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Wyoming wins show

BY KRISTI NUNN

Thyra Richardson, Cody Talbott, Cory Houchin, Alan Johnson (alternate) and Coach Kori Gifford of Albany County, Wyoming walked away from Sutton County's 46th Annual Wool and Mohair Judging Show as the new National Wool and Mohair High Team Champions with a score of 1692.

Placing second in the high teams were Cami Weathersbee, Jackie Brown, Kristi Zuberbueler, and Coach Bill Zuberbueler of Val Verde County 4-H with a score of 1630.

Dona Ana County, New Mexico, won third place with a score of 1587. Team members include Kerry Harris, Fred Mobley, Shawn Montgomery, Coach Jim Masse, and Frank Holguin.

Fourth place was won by Quay County 4-H of New Mexico with a score of 1558. Members consisted of Matt Harris, John Heckendorn, Richard Utton, Jackie Parker, and Coach Bill Gardner.

Placing fifth were Jon Marquart, Chris Marquart, Juanea Linder, and Coach Allen Stieler with a team score of 1436.

High scoring individuals of the contest were first place, Thyra Richardson of Albany County, Wyoming with a score of 590; tying for second place, Cory Houchin of Albany County, Wyoming with a score of 559, and Matt Harris of Quay County, New Mexico with a score of 559.

Coming in fourth place was Cami Weathersbee of Val Verde County with a score of 558. Placing fifth was Cody Talbott of Albany County, Wyoming scoring a 543.

Also tying for sixth place were Kendall County, with 539 and Jackie Brown of Val Verde County scoring a 539. Eighth place was won by Kerry Harris of Dona Ana County, New Mexico with a score of 532 placed 10th tying with Shawn Montgomery of Dona Ana County, New Mexico scoring a 532 also.

Attending the show and presenting awards was Senator Bill Sims. He gave the grand champion and

premier exhibitors awards.

Robert Kensing, extension manager specialist of San Angelo, gave the over-all high individual awards in the Junior division and Dr. Leroy Hoermann, district extension director of Uvalde, gave the Senior division awards.

Eldon White of the American Wool Council gave the distance trophy, and the national wool judging contest awards. Mike Hale of Sonora was the Master of ceremonies for the program.

Conducting the auction was Don Cooper.

Joe David Ross, owner of the Devil's River Motel, bought the Champion Range Mohair Single Fleece for \$300 from Justin Stieler of Kendall County. Mrs. Alice Jones bought the Champion Registered Junior Fleece shown by Bryan Faris for \$300.

The Champion Registered Mohair Fleece, bought for \$300 by the Junction Stockyard, was shown by Pamela Stieler of Kendall County.

Wendy Frazier of Bandera County presented the Champion Wool Fleece bought by the Bandera Merchants and the Ranchman's Wool and Mohair of Ingram.

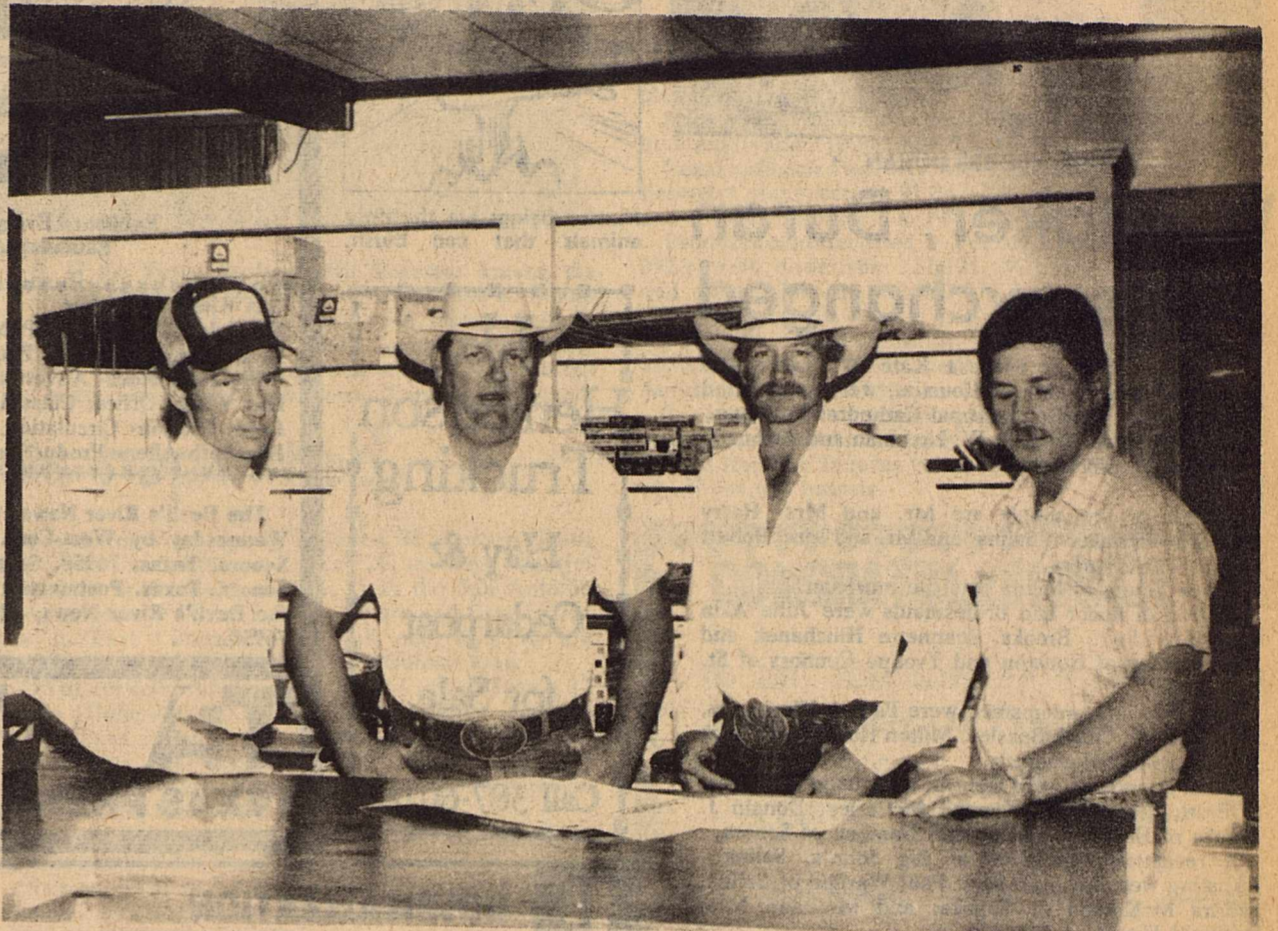
Winning the Joe and W.F. Berger Memorial trophy was Rebecca Powers, Premier Junior Wool Exhibitor, of Sonora. The award was presented by Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Bloodworth, Chris and Larry Berger.

Mary Ross, Premier Junior Mohair Exhibitor, of Sutton County, won the Fred T. Earwood Memorial Trophy. It was presented by Mrs. Fred T. Earwood and Mr. and Mrs. Armer Earwood.

The E.B. Keng Memorial trophy was presented by the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District to Rannels County 4-H members. Accepting the award was Scott Orzechowski, Terry Davis, Grant Teplicek and Chris Teplicek.

Sutton County won first place Junior Livestock Judging Team.

Team Members include Christi Spain, Tracy Love, Tammy Adams, and Brandy Wallace, alternate.



