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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SETS 75th REUNION HERE SUNDAY

The First Presbyterian Church of Sterling City will have a reunion and observe its seventy-fifth year of service to the Sterling area. Such announcement was made by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Tucker, this week.

Mrs. Perla Clark, who headed the invitation committee, came up with about seventy addresses of former members and they were sent invitations. Responses from former members indicate that 40 at least will attend.

Larry Glass was chairman of the program committee. The 11 o'clock morning service will be preached by the earliest pastor available. He is the Rev. George Sullivan (pastor 1936-1940), who is now pastor in Hamilton, Texas.

Other former pastors who are expected are Rev. Hubert Travis (retired), Rev. L.G. (Bill) Petmecky (retired) and his son, Rev. Lewis A. Petmecky, pastor in San Saba. Mr. Bluford Hestir of Austin, son of the Rev. B. B. Hestir, who was pastor here 1944-50, will be present.

Byron Frierson, former county agent here, plans to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. David Glass have arranged for the McGowan Catering Service to serve the noon dinner in the community center. While there, the guests and local congregation will hear the history of the church given by Mrs. Willie Glass. An early movie of church activities will be shown by Mrs. JoDell Myrick, operating the projector. Photographs of Rev. Malcom Black and members of his family (first pastor) will be displayed.

The public is cordially invited to the 11 o'clock morning worship service, said Tucker.

## Wells-Blanek Wedding Here

The wedding of Miss Bethany Wells and William Carl Blanek was held here last Friday morning in the home of the bride's mother. The Baptist pastor, the Rev. Traugott Vogel performed the ceremony in the company of the immediate family and a few friends.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Beth Wells and the late R. F. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blanek.

Mrs. Mike Bodine furnished the music for the wedding and Ray Sparks sang.

The bride is a graduate of the Sterling City High School and is a graduate of Texas Tech with a homemaking major.

The bridegroom is a graduate of SHS and has attended Angelo State University and Texas Tech.

The couple are making their home in San Angelo.

## CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank all my good friends of Sterling for the nice cards I have received since my accident in San Antonio. All were appreciated.

LULA GONZALES

## Behind the 8-Ball



By the editor.

Inserted in this issue is one of soil and water conservation. It was (from necessity) printed in another shop for us. Like many times a picture got in a wrong spot. That picture of Hugh Lackey, who recently left the soil conservation service here—got mixed up with our new man—Freddy Williams. Just remember that when you read the stories on Lackey and Williams. Sorry it happened.

8-BALL

When I came to Sterling City in 1944, the Rev. B.B. Hestir was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here. Hal Knight was the church treasurer. The church itself was a wooden building on the spot now occupied by the new and beautiful present building.

Other ministers or pastors of the church since I have been in Sterling include Bob Brannon, Dr. Greer, Bro. Petmecky and Bro. Hubert Travis. And now, of course, Bro C. A. Tucker.

Although small in membership, the Presbyterian Church here has always been a power in the local Christian community.

I will always remember old Bro. Malcom Black. He was one of the first graduates of Texas A&M. He was sort of a chief spokesman for the Presbyterian Church and was secretary of the school board. He was the Texas Election Bureau reporter—of election results from here during all elections. He would help Homer Pearce keep up a running account of races on a blackboard as votes were counted.

When he talked he would rock back and forth on his heels. He was said to read books in the original Greek and was quite a scholar.

When he died, he just went to sleep in his pew at a tabernacle night service one night. And didn't wake up—at least here on earth.

He married a friend of mine and his wife (the Lee Hunts) in a buggy in front of his home one day. Then the Hunts took off on a wedding trip to Colorado City (in the buggy.)

8-BALL

If it gets much hotter and drier here, we might as well call this the Sahara Desert or the Great American Desert. These 100 plus degrees temperatures each day—cook everything—including me.—And garden, and lawns, and trees, and stock and all the pastures and ranges.

Our rainfall pattern seems to be changing, and for the worse.

What we need is some of the rains that fall where it is not needed,—to come our way and even things up. Some places do not need all they get, and we

## LIONS CLUB

The Sterling City Lions Club met at noon Wednesday in the community center. Guests present included Horace Bates, Mike Ezzell and Jim Westbrook.

President Bill Watts told the members that someone was needed to take Edward Estrada to the Lions Crippled Childrens Camp at Kerrville next Monday. There were no volunteers at the time, and if any absent member can, see his way clear to take him to the camp early next Monday, call Watts.

The prize went to Arthur Barlemann, Jr.

Last week there were two new members, being Dalton Merz and Rev. Roy Wold.

## Church of Christ VBS July 29-August 2

The local Church of Christ is having their annual Vacation Bible School here July 29 thru August 2. Classes will be held each night from 7 to 9. The closing program will be held in the church auditorium on Friday night from 8:25 to 9.

Pre-school teachers will be—Kathy Kidd, Jeannie Hughes and Gaye Frizzell. 1st through 4th grades will be taught by LeRuth Stewart and Cathy Frizzell. The 5th and 6th grades will be taught by Danny Stewart and Elis Hamilton. Gene Patterson will teach the auditorium class.

Refreshments will be seen after by the Howard Davees, the Cotton Frizzells and the Jack Peels. Record keeping will be done by Riley and Audrey King.

## Joint V.B.S. Set

The annual joint Presbyterian—Methodist Vacation Bible has been set for July 29 to Aug. 2. Mrs. Clinton Hodges is to be superintendent of the joint VBS. Mrs. Larry Glass will be in charge of the music for both groups.

Classes will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 each day.

Age group classes will be conducted for children four years old through the fifth grade.

The kindergarten age group will meet in the Methodist Church and children in the first through fifth grades will meet in the Presbyterian Church, said Mrs. Hodges.

