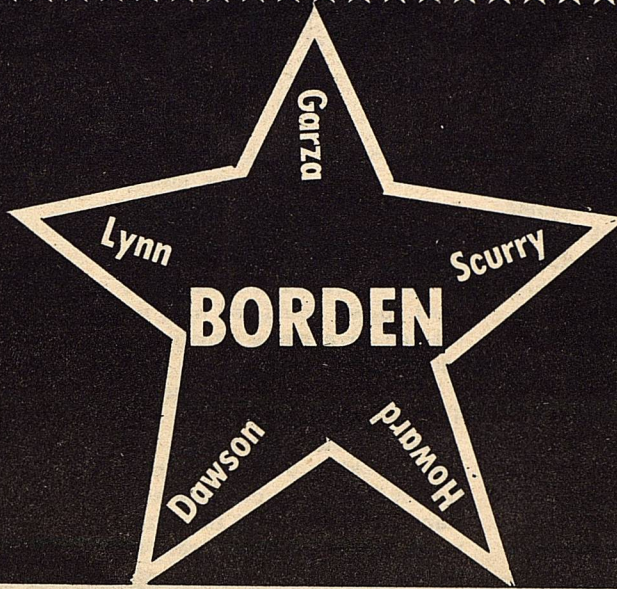


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Jeff Wheelis

Jeff Wheelis shows his "know how" as he comes from behind to win the steer-roping at the 5th annual Jim Bob Altizer Invitational Roping in Del Rio.

BUCKEL NAMED TO BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

Dallas--Seven men who have risen to positions of prominence in their businesses or professions have been named to the Blue Ribbon Committee that will choose the Fina Texas Academic All-State High School Football Team.

In addition to being a leader in his chosen business or profession, each committee member has been active in worthwhile community or state organizations.

Committee members are: Walter Buckel, editor and publisher of the Lamesa Press-Reporter and president of the Texas Press Association; Joe Greene, Dallas, area restaurant owner and former professional football player; W. James Host, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Host Communications, Inc., Lexington, Kentucky; Fred Jacoby, commissioner of the Southwest Athletic Conference,

Dallas; William N. "Bill" Kirby, Texas commissioner of education, Austin; Paul D. Meek, chairman of the board, president, chief executive officer, American Petrofina, Incorporated, Dallas; and Dudley Waller, president of Waller Broadcasting, Inc., of Jacksonville, Texas, and president of the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

Fina seeks to focus attention on academic excellence, particularly on those high school football players who are achieving outstanding grades and are leaders in their schools and communities.

The committee will meet in April, 1986, to select an 11-man academic all-state team based on classroom achievements and leadership in school and community activities. One of the 11 will be named the Fina Texas Academic All-State Athlete of the Year.

Earlier, a screening committee

will have selected 60 finalists from among approximately 2,000 entries. To qualify for consideration, a student must be a senior lettering in football with a grade point average of 85 or above and must rank in the top 25 percent of his class. The deadline for nominations, which must come from the principal or head football coach at the 1,050 high schools in Texas, is December 2.

Buckel grew up in Holtville, California, and spent several years playing minor league baseball. He started in journalism as a reporter and also did play-by-play radio broadcasts of Texas high school football games. He has been a member of his local school board. In addition to operating the Lamesa paper, Buckel is on the boards of directors of about 16 other newspaper and central printing plants.

CATTLE MOVEMENT INCREASES WITH RISING PRICES

Calf and feeder cattle movement is increasing more than seasonally normal. However, prices are also rising. Analysts think this trend will continue for the next few months.

Steer prices at Texas Panhandle feedyards hit \$61-cwt. Oct. 8, sharply higher than the \$57 similar cattle brought two weeks ago. Beef values, boxed and carcass, have jumped as well, analysts said.

Cattlemen are more interested in owning feeder cattle and calves, especially those under 800 pounds. The promise of ample forage and feed grain supplies at low prices coupled with rising fed cattle values have

improved demand.

Cattle feeders generally are being cautious, however, after months of losses. The likelihood of feeders selling at a \$10 premium to fed cattle, as they have many times in the past, is not expected. Also, recent heavy rains have made feedlots muddy and buyers unwilling to pay even higher prices for feedyard-bound cattle until the lots dry out.

One analyst said he expects more use of contracting and hedging than usual in coming months. An Oklahoma city cattleman noted that ranchers are holding more calves than usual in anticipation of good winter pastures.

SENATOR GRAMM OUTLINES BUDGET BILL IN INTERVIEW

Washington--U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, in an interview to be broadcast to Europe and the Soviet Union by Voice of America, said the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget bill will "force the Congress and the President to make the hard decisions."

The senator was interviewed by Washington journalists Tom DeFrank of Newsweek, Fred Barnes of the New Republic, Clive Small of the British Broadcasting Corp., and Julia Malone of the Christian Science Monitor.

(The interview will be seen in many Texas television markets in November as a segment of the public affairs program, The Washington Report.)

The budget bill, which passed the Senate on a 75-24 vote, is

currently being considered by a House-Senate conference committee.

"What my budget is saying is this: Let's draw the line this year," Gramm said.

"The power I'm taking away from Congress and the President is the power to not make a decision, ...to pass the cost of government along to our children and grandchildren."

"If we don't make the system work, then we deal with the problem with across-the-board reductions," Gramm noted. Thus no one, the senator said, will have the ability to simply allow the deficit to increase in the future.

"My belief is that after the first year, we'll have Congress and the President adopt budgets that don't generate automatic cuts." "Forty-three states of the

union have processes under which they meet their responsibility on deficits in basically the same way."

"It's a lot easier to cut the heart out of the family budget with a tax increase than it is to cut the fat out of the federal budget. We have a lot of people who want to do that, but I don't support it and neither does the President and we're going to make sure they don't get away with it," Senator Gramm said.

Gramm said when he first spoke to President Reagan about the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings proposal, "every special interest group in America was against it."

"The President said, 'Phil, I've always thought we'd have to go in this direction.' And he did it," Gramm said.

TUTORIAL SERVICES OFFERED AT BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Borden County Schools will provide tutorial services again this year.