Pictured above are [left to right] Herb Morgan, Jimmy Powers, Robert Blandford, and Jim Garrett. Powers is the president of the Texas region and Blandford is the

calf roping director for the PRCA rodeo to be held at the Sonora rodeo arena August 26-27.

PRCA Rodeo planned

This year the Sutton County Days Association in a joint effort with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce is making a few changes in the Sutton County Days Celebration in order to make the festivities more enjoyable.

With much thought and consideration they have changed the rodeo with hopes to have a more exciting event for the fans to enjoy.

SCDA elected to go with Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRC) this year. By going PRCA there will be nationally known cowboys in Sonora competing for top prize money along with local cowboys who are still eligible to compete with the PRCA on a local level.

In addition to its prestige as a professional sport and its value as top entertainment, PRCA rodeos offer many economic benefits to a host city.

One of the largest PRCA rodeos, Cheyenne Frontier Day, annually brings about \$15 million into the city. Wyoming Travel Commission studies indicate that each dollar is turned over within the community an average of seven times. Motels and hotels are filled to capacity during rodeo week, with tourism benefits extending over a 200-mile radius.

At Salinas, California statistics indicate that the four-day pro rodeo may bring the community as much

as \$9 million.

A recent survey showed that 73 percent of the rodeo audience came from out-of-town, with 27 percent local. Of the out-of-town spectators, 49 percent drove 90 miles or more to attend the rodeo.

Retail sales increased by 50 percent during rodeo week at Sidney, Iowa according to a rodeo spokesman.

Greeley, Colorado's merchants say the Greeley Stampede is a financial bright spot each year. While visitors account for much of the increase, local businesses report that residents also are more likely to purchase rodeo-related merchandise.

Motels, night clubs, gift shops, clothing stores, and food outlets all directly benefit from the Stampede.

This being Sonora's first PRCA Rodeo, SCDA hopes to help improve the city's economics to show appreciation for everyone's help and support.

Unclaimed property collections increased

State Treasurer Ann Richards said that unclaimed property collections in Texas are running more than \$2.5 million ahead of last year, a 51 percent increase.

Richards said receipts in the unclaimed property program through the end of May were just short of \$8 million, compared to \$5.2 million for the same nine-month period in Fiscal 1982.

"We've already exceeded total collections of \$6.3 million for last year, and we've still got three months before the end of our reporting period," Richards said. The state's fiscal year ends August 31.

"Greater public awareness of the unclaimed property program and our expanding audit program are beginning to pay off," Richards said.

Richards explained that Texas law provides for property that has been unclaimed or abandoned for seven years to be turned over to the state treasurer. She noted that Texas holds the funds until claimed by the rightful owner or heirs. In the meantime, the money goes into the state's general revenues and the Available School Fund.

Types of property covered under the law include dormant checking and savings accounts; uncashed money orders, cashiers checks and travelers checks; unclaimed insurance benefits, corporate dividends, mineral royalties and security boxes; abandoned brokerage accounts; unused escrow accounts; and many other types of property.

Financial institutions, business and others who hold property that has been unclaimed or abandoned for at least seven years must file reports with the state treasurer and attempt to locate the owners, according to state law. If still unclaimed, the money of property is sent to the treasurer, who is responsible for preserving it until claimed by the owner, if ever.

"The unclaimed property program we're running at the Treasury has two important benefits to Texans," Richards said. "First, it represents a sizeable source in income to the state and helps pay for vital state programs like education, law enforcement and transportation."

"Secondly, it is a consumer protection program. It assists owners in locating their misplaced or forgotten property or money."

More than half-million dollars in claims were paid to owners last fiscal year. For January through May 1983, a quarter-million has been paid to owners, an increase of 89 percent over to same four months in 1982.

Richards said she is impressed with the willingness of most banking institutions and business to comply with the law. "Our collections and refunds to owners' would have been much higher years ago if somebody had taken the time to inform people about the unclaimed property program," Richards said. "That's what we're doing now, and we are finding that most businesses are more than willing to cooperate."

Anyone with questions about the Texas Treasury's unclaimed property program—either about reporting property of filing a claim—should write to the Unclaimed Property Division, Texas State Treasury, P.O. Box 12608, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.



Pictured are the Sutton County 4-H first place Junior Livestock Judging Team winners. They are [left to

right] Tammy Adams, Christi Spain, and Brandy Wallace.



Wool and Mohair judging took place June 15-16. 4-H students from various places came to represent their counties to win awards.

WTU files for rate increase

West Texas Utilities Company has filed for a general increase in its electric rates for retail customers.

Local Manager Earl Johnson said the application, filed Friday, is a systemwide request for higher rates. Simultaneous filings were made in all incorporated towns and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas at Austin for an increase in rural areas, unincorporated towns and in incorporated towns which have ceded jurisdiction over electric rates.

So far, a total of 19 municipalities served by WTU have opted to let the PUC analyze rate requests and to make decisions for them. These are Albany, Chillicothe, Dickens, Eldorado, Goree, Hedley, Lakeview, Matador, McCamey, Mertzon, Moran, Paint Rock, Roaring Springs, Robert Lee, Roby, Rotan, Rule, Trent and Weinert. WTU has filed complete information about the rate request with each of these towns.

The principal reasons cited for the new rate proposal is that the present rates are not adequate to support the investment WTU has made in necessary new facilities since the last rate increase, Johnson said.

WTU's current construction program, the core of which is the coal-fired power plant at Oklaunion, is the biggest and most expensive in the Company's history. By the time the proposed rates become effective, WTU will have invested more than \$84.4 million in new facilities and must spend considerably more in the years ahead to satisfy the growing demand for electricity in West Texas.

The proposed rates would produce an increase in total retail revenue of \$26.6 million. This amounts to 11.4 percent.

No major changes in rate structure are included in the proposal. For residential customers, the average electrical bill, including fuel costs, would go up by about 13.2 percent, although the actual increase would vary with the amount of usage.

See next Wednesday's
Devil's River News
for the special
Baseball Edition



MRS. ROBERT DURAN

Whittaker, Duran vows exchanged

Marriage vows of Melissa Kate Whittaker and Robert Duran Jr., both of Houston, were solemnized May 28 at the Christ Episcopal Cathedral in Salina. The Very Revs. Frederic W. Litchman and Arthur J. Rathbun Jr., officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kenneth Whittaker of Salina and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duran Sr. of Sonora.

Royce Young of Salina was the musician. Matron of honor and bridesmaids were Julie Akin McCarley, Joyce Brooks, Jeannette Hluchanek and Jane Beasley of Houston and Yvonne Connors of St. Louis, Mo.

Best man and groomsmen were Patrick Hluchanek, Larry Huebel, Chuck Beasley, Milton Holub and Chuck Mazoch, all of Houston.

Other attendants were Kent G. and Justin Whittaker of Pratt; Richard and Kendall McCarley, Donald J. Brooks of Houston, and Gaston Gamboa of Sonora.

A reception was given at Big John's, Salina. Assisting were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warden of Salina; Sandra McKinnon of Topeka, and Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Hirsch of Houston.

The Rehearsal Dinner was given by the groom's parents at the Salina Country Club.

The bride graduated from South High School and Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri. She is a legal assistant for the law firm of Patricia A. Wicoff in Houston.

The bridegroom graduated from Sonora High School and Southwest Texas State University. He is a marketing and sales representative for GEO Cactus Wellhead Equipment in Houston.

