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Cash Reward on Caprock Burglary

The Post Crime Line is offering \$300 cash reward for information leading to the arrest of any person or persons connected with the burglary of the Caprock Veterinary Clinic.

The burglary took place between the hours of 7:30 p. m., Saturday, Jan. 9, 1983 and 8 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 1983.

The loss included an undetermined amount of jewelry and cash.

If you have information concerning this robbery simply call Crime Line and if the

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Garza County News Briefs

Easter Cantata Tonight

"He Lives," a special Easter cantata, will be presented tonight by the First Presbyterian Church choir, beginning at 7:30 at the church on 10th and Ave. S.

The choir, under the direction of C. David Morrow, has been rehearsing for the Easter music service for the past two months.

The Easter cantata is open to the public.

Historical Comm. Meets

The Garza County Historical Survey Commission will meet in the bank community room Monday, April 4 at 10 a. m.

All members are urged to attend.

Friday School Holiday

This Friday will be a school holiday . . . after all.

April 1 had been set as a holiday earlier, and then due to bad weather closing, the day was reset as a school day . . . but Tuesday school administrators were notified by the Texas Education Agency that Friday, April 1 could be a holiday as planned.

In other words, there'll be no school Friday.

AA, Alanon Supper

A pot luck supper will be held Thursday, March 31 at 7 p. m. in the Presbyterian Church Annex by AA and Alanon.

The supper will begin at 7 p. m.

Guest speaker for the supper will be Bonny T. of Odessa.

The annex is located on the corner of 10th Street and Ave. S.

Baptist Youth Car Wash

The First Baptist Church Youth Choir is sponsoring a car wash this Saturday, April 2 between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. at the church.

Proceeds will go towards a mission trip for the youth group.

Bring your cars in for a wash.

Spring Art Show

The annual Spring Art Show, sponsored by the local art guild has been scheduled for April 26 through May 1 at the Post Community Center, 129 West Main.

An entry fee of \$4 has been set per painting, sculpture or photograph.

Purchase awards from Post business community and private patrons will be in excess of \$2,000.

Other awards include the Citizens Award, Juror's Art Choice, Juror's Photography Choice and People's Choice.

More information may be obtained by contacting Nancy Childers, 495-2472; JoAnn Mock 996-5415 or Sheri Riedel 495-3493.

Volleyball Tourney

There will be a city wide volley ball tournament, planned for April 7, 8 and 9, with all the proceeds going to the Garza County Junior Livestock Association Building Fund.

The tournament will be for both men's and women's teams, with a 6 player per team limit, and entry fee for each team \$25.

Deadline for entering will be April 1. You may enter, or get more information from Karen Conner at B Bar T Farm Supply or Jackie Lester at the First National Bank.

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only \$24 per year.

"Many of our community-minded citizens choose this way of showing their support for the Chamber of Commerce efforts to improve our city," membership drive chairman Don Glidewell comments.

Individuals or businesses who are interested in joining the Chamber of Commerce should call 495-3461.

"The Chamber of Commerce is the one organization which can best deliver the message to ourselves and the world that we believe in Post," Chamber of Commerce Jack King adds.

18 More Sign up as New Members

By Wes Burnett

Two new names have joined the growing list of members to the Post Chamber of Commerce as the board of directors continue the membership drive.

Added to the Chamber of Commerce are Harmon's Hamburger Hut and the Jr. Livestock Association.

They bring the total of new memberships in the past week to 18, with directors scheduled to continue personal visits with prospective members again this week.

Signing up last week were:

Southwest Automatic Machine, M and M's Place, J. T. Feed and Supply, Caprock Texaco, Murphy Plumbing,

Piggly Wiggly, James Menton Landscaping of Lubbock, Dixie Electric, KPOS Radio, B & B Liquor Store,

Dodson Jewelry, Twin Cedars Nursing Home and Caylor's Service Station, Guy's TV and Appliances, Caprock Veterinary Clinic,

Holly's Drive Inn and Arroyo Country Motors, Inc.

Individual memberships for non-commercial, non-businesses are also available, for

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Serving the People of Garza County

Wednesday, March 30, 1983



These six Post High School music students participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest held in Lubbock last Saturday. The students qualified for state competition in

Austin in May. Shown l to r, Frances Cendalski, Barbara Sturdivant, Todd Wilson, Mark Stark, Renea Melton and Dawn Pierce.

Six to State Contest

Six high school music students received a I (first division) in the recently held solo contest at Coronado High School in Lubbock.

Frances Cendalski, soprano; Barbara Sturdivant, soprano; Renea Melton, alto; Dawn Pierce, alto; Mark Stark, baritone and Todd Wilson, baritone, all earned the I rating which entitles them to compete at State Solo Contest May 28 and 30 in Austin.

The fourth grade honor choir sang Monday night, March 28 at the Ministerial Alliance Easter Service.

They sang "Today When They Told Me" by Ruth Artman.

The fourth grade honor choir is comprised of the 33 outstanding singers of the fourth grade class and selection is made by audition.

The music department has been busy with other activities including the high school choir attending concert and sightreading contest at Texas Tech University on March 8.

The choir received a II (excellent) III (good) and III (good) for an overall rating of good in concert and a rating of good in sightreading.

These ratings are better than last years where they received a rating of III, III, III, III. Mrs. Ladd is director of the high school choir.

In February, the sixth grade choir and the seventh and eighth grade choir attended a contest at Levelland Middle School.

The sixth grade choir received a II, II, II for an overall rating of II (excellent) and the seventh and eighth graders receiving a I, II, II for an overall rating of II (excellent).

Upcoming events include the Greater Southwest Music Festival at Amarillo in May which the high school and seventh and eighth grade choirs will attend and spring concerts given by all groups in the music department.

Conference Scheduled Apr. 4

A Weed Conference will be held at the Hale County Agricultural Center April 4 between the hours of 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

Farmers and ranchers are invited to attend the conference to learn new approaches on how to handle perennial weeds on corn, wheat, cotton, grain sorghum, soybeans and onions.

This will be an excellent opportunity to see and learn about new spray equipment, such as the new Micro-Max and Electro-Dyne.

Key speakers for the conference will include Dr. John Abernathy, Dr. James Supak, and Dr. Paul Unger.

Fifteen chemical equipment companies are going to be represented and will exhibit their products. Door prizes will be given away to farmers.

Cotton Producer Election

Garza County cotton producers and agribusinessmen will elect a Producer Director to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. at a 7 p.m. meeting on Thursday, March 31, in the Community Room of the First National Bank, in Post.

Announcement of the election comes from Wayne Carpenter of Post, current Garza County Producer Director to the 25-county cotton organization, and Ronnie Hardin, also of Post, Businessman Director.

Each of the counties in PCG territory has two directors, one a businessman and the

other a cotton producer. They are elected on alternate years for two-year terms. Each is eligible for re-election every second year.

All producers and businessmen are invited to the meeting. However, under PCG By-Laws, only current dues-paying members of PCG will be eligible to be elected as a director or to vote in the election. This provision of the by-laws will be fully explained at the meeting.

APCG staff member will conduct the election, review and answer questions about recent and planned PCG activities.

City, School, Hospital Elections Set Sat.

City, school and hospital district elections are set for this Saturday, with all voting at the Community Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters are reminded to bring voter registration cards to facilitate voting. Those who have lost or misplaced the cards will be able to vote, but will have to be verified from the voter list at the polling place.

The Post Independent School District board of trustees will have the only contested positions.

John Boren and Ronald Thuett are candidates to fill the unexpired term of board president Jack Lott, who has resigned.

Place Four school board candidates are incumbent Edwin Lewis, Jay Pollard and Tom Middleton.

Contesting for Place Five are incumbent Prudencio Basquez and Lee Norman.

Mayor Giles McCrary and council members Bill Pool and Maxine Earl are unopposed in the city election.

Hospital district directors to be elected are Jack Alexander, David Nichols and Danny Shaw, also unopposed.

The Post Dispatch will be staffed Saturday evening from 8-9 p.m. to provide election results.

The conference is being sponsored by the Hale County Soil and Water Conservation District.

For more information contact Thomas D. Binford, District Conservationist, SCS, at 495-2056.



Inside: Farm & Ranch Journal

Gary Workman, left, and Sam Whitley, right, tag the ear of a calf during a branding session on the U Lazy S Ranch.

Twin Cedars News

By Tina Rodriguez service Sunday was To start our news from the First Christian Church and they

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brought some little girls that brought us some Palms. They also did some wonderful singing and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

We would like to thank Judy and A. J. McAlister for the flowers they sent in memories of his mother, Mrs. McAlister.

We thank Lola Ledbetter for the lemon and banana cakes she made for us, it was very thoughtful of her.

We would also like to thank Maude Deffs for the fruit cocktail cake she made for us, it was very good.

Our activities have been ball, dominos, bingo, dancing, exercises, and films.

Our domino winners were Billie Caylor and Evelyn Roach. Our bingo winner was Lucy Clary.

We are so proud to see Lucy Clary standing so straight and

just dancing away with Tricia our D. O. N.

We are always glad to play ball. Mr. Pittman always has a good time. He enjoys playing ball and everyone is still just doing great in exercise class.

Our visitors this week included Jet Puckett, Scott Metzger, Terri Hesser, Treva Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ledbetter, Terrell and Addie Brown, Mrs. Goodwin, Darrel Roberts, Jewel White, Thelma Thomas, Nick Flores, Charlie Cooper, Shirley Foster, Billie Idell, Steve, Kellye, Quinton and Luke Cooper all of Post and Lois and C. W. Ramsey of Lubbock.

We would also like to thank all our other visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Caylor stated that they are proud of all their employees.

Music of Easter

Pastor Steve Traw
First Christian Church

Music of the Easter season is most appropriate and moving. Palm Sunday and Easter morning specials are superb. The Ministerial Alliance community sing was

a fine tribute to the holiness of this season as are the programs in music of our various churches. Indeed we have honored a risen Savior "with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" as we "let the word of Christ richly dwell within."

One hymn which has long been a favorite of this and all seasons is "The Old Rugged Cross" as composed by an evangelist minister in 1913. It remains a favorite in many circles of the church seventy years later.

Reflecting the words of scripture, "many it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ," Rev. George Bennard wrote the words of the immediately loved hymn. He was later to recall, "I was praying for a full understanding of the cross, and its plan in Christianity. I read and studied. I saw Christ and the Cross inseparably. The Christ of the cross became more than a symbol. The scene pictured a method, outlined a process and revealed the consummation of spiritual experience. It was like seeing John 3:16 leave the printed page, take form and act out the meaning of redemption. While watching this scene with the mind's eye, the theme of the song came to me, and with it, the melody."

The church has been given a hymn often considered much older than its 1913 composition date will allow due to its popularity.

Yet the most significant fact remains that Bennard was exalting the Christ whom he knew and served. The words of the hymn tell the message in song about the cross upon which the Lord suffered, bled and died.

May our testimony this Easter season echo the thought, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,

Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross and exchange it some day for a crown.

This Sunday as always, let us proclaim that, He rose again!

20th Amendment Congress proposed the adoption of the 20th Amendment on March 3, 1932, which eliminated "lame-duck" congressional sessions.

Woman's Culture Club

The Woman's Culture Club met March 23 in the home of Mrs. Lee Davis Sr., with Nita Burress as co-hostess.

Mrs. Linda Malouf, president, opened the meeting with a prayer and then presided over a short business meeting.

She reminded members of the district convention which was held in Lubbock March 25-26.

Doll Haire led the members in the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Maxine Earl, program leader for the

day, presented Mrs. E. K. Pierce, who showed a film on a "Travelogue of Texas", narrated by John Connelly.

Touching on the historical landmarks, beauty and heritage of our country, that we all must try to preserve.

Maxine concluded the program with some pointers on "Texas 2000". The majority of Texans will be Spanish speaking people and everything will be computerized. She suggested that we as Texans wake up and get prepared for a

big change in our way of living in the year 2000.

Those enjoying the social hour were Mmes. Buena Bouchier, Katherine Cathcart, Sue Chun, Davis, Ruth Duckworth, Earl, Haire, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Malouf, Lillian Potts, Pearl Storie, Lois Williams, Doris Wilson and guests Mrs. E. K. Pierce and Pauline Warren.

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Senior Citizens

A group of concerned citizens met in the Senior Citizens Center March 24 to make further plans for the Close City (Ragtown) Reunion to be held in the Post Community Center on August 27.

Additional committees were named and the evening was spent naming special dates and events that had happened throughout

the years. Information will be compiled at a later date concerning the history of the community.

A historical marker is erected on the school grounds.

The next meeting to finalize plans for the reunion will be held Thursday, August 4, at 7 p. m..

Twenty-six persons attended the planning session.

Gamma Mu News

Gamma Mu sorority met Tuesday, March 23 in the bank community room.

Program for the meeting was Christy Waters from Southwestern Public Service presented the

group with a microwave demonstration. Following the demonstration, the group tasted what had been made.