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need more than we get.

A lot more.

8-BALL

With the country going to the dogs (it seems) politically, economically, and socially—we need to level off and put our house in order and straighten things out. The things that used to count (or so we thought) of morality, thrift, religion, patriotism, love of country, and all those things that were tenets of life earlier—should again be considered.

Whatever happened to law and order?, to the fact that the lawmen were our friends? and preachers knew and preached that which was good? and the teachers taught those things which were things to know? and that everything was beautiful—in the eyes of God who made it?

We're losing something. Something worthwhile.

8-BALL

The rush of everyday life and living, and the rush to get back—even with our fast transportation—leaves one breathless. And TV takes up all our time around home. The boob tube. Wow.

There's really no time for anything anymore. And I'll bet it is a lot worse in a large city.



Texas Junior Hereford Promoters Shown

## Firemens Barbecue Set for August 3

The Annual Sterling Volunteer Firemens' barbecue will be held at 7 p.m. here in the City Park on Saturday, August 3. This is open to all the citizens of Sterling County as it has been in the past and is sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Department.

All wives of those attending are asked to bring a pie for the meal. Barbecued goat, beans, bread, iced tea and paper goods necessary for the barbecue are being furnished by the fire department.

The program following the barbecue will consist of a water polo demonstration by department members. In addition, Gary Maricle and Cecil Craig will report on the fire school they are attending July 21-26; this school is held at Texas A&M University each year under the direction of the Engineering Extension Service. While attendance at the school is not mandatory for volunteer firemen, it does help to reduce fire insurance rates.

New officers for the local department were elected and began serving their terms in June. Officers are as follows; President—Roland Lowe; Vice-president—Howard Cudd; Fire Chief—Troy Templin; First Assistant Chief—Gary Maricle; Second Assistant Chief—Dub Fincher; Secretary—C. A. Tucker; Treasurer—D. Kirk Hopkins; Sheriff—Jim Cantrell; Fire Marshall—Dan Glass; Assistant Fire Marshall—Kenneth Peel; Chaplain—Tom Asbill; Reporter—Arthur Barlemann, Jr. and Nozzle Twister—Cecil Craig.

The department is always looking for new members who might be interested in joining. Meeting nights are the second and fourth Monday nights of each month. Training consists of use of the available equipment and being familiar with it and firefighting methods.

Kelly and Thomas Reed of Hurst are here visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Reed.

Mrs. Lula Gonzales of Sterling City, who fell and broke a hip at her son's house in San Antonio recently is still in the hospital there. Her son, Ralph, said she would probably be hospitalized for some time yet, or she might stay in a nursing home for awhile.

San Angelo, Texas — Texas Junior Hereford promotion will be in good hands for another year as this picture shows the new queen and princess being elected during the recent Texas Junior Hereford Association Field Day at San Angelo Fairgrounds, hosted by the Concho Hereford Association. Shown (from left) are Sheena Tongate, Brownwood 1974-75 Texas Hereford Princess; Lisa Horwood, Sterling City, 1974-75 Texas Hereford Queen; while Mary Grote, of Llano, 1973-74 Texas Hereford Queen, looks on as Mrs. Jim Grote, Llano, represents the Texas Hereford Auxiliary as current president who support the queen. (Photograph by American Hereford Association.)

## Dan Glass TSPE Vice-President

A civil engineer from Sterling City, Harvey D. (Dan) Glass, Jr., has been installed as Vice-President, Region 1, of the 7000-member Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE). Glass, who has been an active member of TSPE for 11 years, is a Senior Resident Engineer for District 7 of the Texas Highway Department based in Sterling City.

Glass is a native of Sterling County. He attended elementary and high schools in Sterling City and went on to receive a degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech in 1959.

Professional affiliations held by Glass include membership in the National Society of Professional Engineers and the National and Texas Sections of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

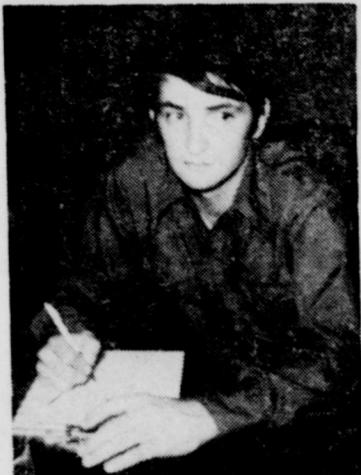
The new TSPE Region 1 Vice President has held the presidency of the West Texas Chapter, two-term state directorship of the West Texas Chapter, and Chairmanship of the Professional Engineers in Government Practice Division in past service to the Texas Society.

Glass has been community active via his affiliations with Lions International, the Sterling City Volunteer Fire Department, and the Sterling County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Vice-president Glass and his wife, Betty, have five children—Danny, Mark, Russell, Phillip and Kathleen. The Glass family belongs to the Methodist church.

TSPE is the nation's largest state engineering society. As vice president of Region 1, Glass will also hold a position on the Executive Committee of the Texas Society.

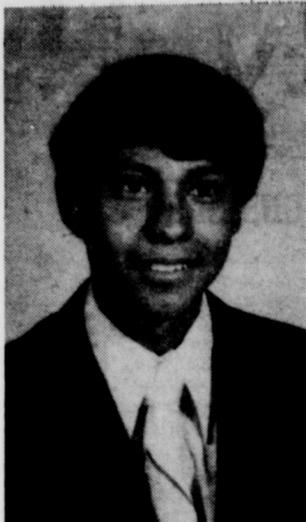
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Hector Delgado, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Delgado of Sterling City, was named on the Texas Tech honor roll for the fall and spring semesters. He had a 3.24 grade average.