After a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will live at 11915 Wood Hollow Lane, Houston.

Students named to SRSU dean's list

David B. Creek with a grade point average of 3.8 and Benny W. Granger with a 3.2 average both of Sonora have been named to the Dean's List at Sul Ross State University for the 1983 spring semester.

According to Dr. Earl Elam, vice president for Academic Affairs, undergraduate students who have been enrolled for as many as 15 semester hours during the previous semester and have earned a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale are named to the dean's list each semester.

Firemen's Auxiliary hold meeting

The Sonora Volunteer firemen's Ladies Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday, June 14 at the fire department. Hostess for the meeting was Cookie Heffernan.

After a spaghetti and salad supper everybody played Yahtzee. Winning Yahtzee were Benita Martinez, High, Trevlin Luttrell, and Low, Jean Humphrey.

Other members present were Elaine Donaldson, Donna Keese, Linda Odum, and Nova Olenick.

Harold Friess rites held

Harold Friess, 68, Sutton County rancher, died suddenly Tuesday morning, June 14 at Hudspeth Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 15, at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. David Griffin officiating. Masonic graveside services followed at the Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Friess was born Nov. 5, 1914 on the Morris Ranch in Gillespie County. He moved to Sonora in 1926 and was married to Pauline Turney Sept. 5, 1935. Friess was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a former member of the official board. He was a past-master and member of the Deo Ora Lodge # 715, past eputy District Grand master of the 55th Masonic District and a member of the chapter and council.

He is survived by his wife of Sonora; three sons, Turney and Joe Friess of Sonora and John Friess of Springs; his mother, Vida Friess of Lamesa; one sister, Mattie Mae Parker of Lamesa; six grandchildren, Paula and Fran Friess, Clay and Mike Friess and Julie and Matt Friess one niece, Janice Bennett; and three nephews, Danny, Daved and Tim Parker. Pallbearers were Libb Mills Wallace, J.T. Hill, Albert Ward, Jack Baker, Bobby Doran, Bill Keel, Rodney Davis and Gil Trainer.

Honorary Pallbearers were Gene Wallace, R.W. Wallace, Edwin Sawyer, Herbert Fields, Rip Ward, V.J. Glasscock, Ted White, George Grockman, Jack Schultz, John Eaton, Bob Carruthers, Guy Askew, Cleve T. Jones III, Jimmy Cahill, and Bill McWhorter.

The family requests memorials be made to respective favorite charities.



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Brucellosis quarantine basic facts announced

According to the Texas Animal Health Commission, here are the statistics of the size and scope of the Texas livestock industry.

Texas has 15,000,000 head of cattle and calves; 6,265,000 are beef cows; 335,000 are milk cows; 480,000 are bulls; 1,100,000 are beef cow replacements.

There are 161,897 cattle herds in Texas. Texas is first in the nation in these categories: cattle and calf numbers (the second ranking state is Nebraska). It has only about half the total of Texas; beef cow numbers; heifers over 500 pounds; cattle on feed.

Texas exports about 2 million head of cattle and calves per year, mostly to these six states: California, Kansas, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

Cattle and calf receipts total more than \$4 billion. Texas Brucellosis Program Facts

More than 98 percent of all cattle herds in Texas are free of brucellosis. On May 19, 1983 there were 2,184 herds under quarantine for brucellosis. Progress has been steady over the years in control of this disease in Texas. During the 1960's, herd infection rates averaged above 11 percent; today, the herd infection rate in this state is 1.33 percent.

The Texas brucellosis program allows for the state to be divided into a B and C area. The B area generally is

in the western half of the state and contains 141 counties. The C area is in the eastern half of the state and contains 113 counties. Herds under quarantine in the B area total 168; herds in the C area under quarantine total 2,016. The goal of the Texas brucellosis program is for this state to achieve a B status and then advance to a Free state, which will provide for minimum restrictions of movement of cattle.

Vaccination and certified free herds are basic building blocks of the state's program. During fiscal year 1982 there were 877,637 calves vaccinated for brucellosis; this represents about one-third of the total calf crop.

There are now 778 certified brucellosis free herds in Texas.

Impact of Federal Quarantine
It is estimated that a federal quarantine will cost the Texas livestock industry from \$80 to \$130 million annually.

A quarantine would impose severe shipping restrictions on cattle moved from Texas. Breeding cattle may be shipped out of state only from "qualified herds." A qualified herd is one that must pass two negative herd tests for brucellosis 120 days apart. In addition, individual animals being shipped for breeding must be tested and found negative within 30 days of shipment.

Animals shipped for slaughter must be "S" branded as animals exposed to the disease unless they are from a qualified herd. Those from qualified herds may be moved to slaughter if tested negative within 30 days before shipment and accompanied by a certificate showing test results.

Exempt from all restrictions are neutered animals, steers and spayed heifers over six months of age.

A quarantine would mean a cutoff of most federal funds to help fight brucellosis.

At the same time, federal support for herd testing and first point of concentration tests will terminate. All free basis program work by private veterinary practitioners will be cancelled.

Certified brucellosis free herds would have no status.

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Horse owners have a relatively new weapon available to them in the constant battle against house flies.

Synthetic pyrethroids do a good job in controlling house flies in barns when used in conjunction with a total management system. Dr. Cliff Hoelscher told some 400 participants at a recent Horse Short Course at Texas A&M University.

"Synthetic pyrethroids offer considerable potential in pest control because they have a low level of toxicity and can be used in low volume and low concentration," Hoelscher, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, pointed out.

"The key thing is that they be used correctly so that insects won't develop resistance to them. This means following label directions for the insecticide and using management strategies to keep fly populations to a minimum."

Two chemicals used in synthetic pyrethroids for fly control are fenvalerate and premethrin. A number of commercial products are on the market that contain these insecticides, Hoelscher noted.

"Although pyrethroids are relatively expensive, they are effective and are used at low rates, so a little goes a long way," said the entomologist.

Hoelscher advocated an automatic spraying or fogging system for effective control of adult house flies in a horse barn. Such a system would cost about \$1,000 to install, depending on the size of the horse operation, and would cost about \$600 a year to operate--cost of the pyrethroid insecticide.



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"Such a system would effectively control all house flies and other flying pests in the barn," Hoelscher said. "Of course, house fly control must be a constant practice, so it's also important to use residual or space sprays to control incoming flies."

In addition to using residual or space sprays, the entomologist emphasized the importance of good sanitation in the barn area, use of physical barriers to such as screens to keep flies out, and bait stations where flies can be killed with various types of bait formulations.

Hoelscher also told short course participants that the future looks good for continued improvements in insecticides, including insect growth regulators which are just coming on the market.

The annual Horse Short Course was sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas A&M's Department of Animal Science.

Hills Bridal Registry

Julie Stewart, bride-elect of David Martin
Florie Lane, bride-elect of Dennis Shumard
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**A Balanced Federal Budget:
The People Demand Action**

During the last week in May two events occurred which, when considered together, provide ample evidence that Congress still has neither the spine nor the will to manage our Nation's finances in a fiscally responsible manner. Unless Congress is willing to take permanent, corrective steps soon, our Nation's lawmakers could be sitting on the sidelines while the problem is resolved.

On May 25, Congress raised the public debt ceiling to \$1.389 trillion. The very next day, on May 26, the State of Missouri became the thirty-second state to pass a resolution calling for a Constitutional Convention to consider an amendment requiring a balanced federal budget.