Attendance is voluntary for students who score lower than 780 in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

Facts that you should know about the tutorial program of the Borden County Independent School District are listed below:

1. Tutorial sessions begin at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday of each week - students must be in attendance by 3:35 p.m.

2. Tutorial sessions are over at 4:30 p.m. - you, the parent, are responsible to be here to pick your child up if he or she does not have transportation.

3. Students involved in extracurricular activities will be excused to attend tutorial sessions if they desire.

4. Tutorial sessions are voluntary.

5. Tutorial sessions are for all students. If your child is having difficulty in a subject area, he or she may attend.

6. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated; the student will be dismissed from the session.

7. Any parent or student who is interested in beginning or continuing tutorial service should contact their respective principal.

You, the parent, are being given an opportunity to afford your child more help if it is needed.

If you should need further information concerning this matter, please contact James McLeroy, Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738 or call (915) 856 4313.

FFA, FHA FRUIT SALES

The Gail FFA and FHA are beginning their annual fruit sales on October 30. The proceeds received from these sales will go to the FFA-FHA Banquet and other activities.

The prices for this years fruit are as follows:

1. Large box of oranges (40 lbs) **\$18.00**
2. Small box of oranges (20lbs) - \$10.00
3. Large box of grapefruit (40 lbs) - \$14.00
4. Small box of grapefruit (20 lbs.) - 9.00
5. Washington Apples (1 size only) - \$9.00
6. Mixed orange and grapefruit (40 lbs only) \$16.00

Mixed boxes will be a full 40 lbs.

Both organizations appreciate the support received from the community which made the sausage sales a success.

-s- Gerry Smith-Reporter

TEACHERS APPRECIATION DINNER

Saturday, November 16, 1985
7:00 P.M.

Barbeque and Beans will be catered. Parents Club members are urged to attend and bring a salar and-or dessert.

Please have food at school at 6:30 P.M.

The dinner is planned to show the parents appreciation to teachers, administrators, and

Borden J.V. 42 Hermleigh J.V. 0 -0-0-0-0-

Chris Kilmer failed to score but he led all ball carriers Friday night as the Coyotes defeated the Cardinals 42-0. Kilmer carried the ball 27 times for 127 yards. "We wanted him to work hard so we could see how he reacted to a game situation," said Coach Frisbie.

Brice Key carried 12 times for 112 yards and one score.

The Coyotes scored on the opening kick off with Crhis Cooley going the distance and Randell Hollis added the extra point. Cooley scored again in the first quarter going 62 yards on a trap and Hollis again kicked the extra point.

Rockey Harber scored twice on end around play both times going seven yards.

The defense got on the score board with Doyce Taylor making a tackle on the Cardinal quarterback in the end zone for the two lpoint safety.

"Our two defensive end really played well. We gave them a full game at their -psotopms amd Alex Lemons) and Kerry (Fryer) came to play", smiled Frisbie.

The Coyotes host Grady Friday at 7:30 for the final game of the season.



The largest living species of kangaroo stands seven feet tall.

BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 1985-86 Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	GIRLS	BOYS	TIME
Nov. 19	Ira	H	A-B	A	5:00
Nov. 22	Loop	H	A	A-B	5:00
Nov. 26	Sands	H	A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 3	Loop	T	A	A-B	5:00
Dec. 10	Sands	T	A	A-B	5:00
Dec. 13	Forsan	T	A	A	6:30
Dec. 17	Ira	T	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 3	Dawson	H	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 7	Klondike	H	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 10	Wilson	T	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 14	Southland	T	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 17	New Home	H	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 21	O'Donnell	H	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 24	Klondike	T	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 28	Wilson	H	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 31	Southland	H	A-B	A	5:00
Feb. 4	New Home	T	A	A-B	5:00
Feb. 7	O'Donnell	T	A	A-B	5:00

Dec. 5-7 - Mustang Tournament - A Girls, A Boys

Dec. 14 - Loop Tournament - JV Boys

Dec. 19-21 - Borden Tournament - A Girls, A Boys

District Games

Coaches: Bill May, Jr. (Girls) - Mike Brown (Boys)

Colors: Red, White and Columbia Blue Mascot: Coyote

menu

November 11-15, 1985

Monday	Sloppy Joes Pork and Beans Vegetable Salad Fruit Milk	Salad Bar
Tuesday	Hamburger Steak Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit Cobbler Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
Wednesday	Chalupas Shredded Lettuce Pinto Beans Fruit Cocktail Cake Milk	Salad Bar
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets English Peas Mashed Potatoes Jello Hot Rolls Milk	Salad Bar
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce and Tomatoes Cookies Milk	Salad Bar

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LAWSUIT FILED TO PROTECT TEACHERS RIGHTS

Austin--The Texas State Teachers Association this week filed a lawsuit in Travis County District Court to protect the right of teachers to formally challenge performance evaluations, wages, assignments or reassignments and other conditions of work.

The suit was filed against the Texas Association of School Boards and 20 independent school districts.

At a Capitol news conference on Wednesday, TSTA President Charles Beard said his organization was especially concerned about the right of teachers to discuss whether or not they are placed on the career ladder.

Of particular concern to TSTA are evaluations because they are critical to career ladder placement.

"While we supported many of the education reforms enacted last summer and believe that many are now working well, we had and continue to have grave concerns about the career ladder," Beard said. "Our concerns are not over the concept, but rather on the particular career ladder that is being implemented here in Texas."

Beard said that of all the reforms, the career ladder is currently causing more havoc and ill will among educators than any other.

"Some of the changes needed to make it work better can only be made by the Legislature and we again will be proposing remedies to representatives when the time comes," he said. "But many of the problems are occurring at the local level where the program is being implemented and many of those problems can be solved right now at the local level."

"These problems cannot be solved at the local level if our teachers are not even allowed to raise the issues in the form of grievances," Beard said.

TSTA is asking the Court to grant a temporary injunction restraining the Texas Association of School Boards and the 20 school districts from refusing to allow teachers to file and process grievances and to declare the TASB policy manual provisions on grievances an abridgement of the rights of teachers.

