

★ BENJAMIN NEWS ★

By Mrs. Gladene Green



A PERFECTLY EXECUTED HANDOFF and the Mogul on the right is headed for the goal! At least he would be if this were a real game. It's good practice, nevertheless, as the Munday Moguls gear up for their first scrimmage Friday night at Hamlin. A highly ranked team in Class AA, the Pied Pipers will be a tough test of the Moguls' strength.

E.B. Hosea Again Named Goree Superintendent

A familiar face returns to the superintendent's office at Goree this year as E.B. Hosea assumes his duties as school administrator. Hosea was superintendent of schools at Goree for many years and is replacing Jerry Hawthorne, who held the job for the past five years and resigned to become superintendent at Claude this year. It was learned this week that Hawthorne had suffered a massive heart attack and was in serious condition in an Amarillo hospital.

Hosea became associated with the Goree school system during the 1960-61 year when he was a classroom teacher. He was named superintendent in 1961 and held that position for the next 20 years, gaining the respect and affection of every student that passed through the

school's doors. He retired as chief administrator in 1981 but remained at the school as a part-time business teacher. After Hawthorne's resignation he was pressed back into service.

Hosea is married to the former Peggy Coffman of Goree and they have one son Brad, who lives in Wichita Falls, and two granddaughters.

Another change at Goree this year is the resumption of six-man football action. Coach Cherry Eldredge is glad to be fielding a team after a year of absence from football because of a lack of eligible players, and Wildcat fans are hoping that this year will be the beginning of building another winning tradition at Goree.

GILLETINE REUNION

On Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17, the children and grandchildren of the late Noah and Cora Gillettine met in Benjamin for a reunion. The get-together was held at the Sorosis Club House and lots of eating, visiting, recalling old times and just general fellowship took place.

Children and their families attending were N.B. Gillettine of Rock Springs, Joe and Inez Gillettine of Fontana, Calif., Wyness Elliott and family of Houston, Ray Beeler and family of Crosbyton, Ruth Wampler and family of Rule and Lois Golden and family of Seymour.

On Sunday, attendance reached 100. All reported a fantastic time.

HERE AND THERE

Benjamin was fairly quiet the past weekend as many residents went to Wichita Falls to attend the Ranch Rodeo. Among those attending from here were the Randell Kimmels, the Fred Carvers, the Kynn Pattersons, the Togo Moorhouses, the Homer Rolstons, Mark, Tammy and Jacy Collins, Mike and Kay Sheedy, Bobby Roberson, Tres Pierce, Jason Redwine, Jim Bob and Jeff Conner, Bill and Dorothy Spikes, the Donnie Ryders, the James Tomlinsons, the David Ox-fords, the Buddy Tolsons, the Tom Moorhouses and Julia Propps. I'm sure there were others from here but these are the ones that were reported to me.

Mary Melton-Scott, P.H.D., M.B.A., visited Jonnie Williams, Mary Bohannon and Brandi Jones recently enroute to Las Cruces, N.M. to assume her duties as administrator of the Valley View Hospital.

Dutch and Imogeon Young visited their Wichita Falls kids during the weekend. Their daughter, Dee Ann, and family, returned home last Monday from a week's vacation to find their home had been burglarized. They lost several appliances, all the meat from their freezer plus numerous smaller items.

Jimmy Melton and family of Abilene and the Jack Youngs of Lubbock visited their parents, Homer T. and Kathleen Melton, last week.

Joy Jones, Bobby Trainham and Peggy Hertel of Munday were in Wichita Falls last Thursday for Bobby to see an eye specialist.

Don and Virginia Griffith were in Lubbock last Thursday for checkups with their doctors. They came home Thursday night and Don was admitted to the Knox City Hospital around midnight Thursday for emergency treatment. He was dismissed on Saturday and left Monday for a checkup with a specialist in Lubbock.

Clodell Duke was dismissed from the Seymour Hospital on Wednesday but is in Wichita Falls today for

further treatment.

