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THE SCIENTISTS TELL ME...

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**WEED-EATING BUGS OFFER
 GOATHEAD CONTROL**

Scientists have come up with a new one—a weed-eating bug that won't eat anything else. The weed is puncture-vine (goathead to most Texans), and the insect is the puncturevine seed weevil. Besides goatheads, the weevil eats a close relative of goathead called kalls-troemia.

Scientists first observed the weevil feeding on goatheads in India. After noting that it lived exclusively on goatheads, the insect was moved to Italy for additional observation. After more studies on the weevil's feeding habits, it was brought to the U. S. and later released.

The life cycle of this unusual insect begins when the female weevil chews a small pit in the side of a young bur, deposits her egg and seals the pit with fecal cement. A small larva hatches and feeds on the inside of the bur. The fully grown grub transforms to a pupa and later to an adult which bores itself out of the seed. One, two or three weevils

may complete their development within a single bur. The egg to adult cycle usually requires about 25 days. The lifespan of the overwintering adult is about one year. Adults will suck juice from puncturevine leaves and stems but do not cause appreciable damage to goathead plants by this type of feeding.

In August 1962, N. E. Daniels and A. F. Wiese, two Experiment Station scientists at the USDA Research Center at Bushland, obtained 250 of these "goathead weevils" from the Biological Control Section of the USDA in California. One-half were turned loose in a goathead patch at Big Spring and the others at Bushland. Those released at Big Spring survived over winter, but weevils were not found the next year at Bushland.

In 1963 at Big Spring, the first year after release, the weevils spread over an area with a 0.5 mile radius. In spots, up to 60 to 70 percent of the burs were infested. During the fall of 1963, weevil-infested goatheads were spread on marked areas near Wel-



Mike Cornett and his Heavy Crossbred Steer which won Reserve Champion honors at the Briscoe County Steer Show.



Jace Francis and his Reserve Champion Heavy Suffolk, which was the Medium Wool Breed Champion.



Tad Cornett and his Heavy Crossbred Barrow which was the Reserve Champion of the Briscoe County Swine Show.

**Leadership Training
 Session Slated By
 Texas Farmers Union**

A Mid-Winter Retreat and Leadership Training Session has been scheduled by Texas Farmers Union at the Plains Baptist Encampment on the White River near Floydada January 24-25. Farm and ranch families from across the state will participate in the two-day program designed to better acquaint the members with the farm organization's goals and objectives and to provide leadership skills training.

Dr. Weldon Barton, Director of Governmental Affairs, National Farmers Union, Washington, D. C. will lead off the program. Dr. Barton will hold a seminar on effective lobbying methods to prepare the members for the National Farmers Union Fly-In to Washington in late February.

TFU Legislative Director, Robert Mullins of Waco, will discuss issues coming before the Texas Legislature and outline plans for the Texas Farmers Union Legislative Day in Austin in mid-February. The Austin Drive-In utilizes member-lobbyists to acquaint Texas Legislators with the Farmers Union State Legislative Program.

Victor Ray, Assistant to the President of National Farmers Union, Denver, Colorado, a nationally recognized leader in the field of group dynamics and leadership will be the coordinator and seminar leader for the training sessions. Ray has led numerous Farmers Union groups in training for leadership positions within the farm organization and community activities.

Keynote speaker for the Friday noon session will be H. M. Baggally, editor and publisher of The Tulsa Herald. Baggally will speak on the "Citizen's Role in Practical Politics." Baggally is recognized as one of Texas' leading political commentators.

Other TFU leaders participating in the two-day seminar will be Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco, and Mary Berg, Lubbock, TFU Youth and Education Director.

The training session and retreat is open to all members of Texas Farmers Union. The cost for the

linton and Amarillo. In 1964, farmers and researchers spread infested plants over the entire Panhandle and as far south as Midland. By the fall of 1966, the goathead weevil covered an area extending from Wheeler to Lubbock and west to the New Mexico line.