Although the timing of those two events was probably coincidental, the impact and import are perfectly clear.

The American taxpayer is fed up — and our economy simply cannot handle such an outrageous national debt any longer.

A Congress with no backbone has managed to balance the federal budget only once in the past 22 years. A Congress with no backbone continues to delude itself into believing that ever-increasing public debt ceilings such as the one approved in May will somehow lead to fiscal restraint. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The following sequence of events provides insight into such fallacious thinking.

In 1972, Congress enacted legislation setting the public debt limit at \$400 billion. By 1976, our Nation's public debt had reached \$500 billion and during the past seven years that number has more than doubled.

At the close of the 1982 fiscal year, interest alone on the public debt stood at over \$100 billion, making this one single item the third largest slice of the federal budget pie. This \$100 billion amounts to over \$400 per year for every man, woman and child in our country. Only funding for the Department of Health and Human Services, which includes Social Security payments, and the Department of Defense have larger amounts of Federal funding.

Clearly this incredible drain on our Nation's financial resources must be stopped. Congress has before it a proposed constitutional amendment which not only calls for a balanced federal budget but also limits new tax increases by restricting future revenue levels to the rate of increase in "national income." Because of my strong commitment to responsible fiscal policy, I was one of the earliest sponsors of this legislation in both this Congress and the last Congress, as well.

However, the time allotted to Congress to consider this important constitutional question could be brief. Missouri's action in May brings our Nation even closer to a Constitutional Convention — the first to be held since 1787, two years before George Washington was elected President.

According to Article V of our Constitution, a Constitutional Convention is to be convened by the Congress following the requesting petitions of two-thirds — or 34 — of the states. With Missouri the thirty-second state to act, the possibility of such an occurrence has become increasingly likely. Presently, in eight states a resolution calling for a balanced budget convention has passed one legislative house but not the other. Those states include California, Washington, Montana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Rhode Island, and Hawaii. Our own State of Texas is already among the states which have requested such a convention: Only two more are needed.

As a reflection of popular sentiment, the states' drive for a balanced federal budget may well provide the essential pressure that finally stiffens the Congressional spine. In my judgment, this pressure is necessary for it is past time that the U.S. Congress responds to the immediate concerns of the long-suffering American taxpayer and acts quickly to impose constitutional restraints on a legislative body which has clearly shown that it is incapable of disciplining itself.



Calamity Jane was the nickname of an American frontierswoman named Martha Jane Canary. One legend says that she earned her nickname by warning men that to offend her was to court calamity.

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Darrell Rushing, owner of the Amity of San Angelo will be conducting two 4 hour sessions, 12:30-4:30 p.m., at the 4-H Center, July 22 and August 5. A tour of The Amity is recommended on July 7.

Rushing began refinishing projects as a hobby and soon became involved professionally as a furniture refinisher, 5 years ago in San Angelo. Rushing will be conveying short-cut and successful methods for the "home refinisher." The workshop and tour allow "hands on experience" for the advanced and beginning refinisher.

A ten dollar registration fee is required by July 5. The three sessions are limited to the first 20 registrants. For registration forms and additional

information, call 387-3604 or 387-3328. This workshop has been coordinated by the Sutton County Extension Service and the Sonora High School Homemaking Department.



The eyes of the four-eyed fish of Central and South America are most unusual. These fish swim on the surface of the water. The upper half of their eyes are adapted for seeing in air, the lower half for seeing in water.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In reference to my letter of one week ago, I would like to make two corrections. First, paragraph three, line three should read, "tax appraiser's house", not tax assessor's house. Second, paragraph six, line eight should have read, "taxation With representation". We apologize for these clerical errors and oversights.

However, I am still upset over the unbending attitude of the tax appraisal office and their new policies. My many thanks to the citizens of Sutton County who feel as I do and have had the courage to speak out even in the face of intimidation.

Sincerely,
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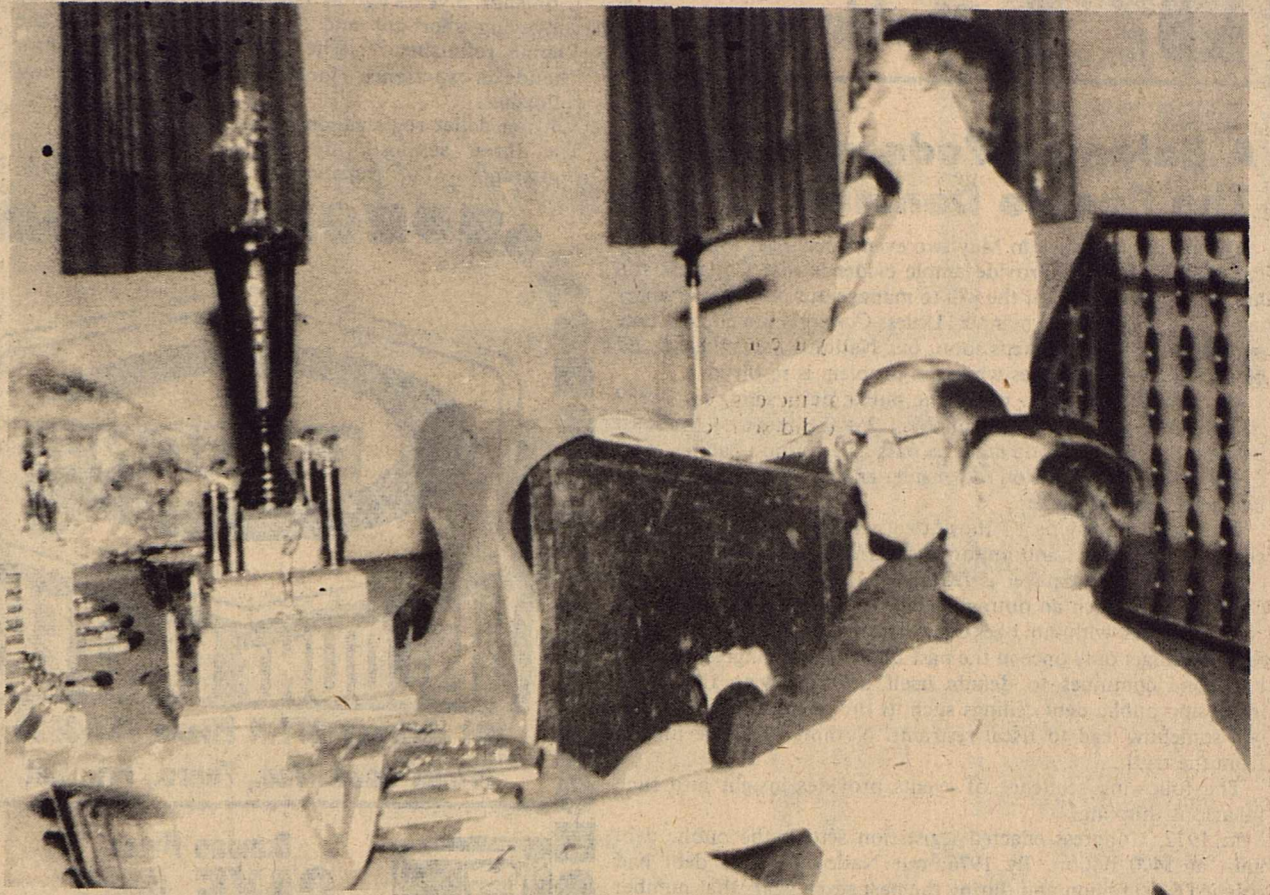
Camera Angles of Wool & Mohair Show