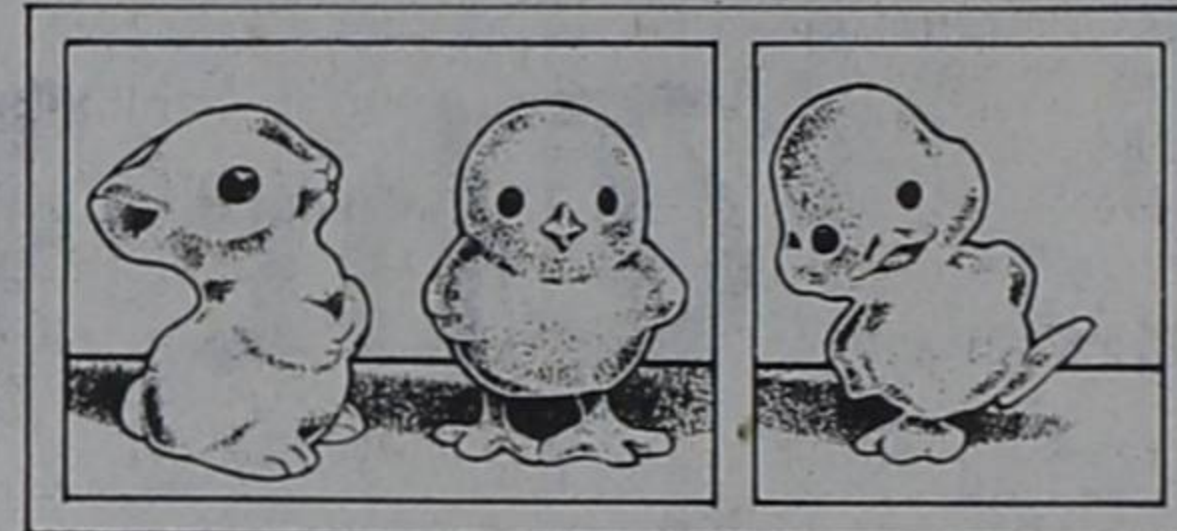
Eight members and seven guests were in attendance.

Births.....

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Short of Lubbock announce the birth of a son, Michael Casey, born March 11 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Grandpar-

ents are Mrs. Mary Florence Cross of Lubbock and Mrs. John McCrary of Post. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Lala Pennington of Post.

Easter Favorites!



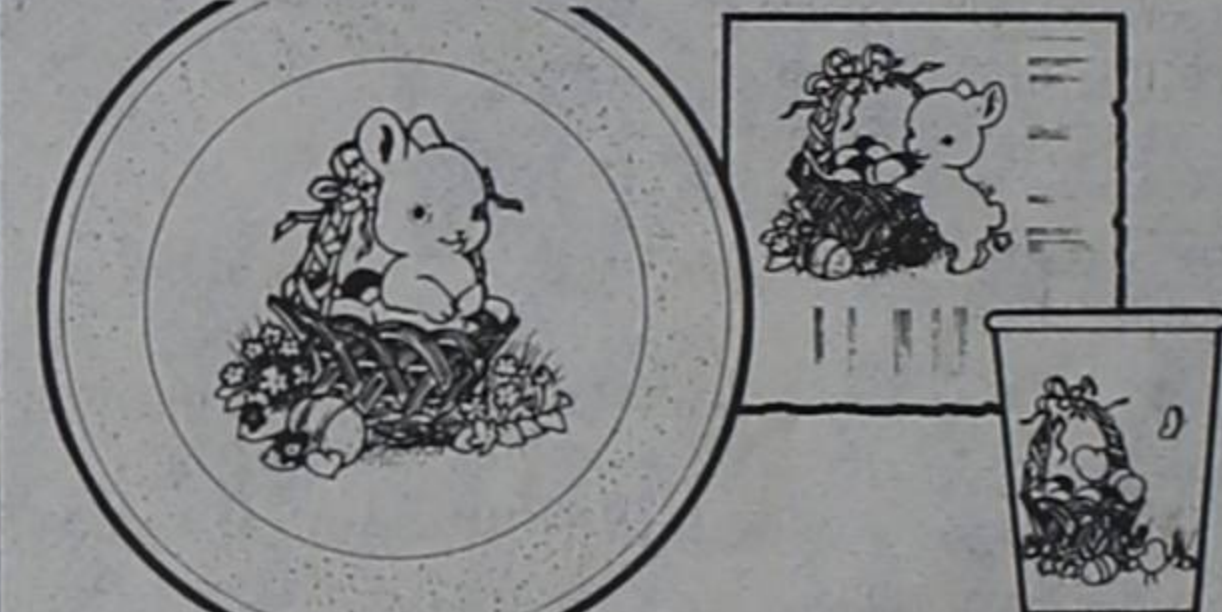
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Assembly of God News

By Candy Brown
Next Saturday, April 2 from 10 to 12 noon all those children who have attended Sunday School and church will be going skating at Skate City in Slaton. Be at the church by 9 a. m. and admission is \$2 each and bring a sack lunch.
Next Sunday is Easter Sunday and we will be having dedication service. If you have any children you want dedicated please contact Pastor Brown.
We will also be

having an Easter Egg Hunt after Childrens Church. Each child needs to bring five eggs. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated egg and other prizes will be given.
Sunday night after church will be our monthly get-together to honor all March birthdays and anniversaries and our member-of-the-month.
Ann Troxell is our new Middlers teacher. The kids love her method of teaching.
We're glad to have Eva Gonzales home from the hospital

We're glad to have the Farris family back in Post. Ricky and Brenda and boys moved back recently from Hillsboro, Tex.
Charlie Seals is still in Highland Hospital in Lubbock and is in stable condition. Continue to pray for him and his family.
We celebrate Christ's victory over death this Sunday. He loved you enough to die for your sins, love Him enough to celebrate His Resurrection by attending church somewhere this Sunday.

Pleasant Home News

By Annie Gilbert
Pleasant Home Services were great.
Youth department, Sister Carolyn Whitehead taught the Sunday School and the lesson for the day was "Good News for Outsiders", Acts 8: 25-38.
During the 11 a. m. service our pastor was at his Post of Duty and delivered a wonderful message on "Can't Nobody Do Me Like the Lord," from the Book of Acts,

Chapter 2 Verses 1 to 4 and verses 14 and 15.
The Junior Choir really sang great.
Rev. James read I Corinthians, Chapter 13, verses 1 through 12 and the altar call was highly praised by Rev. Kelly.
Sister Fisher Wynn read Matthew, Chapter 27, verses one to 11 then the Senior Choir really sang praises.
For spiritual help call Rev. Kelly 495-3192.

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59th Anniversary


By Annie Gilbert
The Pleasant Home Baptist Church will celebrate its 59th anniversary April 5 through the 10th with Superintendent Hastings conducting the motto: "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good for His Mercy Endureth Forever." — Psalms 107 - 1.
We are asking for

our many friends to come.
A musical night will be held Saturday, April 9 beginning at 8 p. m. and will include the Spiritual Soul Seekers and Spiritual Wonders of Lubbock.
Rev. Arthur Kelly is pastor of Pleasant Home and Rev. John James Jr., is the associate pastor.

Birth...

April Lynn Braddock announces the birth of her baby brother, Shiloh Creed, born March 26 in the Lynn County Hospital at Tahoka and weighing 8 lbs., 3/4 ozs. and was 20 1/2" long. Parents of the children are Mr. and Mrs.

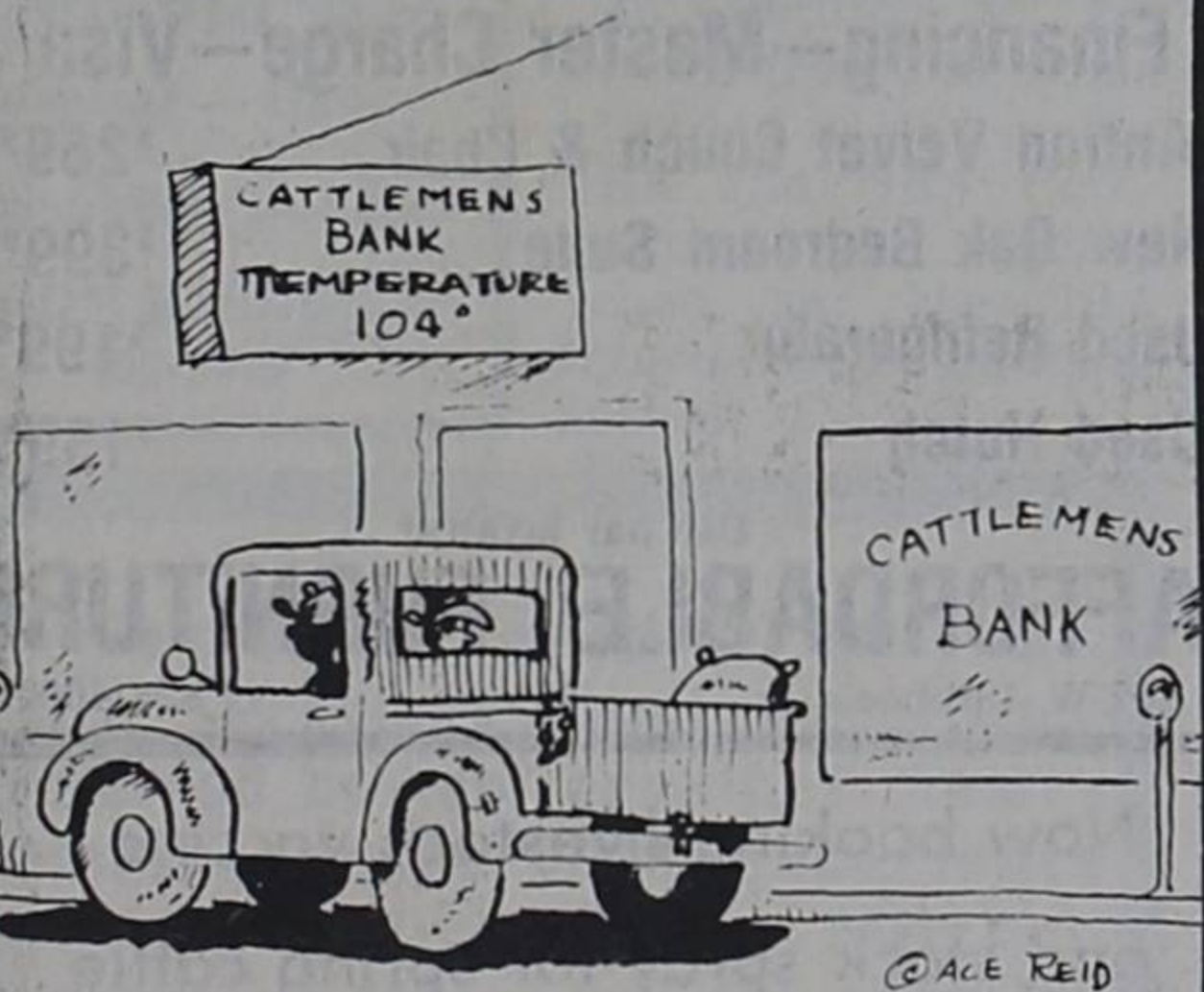
Mike Braddock of Tahoka. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Braddock and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pierce all of Tahoka.
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A-1 Public Notices
The Commissioner's Court of Garza County will receive bids until 10 a. m. April 25, 1983 for the Audit of Garza County for the fiscal year 1983. The Commissioners' Court of Garza County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

A-3 Card of Thanks
Thank you to the Post Ministerial Alliance for the presentation of annual Easter Services. To all the churches and Mrs. Diana Ladd. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brannon

I would like to say thanks to Jimmy Holleman for all his help when I had my accident, to Jim Jackson and the girls taking me to the Lubbock hospital and to the ones that sent the lovely flowers, cards and visits and calls and the food that was brought to my home. May God give each a special blessing.
Annie Odom

A-9 Personals
AA and Alanon meetings, Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 10th and Avenue S.

Get your Easter Baked Goods Graham 4-H Club Easter Bake Sale Saturday, April 2 9 a. m. til ? Piggly Wiggly

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Antelope Relays Open Here Saturday

The Post Antelope Relays are scheduled for Saturday, April 2 with three divisions entered in the annual event.

In the A-AA boys division, teams are entered from Lorenzo, Ralls, New Deal, Petersburg, Shal-

water, Crosbyton and Amherst.

In the AAA division teams include Idalou, Frenship, Roosevelt, Slaton, Abernathy, Lockney, Cooper, Post and Floydada.

The girls division includes teams from Lorenzo, Ralls, New Deal, Petersburg,

Roosevelt, Idalou, Shallowater, Cooper, Slaton, Post, Lockney, Crosbyton, Abernathy and Olton.

Field events are scheduled to begin at 9 a. m. with the girls discus followed by the boys AA shot put, boys AA long jump, boys AAA high jump,

girls triple jump and boys AA pole vault.

The AA boys discus will begin at 10:30 a. m. followed by the boys AAA shot put, girls long jump and boys AA high jump.

At 12:30 p. m. the boys AAA discus will begin followed by the girls shot put, boys

AAA long jump, girls high jump and boys AAA pole vault.

Running events will begin at 9:30 and continue until the lunch break at 12:10. Finals are schedul-

ed to begin at 2:15 with the 400 meter relay girls and boys to open the finals.

Presentation of awards will be held at approximately 5:10 p. m.

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Boys Take 5th at Angelo

The Post Antelope Track Team finished fifth out of 22 teams at the San Angelo Relays held last weekend.

Post finished with 36 points behind Ozona with 72, Frenship

and Dalhart each had 67 and Coleman had 58.

The 400 meter relay team of Will Kirkpatrick, Irvin Price, Tim Tannehill and Milton Williams finished second with a time of 44.78.

Bill Black placed fifth in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.78.

Will Kirkpatrick, in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles finished fifth with a time of 40.56.

A jump of 21' 7 1/2" had Tim Tannhill finishing second in the long jump; and Toby Craft got third in the discus with a throw of 151' 3" and L. D. Harper finished sixth with a throw of 138' 1".

