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Survey Shows Cattle Being Fed In Near Peak Numbers

According to Sam Thomas, manager of agriculture development for Southwestern Public Service Company, 4,373,850 fat cattle were produced in the SPS service area for 1977. This production, revealed in a recent survey conducted by SPS, is the third highest in the history of the industry.

The survey which has been conducted since 1963 is quoted throughout the United States as the most authoritative source as to production of fat cattle in the

southern great plains area. "During the 1977 period, the feedlot capacity came to 2,734,740 head and is barely 10,000 head under the peak year of 1974 when 2,742,250 capacity was in use. This dropped to a low of 2.6 million in 1976 and present indications are that the 1978 year will see a new peak in feedlot capacity use," stated Thomas.

The survey also revealed that the 1978 feedyards doing custom feeding was one less than the

David Dea Named To Dean's List

David Dea has been named to the Dean's List, having earned all A's, for the Winter Quarter at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Dea of Silverton.

Asbury College is a Christian liberal arts college located near Lexington in the famous Blue Grass Region of Kentucky.

There were 1275 students from 40 states and 15 foreign countries enrolled at Asbury during the Winter Quarter. Since 1890 the interdenominational school has sent over 8,000 graduates into business, teaching, law, medicine and church vocations.

preceeding year but that this represented the consolidation of reporting yards. The total number of yards surveyed continued to fall with a reduction of six from last year. This too, reflects a consolidation but is the eleventh year it has occurred. There were 274 yards counted in 1967 as compared to 153 in 1978.

"The total impact of the feedyard industry on the business community reached eight billion dollars in 1977," Thomas stated, "and the farm sale value exceeded two billion dollars."

The survey also showed that the packing plant annual slaughter capacity jumped from 4,990,680 to 5.4 million head and the number of plants increased from 17 to 20. Thomas also stated that 589,000 of this capacity is not in use but that this industry has made another estimated eight billion dollar contribution to area business.

"The future of the feedlot industry appears to be the brightest of any period in its history, and this may not be good. Too many people believe this and with great majority acting together adverse reactions can occur. The price being paid for feeder cattle is a case in point," emphasized Thomas.

Eventually the customer must be considered as to what he will do and we could have poor profits along with good prices if the customer refuses to go along with all this enthusiasm, Thomas said.

This survey has made a major contribution to the development and growth of the industry and has been especially valuable in the vertical integration that has occurred in the SPS service area, concluded Thomas.

New Labor Regulation To Affect Ag Youth

Agricultural producers who rely on hand harvesting of short season crops should know about a proposed federal regulation that would allow the hiring of 10- and 11-year old youth for this work, announces Dr. Gary S. Nelson, a safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Presently, as a result of a 1974 amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act, minors under 12 years of age may only be employed for non-hazardous work with written parental consent and only on farms where the employees do not come under federal minimum wage provisions. This means a farm having less than 500 mandays of agricultural labor during any quarter during the preceding calendar year.

The proposed regulation provides for a waiver to permit the employment of 10- and 11-year-old youth in agriculture as hand-harvesters of short season crops on larger farms under certain conditions, points out Nelson. Youth hired under the waiver must be employed during non-school hours and must commute daily from their permanent residences.

Each waiver application must include signed statements by the employer, employees, county Extension agents, officials of the state employment service, and other knowledgeable individuals regarding substantiation of the following provisions of the waiver application:

1. Such agricultural operation "is customarily and generally recognized as being paid on a piece rate basis in the region in which such individuals would be employed."
2. The "industry of such employer has (prior to the 1974 restrictions) traditionally and substantially employed individuals under 12 years of age without displacing substantial job opportunities for individuals over 16 years of age."
3. The crop to be harvested is one with a "particularly short har-

vesting season," normally within a four-week period, in the particular region in which the waiver will be applicable.

4. The 12-year minimum age prescribed since 1974 has and would cause "severe economic disruption in the industry of the employer applying for the waiver."