TSTA is seeking damages for its affected members, alleging that TASB, without legal

justification, publicly and privately, in willful disregard for the rights of teachers, urged the defendant school districts to deny the rights granted to public employees in Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated,

Article 5154c, Section 6 and Article 1, Section 27 of the Texas Constitution and the interpretation of that law in the November, 1984 Supreme Court decision in Sayre vs. Mullins.

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Dec. 2	WILSON	T	A	A-B	5:00
Dec. 9	SOUTHLAND	T	A-B	A	5:00
Dec. 16	NEW HOME	H	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 6	O'DONNELL	H	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 13	KLONDIKE	T	A	A-B	5:00
Jan. 20	WILSON	H	A-B	A	5:00
Jan. 27	SOUTHLAND	H	A-B	A	5:00
Feb. 3	NEW HOME	T	A	A-B	5:00

Nov. 23 - Sands Mustang Tournament - A Girls, A Boys

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THANK YOU

The Parents Club would like to thank the community for supporting our carnival and our kids. A very special thanks to Janet and Monte Floyd and their crew of monsters for their hard work on the spook house, to Melba and Ed Rinehart for all their help, to the Old Settlers Committee for a great concession stand, to all the people who stayed and helped

clean up, to all the parents who worked and donated prizes, and an extra special thanks to our "father of the year", Kenny Hensley because we couldn't have gotten the decorating done without him.

A big thanks to Mr. McLeroy and the school employees for all their help.

-s- Sue Mize

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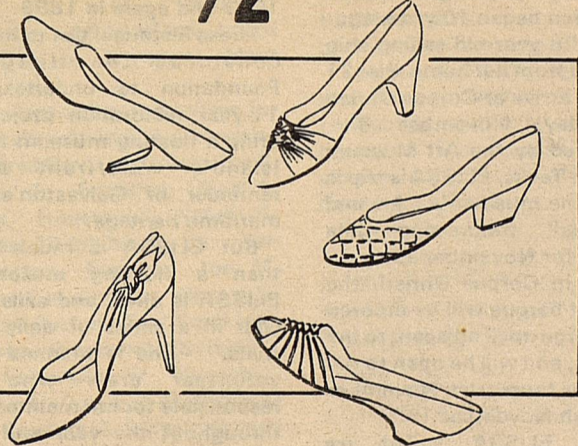
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Globe Theatre Hosts A.D. Players

Odessa, Texas--For the second year in a row, the Globe Theatre concludes its annual season with a production by the A.D. players, the Houston based acting company. The troupe will present Eillette Elvgren's musical drama, "Abraham and Sarah," at the Globe Nov. 22, 23, and 24.

"Abraham and Sarah" is a musical retelling of the story of Abraham and Sarah found in the Old Testament. According to Elizabeth Pentak, the actress portraying Sarah, the play "...sticks close to the account in Genesis - but clearly shows their humanity and how God used them both."

The production is filled with both humor and drama as the Biblical couple seek to understand and fulfill their divine purpose. It is a story of great love and great faith, tracing the couple's marriage through the birth of their son, Issac.

The A.D. Players were begun in Houston by actress Jeannette Clift George twenty years ago. Originally, the company performed for churches and civic groups in the Houston area. Now based in Houston's Grace Theatre, the company performs a regular season of plays as well as touring in the United States and Europe. They presented "Galley Proof" at the Globe last year.

"Abraham and Sarah" will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23, and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24. Admission to the production is \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Group rates are available. For additional information, call the Globe at (915) 332-1586.

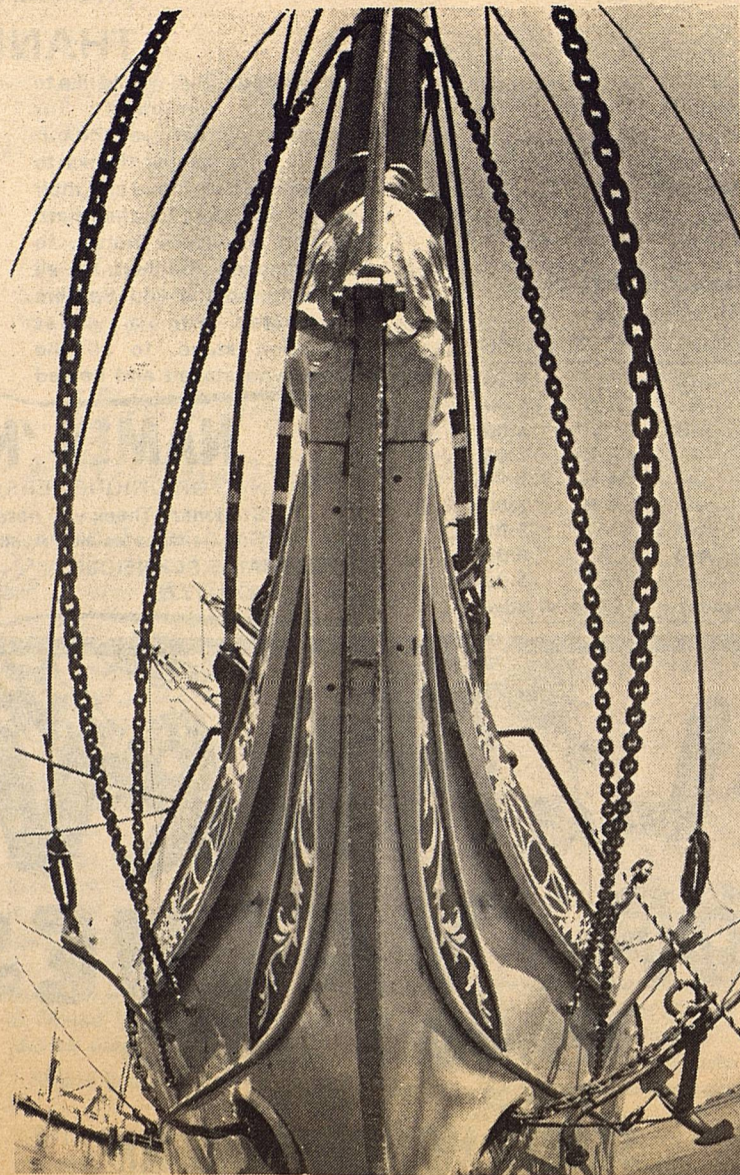
OLD SETTLERS REUNION

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ELISSA TO SAIL TO CORPUS CHRISTI

ELISSA, the "Tall Ship for Texas," set sail from Galveston to Corpus Christi, Tuesday, November 5, on her first offshore passage since restoration began 10 years ago.