School Menus

Monday April 4
Breakfast Assorted cereal, apple and half pint milk.
Lunch Stew, cheese sandwich, fried okra, sugar cookies, apple-sauce, half pint milk.

Oatmeal, bacon, biscuits, pineapple juice, half pint milk.
Lunch Meat loaf, pinto beans, cabbage slaw, apple cobbler, cornbread, half pint milk.

Lunch
Fried chicken, gravy, green beans, whipped potatoes, jello with topping, hot rolls, half pint milk.

cob, Spanish rice, lettuce salad, no bake chocolate cookies, half pint milk.

Tuesday April 5
Breakfast

Wednesday April 6
Breakfast Assorted cereal, mixed fruit, half pint milk.

Thursday April 7
Breakfast Hot cakes, syrup, sausage, orange juice, half pint milk.
Lunch Enchiladas, corn on

Friday April 8
Breakfast Assorted cereal, banana, half pint milk.
Lunch Hot dogs with chili, French fries, mixed greens, mixed fruit, homemade buns, half pint milk.

Graham 4-H Club News

Seventeen members were present for the Thursday night meeting of the Graham 4-H Club at the Graham Community

Center. President Clay Cowdrey conducted the business meeting with Keitha White leading the 4-H

pledge and motto. A new member, Robert Wood, was welcomed.

The members voted to have a bake sale on Saturday, April 2 at Piggly Wiggly's to make money for the local club events and activities. Each family is asked to bring a cake or two pies or \$6 worth of cookies or brownies. A work shift will be assigned.

Those interested in being on the rifle teams and the judging teams were asked to sign up. If you were unable to attend, and are inter-

ested in signing up for one of the teams, please call the extension office, 495-2050.

The program was presented by Dr. Charles McCook, Don Payne and Johnny Kemp on backpacking and their recent elk hunting trip to Montana. They showed slides and gave do's and don'ts for backpacking. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Hosts for the evening were Bart Mason, Donnie and Tyge Payne and Ben and Joel Kirkpatrick.

Gatlin Promoted to VP at Bank

Felton Gatlin, PHS graduate and former Post resident has received a promotion to senior vice president of the First National Bank of Coweta, Oklahoma.

Felton is the son of Bess and the late Colley Gatlin of Post. Gatlin has been with the bank since Feb. 1, 1979 coming from the CIT Finance

Corporation where he was the branch manager over commercial and real estate lending for eight years.

He is a 1972 graduate of Texas Tech University where he received his BS in accounting.

He and his wife, Barbara have three children, Tammy, Tracy and Todd. He is a member of the Clearview Baptist Church and the Coweta Lions Club.

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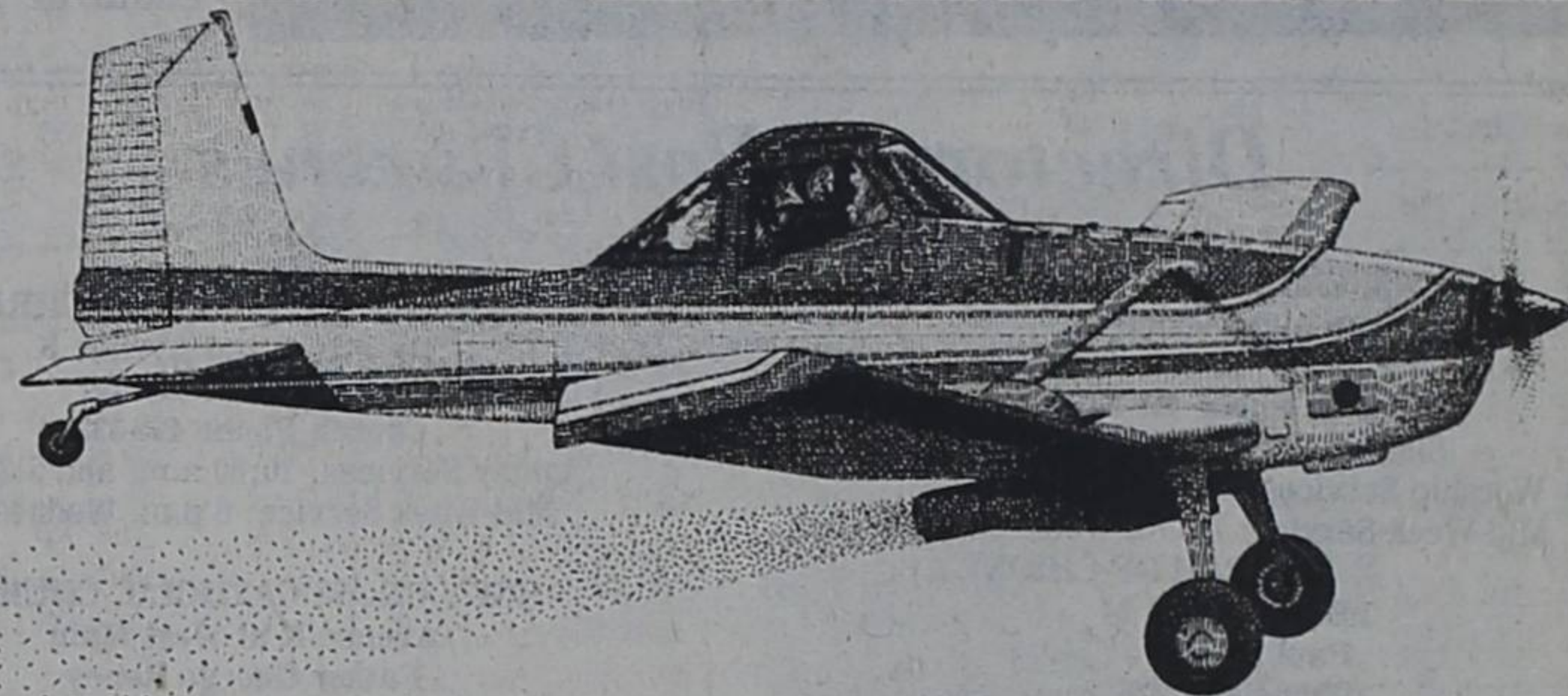
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Easter is Special

By Steve McMeans
First Baptist Church

From even a casual observation of most people it is easy to see that Easter Sunday is a special day to them.

It is a day when they get to show off the new addition to their wardrobe.

It is a day when families get together and watch their young children hunt for Easter eggs.

And it is a day when the churches are usually full (which is unfortunately not a normal occurrence anymore.)

I don't suppose I have any major complaints about all of this and I am certainly glad that people still think Easter is a special day. I only wish that Easter could be special to us

for the right reasons. Why then should Easter Sunday be special to us?

First of all, Easter should be special to us because it celebrates the Day of Resurrection.

Easter bunnies and eggs are only additions which sometimes make us forget the real significance of the day. Easter is really meant to remind us of that Sunday morning almost 2000 years ago when Jesus Christ burst forth from His cold stone tomb.

On the Friday before He had been crucified between two local thieves, not for anything that He had done but as payment to God for all the rebellions and crime of man kind.

His resurrection after a real and brutal death was proof that God accepted Christ's sacrifice and that now men could have access to God the Father.

Not only is Easter the day of Resurrection, it is also the Day of New Beginnings. It was resurrection from the dead for Christ and it is a time of new beginnings for all those who will accept Him as their savior.

Because of His death and resurrection all men who will turn to Christ can get a brand new start.

They can leave behind their bad habits, poor attitudes and sins great and small because the Bible says, "...if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things are passed away; behold new things have come."

Finally, Easter is the Day of Decision. As people gather to

their prospective churches on April 3, whether they realize it or not, they are commemorating the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Now if this resurrection is more than a myth (which it is) and if Christ really rose again (which He did) then it seems that it must make a different in our lives.

We cannot truly believe that Christ is powerful and perfect enough to experience resurrection and yet relegate Him to a minor or even secondary place in our lives.

If Christ really died for us and if He really rose from the dead, then we must not only accept Him as our Saviour but also give Him first place in our lives.

As we gather together this Easter and worship Jesus Christ, let us echo the words of Thomas who after seeing the risen Christ said, "My Lord and My God." (John 20: 28).

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Mid-Week Service: 7 p.m. Wednesday

CHURCH OF CHRIST
108 N. Avenue M
Paul D. Jones
Phone 495-2326
Bible School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Mid-Week Service: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
602 West 14th Street
Oscar Newdigger, Pastor
Church Phone 495-3474
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Service 7 p.m. Wednesday

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
812 Pine
E. L. Hastings, Minister
Phone 747-5612
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service Sunday 11 a.m.
Mid-Week Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
202 West 10th Street
J. R. Smith
Church Phone 495-3044
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Service: 7 p.m. Wednesday

FAITH LUTHERAN
10th and Avenue K
Rev. Bob Ray, Minister
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
402 West Main
Rev. Glenn Reece, Minister
Church Phone 495-2814
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Service: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
812 West 13th Street
Pastor Steve Traw
Church Phone: 495-3716
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship Services: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Youth: 6 p.m. Wednesday

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
North Broadway (Hwy. 84)
Rev. Paublo Pequeno
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Service 7 p.m. Wednesday

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
210 East 6th
Church Phone 495-2342
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
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Southland, Texas
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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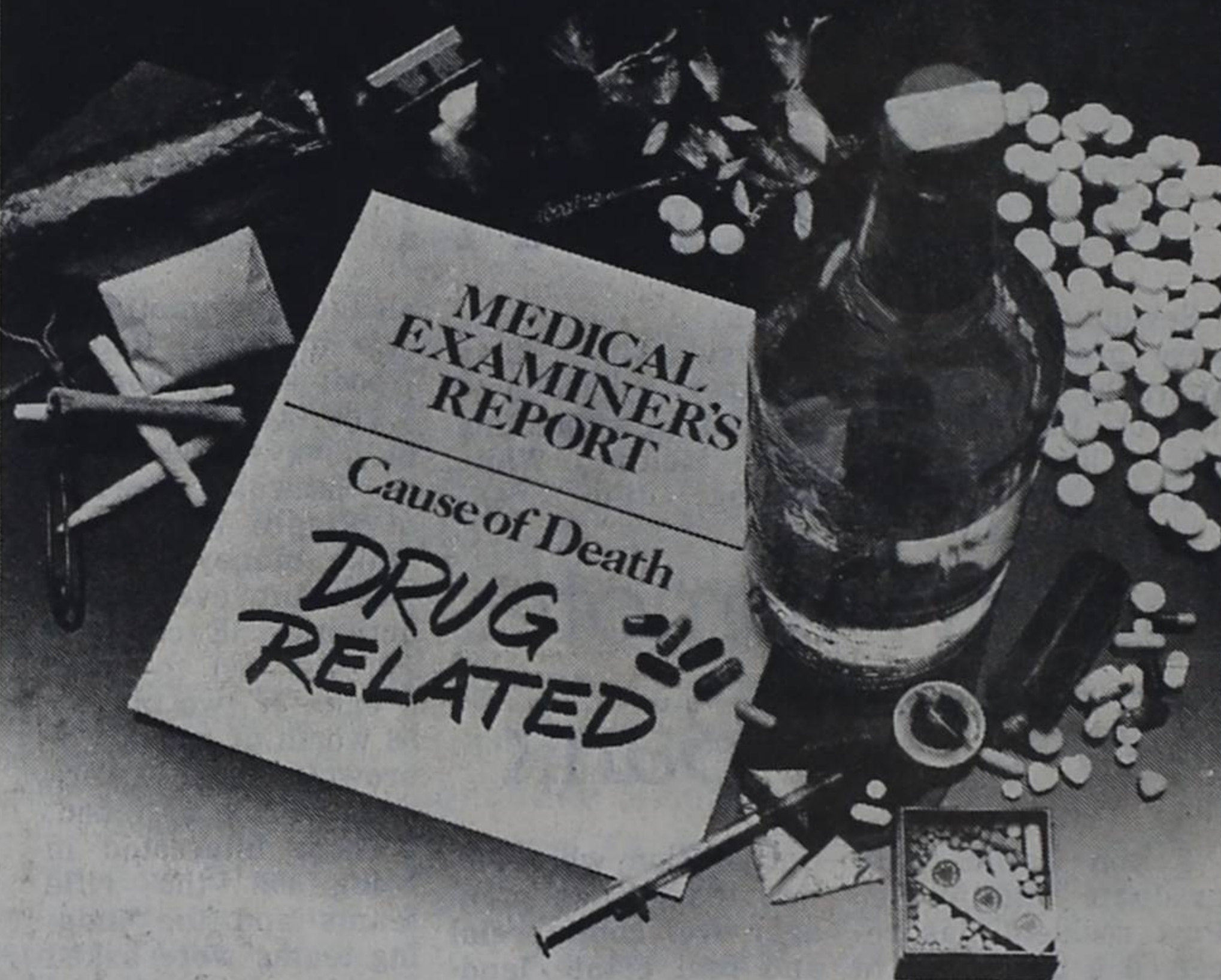
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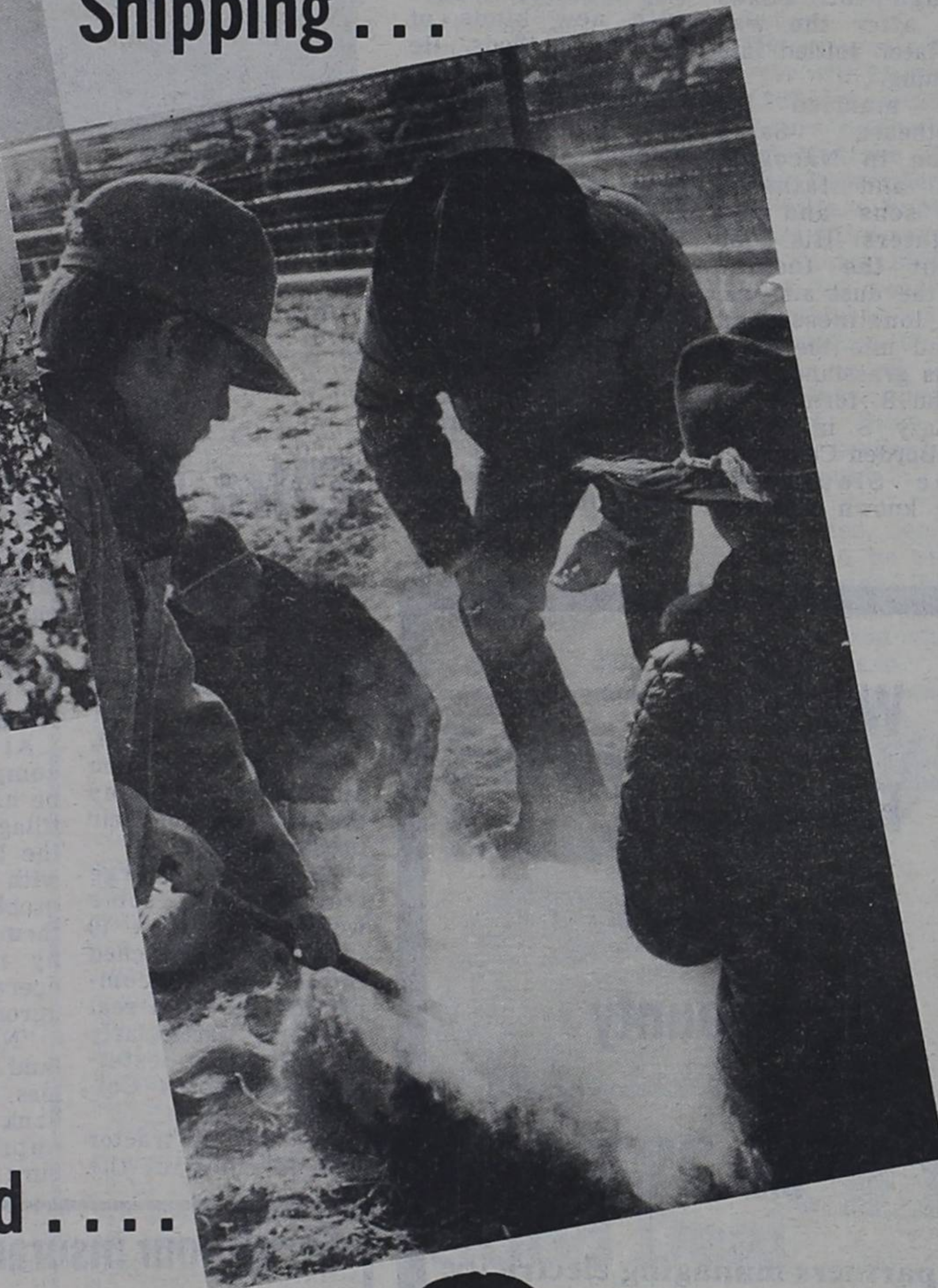
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Agriculture is a Constant Struggle Today