The southern boundary of infestation extended from the New Mexico line east to Midland and northeast through Abilene to Vernon. Infestations varied from 40 to 98 percent of the burs. The weevil had spread to most areas in Texas where goatheads were a problem except in the Panhandle north of Lubbock.

The scientists observed that the adult weevils hibernate in weedy and trashy places from October until late May. In dry springs, weevils get off to a slow start because there isn't any food.

Since 1966, either weather conditions have been more favorable in the northern Panhandle or the weevils have become more cold tolerant. By 1974, this beneficial bug had spread northward to every county in the Panhandle. Infestations ranged from 40 to 80 percent. The weevil was found on goatheads as far south as Temple, Texas, west to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and throughout central Oklahoma. Other releases spread the weevil over most of the southwest part of the United States.

After observing this unusual insect for over 10 years, Daniels and Wiese state that "the weevil offers some promise of reducing but not eliminating goatheads." In areas where weevils infest over 90 percent of the burs, enough seed escape to start a new crop. The scientists, however, are confident their efforts will reduce weed control costs in sorghum and cotton.

And it will reduce some of these weeds in cities and small towns. Thinning out goatheads in alleys and vacant lots might save one or two patch jobs a year on bicycles. This obscure benefit alone might save Texans over \$100,000 a year. But there's no way to put a dollar value on the saving of pain to the bare feet of children and pets.

Editor's Note: Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT
 In Memory of**

J. L. Webb, Sr., who died December 30, 1974

"Leaves have their time to fall and flowers to wither at the North wind's cold blast; but thou, oh Death, hath all seasons for thine own."

ONCE again a Brother Mason, having completed the designs written for him on life's trestle board, has passed through the portals of Eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem, and hath received as his reward the white stone with the new name written thereon; and,

WHEREAS, The all-wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved and respected brother, and he having been a true and faithful member of our beloved Order, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Silvertown Lodge No. 754, A.F.&A.M. of Silvertown, Texas, in testimony of its loss, drape its Charter in mourning for thirty days, that we tender to the family our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolu-

two days is \$30.00 per family or \$15.00 per individual which includes all meals and lodging.

tions be sent to the family. (Seal)

Charlie Parker
 Wade Welch
 G. W. Chappell, Committee

Dear Charlotte,

Paste this on your kitchen window:

SLOW ME DOWN

"Slow me down, Lord, I'm going too fast.
 I can't see my brother when he's walking past.
 I miss a lot of good things day by day.
 I don't know a blessing when it comes my way.
 Slow me down, Lord, I want to see more of the things that are good for me.
 A little less of me and a little more of you.
 I want the Heavenly atmosphere to trickle through,
 Let me help a brother when the going's rough,
 When folks work together it ain't so tough.
 Slow me down, Lord, so I can talk with some of your Angels,
 Slow me down to a walk."

HB

Jack's Pharmacy

**The Congregation Of The
 CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Meeting At Rock Creek**

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SUNDAY

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Evening 7:00 p.m.

Tex Watson talks about
Natural Gas for the Future

I'm pleased to report to our customers that Pioneer purchased more gas during 1974 than we used. This new gas will be available for future use, of course.

As you know, Pioneer is having to pay more for new gas than we've ever paid before. The competition for the gas produced in our area has never been so fierce. But the higher prices are resulting in lots of new exploration and production. I know of numerous wells which could not have been drilled at prices prevailing three years ago.

The increase in field prices means that our customers will have to pay more for the energy they use in their homes — gas and electricity — but, more important, it means he'll have the gas he needs.

All energy will cost more in the future but gas will remain your best energy buy.