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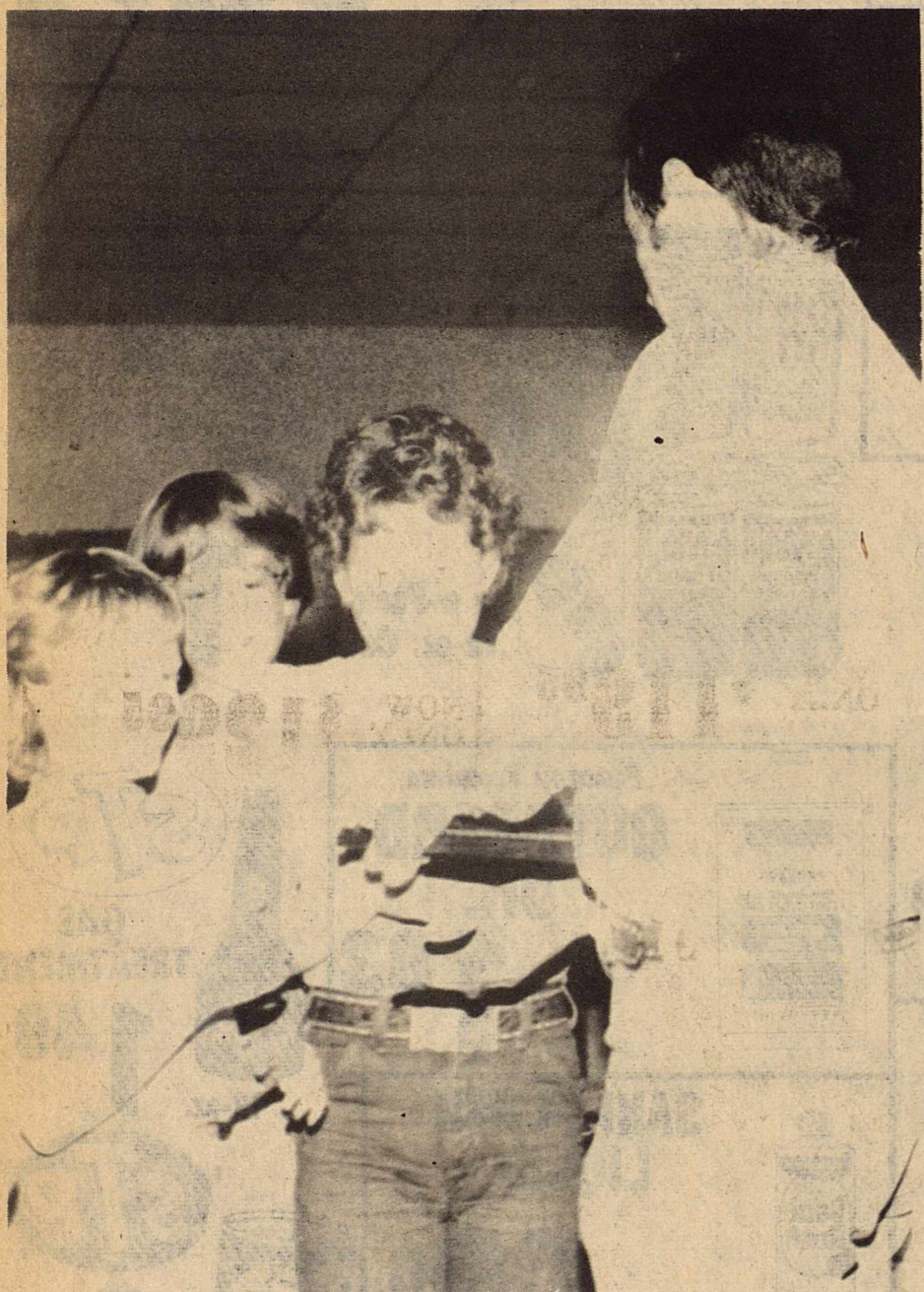


Pictured [left to right] are Thyra Richardson, Cody Talbott, Corv Houchin, Alan Johnson (alternate), and

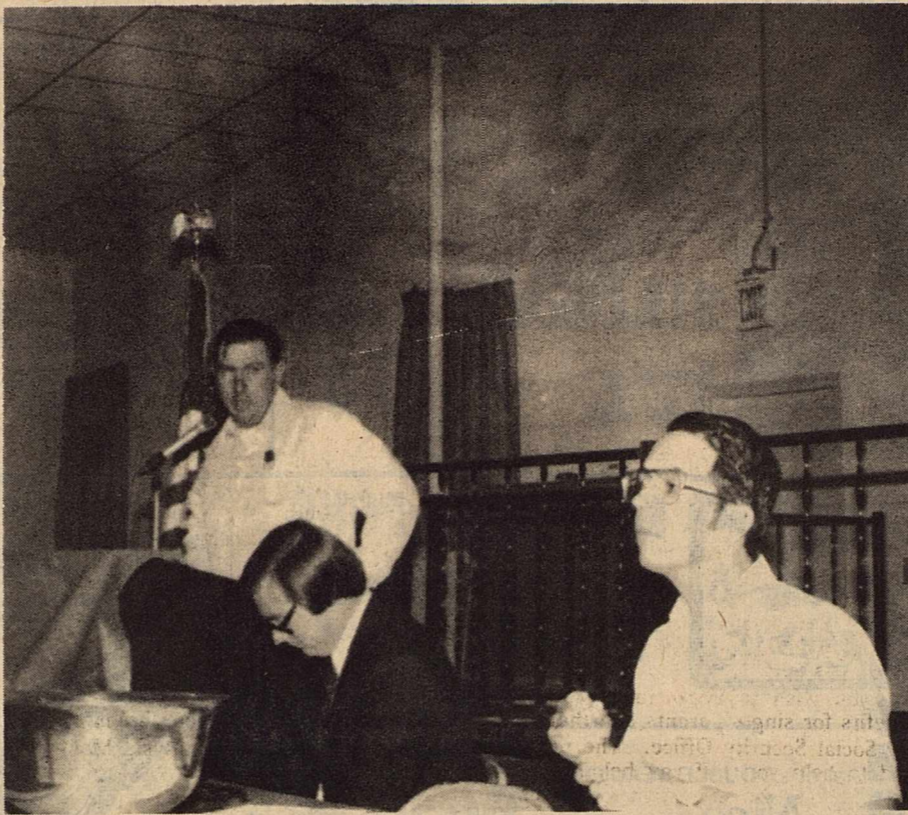
Karl Gifford [coach] winning high team with a score of 1692 from Albany County, Wyoming 4-H.



Pictured is Senator Bill Sims announcing the grand champion and premier exhibitor awards. Also, Mike Hale and Preston Faris.



Pictured are Mac Gilliat, County Extension Agent at Lucky, giving the judging team plaque away. Receiving the award are [left to right] Christi Spain, Brandy Wallace and [back] Tammy Adams.