by Wes Burnett

Not all of us who are "off the farm" are that far away from the land.

Many of us, born before, during or after World War II, are only just removed from the farm or ranch.

Like so many others across America, both my parents left the farm.

They were the first generation, for as far back as our family history is known, to have chosen a life-style not connected to the land.

So, even though many of us "city folks" don't work the land or livestock, we are close enough in our family heritage to at least appreciate what it takes to "stay on the farm."

And we salute those of you who have decided to continue in the struggle to keep the family farm and ranch concept alive.

It is widely recognized that yours is not an easy task. We offer our support to you, who are involved in agriculture, and take this opportunity to express our appreciation.

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It's not just the economic impact that you

provide us...it's your leadership in our civic clubs, your devotion to our churches, your dedication and support of our schools...and most importantly, your enthusiasm and persistence during difficult times.

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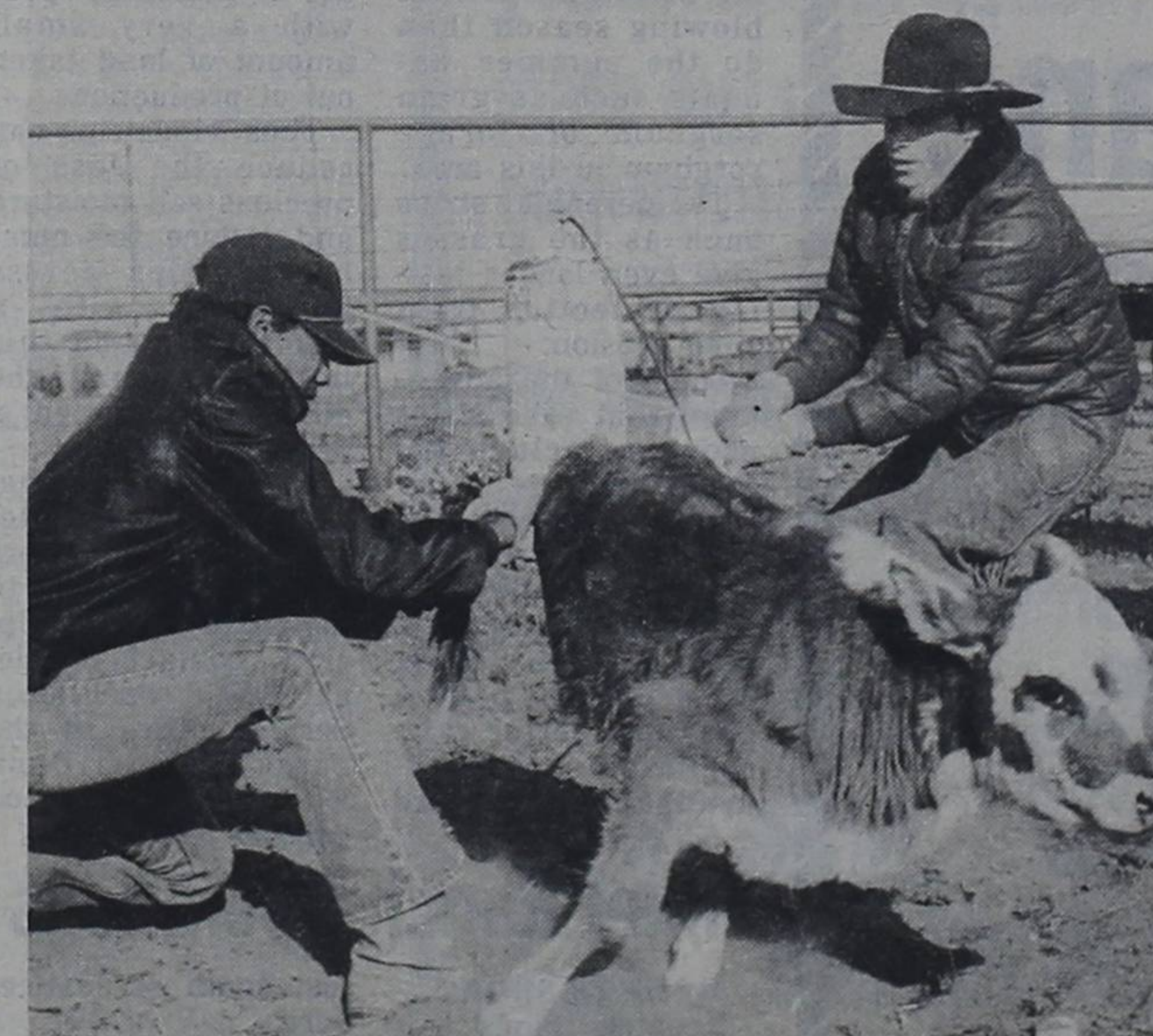
99% Signup for PIK

A total of 393 farmers in Garza County have signed up acreage in the PIK program, according to Agricultural

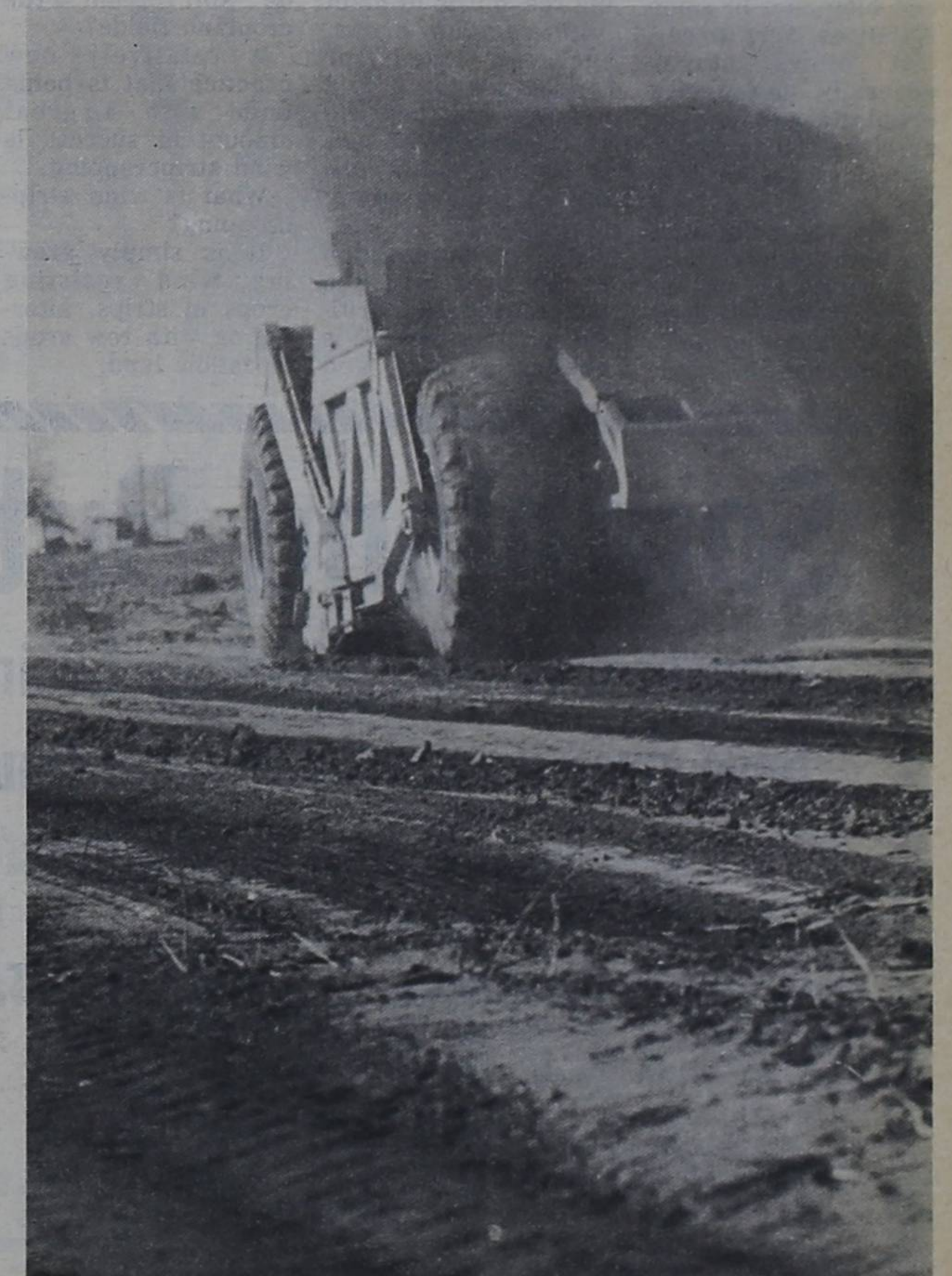
Stabilization and Conservation Service county executive director Victor Ashley.