H.T. and Kathleen Melton left Sunday for Lubbock for Homer T. to see his doctor. We visited the Meltons one day last week and Homer T. is doing fair but still is not feeling back to his old self.

Gordon, Debbie, Becky and Cody Taylor visited the Van Greens during the weekend.

Randy and Dorothy Hibdon, Christal and A.R. visited his mother at Cooperton, Okla. during the weekend.

Last week's report on Veta Campbell leaving Benjamin left out Nora Duke and Bea Parks as being among those attending her party. They were there and I apologize for missing their names.

W.T. and Jo Etta Cartwright spent several days last week with their son and family, Terry, DeeAnn and Chase Cartwright at Lakewood, Colo.

Ray Fulenwider of Fort Worth was a Benjamin visitor one day last week. Ray is a former pastor of the Benjamin Church of Christ and is now pastor of the Highland Church of Christ in Ft. Worth.

The Don Hertels visited in Lubbock a couple of days last week.

Corrine Parrish of Franklin is spending a few days here with her sister and family, the Bobby Robertsons, and with relatives in Vera and her mother, Lona Feemster, who is a resident of the Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City.

Beverly and Alan Baty of College Station visited her parents, Buddy and Janice Tolson, during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonner Bowden and children, Kirsten and Benjamin, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, helped B.B. and Mildred Bowden celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary last week.



YARD OF THE WEEK honors went to the trio of apartments on South 3rd south of Osbornes occupied by Dorothy Tucker, Fidelia Moylette and Linda Owens. The well-cared for grass is accented by colorful roses, beautiful shrubbery and yard ornaments that make these apartments one of the neatest spots in the immediate area.

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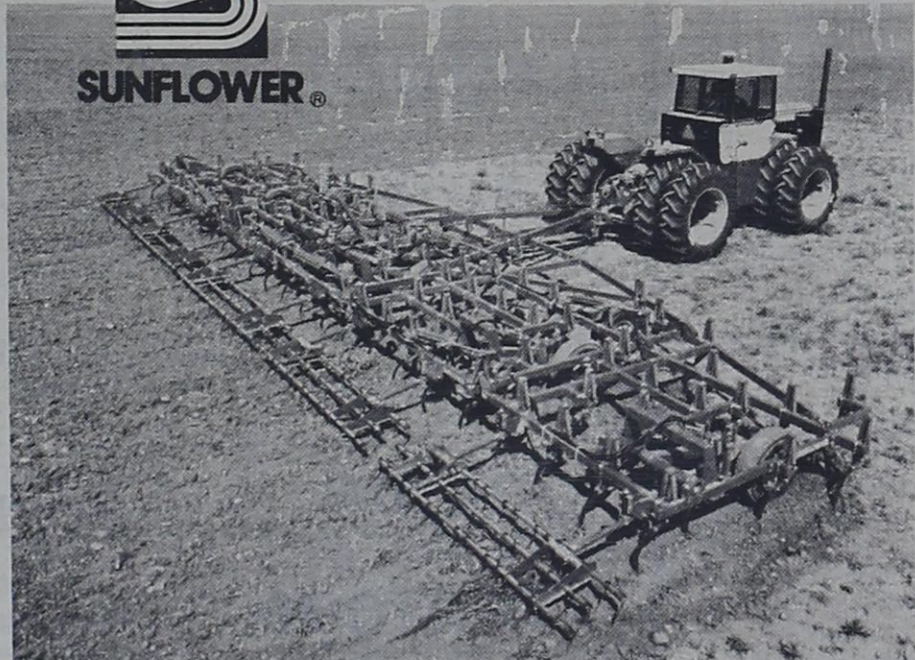
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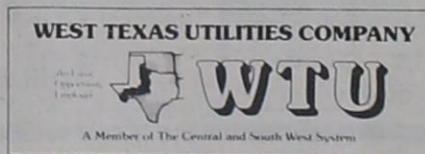
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Income Guidelines Listed For School Meal Benefits

Knox County schools serve nutritious meals every day. Area principals have announced prices for school meals at regular and reduced rates.