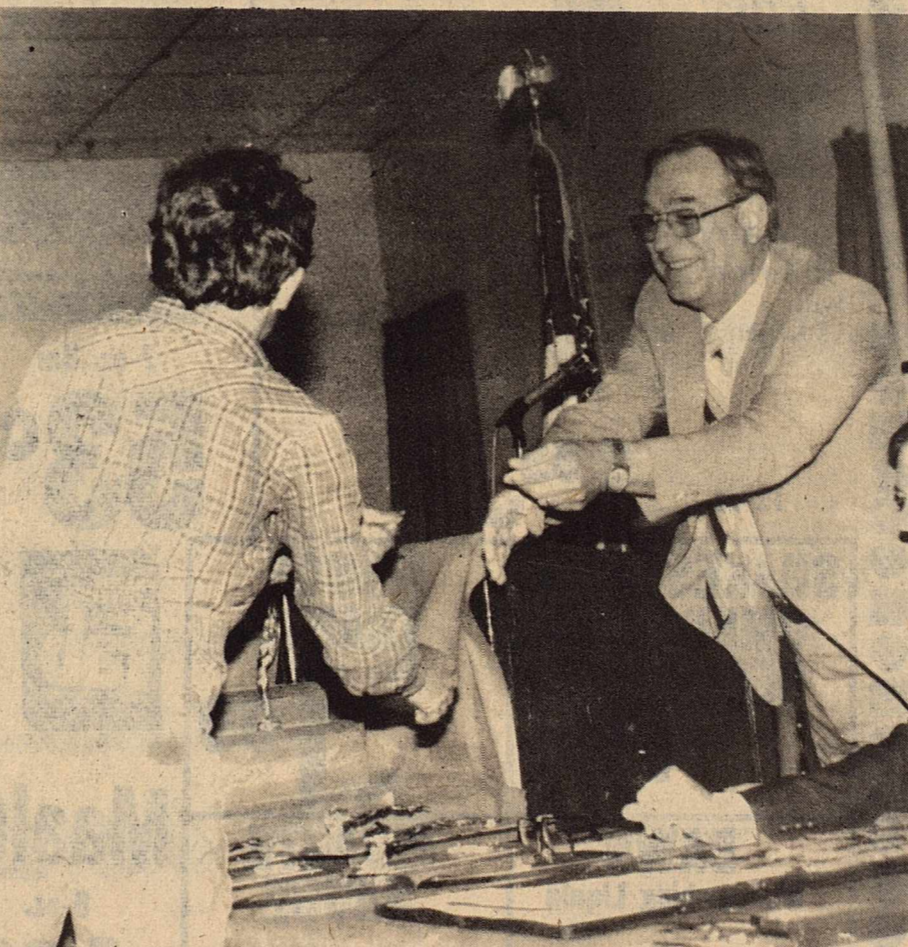
Pictured is Don Cooper conducting the auction. Also Mike Hale and Glen Fisher.



Pictured is Bryan Faris displaying the Champion Registered Junior Fleece bought by Mrs. Alice Jones for \$300.



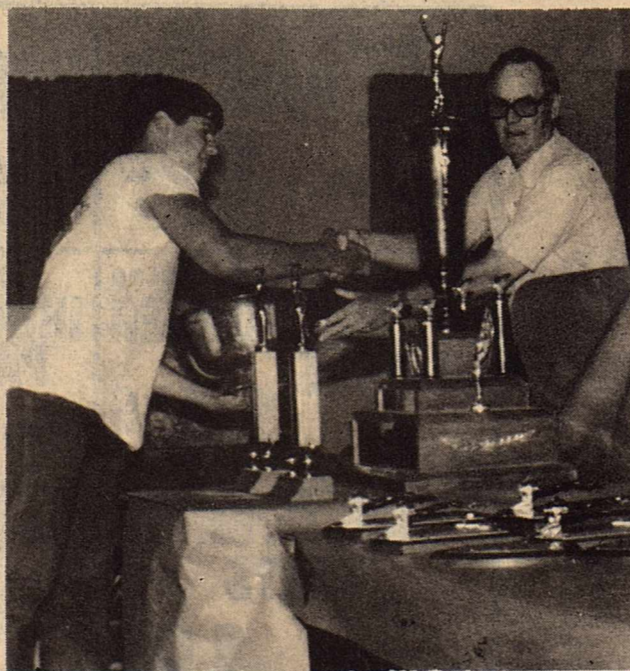
4-H students from various counties attended the Wool and Mohair Show to judge the fleece for prizes and awards. They are pictured left top, center and bottom.



Pictured is Dr. Leroy Hoermann, District Extension Director of Uvalde giving Steve Love of Sonora the Sr. Division award.



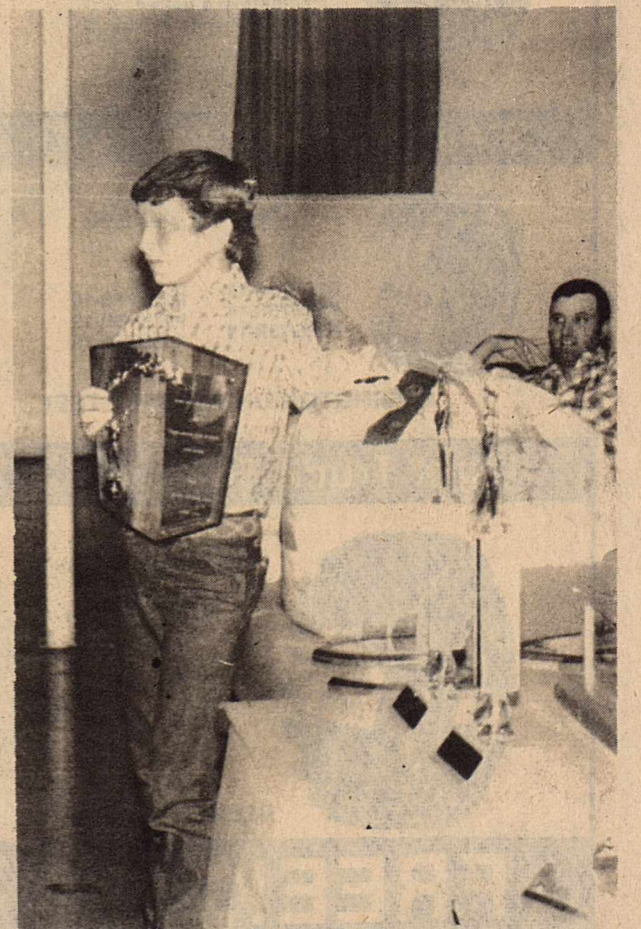
Pictured is David Wallace displaying the Fred T. Earwood Memorial Trophy award won by his sister Mary Wallace, who was unable to attend.



Pictured is Scott Orzenowski from Runnels County 4-H receiving the E.B. Keng Memorial Trophy from Armer Earwood.



Pictured is Scott Orzenowski of Runnels County 4-H. They won the E.B. Keng Memorial Trophy.



Pictured is Justin Stieler of Kendall County auctioning off his bag of wool. Preston Faris is in the background.

CAPITOL UPDATE

John Tower
U.S. SENATOR for TEXAS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510



After weeks of protracted debate, the Senate finally passed its version of the first Budget Resolution for the coming fiscal year. Unfortunately, it is seriously flawed, failing to meet the most basic requirements for a responsible federal budget.

It provides insufficient funding for our program to restore our national defense capability. During the past two years, we have begun to make up for the serious neglect of our national security during the 1970s, a neglect which led to an alarming deterioration of our capability in comparison to that of the Soviet Union.

This year, President Reagan asked for an increase which amounted to 10 percent after inflation. He did so because that level of funding for this year would allow us to pay for our modernization effort in a cost-effective way, rather than stretching our programs over a longer time so that they ultimately are more expensive.