Hector, a graduate of Sterling City High School, will be a sophomore next fall and plans to major in electrical engineering.

**NOTICE**

The Texas State Department of Health has established, in accordance with the Federal Public Health Service Act, the current annual level of uncompensated services for Sterling County Hospital, Sterling City, Texas to be that the facility does not intend to deny anyone admission to the facility or any of its services because of an inability to pay. The documents upon which the determination was based are available for public inspection at the Texas State Department of Health, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, Texas from 9:00 A. M. to 4:30 P.M. on regular business days. The level of services set out meets the presumptive compliance guidelines of the Federal regulation.

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## PRODUCTION ABOUNDS AFTER CONSERVATION—

Cattle thrive on a four-pasture rotation grazing system. The forage plants are more vigorous and productive, and they reproduce in greater abundance when given occasional rest from grazing during their growth periods. Producers interested in assistance to apply a planned grazing should contact Dalton Merz or Freddie Williams at the Soil Conservation Service Field office in Sterling City.



## EROSION ABOUNDS BEFORE CONSERVATION—

The photo shows results of a heavy rain which fell on land without an adequate cover of vegetation. The land is suffering from dry weather, overstocking, and a heavy infestation of mesquite. Conservation ranchers offset this condition when dry weather strikes by applying drought plans. These plans, for example, include selling lambs and calves at lighter weights, culling ewes and cows early, reducing entire animal units by one-third, etc. The key to successful ranching is to keep livestock numbers in balance with forage produced each year.

## Mesquite control, planned grazing aid conservation

Mesquite trees are large water users and are very inefficient in using this water to produce leaves and woody parts of the trees.

One experiment on water usage showed that a mesquite tree requires about 207 gallons of water to produce one pound of air dry leaves and woody parts. Meanwhile, a sideoats grama plant required only 85 gallons of water to produce one pound of leaves and stems, which can be used by livestock and wildlife.

The 207 gallons of water required for a mesquite tree to produce a pound of leaves and wood may not sound like very much water until you stop and look at some of our country which has 400 to 600 trees per acre and then figure how many pounds of wood and leaves are in each tree. Then the figures start gowing considerably.

Another interesting point here is that mesquite has the ability to draw moisture from the soil until it is just about dry. Grass plants quit using moisture from the soil before the soil dries out.

This would retard the growth of grass plants during years of low or average rainfall when there would not be enough moisture for mesquites and grasses both to grow on. You can see that the trees would get most of the rainfall.

In order for the grasses to use this moisture after the mesquite has been controlled, the grasses need to be rested or deferred from livestock grazing for a period of at least three months.

It takes grass about this long to recover from any grazing, put on new leaves to manufacture more food in order to feed itself and build new roots that perennial plants are replacing all the time. This enables the plant to grow larger and put on seed so the grasses can increase in number as well as size.

In conjunction with aerial spraying trials on an area that was fenced to prevent any livestock grazing, we made clippings of grasses and weeds to get an idea of the annual

production for that year.

We found that in this particular spot on the same soil and range site that the grasses and weeds growing in the area that was sprayed and deferred produced 2,480 pounds per acre and weeds produced 260 pounds per acre.

In the same fenced area under mesquite that was not sprayed but was deferred for the same length of time, grasses produced 1,730 pounds per acre and weeds produced 480 pounds per acre.

Right next to the fenced area but on rangeland that was not sprayed and not deferred, the production was about 995 pounds on grasses and about 230 pounds on weeds. All grass and weed weights were figured as air dry.

This clipping shows that grass produced 750 pounds more on the sprayed and deferred area than it did on the area not sprayed and not deferred. This is a significant increase in grass production which should result in greater dollar and cents returns from livestock.

## Time saved in roundup for rancher

Mrs. Emogene Thompson planned a short duration grazing system on 4465 acres of her 5,835 acre ranch at Baker's Crossing on the Devil's River, 35 miles north of Comstock.

Mrs. Thompson said that she liked the system because "the cattle can be seen by going to only one pasture which will save time as well as wear and tear on equipment. The feed and salt can be distributed to only one pasture which saves time, labor and wear and tear.

"I can contract cowboys from Sonora to move livestock ahead of time and one unit will take a lot less time to round up. I think I will like the system and I can operate the ranch much easier without hiring help."

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**FREDDIE J. WILLIAMS**

**F. J. Williams  
is conservationist  
at Sterling City**

Freddie J. Williams, new range conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, moves to Sterling City to assist the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District.

Williams worked at Bowie and Post as a student trainee. After graduation with a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech, he worked as range conservationist with the SCS at Brownwood for 14 months.

He is headquartered in the Sterling County courthouse and is under the supervision of Dalton Merz, district conservationist.

Williams assumes the position of former Range Conservationist Don Viktorin, who was transferred to Fredricksburg in December, 1973.

**SCS assists in  
flood prevention**

Another major function of SCS is watershed protection and flood prevention. This program is being carried out under three Acts of Congress:

1. The Flood Control Act of 1944 approved operations on 11 major watersheds, including portions of the Trinity, Colorado, and Washita Rivers in Texas.

2. The 1953 Appropriations Act for the Department of Agriculture authorized SCS to install flood prevention programs in 64 small (pilot) watersheds. Four are in Texas — Green Creek, Cow Bayou, Escondido, and Calaveras Creeks.

3. Public Law 566, the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, was enacted in 1954. It provides for local initiation and participation, with SCS help, in upstream watershed projects.

SCS also cooperates with other federal, state, and local agencies in making investigations and surveys of the watersheds of rivers and other waterways as a basis for the development of coordinated river basin programs.

