

**READY FOR USE**

# New Showbarn Set For Annual Show

The new county showbarn/community center will be used for the first time next Thursday-Friday and Saturday during the 26th annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show in Friona.

After having held the show in the Friona school bus barn for the last 15 years or so, the new showbarn will be luxurious by comparison.

First of all, the building offers 15,000 square feet of enclosed space, making it more than adequate to house the show.

The building is divided in half, with the front part being 75x100 feet. This portion has a concrete floor, and has been nicely finished, with two walls being panelled and the other two finished with vinyl wall covering.

There is a built-in sound (public address) system for the room, which will give those

attending functions in the building the ultimate in sound production.

Built by Lewellen Construction Company of Friona, the showbarn/community center has been constructed with many functional ideas, also with an eye toward keeping the total cost as low as possible.

The front portion will be heated and cooled with a complete system featuring a capacity of 450,000 BTUs.

The show ring will be placed in the front half of the building. Sawdust will be placed over the concrete. Bleachers will be moved into the building, which should be able to accommodate as many as care to watch the show.

In the past, spectator space was quite limited, as only one bleacher could be pulled up to the show ring. In the new facility, at least three bleachers, and perhaps as many as five can be used, so seating

should not be a problem. And with the ducted-in heating system, spectators, and showmen alike will be afforded the utmost in comfort.

Also included in the front part of the structure is a 24-foot serving counter, which will be used for serving refreshments and sandwiches. The counter is also expected to be used for buffet-style serving whenever banquets are held in the building. An electric range and grill are included in the kitchen.

Three hundred permanent chairs and 50 banquet-style tables have been purchased for the building by the City of Friona. Additional tables and chairs are to be provided to bring the seating capacity up to 500 for such affairs as the Chamber of Commerce banquet, which is scheduled in the facility on March 11.

An acoustical "drop" ceiling was being installed this week,

which was the last major item lacking in the building.

A 10x25-foot vestibule is constructed on the front of the building, which will accommodate coats and hats for meetings.

The back portion of the building, which has been left with a dirt floor, will house the animals. One large room is flanked on either side by partitioned wings which measure 25x150 and 25x100.

Two wash racks are included for the convenience of young showmen in washing their animals. One 25x25 foot wash room is located on one side of the building for steers, and a 10x25-foot wash room is on the other side for hogs and sheep.

The showbarn building committee kicked off a drive to raise \$75,000 for the new facility a year ago. The fund drive has reached the \$60,000 mark, and the committee indicates that due to inflation plus the addition of features which had not been planned for, the total cost probably will exceed the \$75,000 original estimate.

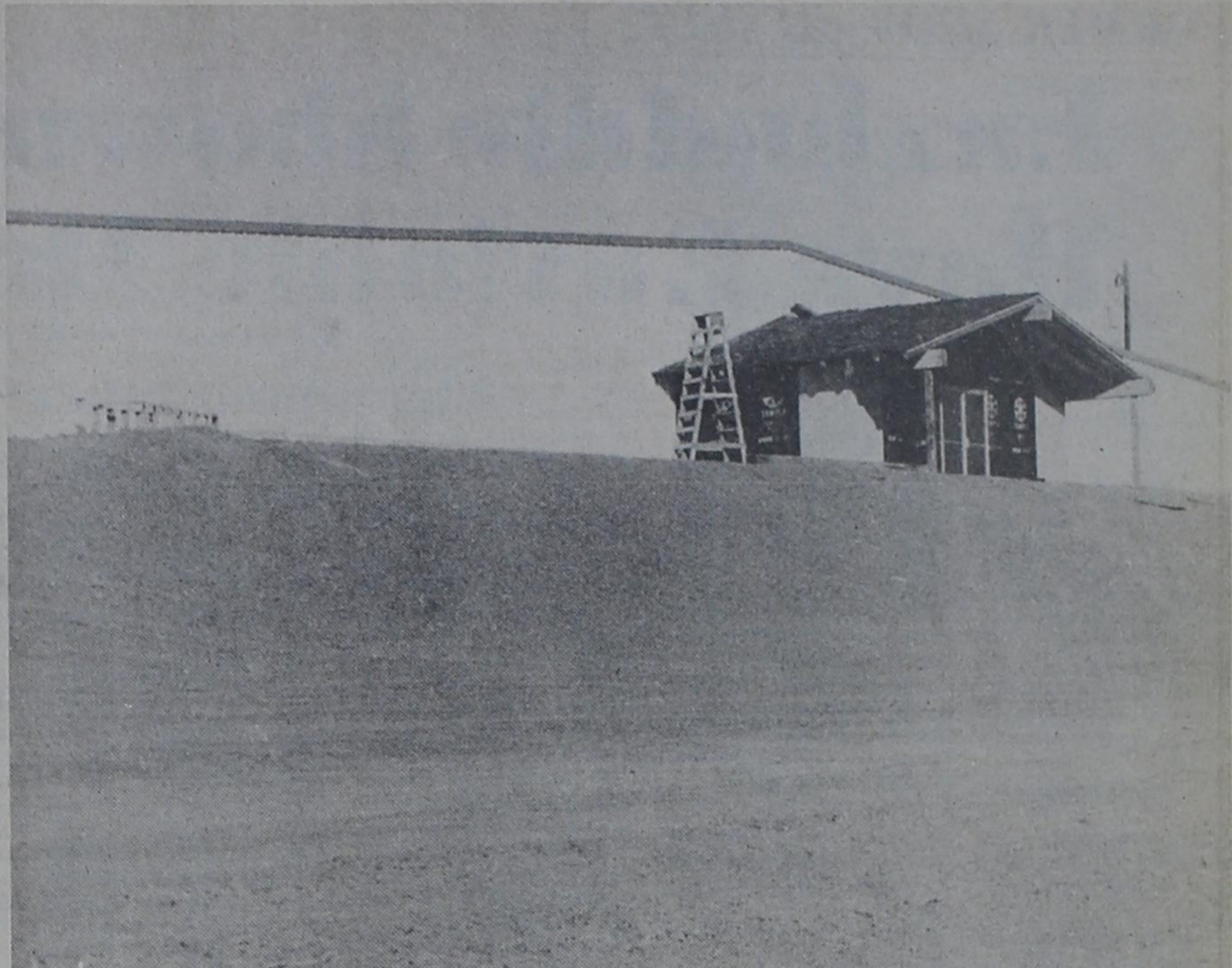
The grounds adjacent to the building (the lake area) will be landscaped, as part of the agreement by which the land was donated for the purpose of constructing a showbarn/community center by the KIS Development Company of Roswell, N.M.

"We want to encourage parents, grandparents and friends of everyone showing animals this year to come out and see the show in the new facility," states Dwain Meneffe, of the showbarn committee.

Thanks to the enclosed weather-proof structure, the show portion will be completed on Friday this year, with the Steer show slated for 7 p.m. Friday, rather than on Saturday morning as it has been in the past.

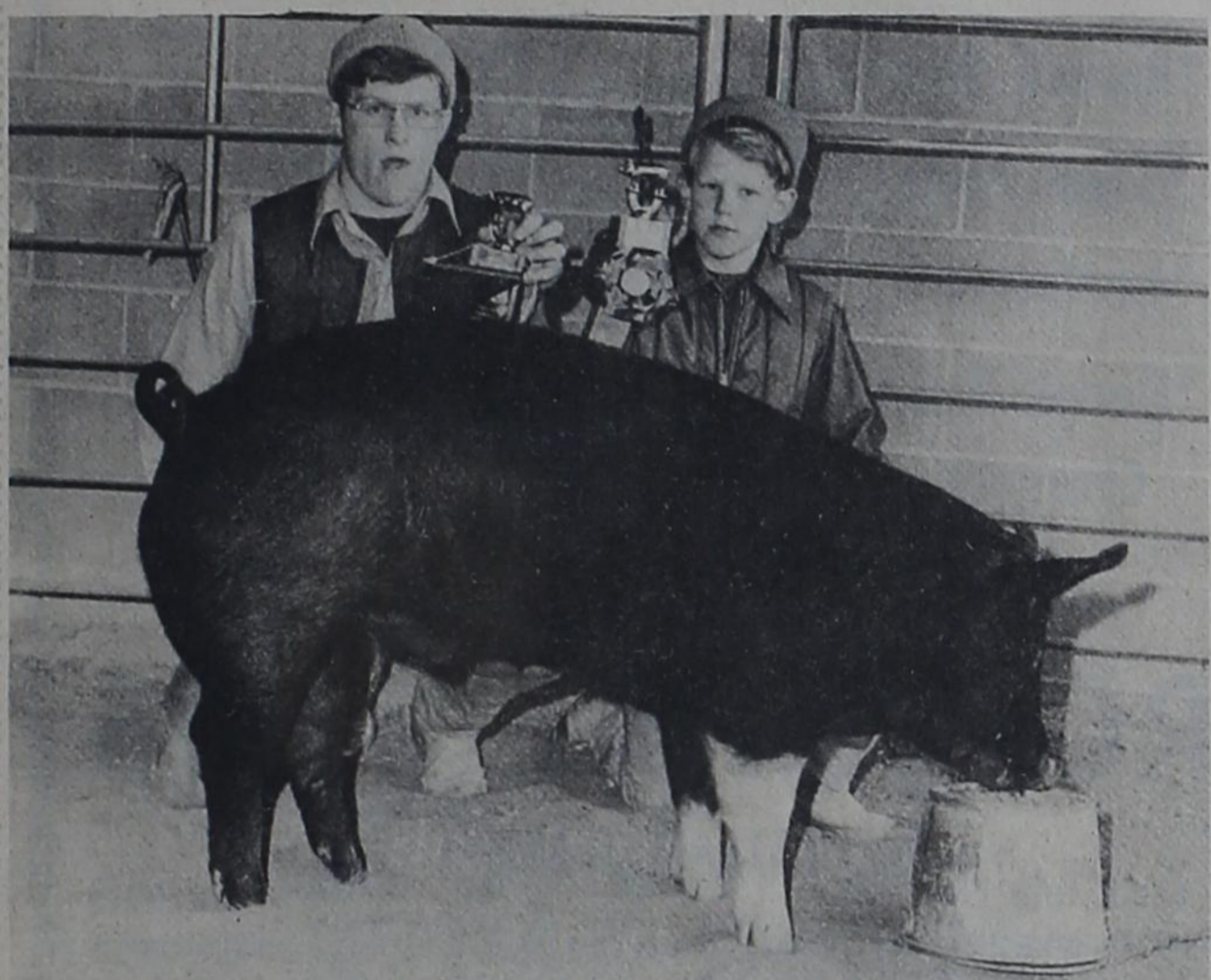
Judging will begin at 8 a.m. with the barrows, with a champion to be named prior to noon.