The 108-year-old sailing ship departed from her home Pier 21 berth to arrive at Corpus Christi on Friday, November 8. Sponsored by the Art Museum of South Texas, ELISSA's trip is part of the museum's "Art and the Sea" fundraising gala planned for November 12.

While in Corpus Christi, the 202-foot barque will be moored at the barge dock adjacent to the museum, and will be open to the public for tours from November 9 through November 16.

When ELISSA sailed on November 5, the passage was her first port-to-port sail since restoration began in 1975. The Galveston Historical Foundation purchased the ship in 1974 as she sat a cable's length away from the scrapyards in Piraeus, Greece. At the time, she had been stripped of her sails and masts, a rusted motorship with only a few hints left to identify her as a survivor from the Golden Age of Sail.

Launched from the shipyard of Alexander Hall of Aberdeen, Scotland on October 27, 1877, ELISSA sailed under five flags

and carried such cargo as lumber, bananas and cotton around the world during her 90-year career. She called twice on the Port of Galveston, first in 1883 and again in 1886.

Those historical ties to the city convinced the Historical Foundation to undertake its 11-year restoration project to bring a floating museum to the Island's waterfront as a reminder of Galveston's rich maritime heritage.

But ELISSA is much more than a floating museum. ELISSA is alive, and sails each year in a series of daily "sea trials." She is manned by a volunteer crew who are responsible for her maintenance throughout the year and who train on her many hours each summer purely for the privilege

"Nutcracker" Performance To Be In Post

Ballet Lubbock performs its annual holiday classic, "The Nutcracker" by Peter Illyich Tchaikovsky on Sunday afternoon November 24, at 2 p.m. at the Post School Auditorium.

This delightful classic ballet has become an annual Christmas tradition throughout the United States and is being performed in the city of Post sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association.

"The Nutcracker" was adapted after the story "The Nutcracker and the Rat King" by E.T.A. Hoffman.

It was first presented at the Maryinsky Theatre, St. Petersburg, Russian, on December 17, 1892.

Dancing the roles of the Prince and the Princess are Leonid Lubarsky, Artistic Director of Ballet Lubbock, and Jennifer Lamberts, Company Member.

Lubarsky was born in the USSR in 1949.

In 1968 he graduated from the Kirov School in Leningrad.

He was soloist and principal dancer of the major Soviet Ballet Company and the Kirov Ballet.

In September of 1978, Lubarsky emigrated to the United States in search of artistic freedom.

He served as Acting Artistic Director for the Krassovska Ballet Jeunesse of Dallas and

Principal Instructor and Ballet Master for the Jackson Ballet Company.

He assumed the role of Artistic Director of Ballet Lubbock (formerly Lubbock Civic Ballet) in 1980.

Guest appearances with companies across the United States include the Kassamon Ballet Company in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; The Krassovska Ballet Jeunesse of Dallas; and the Lafayette Ballet Company in Lafayette, Louisiana, where he was in charge of auditions and a Master Class.

He has also served as coach for the National Ballet of Panama at the International Competition in Jackson, Mississippi, and as choreographer for the 1983 Spring Production of the Lawton Ballet Company, Lawton, Oklahoma.

His won performance reviews praise his strong technique, particularly his spectacular leaps.

As Artistic Director for Ballet Lubbock, Lubarsky has established for the company a repertoire including the "Nutcracker", concert numbers from "Shostakovich", the second act of "Swan Lake", and original choreographies, "Montie Csardas" and "Texas Fantasia."

Tickets will be on sale in Post for adults \$10 and students \$5.

of sailing the square-rigger.

The crew members for the Corpus Christi sail have been selected from the best core crew from this year's sea trials. Captains Jay Bolton and Paul Welling will sail as Master for ELISSA's passages to and from Corpus Christi.

"This sail to Corpus Christi was important because it helps establish ELISSA as the state's

tall ship, an exciting and dramatic restoration project that the state of Texas can call its own," said David Brink, Director of the ELISSA Project for the Historical Foundation.

"It's known as the 'Tall Ship for Texas' and this 'maiden' voyage will prove that the ship is for all Texans to enjoy," explained Peggy Ahuja, Project Chairman for the Art Museum event.

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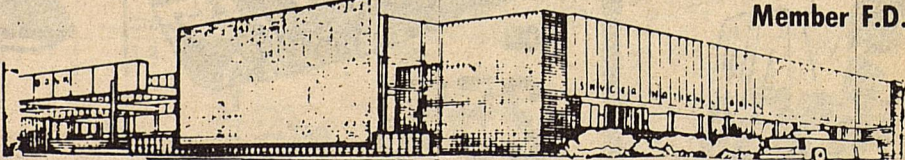
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HOLIDAY FOODS PROGRAM

A "Holiday Foods Program" will be held on Wednesday evening, November 13, 1985, at 5:30 p.m. in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

A wide variety of foods will be demonstrated and available for sampling at the end of the program. One of the highlights of the program will be a demonstration on carving the family turkey with ease.

This program is being sponsored by the Borden County Extension Home Economics Committee, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Budget Forces State To Lower Vet Fees

The Texas Animal Health Commission voted to lower the fees it pays to private veterinarians for vaccinating heifer calves for brucellosis. Budget constraints were cited as the reason.

Effective Nov. 1, the rates will be reduced to:

I. Calves vaccinated on the farm, ranch or at a clinic -- \$12.50 for first calf, \$2.50 for calves two through 10 and \$1.25 for calves 11 and up.