**Campbellton man  
says short duration  
system saves time**

Smith Tausch of Campbellton has a short duration grazing system on 1909 acres.

Tausch said, "It has been a big saving in time having all the cattle in one pasture makes it easy to check them."



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# Rancher uses three pasture-two herd system

Lynn Glass, who ranches northwest of Sterling City in the Glasscock County portion of the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District, has been using a "Three Pasture-Two Herd Grazing System" of grazing for the past several years with marked improvement of his range.

The system, which is on only part of his ranch, is comprised of three pastures of 2½ sections of approximately equal forage production.

Glass has a cow-calf and ewe-lamb livestock operation which is about 60 per cent animal units in cattle and 40 per cent in sheep. The ranch is primarily rolling shallow hills and clay loam flats.

The average annual rainfall is about 17 inches. He has been stocking about 20 animal units per section, depending on available forage. Each pasture is rested six months and then

grazed 12 months.

The periods of rest are from Jan. 1 through June 30 and July 1 through Dec. 31. This enables each pasture to receive 12 months of rest during a 36-month period.

The periods of rest are alternated so each pasture is rested at different periods of the year during the grazing system's cycle.

He has applied an extensive brush manipulation program with cost-share and technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service through the Great Plains Conservation Program.

Aerial spraying and two-way chaining mesquite has been done on some 8000 acres. He has also done some oiling and dozing of mesquite. The brush work has fitted in well with the grazing system.

The three-pasture system enables Glass to plan brush work



### PLANNED GRAZING SAVES RANGE—

Lynn Glass is looking over the response of sideoats grama and Tobosa grass following aerial spraying of mesquite and deferment. This is a 2½ section pasture which is in a three pasture-two herd, planned grazing system where each pasture is rested six months and grazed 12 months.

in a pasture that will be rested following the control.

Glass has encountered a problem of bitterweed with his sheep which is nothing more than he anticipated; however, he has learned to cope with it. February and March are generally the problem months.

To combat the bitterweed problem he delays lambing until April. He also scatters his sheep equally in the three pastures during February and March. By scattering his sheep, the bitterweed problem is reduced significantly.

Their key grazing plants of

buffalograss and sideoats grama in the pasture being rested are not effected too much since they will have April, May, and June to make most of their growth.

Glass says this three pasture-two herd grazing system has several advantages such as: (1) The six month rest is generally long enough to receive a rain and grow some forage before it is time to graze again. (2) Two herds of livestock enables him to keep young and older livestock separated. (3) He has two pastures instead of three to check livestock and watering facilities, which is quite a savings in time and labor. (4) Each herd has to be moved only one time a year, which is another point this three pasture-two herd system has to offer. (5) This system is geared to the low rainfall and forage plants of West Texas.

Glass is so pleased with this system that he is in the process of setting up another system to

include another 5000 acres of his ranch. The system will be implemented as soon as additional livestock watering facilities and fencing are completed.

### Increased lamb crop realized with system

The Bobby Jetton Ranch at Telegraph, with 4000 acres-running sheep, goats and cattle in a five pasture short duration grazing system on 3000 acres.

Jetton said, "Kid crop is increasing significantly. I expect at least a 100 percent lamb crop. I have noticed a decrease in internal parasite problems and scours in calves.

"This system offers definite savings in labor. Fleece staple is less subject to shrinkage. With range improvement resulting from this system, I keep more of the gross income."

## Loma Alta man is pleased with grazing plan's results

Mardin Wardlaw ranches 21,000 acres in the Loma Alta community about 60 miles north of Del Rio. He started the 11 pasture-two herd short duration grazing system on 13,000 acres in October, 1972.

He has sheep in one pasture four months behind his cattle. Grazing period ranges from 17 days to 39 days, according to AUM grazing in each pasture.

The other 8,000 acres is in two two pasture-one herd systems with each pasture grazed four months and rested four months.

Wardlaw said, "I was afraid that animal performance would not be as good with the short duration grazing system as compared with other systems of grazing. I haven't noticed this in my livestock.

"When I move to a new

pasture that has been rested four months, the livestock really do good.

"I round up my sheep and drench in one day now. It took a full week before I started the short duration grazing system. I creep feed my calves after they get a few weeks old. With the system I put feed and salt out in one pasture instead of eleven.

"The deer really move into the pastures that have been rested from grazing. Those hunters will be able to kill their limit of deer easy this year in those pastures that have been rested. The deer look like they are in real good flesh.

"Within a few years I am sure I can run at least one-third more livestock and get faster range improvement than with any other system."

### Ballinger rancher notes increase in production

C. O. Richards of Ballinger has a 27,000 acre ranch with a short duration grazing system.

Richards said, "We have had good results with rootplowing and seeding, but I credit most of our range improvement and increased production to this short duration grazing system."



### RANGE, BRUSH CONTROL—

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**Conservation concepts urged by SCS programs**

By EDWARD E. THOMAS  
State Conservationist

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This is done in cooperation with soil and water conservation districts, other subdivisions of state government (counties, cities, special purpose districts) and with other state and federal agencies.

**MISSION**

The basic mission of SCS is to

Leadership in USDA's income-producing outdoor recreation activities is assigned to SCS. SCS technical assistance is used to help land users plan and apply conservation practices keyed to income-producing recreation.

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A major SCS function is to assist land users — individuals, units of government, groups — plan and apply conservation programs.

Resource conservation planning is the basis of this work.