The lamb show will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday.



NEW SHOWBARN....Shown is the exterior of the new county showbarn/community center which will be used for the first time during the 26th annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 14-15-16. The

new facility will give FFA and 4-H youngsters, their adult leaders and spectators a comfortable, heated headquarters for the annual show.



GRAND CHAMPION....Lazbuddie's 13th consecutive barrow championship in the Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show last year was entered by Rick Seaton, left, and shown

by Russell Windham, right. The champion was a 220-pound Hampshire which was champion of its breed.

## Farmers Not Noticed In Energy Shortage

Noting that agriculture has been denied representation on Administration energy policy-making councils, Senator Lloyd Bentsen said last week that the needs of farmers must be given strong consideration in this time of energy shortage.

In a letter to the President, Bentsen urged that the new Federal Energy Administration include a representative of agriculture. This new cabinet level agency is charged with alleviating the current energy crisis and planning for future needs.

"The importance of this Nation's agricultural production warrants careful planning to insure that adequate fuel

supplies are available in our food production efforts," Bentsen said in his request.

He pointed out that farmers have been pressed to increase production in order to lower consumer food prices, but have been strapped by a serious shortage and unwise distribution of diesel fuel.

"There are many cases of field work having been stopped due to a lack of fuel. This situation has resulted in farmers strongly questioning the wisdom of increasing their production effort," the Senator said.

"Farmers cannot be expected to increase the acreage they are planting without some assurance there will be fuel for

harvest." In his letter Bentsen expressed concern that the previous administration policy-

making body, the Emergency Energy Action Group, did not include in its membership a representative of agriculture.

## Jr. Livestock Show Schedule

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
10 a.m.--Weigh in of animals begins  
4 p.m.--Weigh in to be completed  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15  
8 a.m.--Swine judging begins  
1:30 p.m.--Sheep judging begins  
7 p.m.--Steer judging begins  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16  
1 p.m.--Auction Sale of prize animals

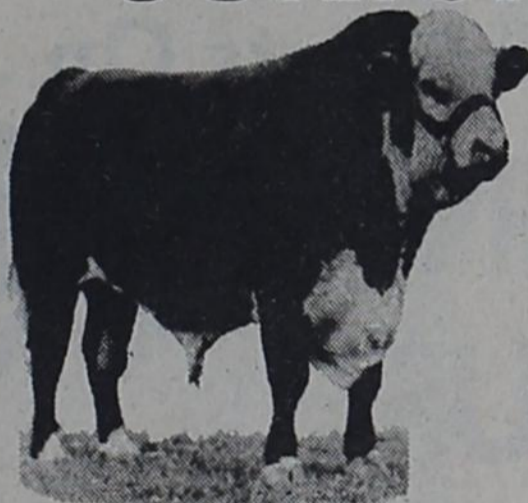
All events to be held at the new showbarn, just off Highway 214 North, Friona.

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# Lazbuddie Showmen Have Enviably Mark

## Champions Since 1948

### Steer Champions

1948-Maurice Gaede, Friona 4-H [Hereford]; 1949-Wayne Massey, Friona 4-H [Hereford]; 1950-Herbert Schueler, Friona; 1951-Donald Jesko, Farwell; 1952-Ben Jordan, Friona [Hereford]; 1953-Mary Tatum, Friona [Shorthorn].

1954-Jerry Henson, Farwell 4-H; 1955-Frankie Spring, Friona FFA [Hereford]; 1956-Leon Massey, Friona; 1957-Glen Watkins, Lazbuddie; 1958-Jim Roy Wells, Friona, [Hereford]; 1959-Derrell Jennings, Lazbuddie.

1960-Bobby Redwine, Lazbuddie [Hereford]; 1961-Craig Coon, Friona FFA [Hereford]; 1962-Risa Howell, Friona 4-H [Hereford]; 1963-Dwain Phipps, Friona [Hereford]; 1964-Rex Wells, Friona FFA [Angus].

1965-Mike Riethmayer, Friona FFA [Angus]; 1966-Gary Phipps, Friona 4-H [Hereford]; 1967-Jacquelyn Langford, Farwell 4-H [Hereford]; 1968-Mark Haseloff, Farwell 4-H [Hereford].

1969-Robert Haseloff, Farwell FFA [Hereford]; 1970-Gail Morris, Lazbuddie FFA [Hereford]; 1971-Carrie Haseloff, Farwell 4-H [Hereford]; Mark Haseloff, Farwell 4-H, [Cross].

1973-Annette Langford, Farwell 4-H [Hereford]

### Barrow Champions

1948-Clyde Hays, Friona [Hampshire]; 1949-Roy Miller, Friona FFA, [Duroc]; 1950-Frankie Allen, Friona FFA, [Spotted Poland China]; 1951-Friona FFA [Chester White]; 1952-Bob Geries, Farwell, [Berkshire].

1953-Truman McKillip, Farwell [Chester White]; 1954-Jerry Gleason, Lazbuddie

[Chester White]; 1955-Robert Ivy, Lazbuddie, [Poland China]; 1956-Don Bandy, Bovina [Duroc]; 1957-Kent Glasscock, Bovina, [Hampshire]; 1958-Calvin Mason, Lazbuddie [Duroc].

1959-Dickie Geries, Farwell, [Berkshire]; 1960-E.C. Wilson, Friona [Poland China]; 1961-Jimmie Dale Seaton, Lazbuddie [Hampshire]; 1962-Theresa Seaton, Lazbuddie, [Hampshire]; 1963-Bobby Gleason, Lazbuddie [Poland China].

1964-Theresa Seaton, Lazbuddie [Hampshire]; 1965-Bobby Gleason, Lazbuddie [Poland China]; 1966-Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie [Cross]; 1967-Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie, [Cross]; 1968-Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie, [Cross].

1969-Stan Treider, Lazbuddie [Hampshire]; 1970-Randy Bush, Lazbuddie [Poland China]; 1971-Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie [Duroc]; 1972-David Gallman, Lazbuddie, [Chester White]; 1973-Rick Seaton, Lazbuddie FFA [Hampshire]

### Sheep Champions

1954-Gerald Hardage, Farwell FFA; 1955-Jackie Sheek, Friona; 1956-Jackie Sheek, Friona; 1958-Jim Greeson, Friona; 1959-Pat O'Brian, Bovina; 1960-Fine Wool-James Brown, Lazbuddie; medium wool-James Brown, Lazbuddie; Southdown-Pat O'Brian, Bovina.

1961-medium-David Koelzer, Lazbuddie; fine wool, Terry Parham, Lazbuddie; Southdown-Jim Roy Wells, Friona; 1962-medium-Steve Young, Lazbuddie; fine wool-John Ward, Lazbuddie; Southdown-Steve Foster, Lazbuddie; 1963-medium wool-Mariana Gammon, Lazbuddie; fine wool-Dwain Phipps, Friona; Southdown-Darrell Mason, Lazbuddie.

1964-medium wool-Mariana Gammon, Lazbuddie; fine wool-Terry Parham, Lazbuddie; Southdown-Darrell Mason, Lazbuddie; 1965-fine wool-Terry Parham, Lazbuddie; medium wool-Royce Barnes, Lazbuddie; Southdown-Jerry Roach, Bovina.

1966-fine wool-David Nelson, Farwell; medium wool-Daryl Kirkpatrick, Bovina; Southdown-Royce Barnes, Lazbuddie; 1967-fine wool-David Nelson, Lazbuddie; medium wool-Wesley Barnes, Jr., Lazbuddie; Southdown-Carroll Foster, Bovina.

1968-medium wool-Monte Barnes, Lazbuddie; fine wool-Pablo Mendoza, Lazbuddie; Southdown-Monte Barnes, Lazbuddie; 1969-fine wool cross-Randy Waggoner, Friona; fine wool-Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; Dorset-Charles Bentley, Friona; Hampshire-Stephen Sherrill, Bovina.

1970-fine wool-Pablo Mendoza, Lazbuddie; fine wool cross-Mendoza; Southdown & Shropshire-Mark Barnes, Lazbuddie; medium wool-Karene Hart, Friona; other breeds-Mike Windham, Lazbuddie.

