hale, 2; Lubbock, 3; Terry, 4; Lamb, 5; Floyd, 6; Hockley, 7; Crosby, 8; Lynn, 9; Dawson, 10; and Yoakum, 11.

The following table shows 1994 planted and harvested acres, as well as total production in 480-

pound net weight bales for each of the 25 PCG counties.

1994-Crop Upland Cotton Texas High Plains
 Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre Harvested	Total Bales
Bailey	89,600	84,800	454	57,900
Briscoe	40,400	38,900	387	31,400
Borden	28,700	22,600	159	7,500
Castro	57,700	52,300	770	83,900
Crosby	201,100	194,100	477	193,000
Cochran	130,300	124,500	469	119,000
Dawson	238,500	221,900	303	140,100
Deaf Smith	4,800	4,100	885	5,100
Dickens	30,300	29,300	274	16,700
Floyd	174,600	169,300	619	218,200
Gaines	288,100	262,400	613	335,300
Garza	36,700	35,300	273	20,100
Hale	212,800	205,200	710	303,400
Hockley	239,500	230,700	439	210,800
Howard	90,800	86,300	265	47,600
Lamb	174,400	166,600	646	224,300
Lubbock	259,100	250,100	529	275,700
Lynn	245,300	233,200	313	151,900
Martin	112,100	101,500	308	65,100
Midland	30,300	27,800	345	20,000
Motley	32,000	30,700	186	11,900
Parmer	56,700	44,400	741	68,500
Swisher	68,700	62,700	692	90,400
Terry	246,200	234,100	491	239,700
Yoakum	131,100	122,200	509	129,700
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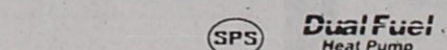
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Clyde and Bob Jenkins won first place in the Wild Cow Milking at the Pioneer Days PRCA Rodeo in Clovis.

Clyde was the roper and milker. Bob held the cow and had to get the rope off before Clyde crossed the line with milk in his bottle.

This event for local cowboys brings a lot of laughter and excitement. Trophy saddles are donated by local businesses to the fastest team. Handmade trophy spurs made by Sam Jenkins are given the second place team.

Pictured are Clyde and Bob Jenkins with Richard Hadley, manager of the Texico branch of Citizens Bank. Hadley presented the saddles

Volleyball tournament set at Bovina

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce is planning a double elimination volleyball tournament on July 4 at 4 p.m. at the Bovina football field.

The cost is \$20. Prizes will be awarded the top three places in the men's and women's divisions - T-shirts, trophies, caps, visors and water bottles.

Entries, with the fees, need to be returned to the First Bank, Bovina, Box 100, Bovina, TX 79009, attention Jeff or Sherry. Include the name of the team, name of the team's representative, address and phone number.

The Chamber will sell hamburger and hot dog plates plus soft drinks. If a group wants to have a booth there, contact Jeff, Sherry or Belinda at First Bank, Bovina.

Fireworks, at dusk, will be provided by the Chamber, Lions Club and Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

The Chief's Corner

Here is the weekly report from Farwell Police Chief Roy McGaa:

On June 6, McGaa investigated a complaint of criminal mischief in the 500 block of Avenue B. He said a security light from one property was shining on another property owner's home.

Also on June 6, a vehicle at the city park was burglarized.

On June 14, a hole was shot in the door at the Ninth Street Church of Christ. A pellet rifle was used.

On June 16, McGaa said apparently two inmates at the county jail phoned Allsup's and pretended to be

owner Lonnie Allsup, urging employees to work harder and that they would be inspected. Since the calls were collect, they were charged with wire fraud.

Shower set

A bridal shower is planned for Amy Murray and Sammy Herrera on Sunday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Hamlin United Methodist Church.

Hostess chairman is Rhonda Kirkland.

- Recipe of the Week -

Indian Pudding

- 2 cups skim milk
- 1/4 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 cup cold skim milk
- Nutmeg

Pre-heat oven to 275 degrees F.

Heat 2 cups skim milk in a double boiler or a medium saucepan over low heat. Add cornmeal, stirring constantly. Cook 15 minutes, or until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Set aside.

In a bowl, combine sugar, soda and spices. Stir to mix well. Add to cornmeal mixture and stir. Add molasses and 1 cup cold milk. Stir to mix thoroughly. Pour into a 1-quart casserole and bake 2 hours.

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Doubles Couples Scramble held at country club

A Doubles Couple scramble was held at Farwell Country Club last weekend. Results were
Championship flight: 1st, Jimmy Dominquez and Jan

Fontanilla, and Jack Allen Kirkland and Carol Snider, 114; 2nd, Royce Bethel and Jamey Bethel, and Terry Jesko and Janene Jesko, 118; 3rd, Bill Kinyon and Gail Kinyon, and Wade Walker and Laurie Walker, 121.