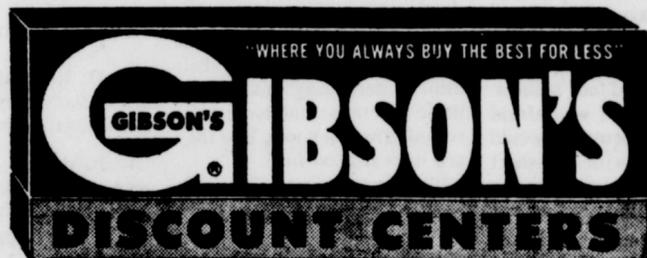
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**MERZ VIEWS MIXTURE OF GRASSES—**  
 New district conservationist, Dalton Merz, inspects a seeded area on Nolan Niehues Ranch west of Garden City. The area was freedozed and seeded with mixture of Sideoats Grama, Green Sprangletop, and Buffalograss in April 1972. The area received about 10 inches total rainfall in 1973. The dry weather forces producers to apply a drought plan which in turn causes lower net returns per acre. Niehues has a Great Plains Conservation Program contract with the Soil Conservation Service.

**Six pasture-one herd plan receives praise from Del Rio man**

Byron Hodge lives in Del Rio and manages 58,000 acres near and a nine pasture-two herd system of 19,659 acres. On the 17,986 acre Juno Ranch he has six pasture — one herd system on 9,869 acres of the 10,149-acre Lake Ranch.

He says, "I can go to the ranch on weekends and see the livestock on the ranch if they are in six pastures whereas it would be impossible to see them in 56 pastures."

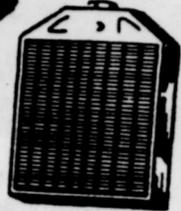
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**CONSERVATIONIST CHECKS KLEINGRASS—**  
Dalton Merz, Soil Conservation Service district conservationist of Sterling City, examines a row planting of kleingrass. Merz said the kleingrass was shredded in the early spring to help set grazing patterns and also to mulch the ground to conserve moisture.

**SCS leads in preserving wildlife**

SCS has taken the leadership in developing an interagency approach toward preserving rare and endangering species of plants and wildlife.

Working through the Texas Organization for Endangered Species, the purpose of this program is:

- (1) Prepare watchlists of endangered, rare, and peripheral species.
- (2) Develop lists of measures important to the preservation of the species.
- (3) Develop a system of monitoring these species and their habitat.
- (4) Plan for appropriate action to protect species and their habitat.

Another SCS function is giving technical assistance to farmers and ranchers participating in cost-sharing provisions of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program and the Cropland Conversion Program.

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**CONSERVING AND  
DEVELOPING NATURAL  
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SCS has been designated as the USDA agency to administer activities relating to Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) projects.

An RC&D project is a locally initiated and sponsored activity to expand the economic opportunities for the people of an area by developing and carrying out a plan of action to conserve, improve, develop, and make wise use of natural resources.

It is applicable where acceleration of current conservation activities plus use of new authorities will provide additional opportunities to local people in meeting local, state, and national needs.

A less known, but important, SCS function is making sedimentation surveys in selected public reservoirs. Sedimentation surveys are used to determine remaining capacities and life expectancies of reservoirs and to determine sedimentation rates by soil groups.

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**CONSERVATION HALTS GULLY WASHING—**  
 Cotton Frizzel, V&J Ranch foreman, and Clarence Stubblefield, Soil Conservation Service engineer, plan to control severe gully erosion on the V&J Ranch eight miles northwest of Sterling City. Alternative treatments to such major conservation problems are building ponds with adequate emergency spillways or constructing concrete drop chutes.

## Better plants mean improved conservation

A plant materials center is operated by SCS at Knox City where trials, variety selection, and seed increase plots of various plants are made. The purpose of the center is to find, select, and make available better plants that will increase effectiveness of soil, water, and wildlife conservation programs.

Work underway includes attempts to find plants that will thrive under arid conditions; plants that will grow on saline soils; plants that will reduce wave action damage on the face of earthen dams; plants that have value for both wildlife and livestock; and plants that conserve soil resources while adding to outdoor beauty.

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Conservation land treatment, upstream watershed protection projects — anything that slows down runoff increases underground recharge.

Many upstream watershed projects protect cities from flooding while also providing water for municipal, industrial, recreational and other uses.

Conservation treatment also means cleaner water, abundant food, a more stable economy.

That makes conservation everybody's business, especially those living in towns and cities.

Nationwide, the number of cattle on feed in the seven major cattle feeding states — Texas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas — totaled 9, 632,000 head on Feb. 1, a three per cent increase from a month ago but four per cent less than those on feed a year ago at this time.

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**IRRIGATION PLAN DISCUSSED—**  
Joseph Schwartz, left, conservation farmer of the St. Lawrence area, discusses the design and layout of an irrigation pipeline with Clarence Stubbfield, Soil Conservation Service engineer. Schwartz installed 5665 feet of plastic pipe this summer, using cost share assistance of the 1973 REAP and 1974 RECP programs.

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Dalton Merz, district conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, assists the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District in an area covering Sterling County and three-fourths of Glasscock County.

Merz has been with the SCS the past seven years at Bandera, Rocksprings, and Sonora.

He graduated from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, with B.S. degree in range management.

**SCS objective  
is resource  
development**

Objectives of SCS conservation programs focus on conserving, developing, and productively using land, water, and related resources within the concept of balanced growth — quantity with quality.

Additional objectives are to convert marginal cropland to other uses; minimize erosion by wind and water; prevent pollution from livestock feedlots; beautify landscapes; enhance wildlife and recreational opportunities; reduce sediment pollution in streams, reservoirs and coastal areas; protect and improve water resources through better land management; provide a basis for sound water management; and to increase opportunities for community development by conserving and developing natural resources.

Land treatment measures used are mechanical and vegetative. Mechanical management practices include terraces, drop structures, and development of water sources for livestock, recreation, wildlife, and other purposes.