Prices for lunches at Munday Elementary School have increased to 85 cents, and lunches at the local high school will be 90 cents. Breakfasts for all students are 45 cents. Reduced price meals will cost 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch.

Goree students may buy breakfast for 25 cents and lunch for 50 cents. Reduced price meals are 15 cents for breakfast and 30 cents for lunch.

Students in kindergarten through sixth grade in the Benjamin school will pay 80 cents for lunch and lunches for seventh through twelfth graders are \$1. Breakfasts for Benjamin students are 50 cents. Those eligible for reduced price meals will pay 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch.

Letters explaining the lunch and breakfast programs in each school will be sent to parents, and applications for those parents wishing to apply for free or reduced-price meals will be included. These applications should be filled out as soon

Family Size	Annual		Monthly		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced-Price	Free	Reduced-Price	Free	Reduced-Price
1	\$ 6,968	\$ 9,916	\$ 581	\$ 827	\$ 134	\$ 191
2	9,412	13,294	785	1,117	181	258
3	11,856	16,872	988	1,406	228	325
4	14,300	20,350	1,192	1,696	275	392
5	16,744	23,828	1,396	1,996	322	459
6	19,188	27,306	1,599	2,276	369	526
7	21,632	30,784	1,803	2,566	416	592
8	24,076	34,262	2,007	2,856	463	659
Each Additional Family Member	\$ 2,444	\$ 3,478	\$ 204	\$ 290	\$ 47	\$ 67

as possible, signed and returned to the school.

All questions on the application form must be answered. Applications will not be processed if they do not include the following information: total household income listed by the amount received by each household member receiving income and the type of income it is (such as wages, child support, etc.) or the family's food stamp number if the household receives food stamps; names of all household members; social security numbers of all household members 21 years old or older or the word "none" for any household member who does not have a

social security number; and the signature of an adult household member.

The information on the application may be checked by the school or other officials at any time during the school year. If a child is approved for meal benefits, household income increases of more than \$50 per month (\$600 per year) or decreases in household size must be reported to the school.

Parents may apply for these meal benefits at any time during the school year. If a family is not eligible now but has a decrease in household income, a family member becomes unemployed or the family size increases, an application can be filled out at that time.

Families with foster children may be eligible for meal benefits. Persons wishing to apply for meal benefits for foster children should contact the school for help in filling out the application.

Children who receive free or reduced-price meals are treated the same as children who pay for meals. No child can be discriminated against in the operation of child feeding programs because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. Anyone who believes they have been discriminated against should immediately write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for eligibility determinations and verification of data. Anyone who does not agree with the school's decision on their applica-

tion or the result of verification may discuss this with the school and has the right to a fair hearing.

Anyone who needs help in filling out the application or has any questions about the meal program should contact the school official in their district. Persons applying for meal benefits will be notified when their application is approved or denied.

School officials to contact regarding the meal program are: in Munday, superintendent Doyle Lowrance at 422-4241; in Goree, principal G.K. Cotton, 422-5218; and at Benjamin, superintendent Ben Grill at 454-2231.

Shown here is an income eligibility guideline for free and reduced price school meals in all Knox County schools.

Thank You

To all her friends in Palestine, Dallas, and Knox County, Texas, the family of Patricia Ann Barber extends the deepest appreciation for the many kindnesses, expressions of Christian love, and prayers, in this time after her death on August 8, age 47, in Dallas. Especially to the First United Methodist Church in Munday, where memorial services were held, and the Gillespie Baptist Church, where Baptist and Methodist members served luncheon and later, refreshments; to the pastors and members of both churches; to all who sent beautiful flowers to remind us of the beauty God has provided; and to those who came from far and near to honor her memory, the families extend gratitude. Rev. 21:5.