The Senate not only rejected that increase, but it also rejected the 7.1 percent increase which would barely fund the minimum requirements for continuing to progress in this vital area.

Second, this budget resolution calls for unacceptably high increases in taxes. The revenue figures called for in the Senate resolution would require an additional \$75.6 billion in taxes over the next three years. Reaching this level of taxation would require at least a cap on the amount of the July tax cut and a repeal of indexing. To repeal indexing would put wage earners in a position of facing ever-higher tax brackets because of inflation. Both of these steps are completely unacceptable.

In passing the economic recovery package which includes July's tax cut and future tax indexing, we made a promise to the American people, a promise they expect us to fulfill. Even if the Congress should vote to break this promise, the President is pledged to veto any tax legislation which voids the promised tax relief. This means that the tax portion of the Budget Resolution is not only irresponsible, but also meaningless, because it is clear to everyone that a Presidential veto on this subject could not be overridden in Congress.

Finally, the Budget Resolution calls for \$47.3 billion more in spending for domestic programs over three years than the President requested. It was the uncontrolled growth of this kind of spending which caused the serious deficit crisis which we are facing now. In fact, previous Administrations often referred to most domestic spending programs as "uncontrollable."

For the past two years, we have made some progress in getting control over the rate at which spending for domestic programs has grown, but we have not come so far that we can consider the problem solved. Increases of the magnitude called for in the Senate resolution actually reverse the trend we have begun.

We will not compromise our obligations to elderly Americans, the disabled and those most needy in our society, but the American people have made clear their mandate that we control the size, scope and cost of government.

This Budget Resolution fails to do that, or to meet our other basic obligations as a government. Fortunately, this resolution is not binding. I fear that its shortcomings will defeat the purpose of having a budget resolution, but even so, we must not let its flaws be enacted into law through the appropriations process.

Phone purchase saves money

"Most consumers can save money by purchasing their own telephones," says Bonnie Piernot, a family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Consumers have had the option of buying their own phones since 1968. But while 25 million people acquired leased phones last year, only 5 million purchased them.

One reason for the lack of purchases, says Piernot, is that few people realize they are paying rental fees on their phones. That cost is included in the monthly service charges and seldom listed as a separate item.

Although rental charges and the cost of phones varies among companies, the potential savings are obvious.

For example, a standard rotary telephone may rent for \$2.50 per month. The cost of buying this same phone from a local phone store is \$29.95. Therefore, in twelve months the consumer is saving the \$2.50 each month that the phone is in the home.

Rather than purchase phones like those they already have, however, many consumers are tempted to buy fancier novelty phones or even "designer phones," which can be costly, says Piernot.

Next to the standard rotary unit, the most popular phone for purchase is a trimline with pushbuttons in the handle. These phones rent for about \$4.50 per month and sell for about \$75.

Purchasing a pushbutton phone can cause slight problems in some areas, cautions the specialist. A consumer replacing a rental push button phone with a purchased one, may have to pay for the special line to handle the touch tone signals.

Social Security benefits the single parent

A growing of divorced and widowed women and men today face the responsibility of raising a family alone. Many are concerned about providing for dependents when either parent dies or becomes disabled. Others, especially women who have earned a few Social Security work credits, wonder how they'll get by in later years long after the children are grown.

If you are a single parent, Social Security should play an important part in your financial planning. It represents a base of protection. You should know ahead of time what benefits may be paid on your Social Security record and on that of your former spouse.

As an insured worker, you can get retirement checks as early as age 62. And monthly payments can be made should you die or become severely disabled for at least a year. Eligible dependents include your unmarried children who are under 18 (under 19 if in high school) or who become disabled before age 22. You need not have custody of the children nor provide most of their support for them to receive benefits.

If you are caring for a child under 16 (or disabled) who is getting a benefit based on the other parent's earnings, then you may receive checks, too. If you work and earn over a certain amount (\$4,920 for people under 65 in 1983), however, some or all of your payments may be withheld.

Some benefits can be paid on that person's social security record even though you have no entitled child in your care. For example, you are eligible for checks as a widow or widower at 60 or older (or as early as 50 if disabled) or as a divorced spouse at 62. In case of divorce, the marriage must have lasted at least 10 years. Benefits can be paid even if the former spouse had remarried.

If you wish to know more about social security benefits for single parents and their families, contact any Social Security Office. The people there will be glad to help you. If you belong to a single parent organization, you may wish to have a social security representative talk to your group.

Accent On Health

Texas Department of Health
Robert Bernstein, M.D., Commissioner



The first American war submarine was constructed in 1776. It was called the "turtle" and carried a crew of one.

Recent deluges of rain are producing a buzzing in the ears of a large segment of the Texas residents as the mosquito population explodes.

This rapid mosquito buildup also is putting increasing emphasis on the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Mosquito-Borne Encephalitis Surveillance Program.

Encephalitis is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito and is a greater threat statewide during the summer months, particularly in the presence of heavy rainfall.

Texas offers an ideal environment for encephalitis because of its large bird population which can become infected with the virus, and because it is on the flyways of migratory birds.

Through the mosquito surveillance program, the incidence of the disease has been reduced in Texas.

So far this year no human cases of the mosquito borne encephalitis have been found, but last year in Texas 18 cases of St. Louis and four cases of Western Equine Encephalitis were reported.

The surveillance network begins operating in the spring. "Each week the Department's Bureau of Laboratories receives shipments of mosquitoes, as well as blood samples from sentinel chicken flocks, wild birds, and sometimes from wild and domestic animals," says Paul V. Fournier, a microbiologist in the TDH Laboratory in Austin.

Local health departments are notified immediately if the encephalitis virus is isolated in mosquitoes from their areas. This allows vector control specialists time to eliminate or reduce mosquito borne disease threats to humans through proper mosquito control practices.

To date, two isolates of St. Louis Encephalitis virus have been found in laboratory tests. Both were collected in late April from Sebastian and Lasara in Willacy County. Fournier said this is very early for such isolates to be found.

Mosquito collections are just beginning to increase this year, and through late May some 2,600 had been submitted for laboratory analysis. Most were taken from chicken coops, ditches, culverts, and marsh ponds.

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Sutton County Ag Corner

Danger of brucellosis recognized

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was brought in to the Devil's River News, office by Ruth Eppy who thought that it would be of concern to the Independent Cattlemen's Association members in this area. It was taken from another publication.

AUSTIN-The Independent Cattlemen's Assn. fight against the current brucellosis program has given ICA a false image of being complacent about the disease, fears Cliff Boucher, executive secretary.

ICA recognizes the damaging potential of brucellosis but believes past and present federal and state programs for dealing with it have put unnecessary and impractical burdens on producers without achieving the degree of control they should, he contends.

"ICA does not like the disease," he declares. "We are fully aware of what it can do. We are simply trying to show that there is another side to this whole brucellosis question."

What they are advocating to get the remaining small amount of infection out of the herds will take some of the herds out with it."

ICA calls for better research and a better vaccine, preferably a synthetic type that the producer can administer himself without having to call upon a veterinarian, and without enduring the risks inherent in a live vaccine such as Strain 19.

Boucher declares the threatened federal quarantine against Texas cattle to be unwarranted. He asserts that Texas is being singled out for stricter treatment than many states.

"If the feds would enforce across the board what they have been demanding of Texas, I wonder how many states could stand up to all of the requirements?"

"There is a world of brucellosis in other states, a lot

more than they will admit."