First flight: 1st, Terry Burton and Jeanine Gunstream, and Terry Ott and Anita Allgood, 129; 2nd, Tony Orme and Cathy Spears, and Mel Fought and Chris Dennison, 130; 3rd, Kyle Kimbrough and Kim Kimbrough, and Jeff Moore and Melissa Moore, 131.

Second flight: 1st, Duane Albracht and Theresa Albracht, and Leland Shelton and Mary Shelton, 134; 2nd, (won playoff) John Elliott and Brenda Elliott, and Sinky Scott and Rhea Scott, 136; 3rd, Jeep Haney and Rita Haney, and Jimmy Bragg and Joy Bragg, 136.

Marshal's Report

Texico Marshal Gil Holguin reported the following calls:
June 15 - called to the scene of an accident involving a flatbed utility trailer. Joey Hardgrove was pulling a trailer loaded with pipe traveling westbound on Wheeler St. The trailer came loose from his pickup and struck the Sheets and Sheets Metal building. Damage to the building is estimated at over \$500. Hardgrove was cited for driving on suspension, without his driver's license.

June 15 - responded to a vehicle accident involving Linda Mae Bush and Othena Smith. Smith was backing out of the Texico Post Office and did not see the southbound vehicle driven by Bush. Damage to the Bush's 1993 Mercury is estimated at \$500; damage to Smith's 1993 Chevrolet Suburban is very slight. Smith was cited for limitations on backing.

June 16 - nuisance law was enforced at 813 Lamar. Two citations were issued to Anna Moncayo for allowing her dog to run loose and city tag violation.

June 18 - officers responded to a domestic battery call at 500 Anderson. Richard Narro of Texico was arrested and charged with domestic violence battery.

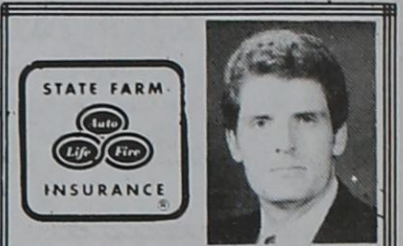
June 19 - investigated a call concerning burglary to a vehicle and criminal damage to property at 522 N. Staline Rd. The marshal has some leads into this crime and will be continuing the investigation.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were filed in Parmer County last week: Rafael L. Rivera, Jr. and Lori A. Benavidez, John Jay Fondrick and Melisa Leos.

Fire Calls

The Farwell ambulance was called out at 11 p.m. on June 15 to take a person from 501 8th St. to Muleshoe clinic.



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Farwell pupils recognized

Farwell Elementary and Junior High School pupils have been been to the Student Academic Recognition Roster for their TAAS results.

This recognition is given to students who answer at least 95 percent of the items correctly on that subject area test. On the writing test, a score of 4 on the written composition is also required.

3rd: Khallie Foster, reading; Grant Gregory, reading, math; Ashley Hartzog, reading; Jason Johnson, math; Chelsea Myer, math; Mindi Roberts, reading, math; Cale Stevenson, math; Trevor Thurman, reading.

4th: Dustin Bartlett, math; Curt Christian, reading; Yvette Favila, math; John Lavin, reading; Connie Wells, reading; Lonnie McFarland, reading; Brody Norton, math; Megan Norton, reading, math, writing; Zachary Schilling, reading; Carrie Stevenson, math.

5th: Jordan Barrett, reading, math; Tara Cargile, reading; Tucker Crawford, math; Gage Gregory, reading; Casey Meeks, math, reading; Ben Oppliger, reading, math; Leesa Patterson, reading, math; Luke Schwertner, reading; Cassie Street, reading; Chrystal Wolven, reading, math.

6th: Cade Christian, math; Kacey Gast, reading, math; Chris Hart, math; Cody Schilling, reading, math; McKinzi Woods, reading.

7th: Katrina Arce, math; Jamie Coleman, math; Jason Crawford, math; Ector Estrada, math; Paul Franse, math; Tangie Gustin, reading, math; Lisa Herington, math; Chelsi Kaltwasser, reading, math; Lorisa Littlejohn, reading, math; Eleisa Loera, reading, math; Megan Miller, math; Erin Norton, reading; Clint Patterson, math; Lindsey Rich, math; Shane Roberts, reading; Matt Schwertner, math.

8th: Ramsey Bennett, math; Melissa Curtis, reading, writing, social studies; Tiffany Edwards, science; Esperanza Garcia, writing; Britney Hunt, reading, math, writing; Megan Meeks, reading, math, writing, social studies, social science; Ginger Sides, math, social studies.