Fred Barber and daughters, Venizia and Adana
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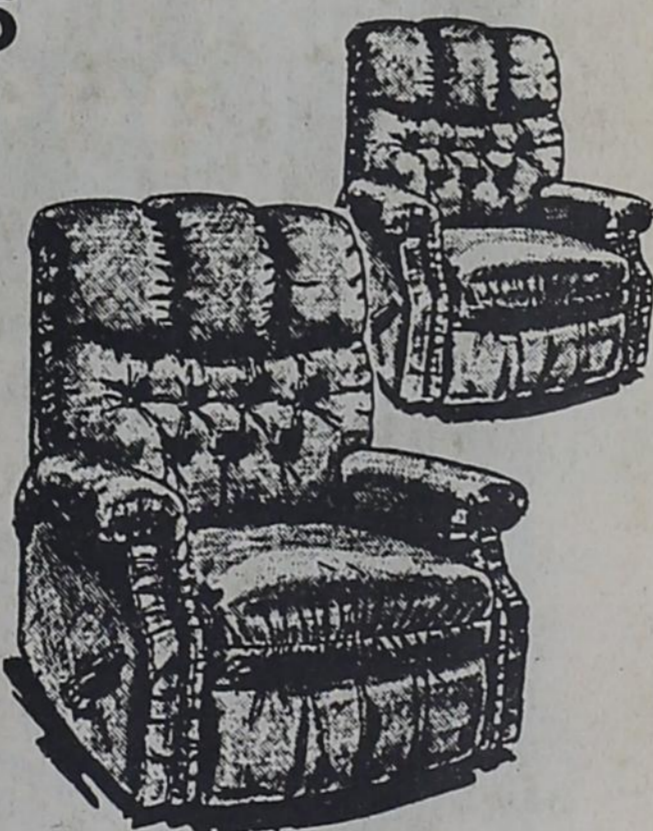
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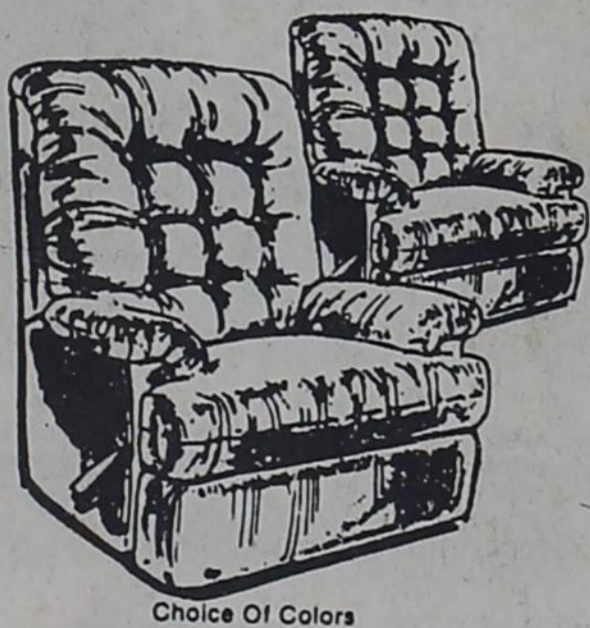


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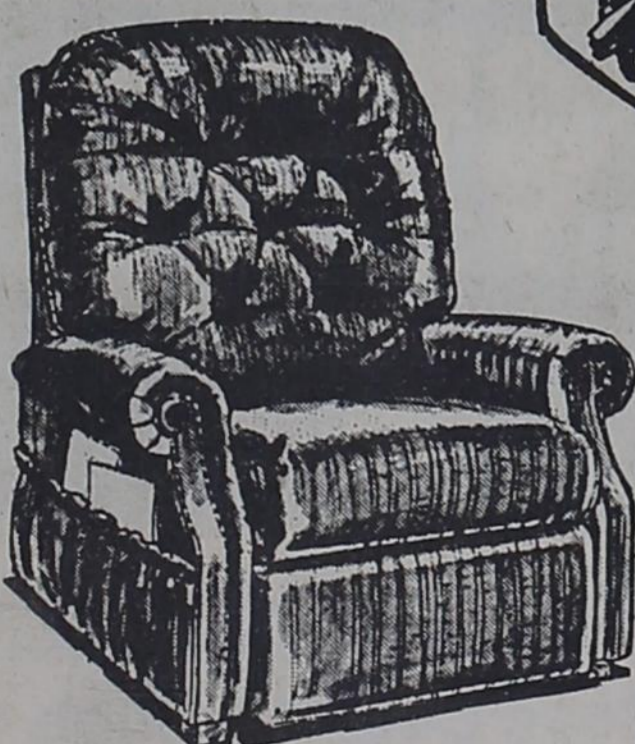
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To a naturalized citizen, being an American means more than just the freedoms and opportunities this country offers. It means loyalty - and a wish to give something back to America. The Choucair family in Munday has been giving back to the community for over 30 years.