Vegetative measures include: (1) for cropland — conservation cropping systems, cover and green manure crops and use of crop residues; (2) for pastureland — pasture planting, pasture management and brush and weed control; (3) for rangeland — range seeding, brush control, planned grazing systems, and proper use; (4) for woodland — firebreaks, harvest cutting, proper grazing use, and improved harvesting; (5) for wildlife and recreation land — wildlife habitat management, fish raceways and fish pond management; (6) for urban land — any combination of the above measures plus road layout, critical area treatment, water control devices, and other measures.

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# Good conservation saves wildlife along with soil and water

By LYNN J. POST  
Biologist

"I don't have any deer on the ranch! At least, I never see them!" This comment has been heard again and again. But most of the time, there are a lot of deer around. If a ranch is heavily infested with brush, one may rarely see a deer — at hunting season or any other time.

This situation can be helped by careful planning and brush "management" rather than brush control.

Be selective when you start to clear brush. Have a plan on where, what kind, and how much you plan to do in your brush "management"

Know something about the food and cover needs of the wildlife you want to help. Wildlife requirements usually fit in well with a cattle operation whether you are interested in deer, quail, dove, turkey, or all four.

Many forms of wildlife are "edge" animals. They prefer to stay in areas where brush and open areas meet. Thus, clearing brush in strips or patterns can improve the habitat for wildlife.

A good rule of thumb is to clear the most productive areas of land (deeper soils, etc.), and

leave the other (steep terrain, rocky ledges, draws, etc.) in brush to provide wildlife cover.

This rule must be changed occasionally. An example would be around a known turkey roost (clear no closer than 100 yards), or where a mott or clump of desirable wildlife food plant exist.

When an area is opened up, the plant that come in and grow are mostly grasses and forbs (or weeds, if you prefer). These forbs provide a major part of the diet of wildlife as seed or as forage. This is why you often see deer grazing in open areas. The forbs can grow more easily where there is no competition from undesirable brush.

When planning a brush management program, plan on having cleared areas no wider than 400-500 yards. This will give an open area for the wildlife to use, yet they will never be far from cover.

Leave the wildlife food plants whenever possible when clearing an area. A "thinned" area is usually more attractive to wildlife than a "cleared" area.

For assistance in planning brush management programs that benefit wildlife, contact your local office of the Soil Conservation Service.



**LIVESTOCK NEED PROTEIN SUPPLEMENT—** Feeding protein supplement to livestock in the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District has been an important part of the livestock industry. Most of Sterling County remains dry with very little rainfall since October 1973.

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**STERLING COUNTY TEAM IS TOPS—**  
The Sterling County 4-H senior range judging team of 1974 won the state championship awards at the San Angelo contest held May 18. Team members are, left to right, Victor Probandt, Russel Davis, Amy Hodges and Michael Lackey. The team also placed second at the State 4-H grass identification contest held at College Station. The team was coached by Sterling County Agent Arthur Barlemann Jr.

## Rain can mean riches or ruin

"Raindrops are small, but powerful. They can work for you or against you. Here's how to put them to work on your farm", says Billy Stringer, soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service.

A raindrop weighs only about one five-hundredth of an ounce, but it hits bare earth with a mighty force. Ever notice, after a hard rain how the soil is splashed up on the side of a bucket or plow or against your car when parked on unprotected soil? Or how small stones are left standing in pillars of soil? Ever wonder what happened to the soil in between the rocks?

Raindrops do not hit bare soil and stay there. Instead, they knock loose some of the smallest soil particles, and bounce back up in the air as mixtures of soil and water. One raindrop cannot carry much soil, but a heavy rainstorm can knock loose and bounce up several tons of soil per acre.

Sand splashes easier than clay, but once the tiny clay particles are broken loose, they are carried further than the coarser bits of sand. This soil does not have to be carried far to cause damage. It can cover freshly planted seed too deep. It can clog pore spaces in the soil, thus causing runoff and erosion.

How can we stop this loss of soil and water? The first essential, is a good cover either

living or dead, to cushion the beating raindrops. A good mulch of wheat straw is nearly as effective in slowing down raindrops as is a cover crop. Sod or seed to grass, that part of your farm that washes easiest. Plan a terrace and grassed waterway system to safely escort runoff water from your farm.

Finally, improve the organic matter and tilth in your soils. A well-ventilated soil with good tilth, will not break down as easily under pounding rains. Its surface pores won't clog as quickly and it can soak up more rain than a tight run together soil.

It is difficult to have a cover crop or mulch on your fields all the time. A soil high in organic matter will, however, spread out the welcome mat for all but the very hardest rains.

We never get just the right amount of rain we want. But, fortunately, grasses, legumes, trash mulches, terraces and organic matter, if used together, can handle excess water and make the most of each raindrop.

Mrs. Runge of the Eldorado field office says, "It is unbelievable what the short duration grazing system will do."

### SCS also has civil defense functions

The SCS has civil defense responsibilities including: (1) radiological monitoring of agricultural lands, waters, and commodities (stored on farms and at bin sites) and livestock; (2) technical guidance on selection of land for food and fiber production following nuclear attack; (3) technical assistance in the effective use, conservation, disposal, and control of water resources in rural areas; and (4) service on regional, state, and county USDA defense boards.

#### CONSERVATION NEEDS INVENTORY

The SCS provides Departmental leadership in development of a cooperative national inventory of soil and water conservation needs.

This inventory provides information on land use, soil resources, probable land-use adjustments, and soil and water conservation treatment needs on all public and private agricultural land.

### Government units work with SCS

SCS helps units of government evaluate soil surveys, sediment source maps, engineering surveys, flood plain maps, wildlife habitat potentials, conservation needs inventories, watershed maps and other information useful in preparing broad, long-range plans.