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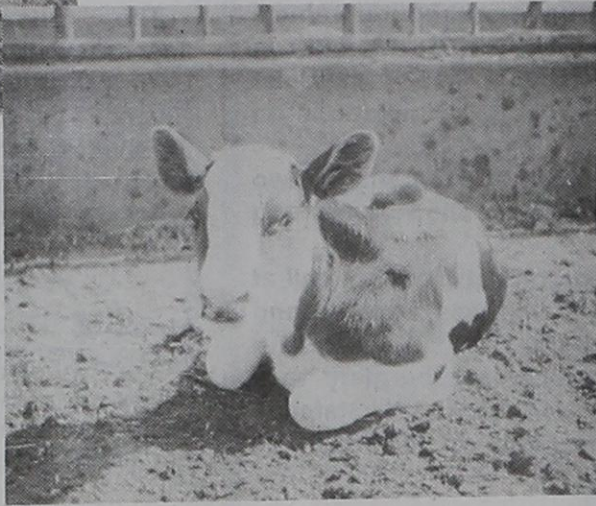
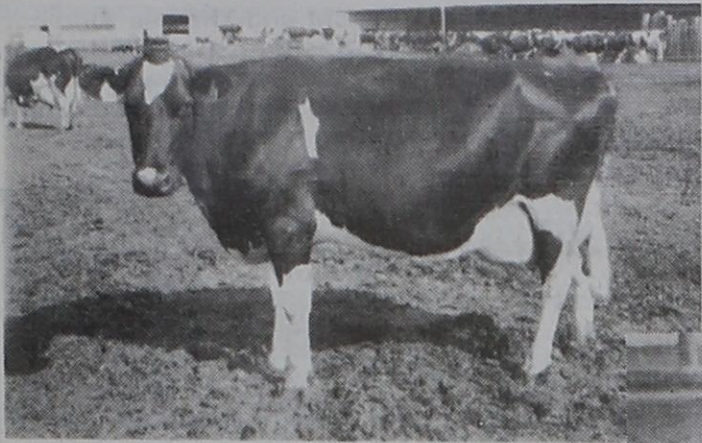
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Saluting the DAIRY INDUSTRY

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH



by Teresa Mesman

June celebrates National Dairy Month and it is fitting that an entire month be tagged to commemorate the many facets of this thriving and growing agribusiness.

In the days of yesteryear, people would hardly call milking cows a "big business." Milking the cow (or cows) twice a day was often times the most begrudgingly done chore on the family farm. Milking cows often evokes vivid memories of cold mornings, spilled milk buckets and sore hands and knees from when "Bessie" would kick.

Milk cows were a necessity and rarely looked at as a prime source of income. They provided milk to drink and cook with and cream to churn for butter.

Through the years, however, milking cows has taken on quite a dramatic change. Automation and high technology have replaced the milk stool and bucket. Herringbone milk parlors equipped with automatic milking machines have since become the standard. Sixteen to twenty cows milked at a time have become the minimum numbers, while 32 to 48 cows at a time have become the standard. The milking barns of today are gleaming examples of concrete, stainless steel and hydraulic engineering.

Marketing milk and other dairy products has also become a science of sorts. Milk cooperatives aggressively seek processing opportunities and selling points to distribute dairy products. Milk, cheese and ice cream have become three of the most competitively marketed products in the food business. Each product has had to find its own niche in the particular markets they are sold in. Milk is no longer just "milk." It must compete as a drink, a staple in the food pyramid and as a wholesome, healthy product that is multi-marketed as whole, low-fat and skim milk. Cheese enters into these arenas as well.

And what about the people who choose to earn their living by dairy farming? Some may call them crazy for choosing the long, arduous hours that are required to operate a dairy, but most dairy farmers have willingly and earnestly chosen the profession.

The majority of American Dairy Farms are owned and operated by families that have generations of experience in the field. The dairy farms in this area are a prime example of this fact. However, there are some farms that are operated as privately and publicly owned corporations.

This region has seen a growth "boom" in the last six years that is in a word: "phenomenal." It has gone from a handful of medium-sized dairies located in the area, to a virtual dairy capitol. The largest influx of new dairies has been from California dairymen leaving the tight confines of a growing and somewhat overpopulated state to an area of vast land and opportunity to grow.

And grow they have. The standard size of most of the new dairy facilities being built in the area is of the size to milk 1200 to 2400 cows; not to mention including the space to pen and house calves and heifers. The small family farm has now become a major industry in itself.