This week's business feature spotlight is on Mrs. Selma Choucair, owner of the Fair Store, one of the few department stores left in this part of the country. The store has been under the family's ownership since Joe Choucair bought out his brother, George Salem, who had operated the store here since the 1920's. The Fair Store used to be on the corner where Ben Franklin's is now, and was moved to its present location in 1961.

Generations of Munday residents and those in the surrounding area have bought clothing and household items at the Fair Store, and many oldtimers will remember well the store's early employees. Mrs. Mavis Wren was a salesclerk for nearly 50 years, and other familiar names are those of Abbie Gail Reynolds and the late Nila Booe and Jewel Warren. The store's staff now includes Mrs. Choucair along with Mrs. Howard Voss and Juanita Massey. The Choucair children have literally grown up with the store, and each has put in plenty of hours behind the counter.

Joe Choucair came to Munday from his native Lebanon in 1948 to work at the store. He had worked in Palestine and Sudan as a government official for the YMCA and began learning the dry goods business under his brother's tutelage. After obtaining his citizenship in 1955, he returned to Lebanon and married Selma, bringing her to their

new home in 1956.

How did it feel for a young Lebanese woman to leave her homeland and family to come to a new, frightening country? "It was bad, really," replied the diminutive, soft-spoken Mrs. Choucair. In her private school education in Lebanon, Mrs. Choucair learned to speak French and English, so the language was not completely foreign to her, but certainly the customs were.

"Joe wanted to send me back home for a visit after three years," she remembered, "but I could not leave him." And after the children were born, she said the family could not afford to let everyone visit Lebanon but she wouldn't take one or two children without taking the others. So, in 30 years, Mrs. Choucair has never been back to the country of her birth. But, she pointed out, she has lived in Munday longer than she lived in Lebanon, so this is her home now.

Mrs. Choucair said she is distressed by the situation in her homeland. When she was growing up in a town about 30 miles from Beirut, she said Christians and Moslems got along well with no fighting. Both private and public schools were mixed, and a person of either religion could travel freely anywhere in Beirut, a city that is now divided much like Berlin in Germany. The first suggestions of the civil war that has been raging for ten years were just beginning when she left Lebanon in 1956.

The strife, she said, is caused by conflict between religious and political leaders in the Middle East, and Lebanon just happens to be the country in the middle where the war between citizens of several countries - and rebels who are accepted by no country - is being fought.

She still has a sister in Beirut who works at the American University there. Her sister telephoned Munday not long ago, she said, and can send letters out of the country. But Mrs. Choucair said the letters she writes to Lebanon never reach their destination.

Lebanon, she said, is still her country "emotionally," but she feels an obligation to the United States. "Loyalty to this country is a small price to pay for the freedom and opportunity we have here." She became an American citizen in the



A FAMILY SALE: Salwa Choucair, center, rings up a sale for Kathy Bowen as her mother, Selma Choucair, looks on inside their family business, the Fair Store. One of the few department stores left in the area, the

Fair Store has been owned by the Choucairs since the 1950's. Joe and Selma Choucair immigrated to Munday from their native Lebanon and raised four children here, never returning to their homeland.

early 1970's.