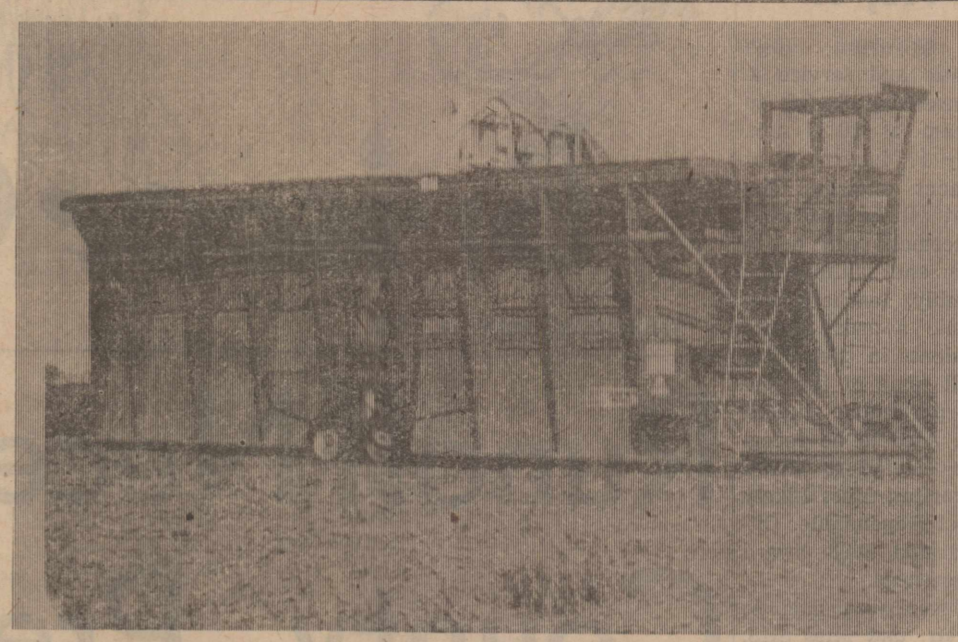
5. Neither the type of "employ-

ment" nor the level and type of pesticides and other chemicals used "would have a harmful effect on the health and well-being of the employed minors."

6. Individuals age 12 and above are not available for such employment.

Nelson cautions that this regulation is only a proposed regula-

tion at this time. Comments, pro or con, regarding the proposal are invited from producers and other interested persons and should be mailed by May 4 to Lucille C. Pinkett, Wage and Hour Division, Room S-3022, New DOL Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D. C. 20210. For further information call 202 523-8412.



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Conditions Not Favorable For Good Mesquite Kill

Present moisture conditions in Briscoe County do not appear favorable for a good kill on mesquite using chemical spray this spring. Due to the long period of dry weather we have had, mesquites are not making rapid growth. When

using 2, 4, 5-T alone or in combination with picloram or dicamba, mesquites should be making vigorous growth. Spraying should be done within a period of 40 to 90 days after first leaves appear in the spring and when the soil temperature is 75 degrees or higher. When these conditions are met, a good kill can be expected. Basal spraying with 2, 4, 5-T or diesel can be done anytime and a good kill can be expected when the ground is dry. The lower .12 inches of trunk should be spray-

ed enough to penetrate the bud zone. All land treated for brush management should be given a 90 day deferment from grazing by domestic livestock immediately following spraying. During this period of deferment, the important forage plants have a chance to re-establish root systems, establish young plants, and regain vigor to compete against undesirable grasses and weeds. If your major consideration in brush management is to increase forage production, take advantage of the added benefits of deferment.

For more information about brush management, contact the Soil Conservation Service in Silverton.

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- SECOND GRADE: Carey Blackerby, Kim Burson, Sylvia Ramirez, Juannah Woods
- THIRD GRADE: Corey Robertson, Suzann Settle, Debra Wadlow
- FOURTH GRADE: Kristy Fogerson, Donna Tomlin, Billy Allen
- FIFTH GRADE: Alesha Patton, Michael Flowers
- SIXTH GRADE: None
- SEVENTH GRADE: Jeni Denton
- EIGHTH GRADE: None

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stephens are parents of a daughter, Christina Darlene, born at 7:24 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia. She weighed eight pounds, fourteen and a half ounces.

The couple are also parents of two sons, Larry, 16, and Stephen, 11, and a daughter, Jeannita, who is nine.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alveh Willingham of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stephens of Silverton.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sarchet at Lake Mackenzie Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Kim Sarchet and Rhiannon of Lubbock; Kerry Sarchet and his fiancée, Miss Donna Hagood, students at Hardin-Simmons University; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Simpson of Tulia.