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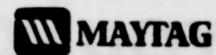


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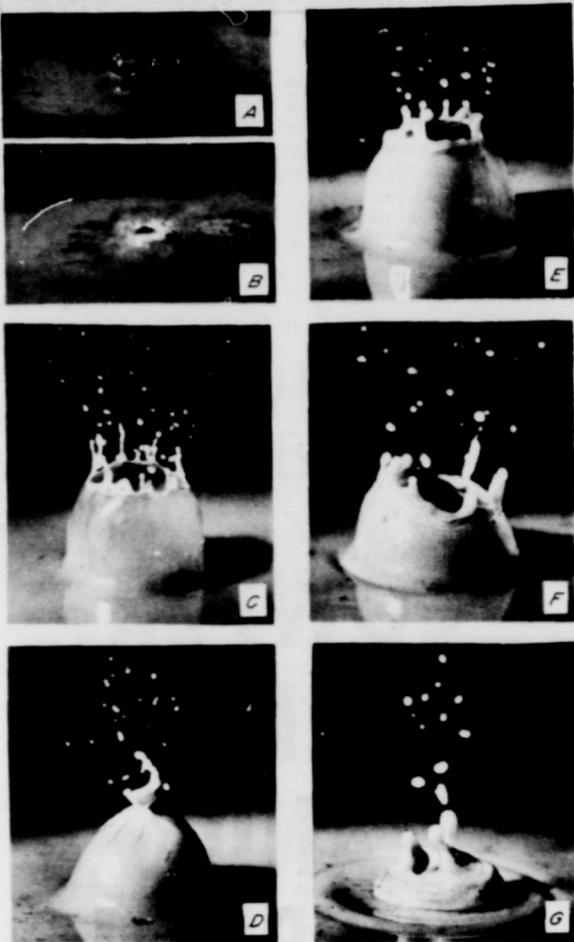
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The drainboard that carries rinse water into your kitchen sink can be compared to a watershed.

On the land, water that does not evaporate or soak into the soil usually drains into ditches, streams, marshes, or lakes. The land area from which the water drains to a given point is a watershed.

Small watersheds make up the larger ones. The Mississippi River, for example, drains a watershed of about 1,243,000 square miles. This large watershed is made up of thousands of smaller ones.

Water may be a friend or it may be an enemy. If it runs off the land too fast, it cuts gullies and carries off topsoil which should be kept on the farm to produce food and clothing.

If too much water runs away too rapidly, it causes a flood that damages farms, ranches, crops, property, homes, highways, and utilities. It may take lives.

Stream channels may be choked with sediment.

the amount of water that can be stored for use in water-short areas.

When water does these things it is an enemy.

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## Multi-pasture ranching saves time, money

Dr. Percy R. Turner operates and lives on 1896 acres in Tom Green County, assists with the operating of his father's 12,282 acres, leases several places in Tom Green County and operates an irrigated livestock farm near Quemado.

Dr. Turner says, "When the 1896 acres were one pasture, it required one-half day to check on livestock and I was not sure I saw them all. Now, I know I see them all in about 30 minutes.

"Sheep were drenched three to five times each year before using this system; now, I drench once a year which may not be needed.

"I used ewe lambs in this system and have been getting about 90 per cent lamb crop, which is the best lamb crop I have obtained from ewe lambs.

"The ewes from this system are used for replacement ewes on other ranches. Their gently behavior is a significant contribution to calming excitement and restlessness in the older ewes."

## Better grass results from grazing plan

George Tomlinson ranches 4465 acres in the Loma Alta community 45 miles north of Del Rio. The ranch is all steep rocky rangeland.

Tomlinson is running a breeding cattle herd on this ranch. He is well pleased with animal performance and improvement in range condition.

He said, "I have more of the better grass plants established on the ranch since I started the system than ever before."

Conservation work is planned and installed through 192 locally organized and locally operated soil and water conservation districts.



### HUGH LACKEY

Hugh Lackey, longtime Conservation Service conservationist, resigned his post here and moved to his old home town, New Braunfels, to enter the real estate business.

## Short duration grazing reduces operating time

Harold Schmidt of Harper, said of his short duration grazing system, "Because of the reduction in time and related costs of needing only to check one pasture weekly in my two ranches using short duration grazing systems (one ranch is 40 miles from my home, the other is an additional 60 miles), I can operate an additional 5000 acre lease operation 50 miles in another direction.

"After having been in the system for ten years, my stocking rate has increased, following initial reduction, to a greater number than I originally ran. My forage production has doubled during this ten-year period."

Leo Merrill of the Texas A&M Experiment Station, Sonora, says, "It (short duration grazing) is the fastest way to improve range condition. Labor saving is cut in half."

## Brackettville rancher to keep grazing system and its many advantages

P. H. Coates III of Brackettville, ranches 6976 acres and runs a ewe-lamb-cow-calf operation. He has a planned grazing system (short duration type) on 516 acres using seven pastures.

Coates states, "My lamb weaning weights and my lamb crop was less this year due to the adverse winter weather conditions. I did have a more uniform lamb crop this time. Last year they were strung out for about three months and this

year they all dropped within about one month.

"I believe I have an increase in my deer population. Everyone got their deer last year. The deer are in good condition now and I believe that I have improved their habitat.

"I run my bulls with the cows all the time, therefore, my calves are dropped all the time. My calf crop this year was about the same as it was last year.

"I had an immense saving on my labor cost. I would say 50 percent or more — less on the labor in rounding up and gathering and for checking for screwworms, sickness and parasites.