When her husband died in 1980, Mrs. Choucair, who had until then been a housewife content to stay home and take care of their four children, was plunged into another new world - that of running the Fair Store. Omar, the family's younger son, had just graduated from high school and changed his college plans to stay home and teach his mother as much as he could about the store's operation. "Omar hadn't worked in the store any more than the rest of us," commented younger daughter Salwa, "but he probably enjoyed it more and had been to market with Daddy. So he just took over."

Mrs. Choucair did not want her son to miss out on his college chances, though, and she was eager to learn how to run the store. "He taught me everything I learned - what to order and how to do the books." She also had to learn to deal with the public, but said that people in Munday were so kind and receptive, she soon felt comfortable in the store. Her children still help out when they are home from college.

The slump in the oil economy has been greatly felt at the store, she said. Many oilfield workers bought clothes there, and they no longer have jobs or have moved to find work. Sales are still high in special seasons, such as Christmas and

graduation, but business slows down dramatically the rest of the year. "But we have some very faithful customers who still buy whenever they can," Salwa said.

Salwa, who is bound for her freshman year at Baylor University, next week, is very interested in her parents' heritage. The children are all familiar with the Lebanese language from hearing their parents speak it at home when they were younger, and Salwa has improved

upon her knowledge of Lebanon by studying the country's history and current volatile situation for use in persuasive speaking competition.

"I feel we had an advantage," she said, referring to learning two different cultures during her youth. "We feel our heritage strongly."

Would she like to go to Lebanon someday? "I am going!" she said emphatically.

And although her mother would like to see her children learn even

more about Lebanon, she doesn't regret coming to the United States. She can't picture what her life would have been like had she stayed in her country - for example, the town in which she lived has been mostly burned and few people remain there. However, she feels people can be successful anywhere, if they are willing to work for what they want.

Of her four children, one is a doctor, one an accountant, one an educator and one is planning a career in communications. Is it ironic that none of them want to run the store?

"Don't count that out," Salwa cautioned. "None of us has studied retail marketing in school because we feel we've had an education in the store - a practical education. Omar's training in accounting would fit in well with running a store, and Mona and I have always said we were going to have our own dress shop someday."

Thus a family which has long appreciated the opportunity to excel that many Americans take for granted just keeps on giving of itself, paying back with interest the welcome that the Munday of the 1950s gave to an immigrant who chose to make this his home. For the citizens of Munday, it has been more than a "fair" exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Offutt, Aaron and Jacob, of Arlington spent part of their vacation visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Offutt and the Dan Offutt family last week.

The average American vehicle travels about 10,000 miles a year.

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★ FARM AND RANCH REPORT ★

David Tunmire, County Agent

PROVISIONS COULD AFFECT FARMERS

Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Farm Bill) could affect a farmer's participation in any USDA programs. These provisions are referred to as "sodbuster", "swampbuster" and "conservation compliance."

The sodbuster and conservation compliance provisions will have the greatest impact in Knox County. In the sodbuster provision it requires farmers to certify that they have not converted "highly erodible lands" to cropland since December 23, 1985, or if they have, crop production must be in compliance with an approved conservation plan.

Conservation compliance requires farmers participating in USDA programs and who are farming "highly erodible land" to implement conservation plans developed by SCS and approved by the Soil and Water Conservation District Boards. The SCS will define soils classified as "highly erodible."

According to Jerry Pearce, district conservationist, the final regulations are not expected until after August 26. When the final regulations are issued all farmers should visit the SCS or ASCS office to find out if they are affected by these provisions.

TSTI TO OFFER FEEDMILL AND ELEVATOR TECHNOLOGY COURSE

In an effort to provide competent, trained professionals to the cattle feeding and grain elevator industries, Texas State Technical Institute (TSTI) will offer a feedmill and elevator technology course.