Hunter Safety Instructor Virgil E. Kidwell of Silverton receives his certificate from Hunter Safety Coordinator Theron D. Carroll for attending a bowhunting workshop in Lubbock. The workshop was sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for West Texas Hunter Safety Instructors. Mr. Kidwell and his wife, Gladys, also attended a workshop in Brownwood April 29-30.



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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ragland, jr. of Lockney took her mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Vaughan and Mrs. Dora Johnston, to the Copper Breaks State Park between Crowell and Quanah over the weekend. They traveled in the Raglands' camper and spent Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb and Jeff of Lockney accompanied them in their camper. Mrs. Ragland had promised her grandmother that she would take her camping before she goes to East Texas to visit in the home of another granddaughter.

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5.00	270.58	841.82	1,474.46	6,200.72
6.25	338.60	1,052.61	1,842.95	7,757.39
7.50	406.34	1,263.59	2,212.40	9,309.27
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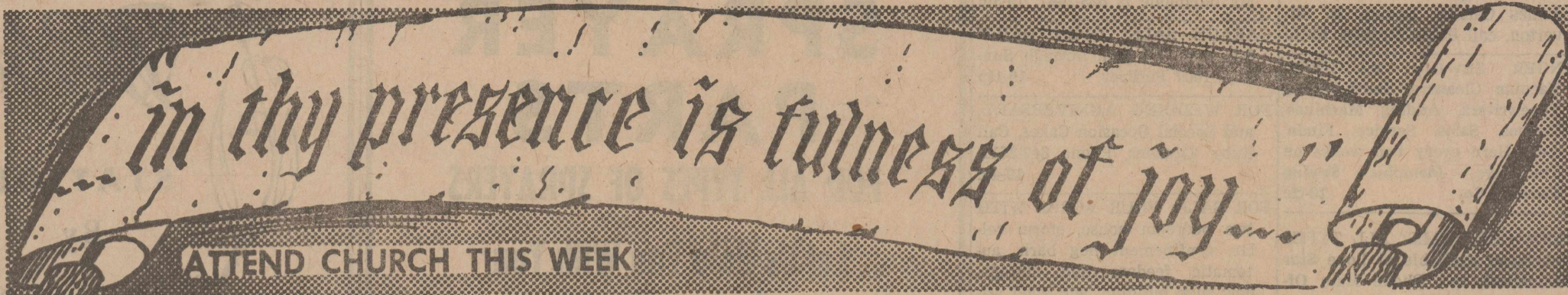
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Sunday

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Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service..... 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.



CHURCH OF CHRIST SILVERTON

Ted Kingery, Minister

Sunday

Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Royce Denton, Pastor

Sunday

Library Opens..... 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Library Opens..... 4:30 p.m.
Youth Choir..... 4:30 p.m.
Training Union..... 5:00 p.m.
Mission Friends, G.A. and R.A..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

Second Monday

Night W. M. S..... 7:00 p.m.

Second and Fourth Tuesday

W. M. S..... 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Junior High Acteens..... 3:35 p.m.
High School Acteens, first and third Wednesday..... 3:35 p.m.
Mid-Week Service..... 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal..... 7:45 p.m.

Second Saturday

Baptist Men..... 7:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Jesse Dea, Pastor

Sunday

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
M. Y. F..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Choir Practice..... 6:00 p.m.



NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION

Sunday

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Training Union..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal..... 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service..... 8:00 p.m.



OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father David Greka

Sunday

Mass..... 10:00 a.m.



ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Earl Cantwell, Minister

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Worship Service..... 7:00 p.m.



Destination Unknown

These super highways, these interlocking cloverleaves of shiny concrete that crisscross our land are an amazing marvel of our nation's engineering. And yet for all the time and inconvenience they save unless we know exactly where we are going they can become a confusing maze... a motorist's nightmare.

We can easily compare our lives to the automobiles that travel these highways. A driver without a known destination in mind, a motorist that does not know where he is going, a man without a map or a guiding plan is soon lost amid the complex interchanges. And so it is with life. Each of us has but one true destination and that is toward God and His promise of Eternal Life. The church, your church, is the guidepost that lights the way; it is the sign on the highway that points the route. Give your life a known destination... Go to the church of your choice this Sunday.



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