That represents 99 percent of the 396

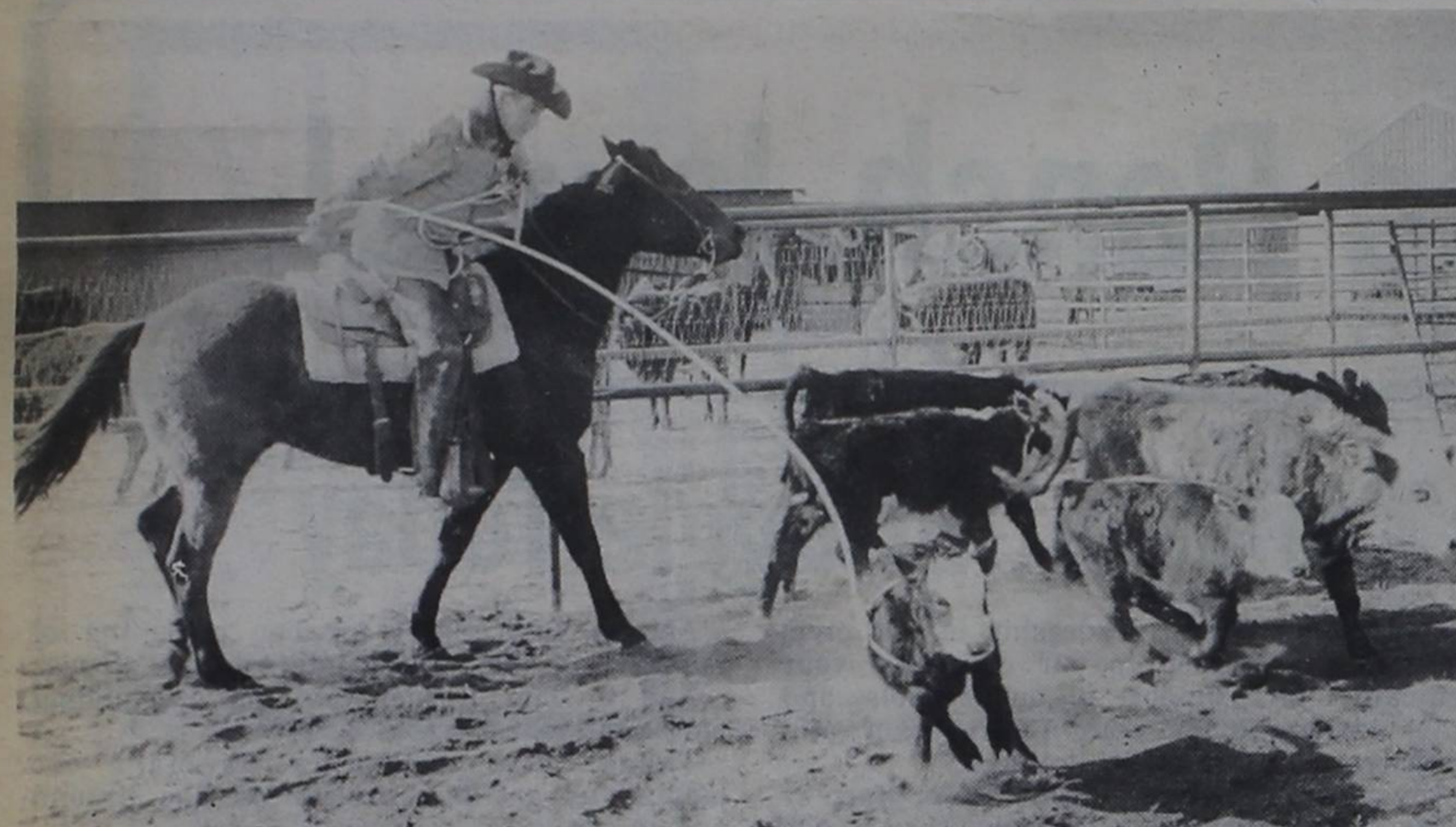
farms in the county. Cotton farmers set aside 24,175.6 acres for a 43 percent reduction in the base (Continued on P. 2)



Mike Macy and another ranchhand on the Macy Ranch attempt to throw a calf down for branding.



This motor scraper prepares the field at Elmer Cowdreys for terracing.



Royce McLaury ropes a calf on the Macy Ranch in preparation for branding.

43% Acreage Set Aside in PIK, ARP

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acreage of 55,812.

A total of 85 individual farms have been included with entire acreage set aside for 9,943 acres to be idled.

Feed grain farms set aside 702 acres with 33 out of 34 farmers in the program for a 42 percent reduction.

A total of 839.9 acres of wheat has been included in the

program with 23 of 24 farmers participating, representing a 44 percent acreage decrease.

The set aside programs require farmers to maintain wind and water erosion and weed control of the idle land and a cover crop can be planted.

Cover crops may not be sold, but grazing will be allowed after October 1.

There are Ways to Protect Land from Wind

by Robert Schmidt SCS

This is the time of the year in West Texas when the wind can blow and in some instances, very hard.

It blows across generally unprotected cropland and causes precious soil to erode.

Besides losing soil, the wind and soil blowing is a nuisance to homeowners and businesses as well as a respiratory discomfort to many people.

What can be done

to protect this soil from blowing and to relieve some of the discomfort it causes?

One way of protecting the soil is to plant high residue crops, such as wheat or forage sorghum and leaving the residue after harvest on the soil surface through the critical blowing periods.

But the major crop in this area is cotton and during the critical months, the soil is generally bare and

unprotected.

Then what other alternative can we use to control or prevent this eroding of soil from the cropland fields?

A relatively new practice that is being tried with a great amount of success is wind stripcropping.

What is wind stripcropping?

It is simply growing wind resisting crops in strips, alternating with row crops or fallow land.

The strips are placed at angles to offset adverse wind effects.

The width between the strips will vary according to the type of soil, the roughness of the soil, a climatic factor assigned for the county, the amount of cover on the soil surface and the length of unsheltered distance across the field.

When all of these factors are either known or figured, then the width between the strips can be computed.

The winter annual strips such as wheat and rye have more beneficial affects of preventing soil blowing during the critical blowing season than do the summer annuals such as grain sorghum or forage sorghum in this area.

The perennial strips such as the grasses give even longer lasting protection from wind erosion.

Some of the advantages that wind strips provide, include the following:

Reduce blowing in off crop season, increase effectiveness of herbicide applied, reduced sand blasting of seedling plants, provides better microclimate (area immediately around

plant at soil surface) for growing plants, increase moisture between strips due to less wind exposure, increased yield of crop, improved grade of crop, decreased sandfighting of fields and lowered soil loss from fields.

Besides having a specific pattern of strips across a field, wind strips can be planted on terraces and provide great benefits of reducing soil erosion from wind.

Strips can be put in at a minimal cost with a very small amount of land taken out of production.

Thus windstrips can reduce the loss of precious soil moisture and reduce the number of trips across the field with a sandfighter and this in turn may make the difference between a profit or a loss.

For more information and those interested landowners who may want to install a wind strip-crop, contact the local Soil Conservation Service office in the First National Bank Building at Post or call 495-2056.

Miller Ranch Operations

By BETH SHORT Keeping things just as they were, is top priority for Riley Miller and his son Ben Miller, on their ranch

just south of Justiceburg. Although to keep the land making a living for the family is of

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Jack Lott Operates U Lazy S Ranch

The U Lazy S Ranch, south of Post, had its start from John B. Slaughter, son of George Webb Slaughter who came to Texas in 1830, when the buffalo reigned supreme.

He arrived in Sabine County just in time for the Texas war of independence and rode as a messenger for Sam Houston.

He was on his way to the Alamo when it fell to Santa Anna and ran freight through the Texas hills after the war and later settled into ranching.

He married his sweetheart, Sarah Mason in Nacogdoches and fathered five sons and six daughters. His sons fought the Indians and the dust and the dry loneliness and spread into the West Texas grasslands.

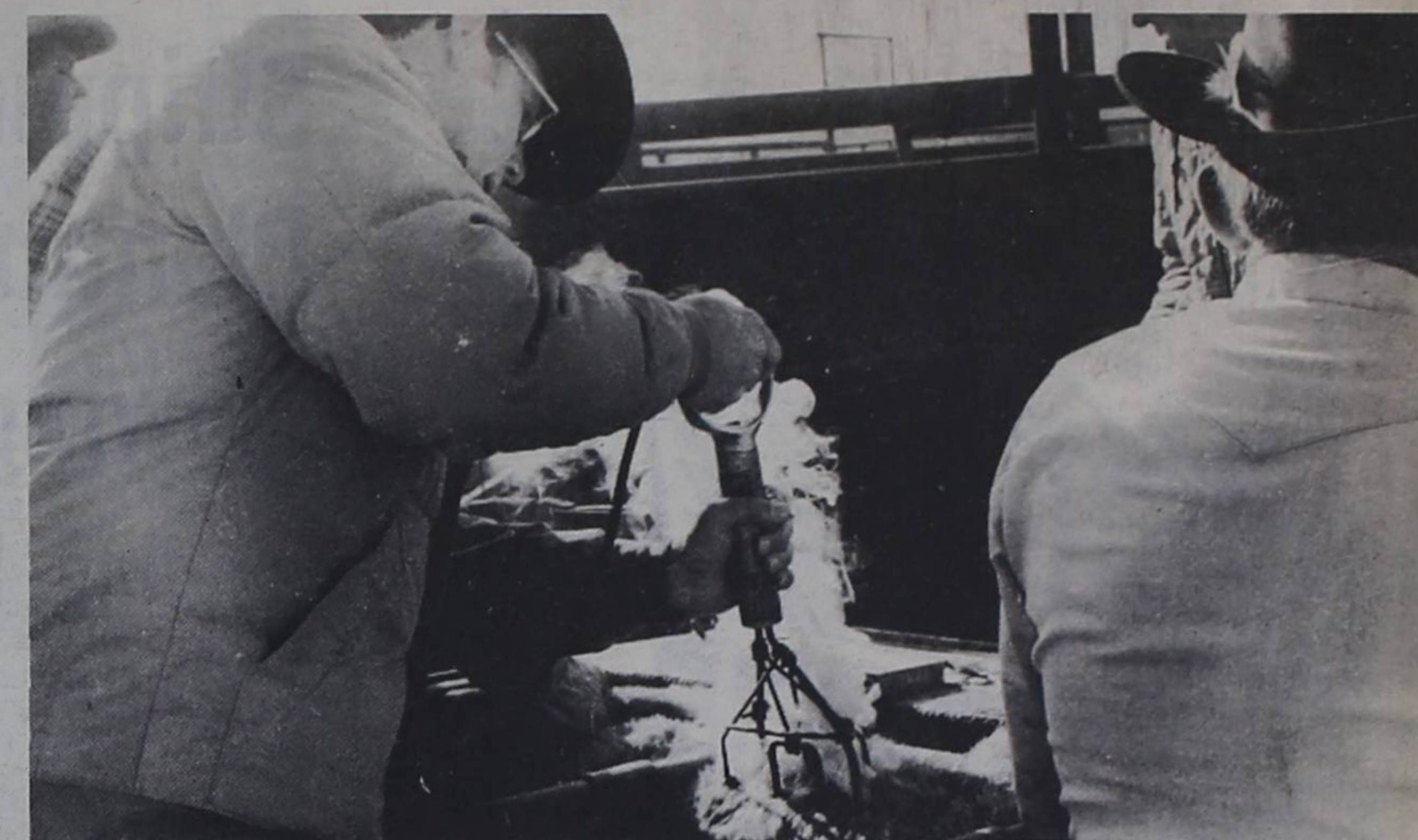
John B. formed the U Lazy S in Garza and Borden Counties. The Slaughters were known all over

Texas and so was their ranch which is crowned by a large mass of rock and high pasture called the Cap Rock.

Eventually, the U Lazy S came down through five generations of the family to Jack Lott, who took over running 54,000 acres of the ranch when he was 25 years of age.

Jack says the ranching business is really managing time and space and is trying to keep the pastureland intact with new kinds of grazing methods. He is trying to rotate the cattle through a pasture by rotating them around a central point like a great clock.

Jack's two sons, Jay and Jeff, are both interested in the ranching aspects and he hopes to be able to turn the U Lazy S over to them someday and let them carry on as he has done when his father turned the ranch over to him.



Jack Lott, left, and Sam Whitley brand a calf on the U Lazy S Ranch.

Extra Plowing

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Excessive plowing also can lead to soil compaction, which in turn can reduce crop yields due to poor water infiltration, poor root penetration and other problems that rob crops of their productivity.

With today's large tractors — some weigh more than 10 tons without attached implements — compaction can be a real problem, particularly on wet, coarse-textured soils, notes Colburn.

Not only do tractor wheels compact the

soil, they also produce large clods that break out upon tillage.

This leads to additional tillage to break up the clods, leading to further compaction.

Although some compacted soils can be broken up by deep tillage and chiseling, the best way to deal with soil compaction problems is to prevent them in the first place by reducing tillage operations, notes the agronomist.

"Not only will your land be better off with less tillage, but your bank account also will improve," says Colburn.



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Suggested Management Practices Save Money

Certain management practices can put money in the bank for cattlemen — up to \$90 more per cow each year.

Practices that virtually guarantee a net return are pregnancy testing, sorting and weaning cattle according to need, selecting bulls on performance and implanting steers.

"These practices can mean extra dollars because they help increase the calf crop and weaning weights," points out Dr. L. R. Sprott, beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"This means more pounds of beef going to market, and that's the name of the game.

"Pregnancy testing is the easiest way to increase herd fertility and reproductive efficiency," emphasizes Sprott.

"This allows you to

cull open cows and to get rid of free-loaders — those cows that aren't producing a calf every year."

Proper nutrition goes hand-in-hand with pregnancy testing in that heifers and cows in good body condition breed faster and have higher calf crops, notes the specialist.

Properly fed cows often have calf crops exceeding 85 percent and they also produce more milk, resulting in heavier calves at weaning.

Cows in poor body condition often have calf crops below 70 percent.

"Selecting bulls on their performance can go a long way in improving your calf crop," says Sprott.

"All bulls should be fertility tested before being placed with cows. Bulls with good performance records can improve calf weaning weights for a number of generations."

Sprott also advises cattlemen to consider a controlled breeding season of 80 days or less in the cooler months.

This can result in increased reproductive performance by eliminating late-calving cows and avoiding reduced fertility

Texas is Nation's Biggest Beef Producer

Texas is the biggest beef cattle state in the country.

Twelve million head range pastures from South Texas to the Panhandle while another two million are being fattened in feed lots concentrated in the state's High Plains.

The cattle industry contributed more than \$4 billion to the state's economy in 1981.

With these figures it is easy to see why Texans take their beef seriously.

Since 1976, however,

during hot weather.

"Once calves are born, weaning weights can be increased by using implants or growth stimulants," says Sprott.