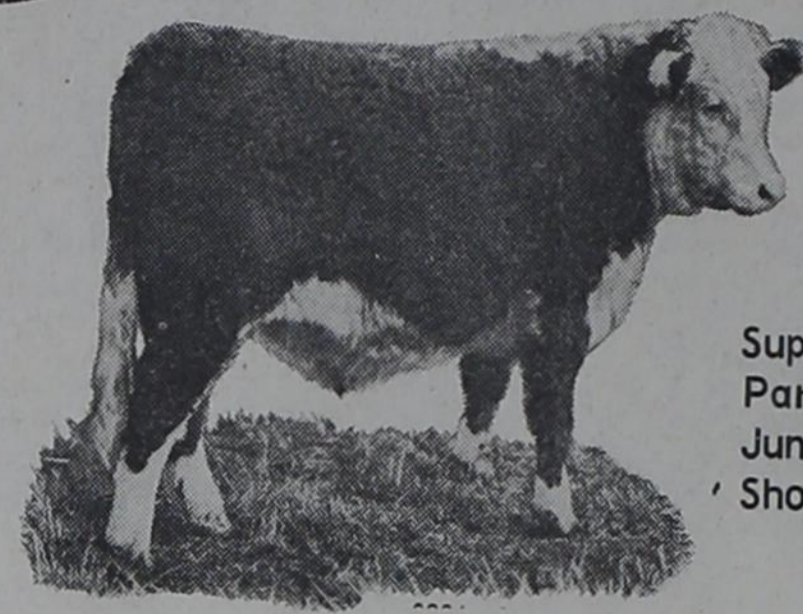
1971-fine wool-Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; cross-Larry Johnston, Friona; Southdown-Mark Barnes, Lazbuddie; medium wool-Hugh Rogers, Bovina; other breeds-Mike Windham, Lazbuddie.

1972-fine wool-Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; medium wool-Timmy Smith, Lazbuddie; Southdown-Neal Moore, Lazbuddie; Cross-Jesse Mendoza, Lazbuddie; other breeds-Mike Windham, Lazbuddie.

1973-fine wool-Mike Windham, Lazbuddie 4-H; medium wool-Tim Smith, Lazbuddie FFA; Southdown-Dennis Willard, Bovina FFA; Cross-breeds-Kevin McClaran, Bovina FFA; other breeds-Karene Hart, Friona 4-H.

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School	Steers	Sheep	Barrows	Totals
Lazbuddie	4	34	16	54
Friona	14	10	5	29
Farwell	8	2	3	12
Bovina	0	10	2	12

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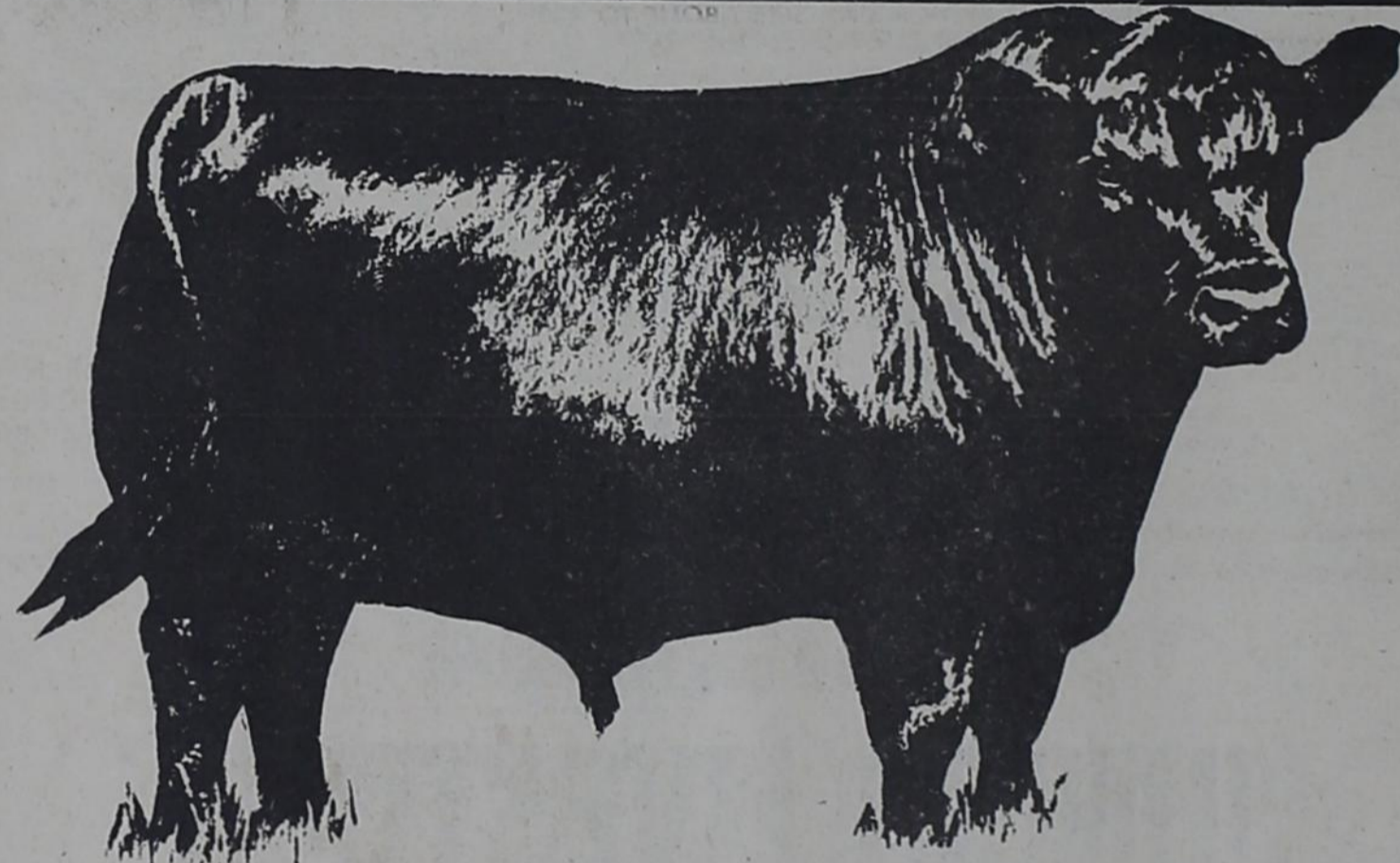


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**Proper Engine Care Can Cut Fuel Usage**

By Roy E. Childers, Jr., Texas Area Agricultural Engineer

Farmers are becoming increasingly concerned over the present situation regarding fuel. Two things seem certain: supplies will be tight if not limited, and prices will be higher. This means that fuel will have to be used with maximum efficiency to assure adequate supply and limit operating costs. Let's look at a few ways of economizing fuel.

An improperly tuned engine can result in as much as a 20 per cent fuel waste. New spark-plugs can decrease fuel use by six per cent; a tune-up for the carburetor can save ten per cent. The color of the exhaust smoke usually tells if fuel is being wasted.

**OIL BURNING**

Blue smoke is a sign of burning lube oil, usually from a worn engine. It results in power loss, hence excessive fuel use. Black smoke results from unburned fuel. It can be caused by over-fueling, re-

stricted air supply, or an overloaded engine.

You can save an average of 20 per cent on fuel by throttling back and shifting to a higher gear on loads under 50 per cent. Savings can be as much as 30 per cent of the fuel used with a 50 per cent load at full throttle.

Keep in mind that you should always operate at half-throttle or more. Below this point engine temperature may not be uniform and can result in inefficient engine operation. Always try and match the tractor size to the implement and field conditions. Lugging the engine—pulling heavy loads at reduced speeds—is hard on the engine and also wastes fuel.

**COMBINE FIELD WORK**

Whenever possible, combine implements to do two jobs in one trip over the field. One good way to do this is pulling a tandem disc behind the stalk shredder. Cover the maximum number of rows in each round (4-row shredders, 10 or 12 row equipment, etc.). Consider a minimum or limited tillage

operation. Deep plowing can use as much as 1.5 gallons of diesel per acre and 2.25 gallons of gasoline, depending on soil type and moisture conditions. Make rows as long as feasible; turning makes inefficient use of fuel.

**KEEP FILTERS CLEAN**

A clogged air filter robs power, wastes fuel, and can damage the engine. Service these filters regularly, giving extra attention under extremely dusty conditions. Gasoline and naturally aspirated (without turbocharger) diesel engines can have up to a five per cent increase in fuel efficiency simply by cleaning the air filter.

Keep plow-points and knives on cutting equipment sharp. Adjust tail wheel on plows to maintain proper heel and landside clearance. If you change fields or if conditions in the field are altered, readjust equipment whenever feasible. Remember each tractor, implement, and field are different. Check manufacturer's handbook for adjustment to give

maximum efficiency in each situation.

**MINIMIZE WHEEL SLIP**

Tire slippage during heavy plowing is one of the biggest fuel wasters. If you can see a tire slipping, you are probably exceeding 15 per cent slippage, which is considered the maximum allowable. Adding wheel weight or decreasing the load will help.

Remember excess weight can cause excessive soil compac-

tion. Dual rear wheels are another way of reducing slippage and in general results in less compaction. Radial ply rear tractor tires will be available this spring from at least one manufacturer. These tires are another way of reducing slippage.

**AVOID LONG IDLING**

Train your operators to shut off engines any time prolonged idling is anticipated. Remember, of course, that any engine that has been pulling a heavy load needs at least five minutes of cooling before it is shut down. An idling engine not only wastes fuel, (up to 1/2 gallon per hour) but it can cause other conditions which waste fuel. Fouled sparkplugs can result from the rich mixture of fuel and air present during idling. Injector nozzle tips can become clogged with carbon generated from unburned fuel also.