PIONEER NATURAL GAS COMPANY 



K. Bert (Tex) Watson, president of Pioneer Natural Gas Company, is a native of West Texas, a chemical engineer and lawyer by training and in his 20th year with your gas company

Earl Nightingale, internationally known lecturer and broadcast personality

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- Ladies, Girls Fashion Sweaters - 1/2 Price
- Girls, Ladies Shoes 1/2 Price
- Childs, Youths Tennis Shoes --- 1/2 Price
- Childs, Youths Cowboy Boot Specials
- Boys Long Sleeve Sport Shirts - 1/2 Price
- Mens Long Sleeve Sports, Dress Shirts, As Low As \$3.00 Each
- Tony Lama Boot Sale, Values Through \$69.00 - From \$29.95 to \$49.95
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Silvertown, Texas

Tips For Farm And Home

by Briscoe County Extension Agents
Eddie R. Holland and Patricia L. Honea

Home Sewing Beats Inflation

Home sewing has become an increasingly popular way to beat the high cost of living in recent years. We find men and women alike constructing garments which were previously too difficult to attempt—or so we said. Stretching the clothing dollar can be fun when one looks her best and knows she saved money doing it.

Some advantages to home sewing are:
—Home sewers can save 60 to 70 percent over the cost of ready-made clothing prices. (This means that you can make a pair of men's slacks for \$10.00 which would compare with a purchased pair at \$17.00.)
—Clothes can be made to fit easier than making major altera-

tions in ready-made items.
—The seamstress can usually make exactly what she wants in the fabric desired.
—Quality of workmanship is usually better and lasts longer on a homemade garment.
—Feelings of pride and accomplishment result from home sewing.
Anyone having a problem with sewing projects you may have started at home is urged to call me at 823-2343. I'll be glad to TRY to help you.
Home Economics in Brief
Extend a hemline with two-inch hem facing or stretch lace. Let

down the old hem completely, then apply facing to right side of the garment, overlapping old edge by one-fourth inch. Turn it under and stitch it in place.
Children learn acceptable and unacceptable ways of expressing emotions through parental example, reinforcement, and guidance. Do not keep broth and gravy in the refrigerator for more than a day or two. These are especially subject to food spoilage.
Take the old saying, "A pint is a pound the world around" and fit the modern mood, make it "a liter is a kilogram when you are in a metric jam." Just a remind-

er that the metric system is not far away and we need to begin to convert our way of thinking gradually, so we won't be completely lost when our system is changed nationally.
Use only safety or tempered glass for shower doors. Replace ordinary glass with safety glass, plastic panels or curtains.
While the man-made fibers industry uses only about one percent of the total U. S. petroleum demand, approximately 60 percent of all today's clothing is constructed with man-made fibers. Shortages are predicted for the next three years in this industry, resulting in increased prices.

Dealing With Shortages

Dealing with shortages by hoarding food and household goods does not make more of the product appear on the market.
The consumer's best alternative is to examine present use of the "shortage" item and determine ways to reduce the amount used without sacrificing too much.
Finding substitutes is one way to bypass products that are in limited supply. When consumers reduce their demand for an item, the manufacturer has a better chance of maintaining an adequate supply at the present price.
When too many people are willing to pay the present price, the demand is greater than the supply of that item—and "shortage" results.
Selective use of "shortage" items is not the same as boycotting. Boycotts are as disruptive to the economy as shortages because they place small businesses in greater jeopardy than big businesses. This may remove competitors who have helped keep prices down.

New Bike Safety Regulations

Many youngsters (and oldsters) received bicycles for Christmas. Parents will be interested in the new mandatory Federal Safety regulations for bicycles introduced into interstate commerce on or after January 1, 1975.
The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says that bicycles rank number one on the commission's product hazard index. Injury experts state that over one million children and adults are injured each year in bike related accidents. The commission estimates that in 1973, 419,000 persons sought hospital emergency room treatment for injuries associated with bicycles.
Analysis of injuries in commission files indicate that about 17 percent are directly attributable to mechanical and structural failures, including brake defects, wheel disengagement, steering, shifting and chain problems. Sixty-three percent are related to loss of control and 10 percent to entanglement of body parts in bike components. Some of these accidents may be reduced by the new safety regulations.
Ask your local bicycle dealer for help in selecting a safe bike. Is he aware of new safety features required in 1975?
(Adapted from: "Texas Health" Bulletin, 1974)

Mrs. D. T. Northcutt returned home from Swisher Memorial Hospital Monday.