II. Calves vaccinated at a fixed base facility -- \$1 per head. (TAHC defines fixed base facility

as the facility of a dealer and/or order buyer registered with USDA Packers and Stockyards Administration.)

This payment will be considered the State's contribution toward the vet's fee. Any difference between the amount which the State contributes and the vet's normal fee will have to be paid by the owner.

For additional information, call your local TAHC office or TAHC headquarters in Austin at (512) 475-6597.

Leading Livestock authorities of the state and nation will be featured speakers for the Animal Agriculture Symposium Nov. 13 at Texas A&M University.

Titled "100 years of Animal Agriculture: The Past 50 Years --The Next 50 Years," the program will honor Dr. O.D. Butler, longtime livestock industry leader and since 1980 the associate deputy chancellor for agriculture with the Texas A&M University System. Butler will complete 50 years of service to the people of Texas next January and has announced plans to retire.

Registration will start at 11 a.m. in the Atrium of the Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Center on the Texas A&M campus. Texas A&M University Chancellor Arthur Hansen will welcome participants at 12:45 p.m. in the D.W. Williams Auditorium of the Kleberg Center.

Scott M. Kleberg of Kingsville, assistant manager of the King Ranch Cattle Marketing Div will introduce Butler, who will address the conference theme of "The Past 50 Years--the Next 50 Years for Animal Agriculture."

Dr. Hudson A. Glimp of Danville, Ky., a livestock production and business management consultant who formerly served on the Animal Science staff at the University of Kentucky, will discuss "The Next 50 Years: Sheep-Goats." A native Texan, Glimp received his Ph. D. in animal nutrition from Texas A&M and for a time was with the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center at Clay Center, Neb., and Winrock Farms at Morrillton, Ark. Glimp will be introduced by Dr. George C. Shelton, dean of A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine.

James M. Eller of Bryan, senior vice president of Granada Corp., will discuss "The Next 50 Years: Horses." Eller, who has two degrees from Texas A&M University, will be introduced by Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Eller has operated farms and cattle operations for 30 years and is founder and co-owner of Granada Corp.

Dr. David G. Smokler of Lancaster, operator of Holtex Farm and a longtime practicing veterinarian, will speak on "The Next 50 Years: Dairy Cattle." A third generation Texas dairy farmer, Smokler received his DVM degree from Texas A&M. He will be introduced by Dr. Perry L. Adkisson, deputy chancellor for the Texas A&M University System.

Roy L. Poage of Sycamore, Ill., will address the outlook for

swine producers in his talk, "The Next 50 Years: Swine." Poage grew up near Plainview and is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He and T. Euel Liner organized the Lubbock Swine Breeders in 1961 as one of the first U.S. herds in complete confinement. DeKalb Ag Research, Inc., acquired the Lubbock business in 1972, and Poage became general manager.

He has headed the group as president since 1980. A&M Dean of Agriculture H. O. Kunkel will introduce Poage.

John B. Armstrong of Kingsville, managing partner of the Armstrong Ranch and director and executive vice president of King Ranch, Inc., will look ahead to "The Next 50 Years: Beef Cattle."

Armstrong, a longtime Santa Gertrudis breeder, has supervisory administrative responsibilities for King Ranch's operations in six other countries as well as its U.S. divisions in Florida, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Armstrong completed his formal education at Texas Military Institute and the University of Texas. Introducing Armstrong will be Dr. Neville P. Clarke, director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Reaction to the talks will be given by Butler in his wrap-up talk "The Next 50 Years."

Completing the day's activities will be a program starting at 6 p.m. at the College Station Hilton, titled "An Evening with O.D. and Jane Butler." Charles E. Ball of Amarillo, executive vice president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, will moderate the program. A special presentation will be made by E.M. "Manny" Rosenthal of Fort Worth, board chairman of Standard Meat Company.

The organizing committee for the day's activities is composed of J. Fred Davis of Haslet; Joe B. Finley, Jr., Enchinal; Dan A. Gattis, Houston; Helen K. Groves, Middlebrook, Va.; Ken E. Horton, Austin; Joe M. Mertz, San Angelo; Gerald C. "Jerry" Puckett, Fort Stockton; Norman Rousselot, Sonora; J.D. Sartwelle, Sr., Houston; Charles G. Scruggs, Austin; and Ball, Rosenthal, Armstrong and Smokler. Coordinators for campus activities are Dr. Gary C. Smith, professor and head, Department of Animal Science, and Ms. Pam Dillard of the Deputy Chancellor's Office.

Committee members also are organizing a drive to raise funds for an Endowed Chair in Animal Science as another tribute to Butler.

ASCS NEWS BY JERRY STONE

END-OF-YEAR CROP AND LIVESTOCK REPORTS

The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service will begin contacting farmers and ranchers across the state in late November for acreage, yield and production totals for the 1985 and for end-of-year livestock and poultry inventories.

The confidential interviews, conducted by mail or in person by field enumerators, provide information used by producers to make their production and marketing plans for the coming year.

Producers are depending on this information for an accurate picture of the 1985 agricultural situation. Results from these surveys also provide vital information on the direction of Texas agriculture. In tough economic times, accurate crop and livestock figures are essential for all segments of the agricultural community.

To reduce survey costs, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service is urging individuals to return the mailed questionnaires as soon as possible. The reported information will be combined for state as well as county estimates.

Annual county estimates are published for livestock, dairy, poultry, cotton, field crops, small grains, fruits and pecans, vegetables, and cash receipts from the sale of farm products.

ASCS SAYS UPLAND COTTON FARMS CAN EXPECT DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Prospects for a very large 1985 upland cotton crop have resulted in sharply low prices this fall. The 13.5 million bale estimate is 5 percent above last year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

If the 1985 national average farm price is less than the 81 cents per pound target price, upland cotton producers can expect to receive a deficiency payment. To be eligible, however, farmers must have participated in the acreage reduction program and accurately and timely reported their crop acreages to ASCS this summer.

Market prices for upland cotton thus far have remained below the 1985-crop federal target price of the commodity. The farm price that is compared to the target price is an average of producer prices for each month of the calendar year weighted by the estimated monthly sales.