"A number of implants are on the market today and they all work. They

cost about a cent a day and gains amount to about .2 pound a day provided average forage or feed is available. At today's prices the implants pay for themselves within 15 days, and from there on it's money in the bank."

Many cattlemen are cutting back on inputs where possible to make their operations more efficient during these trying economic times.

The practices outlined above can help cattlemen stay in business by increasing profits, contends Sprott.

nationwide beef consumption has dropped from 94.3 pounds annually per capita to 77.2.

Though the decrease can be tied to an unhealthy economy and rising food prices, a small percentage is related to an increasingly health-conscious population reducing

its intake of animal fats.

Beef lovers who are watching their diets do not have to eliminate beef from meals.

Leaner cuts contain the same high quality nutrients — protein, vitamins B6 and 12, zinc and iron in particular — without the fat.

A quarter-pound of top round steak, for example, contains 196 calories.

The same size hamburger with 21 percent fat adds up to 235.

Home economist Terri Medrano of the Texas Department of Agriculture Lubbock district office says the small amount of waste makes top round an economical as well as a low-calorie cut.

One pound will serve three people, four if they are reducing portion size.

The cut is also versatile.

Marinated, beef top round can be sliced like London broil, skewered and served over rice and stuffed into pita bread.

Resist 'Fun' Plowing

Plowing the back 40 "for the heck of it" or "to get out of the house" is a poor excuse for any field operation today.

In other words, "recreational plowing" is a costly operation that farmers just can't afford any longer. Furthermore, it's bad for the soil.

"More and more farmers are paying closer attention to the number of trips they make over a field each year," points out Dr. Ed Colburn, an agronomist in soil management with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"Farmers who used to cultivate their land 12 to 15 times a year are now down to five or six times. And that's still too many, in some cases."

With the current high cost of fuel, plowing for whatever reason is expensive, emphasizes the agronomist.

And with farmers currently fighting for financial survival, it just makes good sense to cut back on field operations.

"Be sure any tillage operation affords some crop benefits that will contribute to

higher yields rather than just appearance, says Colburn.

"Combine operations where possible so that more is accomplished with each field pass."

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Miller Ranch

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major importance too, they have not changed the land, just taken special care of what was left to them by their ancestors.

Riley's grandfather, Ritch Miller, came to Borden County in 1900 and lived in a dug-out on the banks of Bull Creek.

Riley's father, Clyde, was eight years old at that time.

In later years Clyde purchased land in Garza and Borden counties, and Riley and his uncle Ralph Miller, operate this ranch now.

They have also purchased more land in Garza County.

Brahama, Hereford, and Angus cattle are stocked on the ranch, along with about 65 head of Buffalo.

Riley and Ben have stayed with the old practices of caring for the land, and it is refreshing to hear them talk of their heritage with such loving pride.

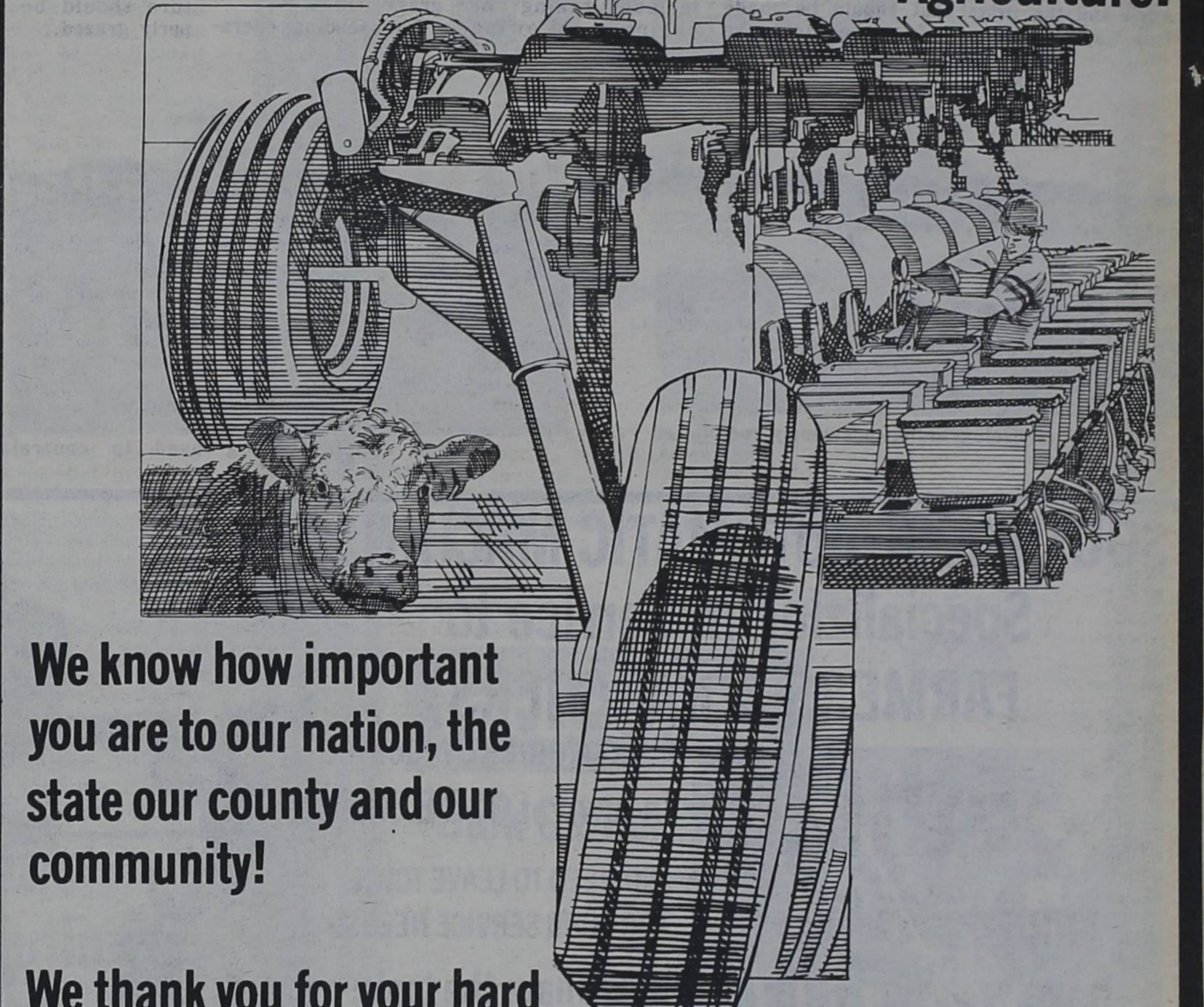
They are always more than happy to tell you the history of their range land, of its inhabitants, and of the historic happenings that took place on their ranch.

Riley has been very active in making history unfold for the "now" generations, and was in charge of the history pageant at Post's 75th anniversary last year, when history virtually unfolded before those who came to enjoy the presentation of the history of our country.

So many times the things that mean so much to history are lost to new and modern techniques, which are necessary to keep the rangeland in good condition, but it is also refreshing to take a step backward and see things just as they were in "olden" times.

Riley and Mary came to Garza county in 1950 when they married. They have raised their family on the ranch, Ben and a daughter Jennifer, graduated from Post High School, and make their home on the ranch.

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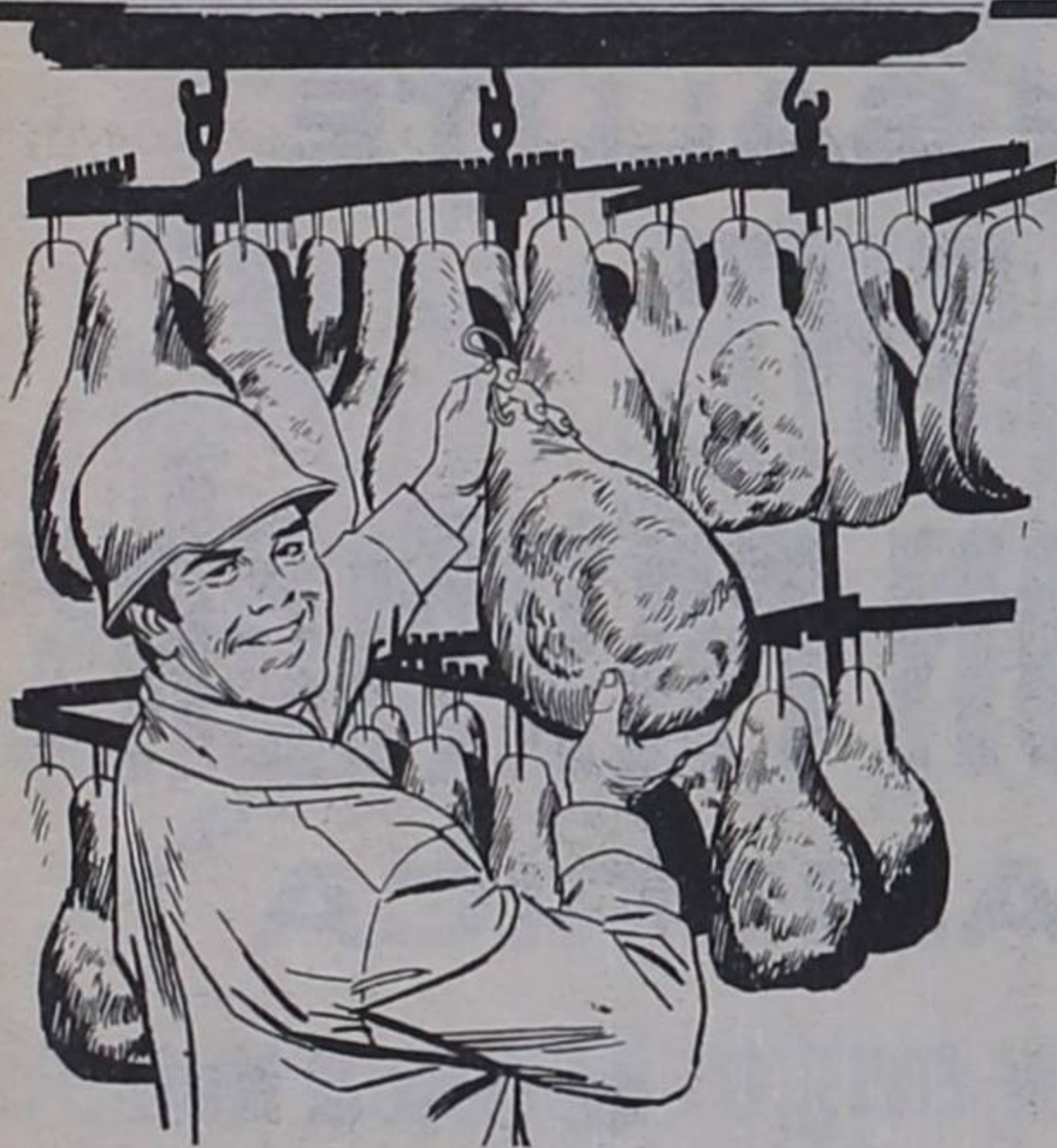
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Seeding Grasses to Old Cropland Helps Rancher

by Robert Schmidt
SCS

Now is the time to start thinking about seeding grasses whether it be on old cropland fields or on recently rootplowed rangeland.

The seeding dates on warm season grasses such as Kleingrass, Indiangrass and Switchgrass is from Mar. 15 through June 1 with optimum time in April and the first part of May.

The seeding rates vary according to the grass species and type of planting situation that it will entail such as range seeding, critical area planting or pasture planting.

The seeding depth on grasses should be from one-half inch to three-fourth inches and should generally be planted no deeper.

Some considerations that should be made before seeding the

grass or grasses are seedbed preparation, method of seeding, and management following seeding.

Seedbed preparation under range seeding conditions in Garza County generally involves rootplowing of brush.

This is followed by roller chopping and broadcast seeding all in the same operation.

A few exceptions include raking or chaining following

rootplowing and then disking and broadcast seeding.

Under pasture planting situations such as seeding an old cropland field, usually more intensive seedbed preparation is made.

The field is disked to remove weeds or other undesirable grasses.

Then it is seeded by either broadcasting or seeding with a grass drill.

The seeding operation is usually done in conjunction with a drag or some similar implement to firm up the seedbed to allow for better germination of the grass.

The minimum grazing height that should be left after grazing varies with the species of grass that was planted.

Also some other considerations that should be made following the seeding of the grass is weed control, fertilization and providing habitat for wildlife.