**STORE FUEL PROPERLY**

On-farm storage is useful during periods of limited supply, but it can be costly if not maintained. A 300-gallon gasoline tank, painted red and

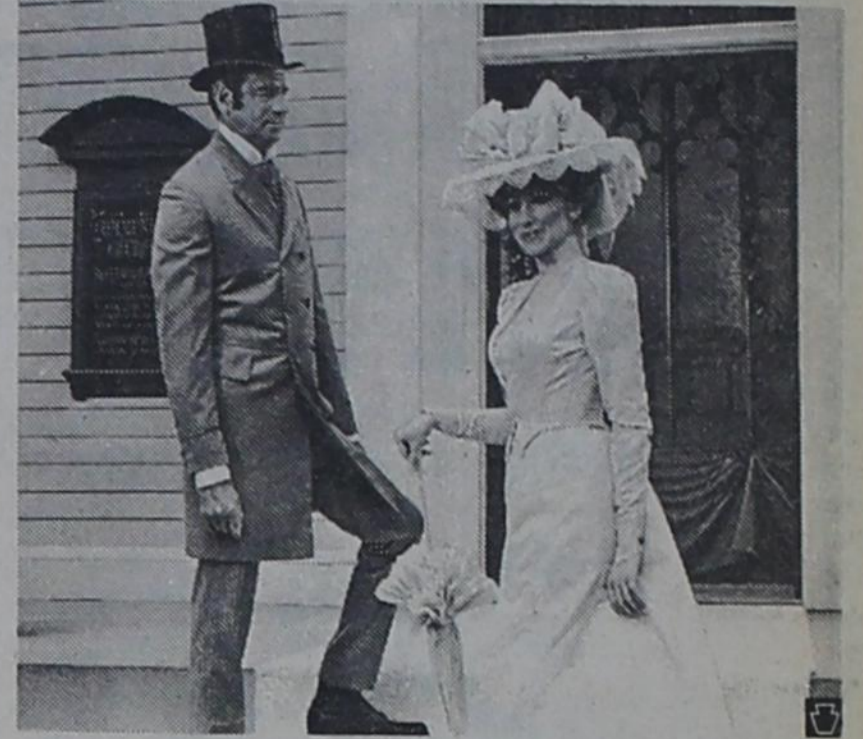
unshaded, will lose over three per cent per month from evaporation. This same tank painted white and shaded will lose only 0.8 per cent per month.

Installation of a pressure-vacuum release cap cuts losses to less than 0.5 per cent. Filter all fuel, especially diesel, to avoid damage to engine components which could result in fuel waste.

If farmers will adopt these practices, and stick with them, they can possibly avoid a fuel shortage while at the same time reduce their expenses.

The mandatory fuel allocation program provides agricultural production with diesel up to 110 per cent of the 1972 consumption, but only after "Category I" needs are met. This priority category includes energy production, transportation, emergency and medical services, and heating. With increasing acreage during a period of energy limitations, farmers must plan more carefully than ever to meet consumer demands and make a profit.

**"Hello, Dolly!" Premieres On TV Feb. 28**



Barbra Streisand and Walter Matthau star in the television premiere of "Hello, Dolly!," one of the biggest movie musicals in film history, which airs over CBS-TV Thursday, February 28, 8-11 P.M. (E.D.T.).

**Cattle Raisers Get Assistance**

Rexton Lynn (Rex) Prather, assumed duties on January 1 as a field inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in a newly created district comprised of nine counties in the Texas Panhandle, according to Don C. King, TSCRA secretary-general manager.

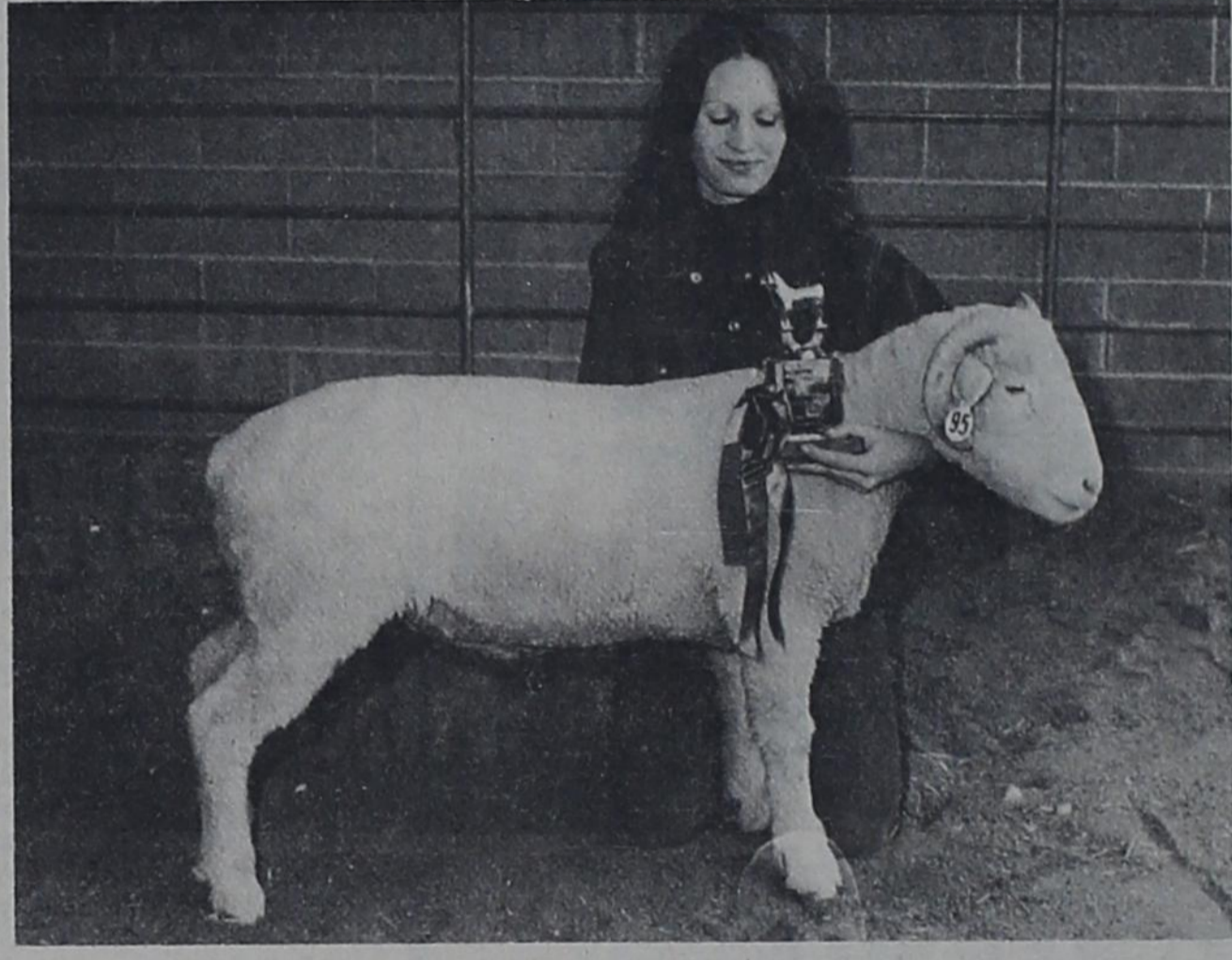
Prather, who was born in Muleshoe, will be based in Hereford. He will serve cattlemen in the counties of Parmer, Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb, Oldham, Potter, Randall and Swisher.

Following graduation from high school in Vinita, Okla., Prather attended Western Texas College at Snyder, and Northeast A&M Jr. College at Miami, Okla., majoring in animal science. He later spent two years in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of sergeant and serving in Korea for 16 months.

For the past five years Prather has worked on the O.S. Ranch at Post. He is married to the former Julia Childs of Post and they have three boys, aged two, three and four years.

The new inspector will be available to inspect direct movements of wheat and grass cattle for strays as well as investigate cattle losses and mixups in the area.

King stated that Prather's extensive ranching experience and background as a cowboy are ideal to serve these needs of cattlemen and feedlots in the new district, and urges anyone, desiring assistance to call him.



FRIONA WINNER....Karene Hart won show last year, by taking the trophy in the Friona's only championship in the county "Other Breeds" division of the sheep show.

**Another Fine Texas Recipe**

**HONEY CHOCOLATE CAKE**  
(For Your Valentine)

2/3 cup shortening  
1 cup honey  
2 eggs  
2 cups sifted flour  
1/2 cup cocoa  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. soda  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Cream shortening. Continue beating while slowly adding honey. Beat in eggs one at a time. Sift together three times flour, cocoa, salt, soda, and baking powder. Add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk and vanilla. Place in two 9-inch greased and floured pans or two heart-shaped greased and floured pans. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes. Let cool and top with favorite frosting. For special effect use a basic cream frosting tinted pink.

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**COURT HOUSE NOTES**

**Instrument Report Ending January 24, 1974 in County Clerk Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk**

WD, R.M. Waller, Curtis W. Murphree, Sec. 20, Blk. A, Rhea Bro.  
 WD, W.P. Elliott, et al, Edmund, Jesus and Joe Bermea, 5 ac. out NE/pt of SE 1/4 Sec. 24, T6S;R3E  
 WD, John E. Bingham, Carrol K. Gatlin, lot 7, Blk. 13, McMillen & Fergus, Friona  
 WD, John P. Barker, Johnene Barker, Part of Sec. 11, 14, T3S;R3E  
 WD, Jimmy T. Norwood, Clifford S. Crow, lots 3, 6, Blk. 1, Drake Rev. Sub. Friona  
 WD, Kay F. Smith, et al, Donald W. Gatlin, lot 2, Blk. 70, Friona  
 WD, J.T. Stone, Billy R. Wilshire, lot 25, exc. S 2 ft. & S 1 ft. lot 26, Blk. 6, Lakeview Add. Friona  
 WD, Oran Glenn Hromas, Glenn A. Hromas, NW 70 ft. lot 2, Blk. 113, Bovina  
 WD, George Heflin, Florence Shepherd, lot 29, Eastview Add. Bovina  
 WD, Nathan Lee Sharp, T.L.