The deficiency payment rate is the difference between the target and average farm prices and applies to the planted acreage and payment yield.

If deficiency payments are made, every eligible upland cotton producer gets the difference between the 1985 target and average farm price regardless of his or her selling price.

FCIC LISTENING SESSIONS SCHEDULED

Responding to the need for farmer input, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) has set up a series of producer hearings across the U.S.

The action was taken as a result of a Board of Directors' resolution delaying a change in unit definitions for insurance purposes, and comes after similar sessions held in Washington to hear insurance industry and agricultural interest representatives.

These sessions will give producers an opportunity to tell FCIC how the Crop Insurance program meets their needs and what they would do to improve the program.

Two teams of FCIC representatives, one headed by Manager Sprague and the other led by Deputy Manager, Edwar D. Hews, will begin conducting public forum November 7, in twelve cities across the country. The sites were chosen to geographically represent the insurance now available. The scheduled local site is the Community Center, Nazareth, Texas, on November 14, at 1:30 P.M.

During the public forum in Washington, the needs of the producer, the reactions of the producer, the willingness of the producer, and the problems of the producer as they relate to Crop Insurance were all represented by others in response to FCIC proposals. FCIC hopes that these listening sessions will give the producer the opportunity to speak for himself.

The sessions would provide Board members and managers of FCIC, who have responsibility for the program, a chance to exchange ideas with producers.

Producers, Packers and Retailers Hold Tour

Officers and senior staff members of NCA, the American Meat Institute (packers) and the Food Marketing Institute (retailers) got together last week on a joint tour of each other's business. They visited supermarket operations in New Jersey and Colorado, purebred, cow-calf and feeding outfits in Colorado and discussed packing

operations.

The tour brought better awareness of each other's problems, NCA said. Also, they agreed to jointly overcome beef's image problems and put this as a priority.

Rich Anderson of Gail joined the group as an NCA executive member.



In 1979, foreign investors owned less than one percent of American farmland.



Lubbock, Friday, October 25, 1985

The cotton sections of the House-passed farm bill and the bill reported by the Senate Agriculture Committee are somewhat different in many respects. But officials of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. say the major variations are found in the route by which each seeks to make U. S. cotton competitive in domestic and export markets without devastating effects on producer income.

Both set out on the income protection road by providing nonrecourse loans and producer payments to make up the difference between the loan rate or market price and an established target price. The House formula for setting the loan initially calls for the lower of 85 percent of the U.S. spot market average or 90 percent of the world price, with a five percent maximum on year-to-year reductions.

The Senate committee would set the loan for 1986 at 55 cents, and at 85 percent of the U.S. spot market average, or 50 cents, whichever is higher, in 1987, 1988 and 1989.

In practice the target price under both measures would be frozen at 81 cents per pound, although the House arrives at the freeze in a roundabout way by authorizing a five percent per year reduction --if the cost of production declines by five percent or more.

Then the road splits, the House taking one fork and the Senate another.

The House measure requires that if world prices fall below the loan rate calculated by the formula, the loan must be reduced, up to another 20 percent, to make cotton competitive in the market. To prevent such a reduction from cutting into producer income, the bill provides that if the loan is set below 55 cents the resulting increase in deficiency payment will not be subject to the \$50,000 payment limitation that is applied to normal payments. The amendment to this effect was authored by Congressman Larry Combest of Lubbock.

Further assurance in the House bill that U.S. cotton will be competitive is afforded by the addition of a "first handler

certificate" plan. Under this provision, if after the maximum, 20 percent reduction, the world price still drops below the U.S. loan, Commodity Credit Corporation would issue payment-in-kind certificates, with a value equal to the difference, to cotton merchandisers.

The Senate committee's version of the cotton section seeks to achieve essentially the same objective through a "marketing loan" concept. Producers could put cotton in the loan at the established rate and, if the world market price dropped below the loan, could repay the loan at a lower rate, keeping the difference as income over and above deficiency payments. CCC would absorb the loss.

For 1986, assuming the world price falls below the loan, the repayment rate, according to the Senate committee report, would be the prevailing world price no matter how much the difference between the two. In 1987, 1988 and 1989, the report says that if the world price is less than 80 percent of the loan level the Secretary may permit loans to be repaid at a level "not in excess of 80 percent of the loan level for that crop."

But there's also a proviso that requires the repayment rate to be one that will (1) minimize the government accumulation and cost of storing stocks and (2) "allow cotton produced in the U.S. to be marketed freely and competitively" at home and abroad.

There's some question as to the interpretation of these loan repayment rules for 1987 through 1989, notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson.

"But it appears to us that for those three years, if committee report language is correct, the Secretary would be given authority to set the repayment level as high as 80 percent of the loan even if the world price were below that level--assuming he could do so and still allow U.S. cotton to be traded freely and competitively."

Washington sources don't expect voting on a Senate bill to begin before October 29, and some doubt that final passage will come in less than two weeks.

STENHOLM INTRODUCES LEGISLATION FOR GOVERNMENT BIDDING

Washington, D. C.--Congressman Charles Stenholm has introduced legislation which would lead to competitive bidding for government contract projects and result in considerable savings for the federal budget.

The Contract Savings Act, H. R. 3357 was recently introduced by Congressman Stenholm and Congressman Bob Smith (R-Oregon). The bill would subject the performance of many non-national security activities--currently handled in-house by the federal government -- to competitive bidding between government agencies and the private sector.

Under the act, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy would be required to use "fair and equal" cost comparisons between the government's performance of commercial activities and the private sector's cost for doing the same work. Contracts for such activities as construction projects and food services would be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Congressional Budget Office

estimates show that if the legislation were adopted, the government could save up to \$1.1 billion a year.

"Competitive bidding is one of the basic ideals of American free enterprise," said Congressman Stenholm.

"Free and open competition improves the products and services while keeping costs down. The pressure of a competitive market also gives vitality to those who can make a better product, or can cut costs of that product, and weed out those who cannot."

"This needed legislation would benefit the taxpayer, the small business sector and the government," the Stamford farmer-lawmaker said. "This is a concept that the federal government should have been using long ago."