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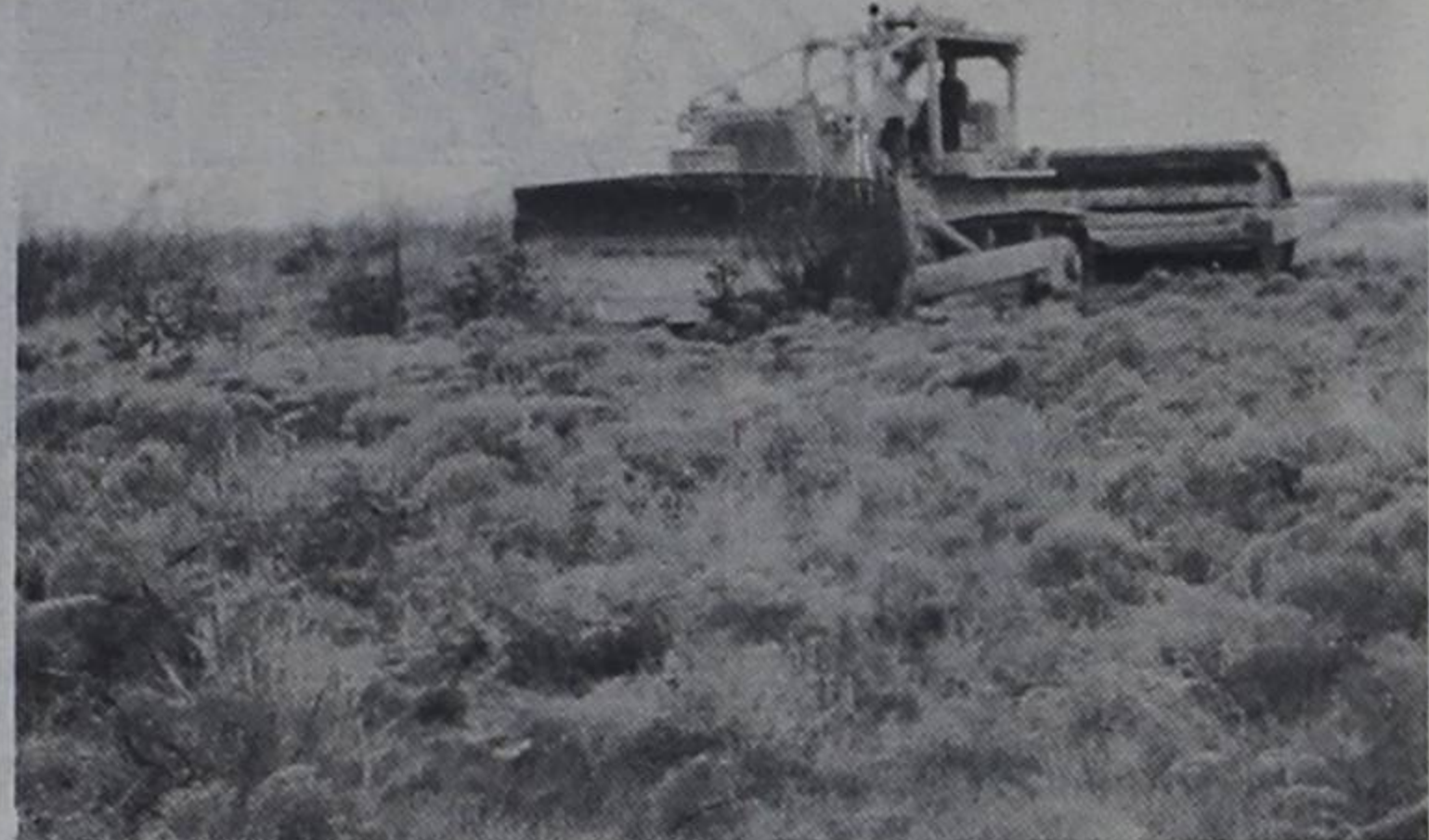
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Stand of Kleingrass on previously rootplowed land.



Roller chopper being used to control mesquite.

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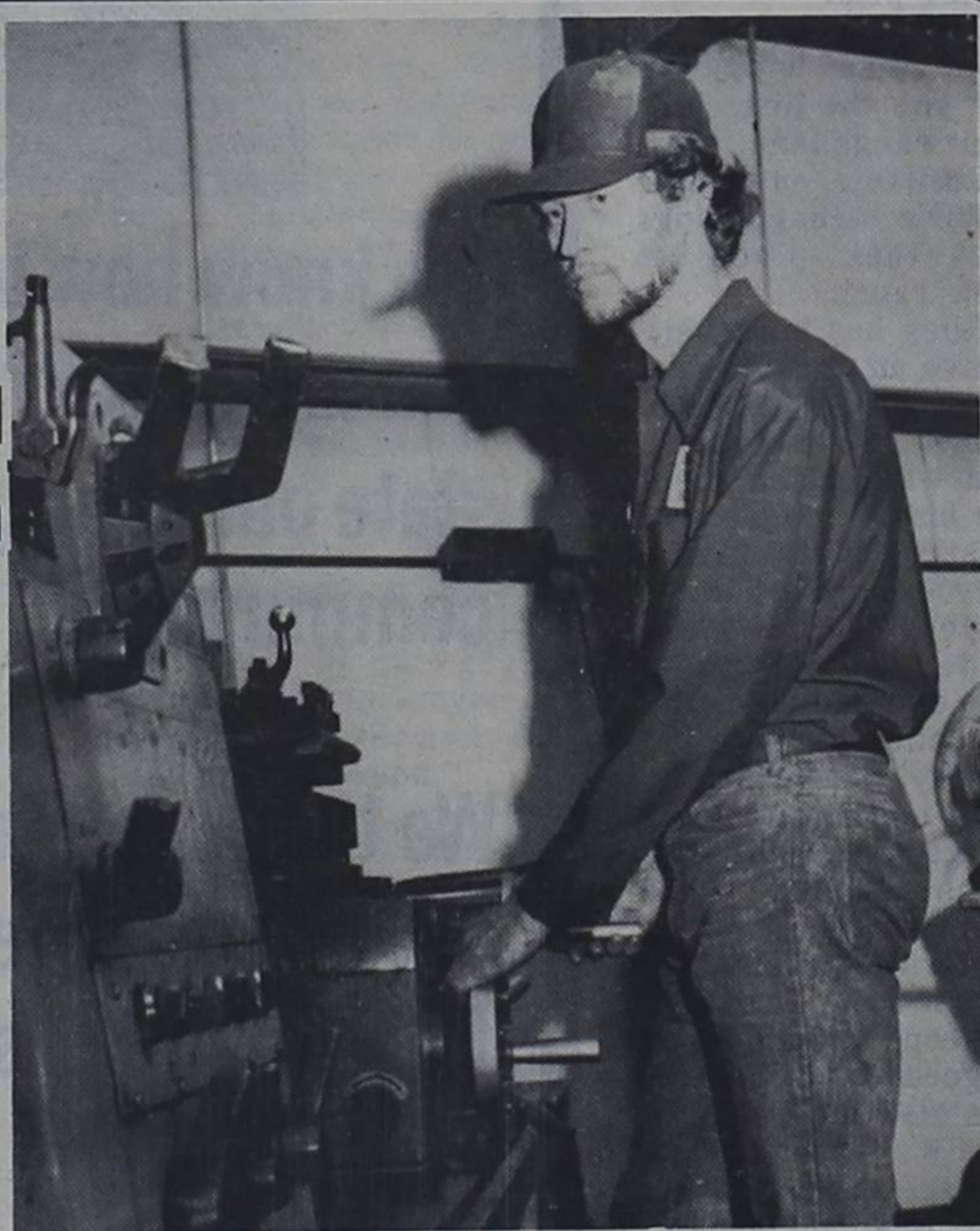
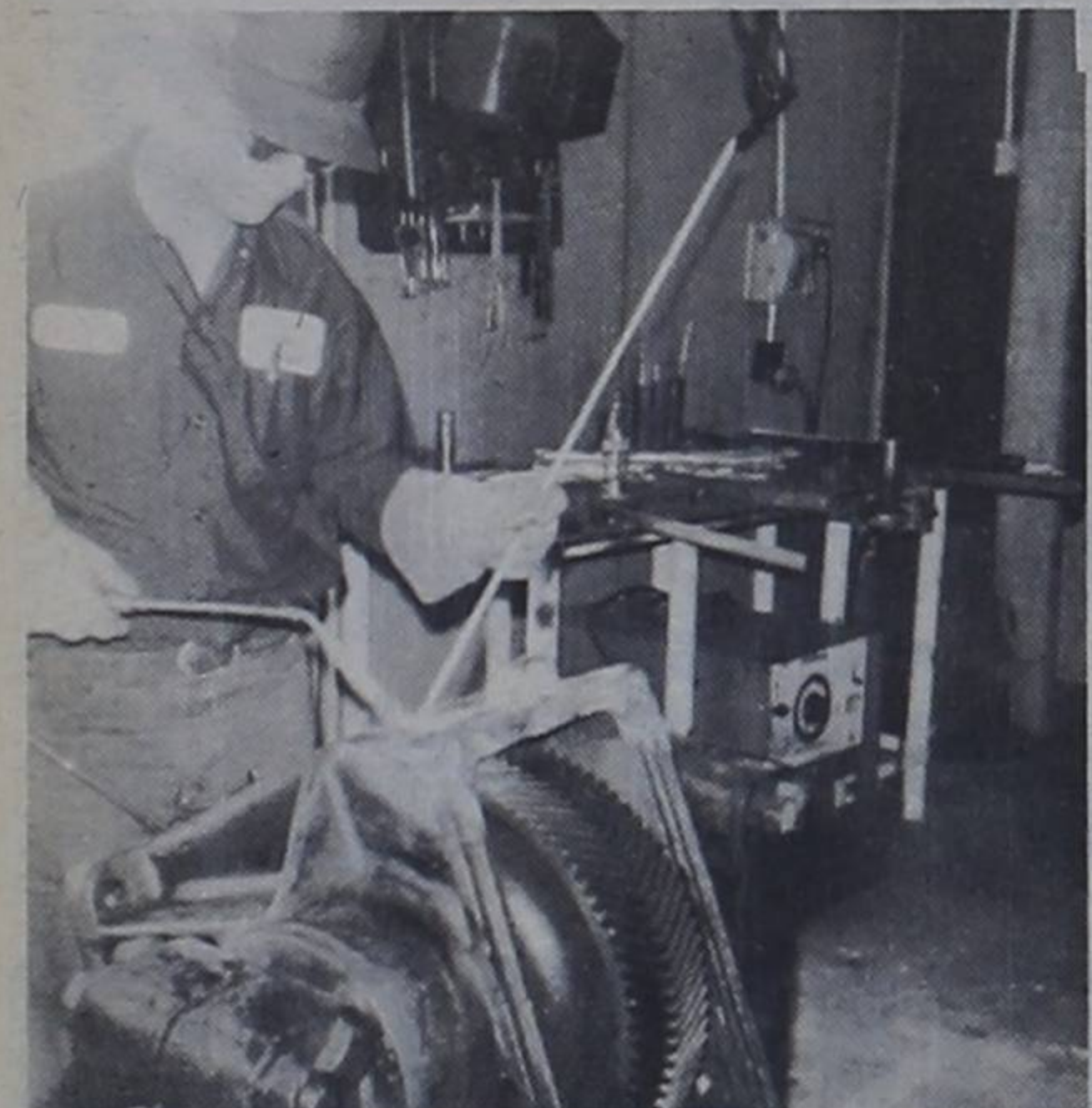
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Hightower, Maddox Join Sarpalius in Gas Bill

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower and Attorney General Jim Maddox recently joined state Sen. Bill Sarpalius (D-Hereford) and Rep. Larry Don Shaw (D-Big Spring) in calling for the regulation of natural gas used for farming purposes.

In a Capitol news conference, the four

officials said the traditional practice of exempting only farm use of natural gas from regulation allows gas pipelines to overcharge some customers and makes others live with an unstable pricing set-up that makes even short-term planning difficult or impossible.

Sen. Sarpalius intro-

duced a bill on Thursday that would place regulatory authority over utilities selling natural gas for farm use under the Texas Railroad Commission.

"These are utility companies that already regulated by the Railroad Commission on their service to businesses and homeowners," Hightower said.

"We're simply saying that our farmers should have the same right as other customers to contest gas company rate decisions.

"This bill is a response to complaints and requests I got from beleaguered farmers throughout my campaign last year.

"We're not asking the gas companies for any more justification for their rates than they're already required to give their commercial and residential customers.

"We're talking about simple fairness and plain old democracy here," Hightower said.

"With no regulation, our farmers are getting willy-nilly rate increases by the companies.

"The farmers simply get a higher bill in the mail — no warning, no explanation, no recourse.

"Maybe some of these increases are necessary, but at least a farmer ought to have the same right of review and appeal that other citizens get.

"And we're not talking about peanuts here. A farmer like Ray Sneed up around Dalhart, for instance, uses about 3,500 m.c.f. (thousand cubic feet) a month when he's irrigating.

"Last November, his gas bill had a notice printed on it saying, 'Effective with this bill your gas rate has been increased by 2.954 cents per 100 cubic feet.'

"That adds up to a sudden jump of 30 cents per m.c.f., which cost Mr. Sneed an extra \$1000 out of his pocket.

"Even worse, the increase wasn't announced in advance — this was an increase

on gas he had already used, and there wasn't a thing he could do about it.

"Overall, his gas company raised his rates a total of 70 cents per m.c.f. in 1982.

"Tommy Fondren, a cotton farmer from Lorenzo, Texas, saw his gas rates go up 25

percent over the past year.

"And on top of that, if his cash flow situation makes it necessary for him to wait a day or two past the due date before he pays his bill, he gets

socked with an 11 percent late charge.

"This extra charge amounts to \$1,500 or

more on every single quarter section of land he irrigates, and that's just for being late on one month's bill.

"Utilities are not allowed by the Railroad Commission to assess late charges on their other customers," Hightower concludes.



Mike Macy bulldogs a calf readying him for branding on the Macy Ranch.

Senator Tower...

(Continued from P.16) aggressively to regain it.

The Soviet grain embargo in early 1980 temporarily closed the doors to one of our biggest export markets and damaged our reputation as a reliable supplier of farm products.

Favorable growing conditions and increased productivity in many countries which historically imported U.S. farm goods have reduced the size of many of these markets.

Finally, as the world economy has worsened, more and more unfair trading practices on the part of other nations has limited our access to markets where American efficiency otherwise would give our farmers a competitive advantage.