**Timmons, S 1/2 of E 1/2 Sec. 45, Blk. A, Synd.**  
 WD, Jose M. Cantu, Julian E. Jaime, lots 1 thru 6, Blk. 34, Farwell  
 WD, Gerald Curtis, et al, Roger R. Menning, lots 31 & 32, Blk. 40, Farwell  
 WD, G.A. Fowler, M.R. Fowler, Sec. 49, Blk. H, Kelly Sub.  
 WD, Ronnie Glasscock, Ralph Roming, N 1/2 lot 6, Blk. 2, Ridgelea Sub., Bovina  
 WD, Ronnie Glasscock, Gary K. Glasscock, S 1/2 lot 6, Blk. 2, Ridgelea Sub. Bovina  
 WD, Emma Raper, Fred M. Burch, SE 1/4 Sec. 13, Kelly Sub.

**Instrument Report Ending January 31, 1974, in County Clerk Office, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk**

WD, Ray H. Gilliam, C.D. Leon, Sec. 13, Blk. B, Synd.  
 WD, A.L. Glasscock, Gary K. Glasscock, S 1/2 lot 6, Blk. 2, Ridgelea Sub. Bovina  
 WD, A.L. Glasscock, et al, Gary K. Glasscock, Part of lots 18 & 19, Blk. 4, Ridgelea Sub. Bovina  
 WD, Marie Cullar, et al, Troy Christian, Part SE 1/4 Sec. 21, T10S;R2E all SW 1/4 Sec. 21, T10S;R2E  
 WD, Benthall Hyatt, et al, William Gromowsky, NE 1/4 Sec. 21, T4S;R4E  
 WD, Steve R. Jarnagin, P.K. Hughes, W 80 ft. lots 11, 12, Blk. 3, OT Friona  
 WD, A.J. Barton, J.W. Barton and Ann Barton Allen, lots 1, 2, 3, E 20 ft. lot 4, Blk. 2, Bovina  
 WD, W.N. Foster, Dr. Jerry Don Gregory, Garden lot 38, Sec. 31, T9S;R1E-Part of Blks. 1, 2, 3, Hamlin Heights Add.  
 WD, Robert F. Hughes, Jesse Cantu, lots 29 & 30, Blk. 33, Farwell  
 WD, Bertha Kaltwasser, Walter Kaltwasser, und. 20 ac. int. in SW 1/4 Sec. 8, T15S;R2E  
 WD, Bertha Kaltwasser, Gilbert Kaltwasser, Und. 20 ac. int. in NE 1/4 Sec. 7, T15S;R2E  
 Deed, Cecil T. Bass, et al, D.C. Herring, N 1/2 Sec. 33, T2N;R3E  
 WD, Frank M. Hugulin, Jr., et al, Max Steinbock, Sec. 55, Blk. H, Kelly  
 WD, O.L. Winkles, Donald W. Leatherwood, Part of Garden lots 15 & 16, Sec. 31, T9S;R1E  
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 WD, J.T. Jones, Jimmy Heard, 2 ac. out NE 1/4 Sec. 9, T10S;R2E  
 WD, J.B. Williams, Albert Lee Chesher, lot 14, 12, Blk. 9, McMillen & Fergus Add. Friona  
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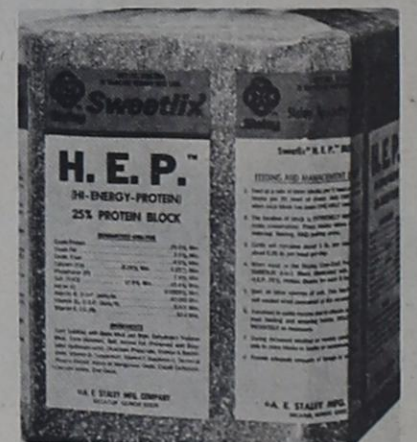
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# Scientists Search For New Varieties

LUBBOCK, TEX.—Research scientists at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station here are taking a new look at the one billion-dollar Texas grain sorghum bonanza—this time with an eye to upgrading it as an animal feed and improving its potential for use as a human food.

To accomplish this, Dr. Jerry Johnson and Dr. Darrell Rosenow, grain sorghum breeders with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock, are working with TAES cereal chemists and animal nutritionists to define the characteristics that are responsible for nutritional

differences among sorghums.

**VALUE FACTOR**

Improvement in quality of grain sorghum would mark a notable advancement in the value of sorghum both as a human food and animal feed, say the researchers.

The importance of grain sorghum is uncontestable. The one billion-dollar crop comprises over half of the ration used in Texas cattle feedlots. And though a substantial amount is used in swine and poultry enterprises in the nation, the majority of grain sorghum in Texas is used to support the rapidly growing fed

cattle industry.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT**

The staggering economic impact of the feedlot cattle industry, the scientists assert, extends to the transportation of beeves and supplies, seed and fertilizer companies, export trade, labor, and many other components of the feedlot system, generating a multiplier effect of 2.5.

But the cattle feeders don't spend their time hauling money to the banks, the researchers hastily add. Profits have been slim and frustrations all too many. Prices at all levels have shot up, especially grain prices.

**REASON CITED**

"This is why we are interested in coming up with new varieties of grain sorghum to improve quality," says Johnson. "We know that if we can upgrade the sorghum as animal feed, it will result in more pounds of gain on the same amount of feed, reducing the cost per pound of gain to finish these cattle."

**Ironically, any improvements in the sorghum might also result in improving the plant for human consumption, Rosenow believes.**

For one thing, he points out, research data collected thus far indicates that the genetic changes that are possible in the sorghum kernel influence its acceptance both as a human food and as animal feed. Among these genetic properties are certain compounds called tannins (polyphenols).

**TANNIN COMPOUND**

"Tests have shown that sorghums high in tannin compounds not only are undesirable as a food source but are less efficient in beef production," Johnson adds.

"Tannins affect color and astringency [bitterness]. Some exotic lines of the World Sorghum Collection are lower in tannins than U.S. lines," says the scientist.

"If we can improve the sorghum kernel characteristics that affect the presence of tannins by breeding exotic lines into U.S. lines, we would be able to grow sorghum in the U.S. that would be improved as an animal feed and also acceptable for human food," he concludes.

**OTHER CHARACTERISTICS**

Other grain characteristics being studied include the endosperm texture (hardness) and type (waxy, normal, sugary), protein content, quality, and digestibility. Research findings indicate that grain with waxy type starch may be somewhat more digestible than

grain with the non-waxy type, and more desirable.

Many of the grain quality characteristics being studied have been found in exotic sorghums in the World Sorghum collection, says Rosenow.

The world collection, he noted, is made up of about 14,000 varieties of grain sorghum. Many of these cannot be used in the U.S. breeding programs because they fail to mature under long days in temperate areas and because they are too tall.

**CONVERTED LINES**

To make these types available in useful form, Rosenow and Johnson, based at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, are converting the tall, late-maturing exotic lines to dwarf, early-maturing, day-length insensitive lines. These converted lines can then be grown and evaluated for desirable characteristics.

Grain from sorghum lines developed at the Lubbock Center is analyzed at the Cereal Quality Laboratory of the TAES at Texas A&M University. Headed by Dr. L.W. Rooney, the lab assembles information about the physical and chemical characteristics of sorghum grain and relays its findings to Rosenow and Johnson for further study in their breeding program.

"Because grain sorghum as an animal feed is such an important part of our High Plains economy," Johnson explains, "we are looking for ways to improve the crop from that standpoint."

"Certainly, however, we hope these studies will result in the development of varieties for food that can be grown in our climate."

"Because of the nature of this most valuable grain, we may be able to accomplish both to some degree at the same time."

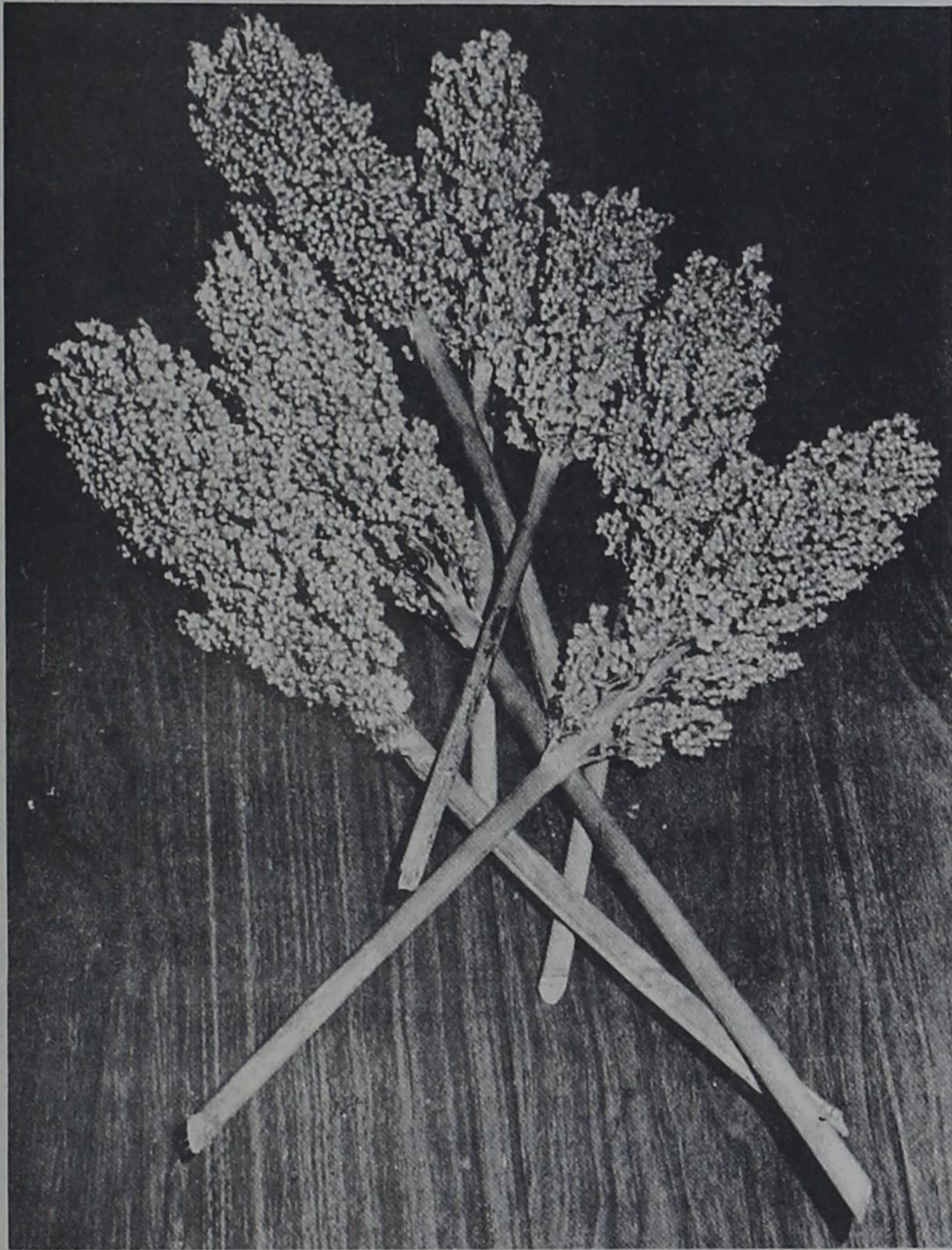
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**FINDING IT HARD** to stay within your budget—regardless of income?