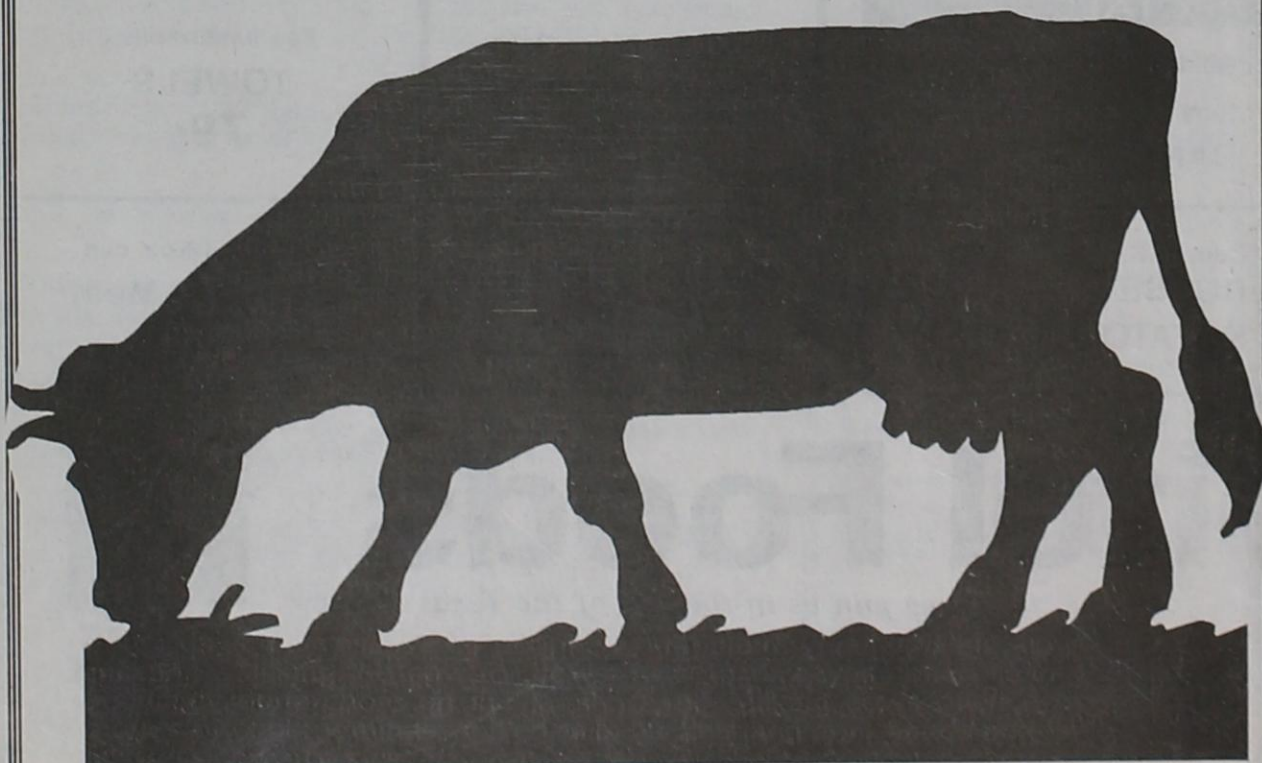
The dairy industry has had to go with the flow of change in recent years. The government has put many restrictions and requests on dairies in the areas of waste management, usage of medications and antibiotics, importing and exporting policies and participation in the commodity programs.

The industry was at one time more competitive among the milk cooperatives than it is at the present. The cooperatives have had to band and work together in order to have fair and profitable marketing of dairy products and government cooperation. The formation of the National Milk Producers Federation has been a huge step in the advancement of milk regulating and marketing. Individual coop's have also stepped up their efforts to deal with the federal and state governments on an individual basis.

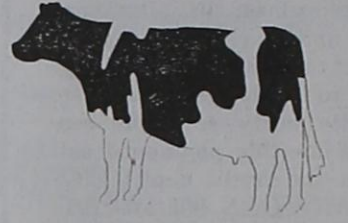
Many area businesses have been given new opportunities and growth due to the dairy industry. Sales of feed products, heavy-duty trucks and feed wagons, and much more have been at an all time high. The area dairymen have found solid, friendly foundations in the area businesses that support the dairy industry.

The area dairies work hard at their industry and are proud of their accomplishments. A typical day for many is up at sunrise and down at "some time after everything is done" - that's if no calves have to be pulled or milk pumps go out! The rewards are not just financial in this industry. Milk prices are at a low point in the region; a point that is causing many to have to make drastic changes in their operations. However, with adjustments and wise management, the area dairies have braced themselves against hardship.

It is a fitting time to salute this industry and the hard-working people that keep it going. In a day and age of getting something for nothing, it is refreshing to commend such a fine group of farmers and businesses for proving that hard work and determination can pay off and be rewarding to all those involved.



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