He believes the Texas cattle industry is divided into four segments: dairy, registered breeders, commercial beef cattle producers and finally the stock show, fair and rodeo group. He believes each should have a brucellosis program tailored to its own needs and realities.

ICA's Rick Henderson put together a set of figures indicating that Texas has about 10,000 dairymen owning about 335,000 dairy cows, and 11,000 registered beef cattle herds totaling about 500,000 registered cattle. These two segments together represent about 13 percent of all the herd owners in the state. Yet these are setting the standards which all commercial producers are expected to live by, Boucher charges. The total amount of money spent on brucellosis

4-H'ers squelch insect pests

Don't let hungry bugs reap the harvest of all the hard work you've put into planning and planting a garden.

Young people in the 4-H entomology program supported by Mobay Chemical Corporation learn a host of pest control tips, says Charles Gardner, 4-H and youth specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Among pest control tips are these:
--To keep ahead of bugs, check the garden each week, crop by crop, for pests.

--If pests are present, begin controlling them right away by using a recommended pesticide.

--Be sure to follow directions and precautions on pesticide labels. Observe the waiting period specified from time of application to time of harvest.

--At the end of the growing season, give the garden and its surroundings a good clean-up. Fall plowing also kills many destructive insects.

Girls and boys who take part in 4-H entomology projects and activities have a variety of opportunities to learn-by-doing about the insect world. Harmful insects like cabbage worms and helpful ones like honeybees can be found in the garden, backyard, home or practically anywhere. In fact, there are more different kinds of insects than all other living things--plants and animals--combined.

4-H members 9-19 can collect and identify insects or rear live insects in captivity. They can learn how insects interact with the environment, plant life, other insects and man himself. And they can examine career opportunities in entomology.

4-Hers can work for awards donated by Mobay and arranged by the National 4-H Council. These include six \$1,000 scholarships at the national level and 16 expense-paid trips to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago awarded on a sectional basis.

One program member per state can earn a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond and up to four members in each county are eligible for medals of honor.

For further details about the 4-H entomology program as well as other 4-H programs and activities, contact the county Extension office, concludes Gardner.

Storage of grain to be allowed in Brady

Central Texas farmers will be able to store their newly harvested grain in the elevator at Brady because of an understanding worked out by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture between the former owners, the court-appointed receiver and the new owners.

"TDA wanted to insure that area farmers would not suffer a hardship during the harvest," Darrell Ketchum, TDA's grain warehouse division supervisor, explained. "We made certain during the appointment procedure of a receiver that a portion of the elevator that is now empty can be used for new grain storage and the scales and grain moving equipment can be utilized."

The license of the grain elevator, formerly owned by Farmers, Ranchers, Consumers Co-op Association, was suspended by TDA on April 18 following the discovery of a significant wheat and grain shortage during a routine departmental inspection. The total value of the storage of wheat and grain sorghum was just under \$100,000. May 23 and 24 TDA audited the Co-op's books and verified the shortage.

Following a meeting of the Co-op May 16 at which members authorized the Co-op Board to sell the facility, Partners Feed Grain and Supply purchased the elevator. The company has been licensed by TDA to provide grain storage.

Ed Whitesides of Austin was appointed by District Judge Vernon Jordan to serve as receiver. Whitesides' main duty will be to market the grain sold and moved out of the elevator within 60 days.

Fashion Show slated

On June 25, Sutton County 4-Hers will be competing in the local 4-H Fashion Show to demonstrate their clothing talents and knowledge. Categories include tailored, day-time nontailored, active sportswear, and specialty wear.

The Fashion Show and awards program will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Clint Langford Memorial 4-H Center. The theme is "Fashions of Today and Yesterday" and will feature special collections of previous fashions of yesteryear. Refreshments will follow.

First place winners in each category and age division (senior, junior and preteen) will be eligible for district competition July 28 in New Braunfels. The Fashion Show is a State 4-H Awards program conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The public is invited to attend and support this local 4-H program.

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION TIPS

To get the most from irrigation water, homeowners should use proper methods of application and good cultural practices, says a landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Slow, deep watering will allow plant roots to penetrate deeper so that plants become more stress-resistant. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems are excellent for trees and shrubs while overhead sprinklers are more effective for lawns. An organic mulch of pine bark, chopped straw, hay or similar material will greatly reduce irrigation needs of both newly established and older plants. Potted plants require frequent watering along with shrubs and trees near foundations, under eaves or on southern and western exposures.

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For a plant that withstands summer heat, has few insect problems, tolerates city smog and at the same time offers beauty to the landscape, try the Madagascar periwinkle. The periwinkle is finding its way into more and more yards and gardens each summer because it's tough and heat tolerant, says a landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

COTTON PICTURE IMPROVED

The previously gloomy cotton picture has done an about-face due to the government's PIK (payment-in-kind) program and an increase in domestic usage. But Mother Nature will have a lot to do with whether or not the strengthened cotton market will continue, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Because cotton supplies are still plentiful, the market price may drop to near the loan rate at harvest time. So, farmers should consider forward contracting or hedging in the futures market some of their crop during periods of market strength.

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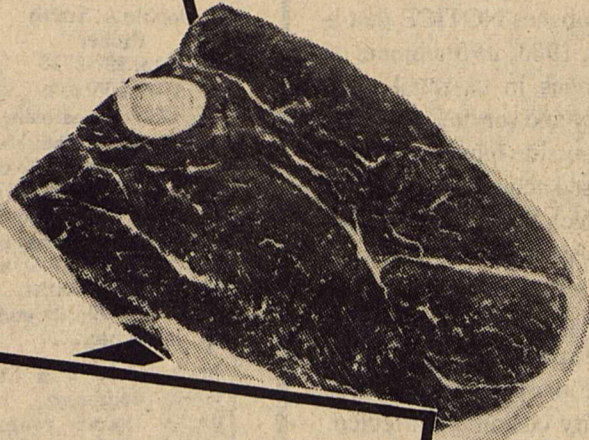
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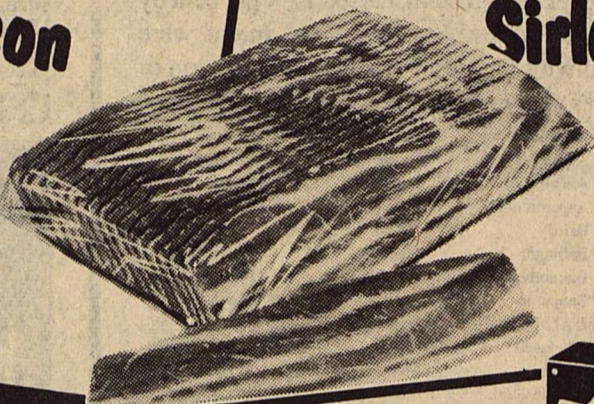
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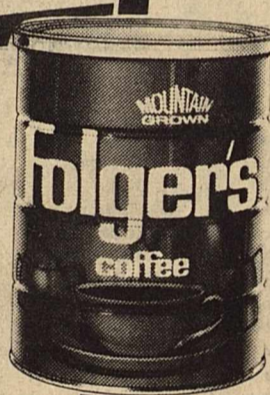
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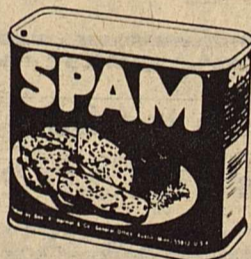
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