Take a good look at what's bought at the grocery store.

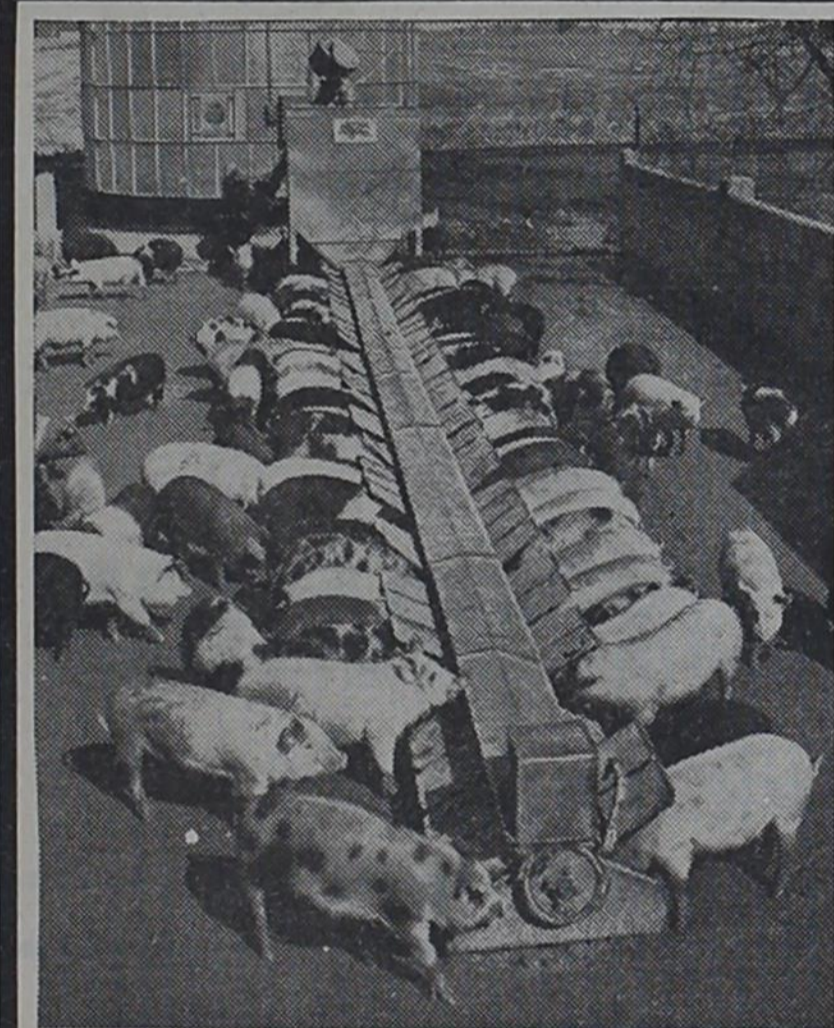
Think back to the last visit. In addition to food items, did the family also buy pet foods, health-care items, laundry products, household supplies, tobacco products or magazines?

These extra non-food items really add up.

To determine exactly how much is spent for food, check what's in the grocery sacks after the next shopping trip.

Place all non-food items together and add up their total cost—including tax. Subtract this amount from the grocery bill to determine what was spent for food.

Out of \$20, food items may have cost just \$17. Quite a difference—and it adds up. In a month's time, only \$68 out of \$80 may be for food items.



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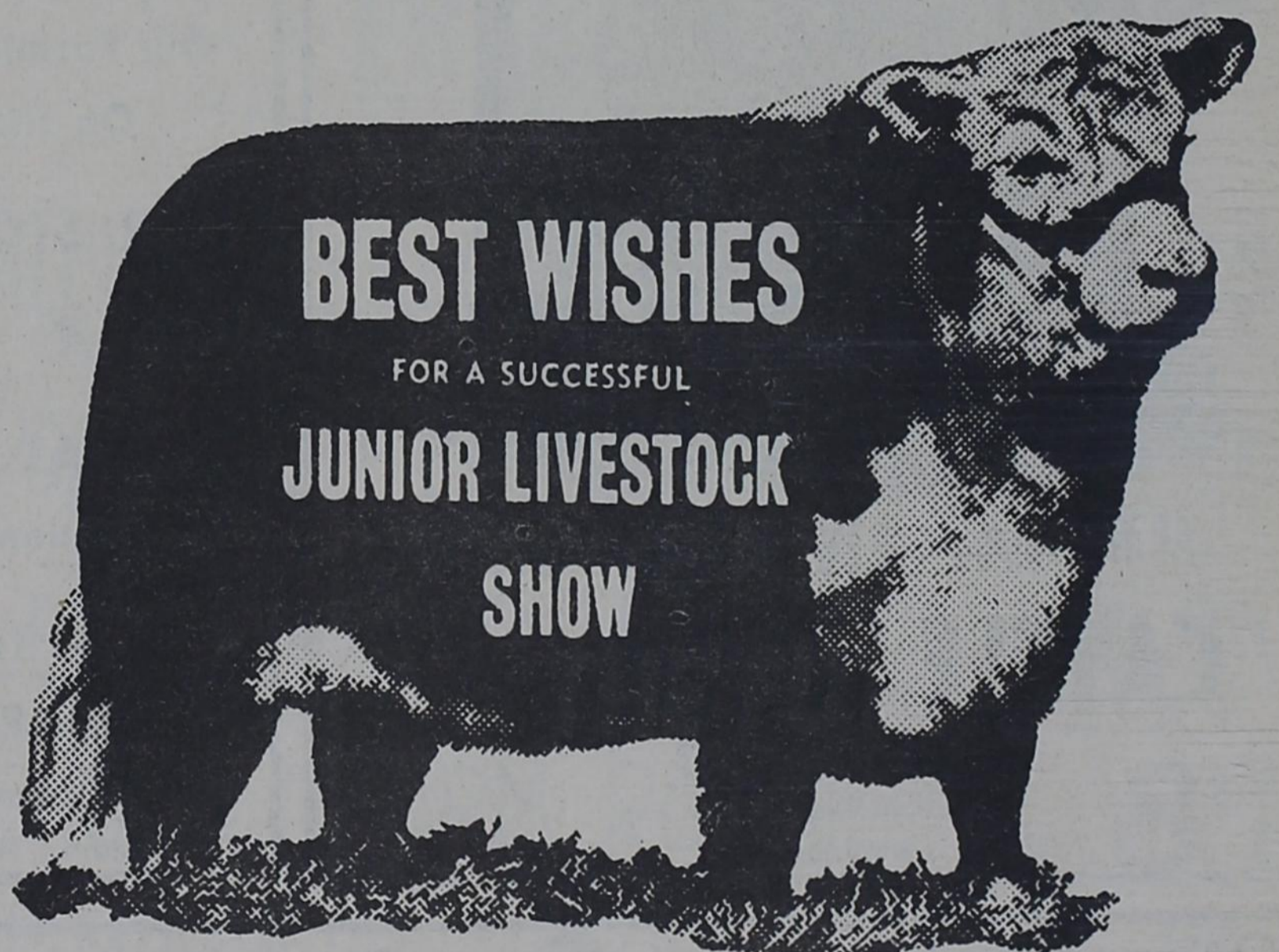
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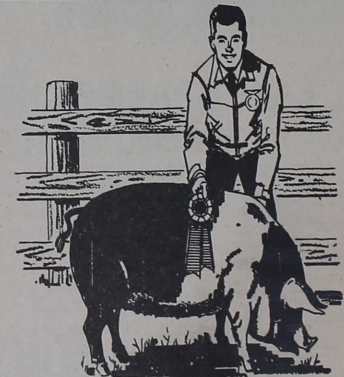
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## Texas Angora Goats A High-Flying Breed

Angora goats from the Texas Hill Country will be grazing in Madagascar, an island off South Africa, reports Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

The registered goats were examined for shipment by air at the Houston export pens, operated by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Two representatives of the Republic of Malagasy purchased the animals from Hill Country ranchers to introduce new bloodlines in the government's existing herd of 400,000.