Mrs. Gladys Arnold left Wednesday morning for Houston where she entered M. D. Anderson Hospital. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Hamilton, of Tullia.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO BRISCOE COUNTY FEEDERS, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the following described real property, to-wit:
All of the Southwest one-fourth (SW¹/₄) of Section No. 68, in Block B-1, Certificate No. 1/756, issued to B. S. & T., in Briscoe County, Texas, containing 160 acres of land, more or less;
will be sold by sealed bid, for cash. Said sealed bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bank money order in the amount of ten per cent (10%) of said bids. All bids shall be submitted at First State Bank, Silverton, Texas, prior to 10:00 o'clock A. M., January 31, 1975, at which time said bids will be opened. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby specifically reserved and the cashier's check or bank money order of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned to such unsuccessful bidders.
G. W. Lee, President
Briscoe County Feeders, Inc.
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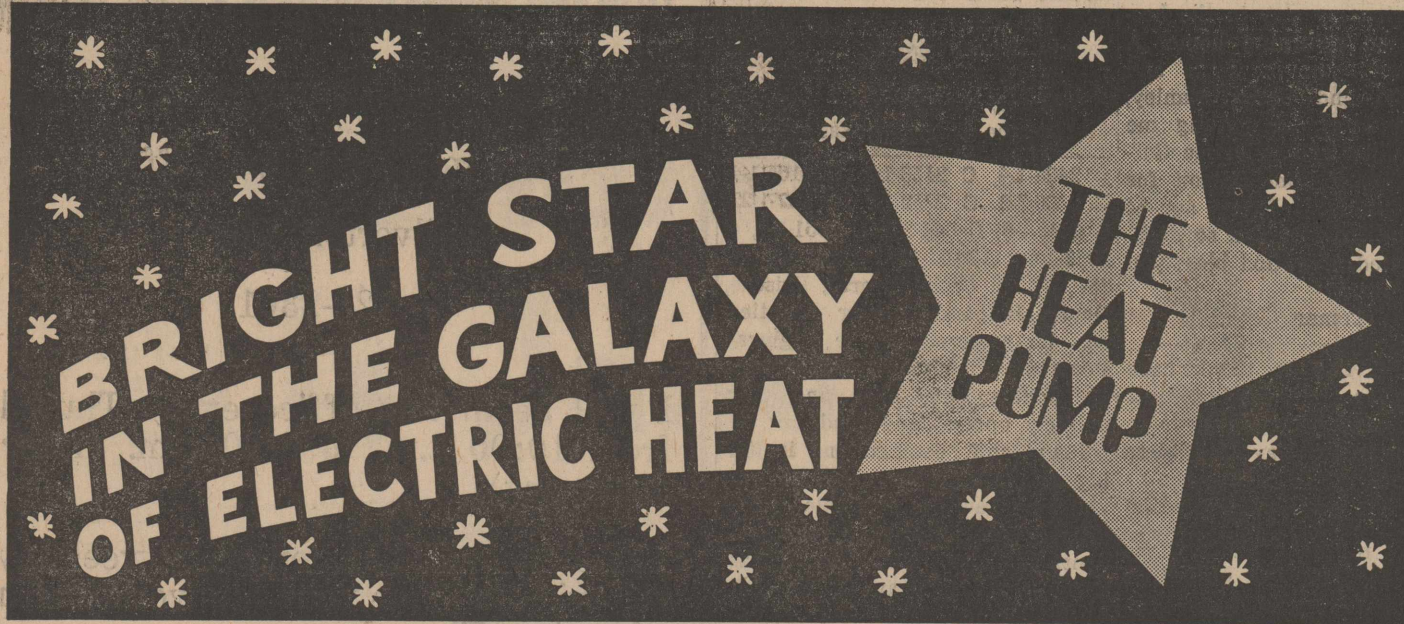
Pictured are members of the Clarabon Junior College Livestock Judging Team that entered the junior college livestock judging clinic. Pictured are (sitting) Leck Fuston, Turkey; John T. Burson, Silverton; (standing) Tony King, Groom; Rex Sladek, Stratford, and Ricky Wheeler, Canadian.