The course, set to begin September 8, was developed by TSTI at the urging of the cattle feeding and grain industries because of difficulty in finding trained people to operate feedyard feedmills and grain elevators, according to Charlie Ball, executive vice president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

The course will train students in the operation of feedmill and grain handling equipment, dust control techniques and hazards, electrical/electronic weighing controls, hydraulic and pneumatic systems and advance trouble-shooting, according to Jim Lutes, course in-

structor and program coordinator at TSTI. Coursework will include training in equipment maintenance, electrical systems, welding and mechanics as well as industrial management and computer operation, Lutes says.

Two training options will be offered, he says. One is a certificate program lasting four quarters or 12 months. The other options, which will allow students to obtain an Associate of Applied Science degree, will last six quarters or 18 months.

Students enrolling in the feedmill and elevator technology course at Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo this fall now can apply for 10 competitive scholarships paying up to \$1,500.

The scholarships, funded with \$10,000 in "seed money" provided by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, will be available to students who select the 18-month (six quarters) feedmill option. Scholarship money will be applied toward tuition and fees, plus any books and supplies a student must buy.

More information on the feedmill and elevator technology course can be obtained from Lutes at Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo, telephone (806) 335-2316.

Why Eat A Variety Of Foods?

"Eat a variety of foods" is probably the most common nutrition advice given by physicians and nutritionists. It's also first in the list of Dietary Guidelines for Americans, released this year by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services. So why is dietary variety so important? According to Dr. Alice Hunt, a nutritionist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service, the answer is relatively simple. "People need over 40 different nutrients to stay healthy. These include vitamins and minerals, protein, fat, carbohydrates and water, which are found in foods," she says. "Since no one food supplies all the essential nutrients in the amounts a person needs, it's important to eat several types of foods each day," Hunt emphasizes.

Managed Grazing Boosts Production

The ideal way to harvest forage is by grazing rather than incurring the additional cost of putting up hay. However, the timing of harvesting hay usually insures the maximum of forage quality and production. The various grazing systems available to ranchers try to blend the economics of grazing with the production and quality of haying.

Of the several grazing systems available, there are simple systems such as the two pasture switchback or very complex systems like the cell grazing system. The system chosen must be integrated into the overall ranching operation, and it must be flexible so adjustments can be made for rainfall and livestock needs. With the variety of systems available, almost every rancher can find an adaptable system.

The cost for installation of the system will vary with the complexity of the system. More complex systems usually cost more; however, cost will vary from ranch to ranch. It all depends on fences, availability of water and the number of pastures already existing on the ranch. Another cost associated with complex grazing systems is an initial increase in labor costs. It takes time and labor to get a system workable. Labor costs will fall after the system is worked out and the cattle get used to it.

Research has shown that grazing systems increase the amount of beef that can be produced per acre. They also improve range condition by allowing periodic deferments for pastures. Any rancher interested in grazing systems can contact the Soil Conservation Service in Knox City for more information.

Community Calendar

August 21 - Chamber of Commerce.

August 22 - Teachers in-service begins, Monday at Hamlin scrimmage.

August 25 - Cotton tour; Bloodmobile; Fire Department.

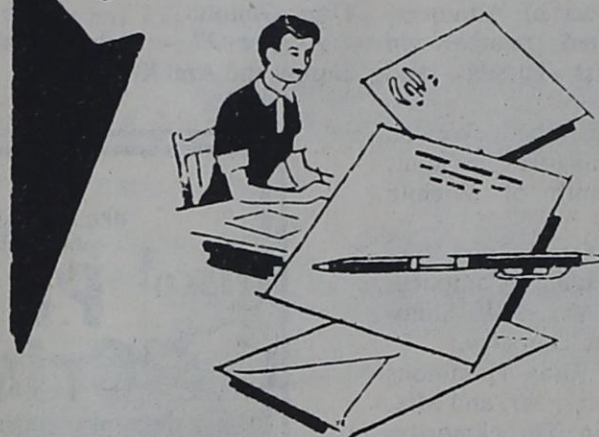
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