"I am going to keep on with this system. I like it and think that it is a good system. This is grazing as it should be and more like the buffalo and antelope used to graze it."

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**AROUND THE COUNTY**



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

Two Sterling County 4-H Club members, Amy Hodges and Lisa Horwood, are attending the Texas 4-H Congress in Dallas this week. The Congress is being held in the Baker Hotel in Dallas.

4-H Club members from the state are attending the event which began Tuesday evening and will end at noon Friday. Theme of the meeting is — CAREERS IN THE WORLD OF WORK. Selected speakers will help the delegates develop a better understanding of careers in today's world of work. Following the speakers, the delegates will discuss specific career areas of work and then develop plans for educational tours based on these discussions. In addition, there will be visits to points of interest in the Dallas area, a trip to one of the dinner theaters and a congress ball.

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There's a lot of dry country in the state this year as seen last week on the trip to the State Extension Conference in College Station. Even though much of it is dry, it is still in better shape than this immediate area. They did have early rains in much of the area traveled through and do have some grass on the ground.

Their immediate problem is the lack of rain in the last few weeks. In that area there is still some green in the grass but it is beginning to burn. They are used to having a rain every week or ten days, and need it that often; when it does not rain for two or three weeks, the grass begins to suffer. Much of the East Texas country has had as much as 40 inches of rain but has had little since the middle of June. The current dry weather is also partially responsible for the outbreak of anthrax in Central Texas around Marlin. County extension agents working in the field of agriculture were given a briefing on the situation late Thursday evening last week during the State Extension Conference.

Dr. James Armstrong, Extension veterinarian; Dr. William Sippel director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory; and Dr. Charles Boyd, Professor of Veterinary Medicine and head of the large animal clinic, briefed us on the situation as of Thursday. All are headquartered at College Station and are involved in the situation.

While the situation is serious as it should be, they reported that it has been overplayed by the news media. Some of the cattle have been lost to the usual cattle diseases such as blackleg and other common causes. As reported by the news media, vaccination of animals in the seven counties surrounding Falls County is recommended and all available anthrax vaccine in the state is being held for the eight counties involved. The problem actually began in late June and reached a peak early last week. By late last week it was fairly well under control.

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Sterling County recorded its first confirmed case of screw-worms on July 8, according to the report of eradication officials. The case was on the Collins and Counts ranch eighteen miles southwest of Sterling City. According to the report it was in the navel of an unspecified animal.

The report of the confirmed case was received in the mail last week while we were gone. Attempts to reach J.Q. Counts by telephone have been unsuccessful thus far so we have been unable to learn more about the case.

**CHARLES N. BRIGHT GRAD OF ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE**

Navy Lieutenant Commander Charles N. Bright, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Bright of Sterling City, Texas, graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. He received instruction in joint planning, operations and organization, communicative arts, defense management and the problems of social and political affairs. The curriculum was designed to prepare him for assignments in joint and combined commands, field commands at the battalion and higher levels, attache and advisory duty to foreign nations and defense management positions.

**MIKE EZZELL VISITS HERE**

Mike Ezzell of Snyder, Democratic nominee for the Texas State Legislative District that includes Sterling County, was a Sterling visitor Wednesday. He attended the Lions Club and called on most of the business houses here.

Mike will face Republican Rich Anderson in the fall election.

Visitors at the R.V. Hamiltons have been two of their grandchildren, Melanie and Robbie Hamilton of Brownsville. Also brief visitors at the Hamiltons have been Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walton of Abilene, Mrs. Ben Walton of Brownsville, and Julie Ballinger of Corning, Ark.

**SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING NOTICE**

There will be a school budget hearing for the Sterling City Independent School District for the fiscal year, September 1, 1974 through August 31, 1975. Time: 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 6, 1974.

Place: Sterling City school superintendent's office.

Any and all interested Sterling County taxpayers may appear and participate at this hearing.

By: James Thompson, superintendent of schools, July 23, 1974.

By order of the Sterling City ISD Board of Education July 1, 1974.

(Signed) James Thompson, Superintendent

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**THE LANGUAGE OF FOREIGN MARKETS**

Called "dinero" in Spanish, "argent" in French, and "gelt" in German, money is luring increasing numbers of American executives to visit distant lands in search of business.

Progressive companies are realizing that the demand for the bilingual executive is growing. They have, therefore, begun adopting language training programs for their personnel.

Previously, training of employees was done in classroom groups. But most companies have found that the busy businessman couldn't be tied down to a 10:30 class twice a week—and preferred an individualized approach to learning.

Employees of Control Data Corporation had an even more troublesome "time" problem. Twenty-five employees of this computer company were being sent to Germany to set up a system for Volkswagen. They wanted to learn German but couldn't be pinned down to a schedule, since they were needed whenever computer time was available.

The Sullivan Language Schools, a nationwide network of centers with headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., solved their problem by setting up an individualized "school" on their premises. The unique Sullivan method was developed under a Carnegie Foundation Grant by the noted linguist Dr. M. W.

Sullivan. It uses programmed texts and coordinated cassette tapes and the student can work whenever he wants to and at his own pace. With this set up, the Control Data personnel fit their lessons in between projects, when computer time is not available.



The Sullivan Language Schools have also helped Sears, Roebuck and Co. fashion buyers to learn French and the Latin American Section of A.B. Dick Co. to learn Spanish. The ambitious Japanese of Mitsui Corp. who already speak English are moving on to French, German and Spanish.

Even if their employees are not assigned to overseas duty, some large firms are offering language lessons as a fringe benefit. Companies with plants in Spanish-American districts sponsor courses in Spanish so that their people can better relate to the community.

All in all, the executive who says, "I don't need a second language—there's always someone who speaks English" may become obsolete.