Contacts with the American Angora Goat Breeders Association were made through TAP (Texas Agricultural Products) personnel. The completed sale amounted to \$44,680 for the goats. Bucks and does were selected from 28 ranches around Rocksprings, Junction and Fredericksburg.

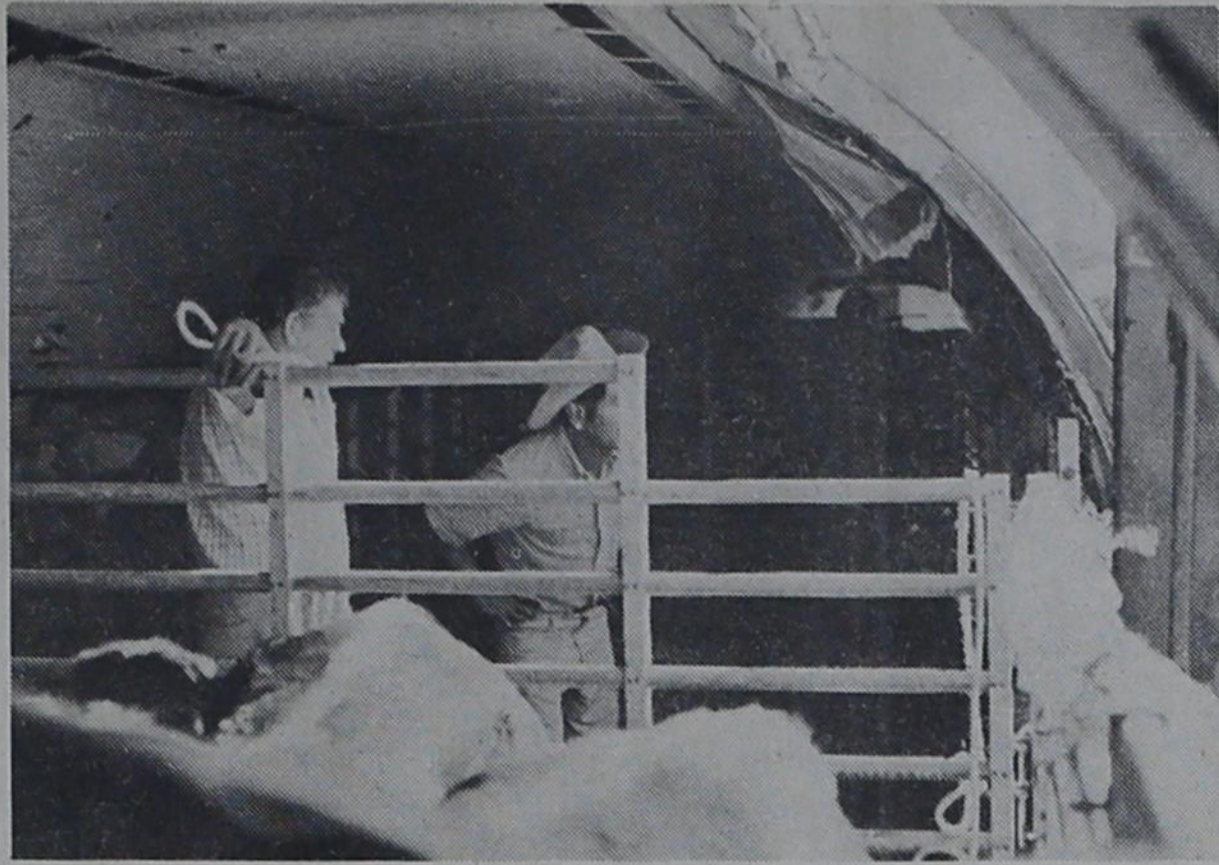
This export sale is typical of many which are initiated by TAP marketing specialists from the Texas Department of Agriculture, Commissioner White said.

Upon requests for livestock by foreign buyers, TAP representatives make arrangements to get the buyers and sellers together. After the principals agree to price, TAP personnel help in making the necessary arrangements for export.

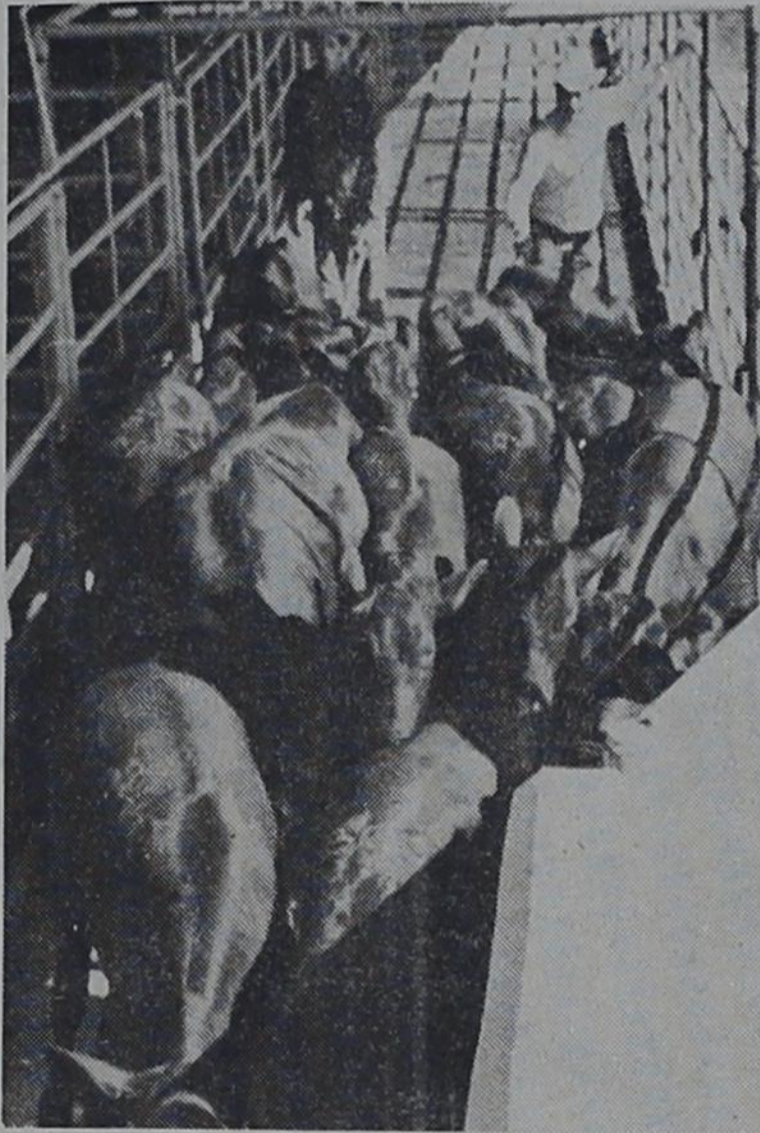
With export facilities in Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Houston, foreign sales of livestock are expected to increase, Commissioner White predicted. The Texas Department of Agriculture also has pens under construction in El Paso and Brownsville.

"All of these pens have excellent facilities for handling anything from lambs to Brahma bulls," Commissioner White said.

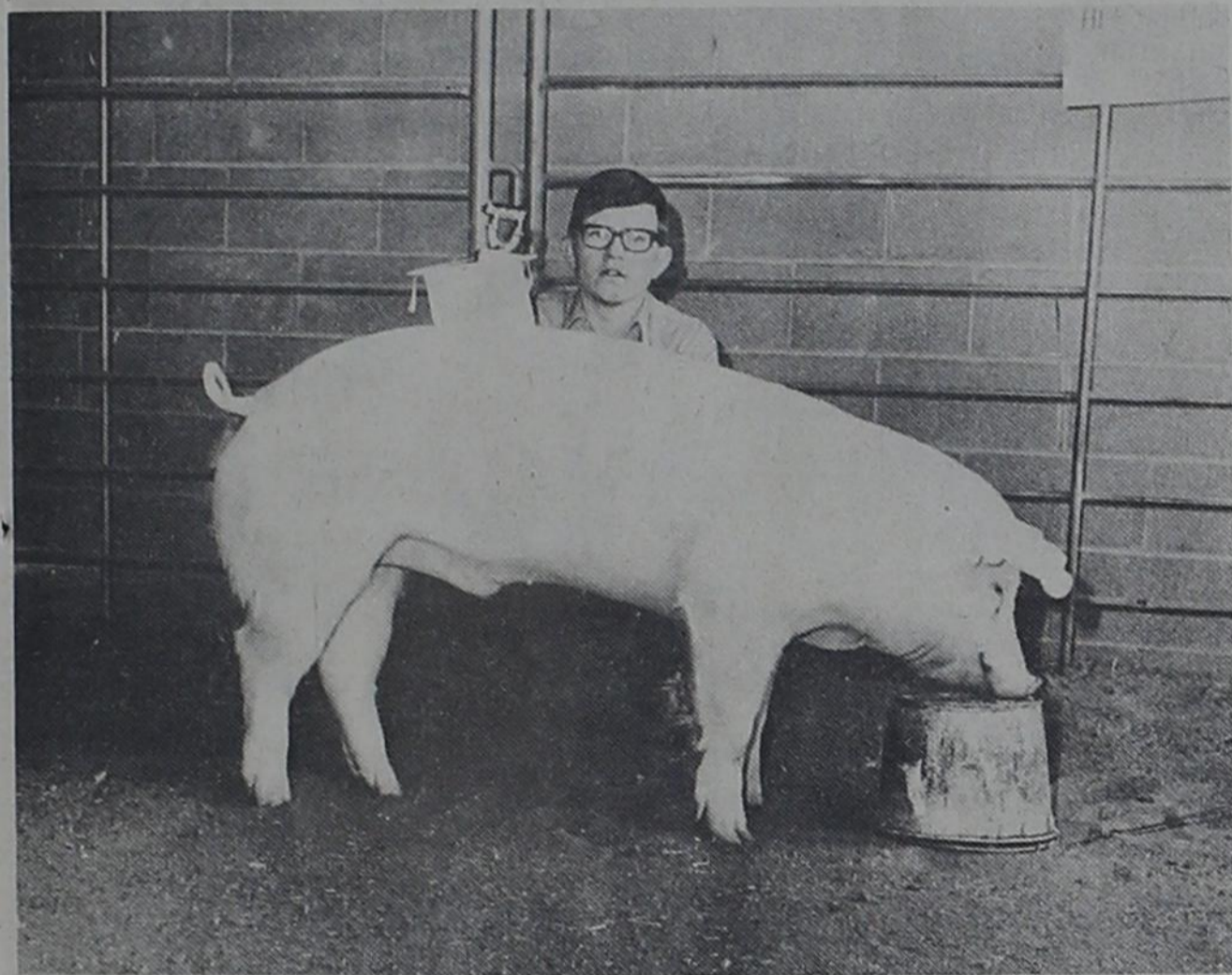
The covered pens are designed so that animals can be moved from various pens to the remote-controlled loading chute without disturbing other livestock. The Del Rio and Houston pens are located near international airports for simplified air shipments, as will be the Brownsville installation.