YOUNG FARMERS

HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS

Silverton Young Farmers met Thursday night, January 9, in the Pioneer Room of the First State Bank at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Glenn D. Willis and Dr. James B. Jones of Hereford were guest speakers for the club. Dr. Jones talked on Nutrition for People and touched on the importance of agriculture economics. He discussed the two kinds of farmers: TYPE A—The farmer that takes more from the soil than he puts back; TYPE B—The farmer that takes from the soil but puts the essentials back into the ground. He also talked about the importance of organic fertilizer.
Dr. Willis spoke on the life of the soil and how to keep it healthy. He also discussed the problems of animals and how they lead back to the soil. The doctor of veterinary medicine also spoke about the importance of keeping a good soil structure. Reasons were given as to why there is a poor quality of food. Dr. Willis also discussed the importance of building soil and how it can be done.
Dr. Jones and Dr. Willis are president and vice-president of Bon-Vita Corporation of Hereford, Texas. Also with them was sales-

man Mick Mason from Plainview. After the talk refreshments were served to Dr. Jones, Dr. Willis, Mason, Dan Herrington, G. W. Chappell, Tobe Riddell, Bill Ford, Joe Bennett, Jerry Baird, Dwain Henderson, Calvin Shelton, Bill Rumpy, advisor, and Fred Minyard. Refreshments were also served to guests, Ed Lain and three ag boys.
After refreshments were served, the Young Farmers had their business meeting. Tobe Riddell gave the minutes of the last meeting and a financial report. The annual Young Farmer-Young Homemaker Awards Banquet will be February 8. The State Convention will be January 16-18 at Fort Worth. Dan Herrington and Jimmy Myers will be the voting delegates from the Silverton Young Farmer Chapter. Tobe Riddell will be the alternate.
The club voted to buy ned leads for their welder. Calvin Shelton is to check on the trophies for the Awards Banquet. The Young Farmers voted to give each car going to conventions \$25 for car expense.
The next meeting for the Silverton Young Farmers will be February 23.



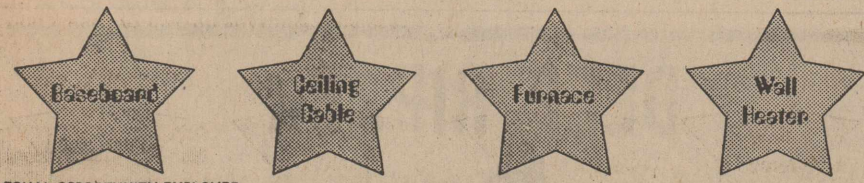
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New Snows!

You can see by the car tracks that people are going places despite the heavy snows. Others, like you and me, perhaps, are going places because of it—because the new-fallen snow is beautiful and we want to enjoy it and look at the pictures it makes on the landscape. Also, that frosty, crackly wind that comes with the first snows blows roses in our cheeks and new energy and expectations into our hearts. We can't wait to get out and do things and be with people.

A New Year is upon us. What wonderful things this year can bring. Does the New Year lying before you, with its promise, fill you with new life and excited expectations like the new snow mentioned above?

May your New Year be a happy and prosperous one, and may you find great peace every day through worship and spiritual blessings each week through attending church.

EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH
THE CHURCH IN EVERYONE

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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