Congressman Stenholm said this is the kind of legislation America will need in efforts to cut the national debt and trade deficit. He noted his bill would lead to substantial savings without cutting government services or quality.

Beaver, Sellers On PCA Nominating Committee

Three incumbent directors were re-elected to their position during the 51st Annual Stockholders' meeting held October 18 at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder. Elected for three year terms were Othell O'Kelly of Trent, Audry Head of Snyder, and John Post of Jal, New Mexico.

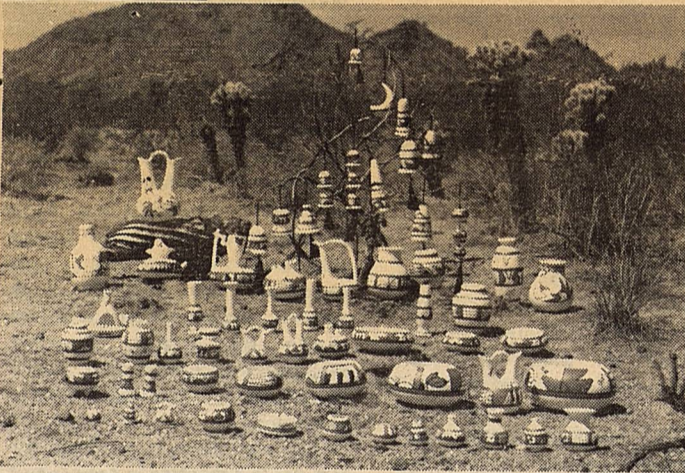
Approximately 216 members and guests attended the meeting from the thirteen county area.

A. K. McCarley, Jr., chairman, called the meeting to order. McCarley gave the report from the board and President Jim Hulse presented the financial report. Martin Schreiber, former governor of Wisconsin, was the guest speaker.

Members elected to serve on the 1986 Nominating Committee were: Dewey Grinslade from the Sweetwater office, Frank Mitchell from the Roby office, James Beaver from the Snyder office, M. S. Sellers from the Lamesa office, J.M. Payne from the Stanton office and Raymond Watlington from the Colorado City office.

Chairman of the board for 1986 is A.K. McCarley, Jr. Othell O'Kelly is vice chairman

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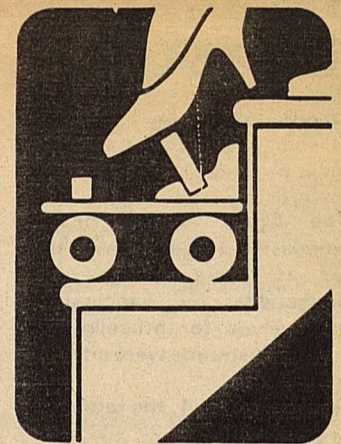
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Autumn: When East Texas Shines

O.C. Garza,

There is a Texas neighborhood that sits east of Dallas and north of Houston. It's called, not surprisingly, East Texas. Don't fret if you haven't been there, otherwise a lot of Texans would be fretting. Fret seriously, however, if you can't go there before the end of November because this is a magical time in the neighborhood.

The hottest thing going is the fall foliage. You world travelers needn't bother to mention New England to East Texans. They probably never heard of the place and for good cause. East Texas is not only as colorful as New England, but has more national forest acreage to boot.

Besides, the north doesn't have the Texas State Railroad. This neighborhood train winds through the heart of the state's most colorful area. Every weekend through November 10, the antique, steam-powered locomotive huffs and puffs the 25.5 miles from Rusk to Palestine on the nation's longest, skinniest state park. (Call 1-800-442-8951 for reservations.) While in Rusk, be sure and take a walk down the longest footbridge in the nation, it affords a scenic view of the neighborhood.

Even if you miss the train, there is a lot of scenery and beauty to absorb. And the scenery is as unTexan as it can be, at least what the stereotype of Texas scenery is. Miles of rolling hills crowded with pines, maples, sumac, and every other imaginable tree, all in the midst of their autumn colors. It's a lot like looking at a real oil painting. Only better since it's in the neighborhood.

The neighborhood parks are something to behold. The 665,076 acres of East Texas piney woods encompass Angelina National Forest, Davy Crockett National Forest, Davy Crockett National Forest, Sabine National Forest, Big Thicket Preserve, and Sam Houston National Forest. Add 7,000 acres of colorful state forests and you'll get some idea of what East Texas autumn beauty is all about. "Abundant" might be putting it lightly.

The beautiful scenery spreads out to include all points east of Big D and north of Houston. Afraid of driving out to East Texas and missing the colors? Don't be. The neighborhood runs a hotline for visitors

interested in following the autumn colors. Call 214-757-4444 for the latest update on foliage information.

There are more facets to East Texas than just the piney woods. The area is in a class by itself when it comes to town naming. Ever hear of Paris, Pointblank, Mount Vernon (home of Dandy Don, not George Washington), Cleveland or Daingerfield? You have? How about Pittsburg, Atlanta, Cut and Shoot, Lone Star, Moscow, Quitman, Onalaska, Boston, Elysian Fields or Arp? They are all in the neighborhood.

How about Indians? Indians played an important role in Texas history and this neighborhood was no different. Except the pride and joy of East Texas, the Alabama-Coushatta tribe, were heroes and rewarded for their role in the state's founding. In 1854, Sam Houston gave this tribe a 4,6000-acre tract of virgin pine forest as a reward for staying neutral during the Texas Revolution. Since Sam had a fond place in his heart for Indians, we won't go into details about how the tribe had been in the area since 1800 anyway. The tribe's dramatic history is presented nightly under the stars, as are native tribal dances. Lots of wampam for sale too, ugh.

The neighborhood, although big in size, is a close-knit community. For the Sesquicentennial, East Texas is inviting back eight million former neighbors for a homecoming. With thousands of events planned for 1986, the neighborhood will be partying and 'saying "howdy" to a lot of folks next year.

For those who want to see the magic of East Texas in the fall, the time is right. There is a train waiting to be boarded, beauty to

be seen, and a neighborhood to explore. The colors are about to explode, so if you forget your camera you will probably have to buy one in the neighborhood.