**HIGH-FLYING CATTLE**-Specially constructed pens are fitted into the airplane for transportation around the world. Soon after these cattle flew to Durbin, 120 head were on their way to Johannesburg and another 393 to Iran. The export facilities also handle horses, swine, sheep and goats. All livestock are held 24 hours for health tests before leaving for foreign countries. "These facilities will help assure that Texas will be the pivotal state in the nation in international agriculture," Commissioner White said.



**OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA**-Some of the 115 Santa Gertrudis cattle destined for Durbin, South Africa, are driven from livestock export facilities run by the Texas Department of Agriculture at Houston Intercontinental Airport. Similar facilities are operating in Del Rio and Eagle Pass with pens scheduled for Brownsville, Laredo and El Paso by the end of 1974.



**RESERVE CHAMPION BARROW AT COUNTY SHOW**...Al Kerby of Bovina showed his 213-pound Chester White to the reserve championship of the Parmer County

Junior Livestock Show last year. The barrow was purchased by Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc. for \$1 per pound.

## New Rules To Apply On Bangs Control

New brucellosis regulations were adopted unanimously by the Texas Animal Health Commission at an official commission meeting on Oct. 15 in Laredo, according to Dr. H.Q. Sibley, executive director of the commission.

The new regulations, Proclamation of the Texas Animal Health Commission #AHC-1, will bring the Texas Brucellosis Program into compliance with

the National Uniform Methods and Rules which are considered minimum standards, Sibley said.

In brief, the doctor explained, this regulation requires that all breeding cattle two years of age and over that change ownership are required to be brucellosis tested. Breeding cattle may be tested on the farm or ranch or at an auction market.

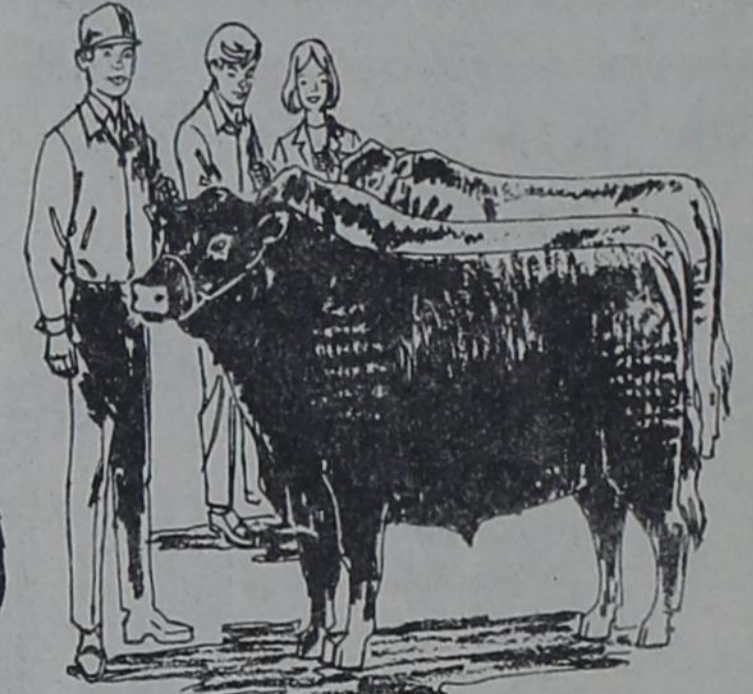
cattle may be sold through livestock markets without test until sampled on the kill floor. The brucellosis test will be good for movement purposes for a 30-day period provided animal is ear-tagged and accompanied by a test certificate.

The new regulations will be in full force and effect on Tuesday, Jan. 15, Dr. Sibley said.

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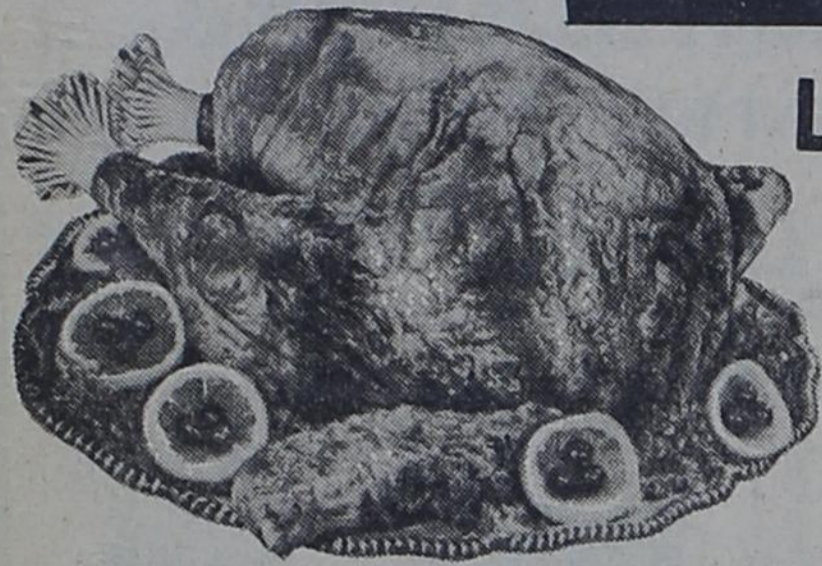
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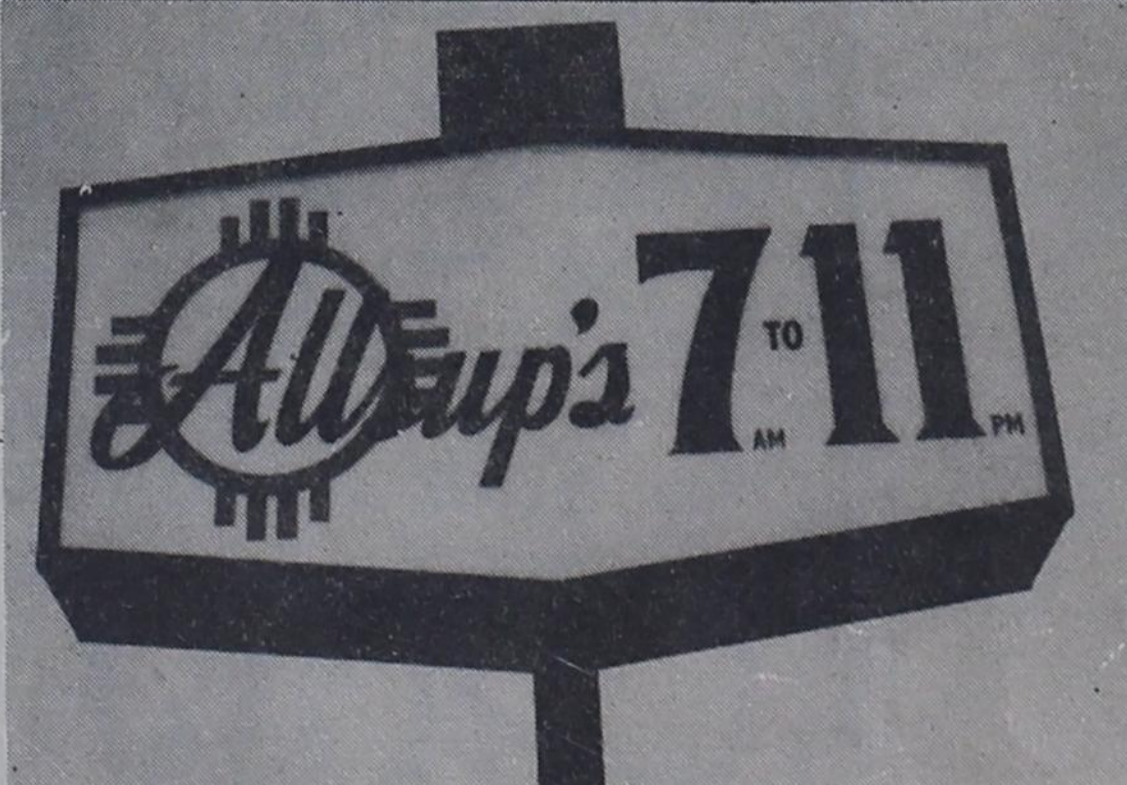


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