Go to East Texas and see the biggest neighborhood in the state. It's a safe neighborhood with good people. And don't worry if you get lost, just ask for directions at the end of the block. Keep in mind the blocks are real long and wooded all the way, like neighborhoods are supposed to be.

PLEDGE SHEETS GIVEN IN SNYDER FOR TURKEYWALK

Pledge sheets for the American Heart Association's Nov. 9 Turkeywalk were distributed at a meeting of Turkeywalk Group Leaders Wednesday.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. Nov. 9, a Saturday, at Snyder Junior High School. It will cover a 10-mile route.

Walkers are asked to pick up pledge sheets and secure pledges before that date.

Billie Smith and Pete Glass are serving as co-chairmen for the event.

All walkers who secure \$56 or more in pledges will receive a Turkeywalk T-shirt. First prize for the walker with the most money in pledges will be \$125. Second prize is \$75, third prize \$50 and fourth prize \$25.

To be eligible for prizes, all pledge money must be turned in to either Smith or Glass at the Senior Center before 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Awards will be announced Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

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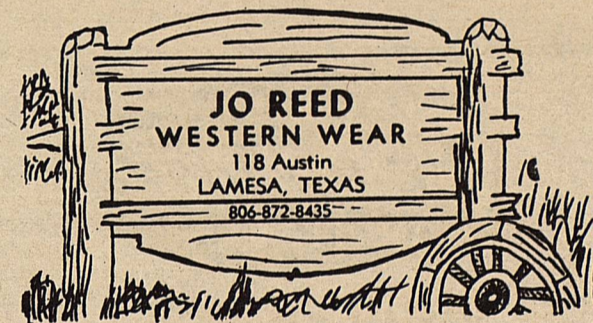
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MATTOX RECOMMENDS CHANGES TO AID WITH VISITATION

Austin--Attorney General Jim Mattox has announced he will recommend to the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement that federal regulations be changed to allow Mattox's Child Support Enforcement Division to help mediate custody and visitation problems between divorced parents.

Currently, federal regulations prohibit Mattox's Office from becoming involved in such arbitration and only allow the State to enforce child support payments.

"Divorce is often such an emotional issue that parents take out their hostilities against each other through the children," Mattox said. "Child support is not paid, resulting in emotional and financial child abuse because the medical, educational and nutritional needs of children are not met. Visitation rights of non-custodial parents are ignored, and children suffer trauma because of having no contact with that other parent.

"It can become a vicious, tangled web which helps nobody and can permanently damage the children emotionally," the Attorney General said.

"There simply must be more arbitration and mediation worked out in custody and child support battles between warring parents. It is time to put the interests of the children first and the hostilities between the divorced parents last," he said.

"What I will propose to the federal government is that child support and visitation cannot be treated as totally separate issues anymore," Mattox said. "We must begin to mesh the two so that children can have the financial benefits and emotional benefits they deserve.

"What my Child Support Enforcement Division will do in the meantime is to make available to non-custodial parents who are having visitation problems the use of the federal Parent Locator Service," the Attorney General said. "I am informing my Child Support Enforcement personnel statewide to begin immediately to accept applications from such parents for use of the federal service.

"Another change I will recommend to the federal government involves a current regulatory ban on use of the state Parent Locator Service regarding custody and visitation rights," he said. "If the federal government allows use of their service for those matters, it makes no sense for federal regulations not to allow the use of our state locate service for the same matters."

The Attorney General said he is making the recommendations after discussions with representatives of the Texas Fathers for Equal Rights, an organization which centers its activities on the rights of non-custodial fathers to have proper visitation rights.

LATE CALVING COWS LOSE MONEY

Cattlemen should have little respect for late-calving cows because they are income robbers and should be culled.

Studies have shown that late-calving cows --those that give birth after the majority of the herd has calved on the ground--are a detriment to a cattle operation. They wean lighter calves and have lower rebreeding rates than early-calving cows, and that means money down the drain.

A recent demonstration on the LaSalle Ranch in Calhoun County attests to the impact of lower rebreeding rates. The demonstration was conducted by Dr. L. R. Sprott, beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in cooperation with Calhoun County Extension agents Gilbert

Heideman (now retired) and Bryan Weiss. The effort was part of the Extension Service's Integrated Livestock Management Program.

Some 200 crossbred cows were monitored over a 160-day calving period, Sprott points out. Almost 84 percent of the cows were considered early calvers (calving in the first 80 days) while the remainder were late calvers. Among early calvers, 93 percent rebred while late calvers had an 84 percent conception rate.

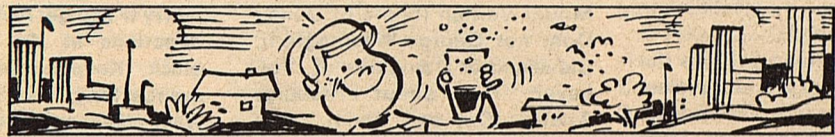
What does this mean economically?

"Had pregnancy rates between the two groups been equal, the late calving cows would have contributed three additional calves to the total calf crop for that year," notes

Sprott. "Assuming a 450-pound weaning weight per calf and a market price of 65 cents a pound, that would mean an additional \$877.50 in gross income."

Many herds with long calving seasons have an even greater proportion of late-calving cows--often 25 to 30 percent, says the specialist. In these cases, lost revenue is even more pronounced.

"A cattleman can't afford to operate with such losses, particularly with the current economic situation," emphasizes Sprott. "There's only one choice: cull these late calving cows along with any that are open. Also, never keep a heifer from a late-calving cow because she will likely be a late-calver as well."



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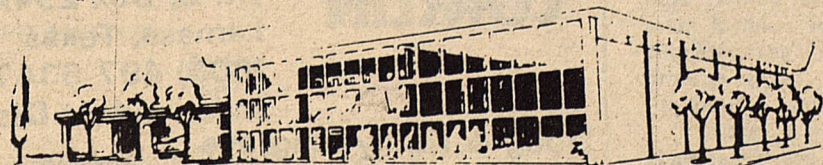
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