As these markets dried up during the late 1970s, production continued at previous levels, supply exceeded demand, and prices for farm goods fell below the cost to produce them.

As a response to this situation, incentives were provided for farmers to store their crops.

But after two more years of good crops, the elevators are full, prices for many commodities are still below production cost, and many farm families are threatened with foreclosure.

The short-term solutions to farmers' problems attempted in the past were only effective long enough for the real problems to turn into crises now.

Agricultural policy must be aimed at real economic growth, not self-defeating government quick fixes.

This is a difficult transition to make, particularly during a worldwide recession, but it sets the stage for lasting economic recovery to come.

One of the best long-term solutions lies in developing and increasing export markets.

This Administration understands this and has pursued this goal in its trade negotiations and policies.

I am committed to making sure that agricultural exports will continue to become an even more central part of the Administration's trade effort in the future.

In the interim, we need to pursue more immediate solutions, to bring us out of the severe problems we now face, and set the stage for long-term stability in agriculture.

The Payment-In-Kind (PIK) program implemented by the Secretary of Agriculture is a short-range program which provides strong incentives for farmers to reduce production without draining the federal treasury.

In fact, the PIK program is designed to reduce both the costly storage and cash payments of the current set-aside program at the same time it restricts supply sufficiently to raise market prices above support levels.

During this Congress, we will be looking for other solutions which embody this approach.

I am well aware of the problems in the agricultural industry and will work tirelessly to help re-establish agriculture as a thriving, prosperous business.

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One Farmer Feeds 78 People...

By Senator JOHN TOWER

Agriculture is an industry that is vital to the American way of life.

Today one farmer produces enough food to feed 78, three times the number in 1960.

There are 2.4 million farmers and ranchers across the country who have

committed assets with an estimated value of more than \$1.1 trillion to agriculture production.

Many people do not understand that in order to have a healthy national economy, we must first maintain a healthy agricultural economy.

The productivity of the American farmer

and rancher means that Americans spend a much lower percentage of their income on food than is the case in almost any other nation.

Additionally, agriculture accounts for one-fifth of our export trade.

Were it not for this contribution to the positive side of our

balance of payments — with farm exports exceeding our farm imports by \$23.7 billion — our trade deficit would be much worse.

Texas plays a particularly crucial role in American agriculture.

It is the number one producer of cattle, calves, cotton and sorghum, and ranks second in the nation in terms of agricultural receipts.

The value of farm assets in Texas totals more than \$62 billion — an amount equal to

about three-fourths of the total assets of all of the state's banks.

Suppliers of farm implements, food processors, distributors and a host of others also depend on agriculture. In fact, every dollar in farm sales puts more than \$3.40 into the Texas economy.

The total estimated economic impact of agriculture and agribusiness on the Texas economy is about \$3.4 billion a year.

Why, then, is it this vital industry so eco-



L.G. Thuett Remembers Changes

By Beth Short

"The land may not have changed much, but farming techniques surely have," stated L. G. Thuett, Jr., during an interview recently.

L. G., who has lived on the same place for 58 years, has seen many innovations in farm machinery, and the techniques of farming, although he has stayed with doing most of his improvements himself, with the help of his two sons, Jerry and Ronald.

L.G.'s father bought the original land in Garza County, one-quarter section, in 1923, and later added 480 acres.

L. G. and his sons are farming about 1,600 acres, and leasing some out.

L. G. grew up working with his dad, and just 'kind of grew into the farm himself.'

He married his wife Concie Dec. 31, 1938 and they have made their home in Garza County since then.

They live in the home L. G.'s father built himself in 1925. The large rock home looks as new as ever, and the home is very attractive.

L. G. remembers clearly farming with mules and horses,

and also remembers when in 1932 he used his first Farmall tractor, and felt he had the grandest equipment that could ever be built, never dreaming of the tractors that we have today.

They are only farming, and have had no cattle since 1960.

They farm 1,300 acres of dryland, and approximately 300 acres of irrigated land.

L. G. also estimates that he, by himself and with the help of renters, drilled approximately 250 irrigation wells, when first getting into irrigation.

They still have about 30 wells in operation now, although the cost of irrigating is getting so expensive that sometimes it does not seem feasible.

He added standard and parallel terraces, all built by L. G. himself, and he and his sons use the latest conservation ideas to keep the land in good shape.

L. G. stated that when he started farming, you could live and make some money extra on one-quarter section, and now it takes 10 quarter sections just to scratch out a living.

Brush Control Problems Outlined

by Robert Schmidt SCS

Brush can be a major problem in this area of West Texas if not controlled.

Mesquite is probably the most common brush species in the area.

Cholla cactus, prickly pear, yucca and juniper or cedar also occur on the rangeland to some extent.

The brush may rob the valuable moisture that could be used by the desirable grass species that the livestock graze.

So what can be done to control brush that is ever present?

The time for brush control or management by either chemical or mechanical means is nearing.

Some of the mesquite in Garza County has been controlled by mechanical means such as rootplowing and roller chopping.

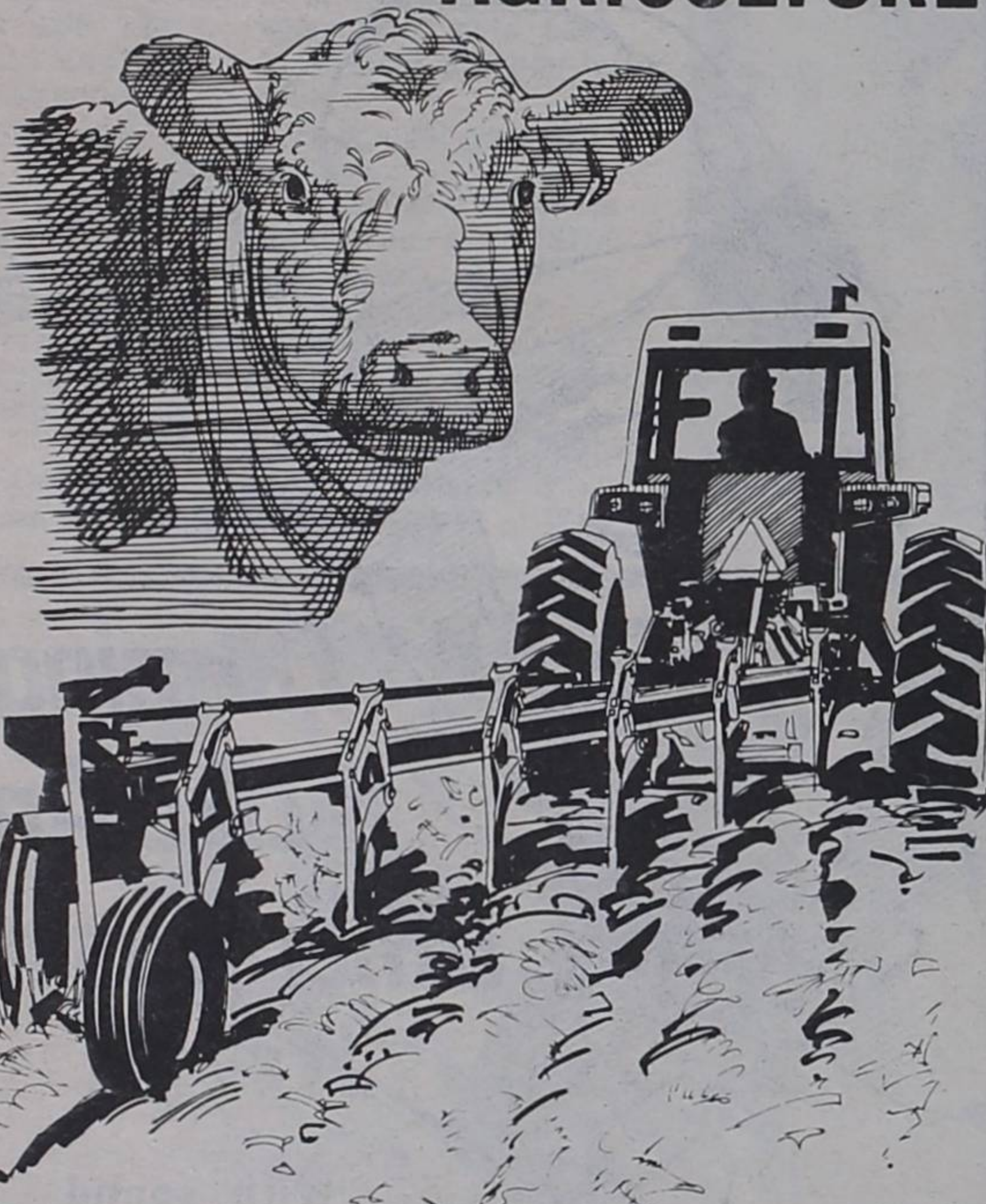
It also includes chaining, raking and disking.

The process is usually followed by seeding a grass or grass mixture.

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Senator Bentsen...

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More importantly, the cost of these programs is small when compared to the importance of agriculture to the U. S. and the benefits that U. S. consumers receive.

Our nation has been blessed with abundant bountiful land and inventive, industrious people.

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nomically depressed now? The roots of the problem can be found a decade ago.

During the 1970s our nation saw large increases in agricultural production promoted by the promise of unlimited export markets.

The government called for unrestrained production and credit was provided to encourage growth.

As long as there were plenty of customers in the world market for U.S. commodities, farmers were able to sell at prices that covered their costs and even allowed for a profit.

Today, this relatively free access to foreign markets no longer exists, and we will have to compete (Continued on P. 17)

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Brush Control Can Make a Big Difference

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Also mesquite and some of the other brush species has been controlled chemically by an aerial application of a herbicide.

Mesquite is generally sprayed in May or first part of June depending on conditions present.

Timing of application is very impor-

tant.

Also in this county careful consideration should be given to cotton fields in the spraying vicinity.

What kind and rate of chemical should be used when controlling the different brush species?

The kind and rate of chemical used varies according to

brush species to be controlled.

Several different kinds and rates of chemicals may be used among the different species.

When attempting a control of brush mixture, the kind may depend on the species that is desired to be controlled.

It is important to

use the right kind and rate of chemical in your brush control program.

Also several other considerations should be made when controlling brush.

Management following brush management may be one of the most important practices other than the brush control it-

self.

Pastures should be rested or deferred immediately following brush control through the entire growing season.

This gives the grass a chance to regain vigor and also for better grasses to reappear in this pasture.

When the area is reseeded following mechanical brush control, this rest gives the seeded grass a chance to become established.

The pastures should also be properly grazed thereafter.

Special emphasis should be given ap-

plying brush control to wildlife and their habitat.

During the spraying or rootplowing of the pasture, strips, blocks or corners can be left uncontrolled for wildlife food and cover.

These are just a few of the different considerations that should be made before controlling the brush.

For any assistance when considering brush control in your ranching operations, feel free to contact the Soil Conservation Service personnel in Post at the First National Bank Building or call 495-2056.

Bob Macy Keeps Ranch Up to Date

By BETH SHORT

Keeping abreast of the best methods, not always the newest, and taking care of the land, is one of the main objectives for Bob Macy and those who work for him on his 18,000 acre ranch here in Garza County.

Bob has updated many things on his ranch, including adding a helicopter to help make roundup, and general control of the ranch much easier, but the good old fashioned watchful eye and care of the land and grasses for his cattle and horses is still number one.

Bob has Hereford cattle, some Brangus and Beef Master breeds on his ranch, going to cross breeding for heavier weaning weights in the calves.

Caring for the grazing and water for the cattle is a constant procedure, and Bob has utilized root plowing and reseeding to keep his pastures in top notch shape.

He re-seeds with from four to seven kinds of grass to supplement the native grasses that grow on the range land.

He has also experi-

mented with Kleingrass, a very popular nutritional grass, supposed to be very hearty.

Royce McLaury is his foreman, and he employs four other hands year round for the normal ranching duties.

A sideline, and hobby that has turned into an almost full time business, is the adding of race horses at the ranch.

Bob started this sideline in 1972, and since then has built his own track with starting gates and new barns to house the horses.

Ron Hill is employed as trainer, and Bob now breeds and races his own stock at Ruidoso and also other tracks in the state.

The colts are trained at the ranch here in Post.

He also keeps three head at Sun Land Park in El Paso that are thoroughbreds, most of his horses on the ranch are quarter horses.

Bob has been on his ranch for 18 years, and has made many improvements on the ranch, including his new home and some new facilities.

Agriculture Accounts for Half of Economy

By U.S. Senator LLOYD BENTSEN

I salute the POST DISPATCH for this special section recognizing the importance of agriculture.

Not only is agriculture a major industry in Garza County, where it accounts for over half the annual income, but it is also the largest industry in the United States.

Those of us who are farmers or ranchers are in a distinct minority.

The most recent figures show only 2.7 percent of the U.S. population on farms

or ranches.

However, agriculture accounts for 20 percent of our gross national product and 22 percent of the jobs in the United States.

U.S. farmers comprise only 3 tenths of one percent of the world's farm population.

Yet American farmers are so efficient that they produce 23 percent of the world's beef, 18 percent of the world's cotton, 46 percent of the world's corn, and similar shares of other major commodities.

Who has benefited from this agricultural cornucopia?

U.S. consumers in 1966 paid 18 percent of their after-tax income for food.

In 1980 food cost only 16.6 percent of after-tax income. This is the lowest cost for food in the world.

What about the producer? In 1966 net farm income was \$14 billion.

In 1982 it had increased only to \$20 billion. This was actually worth only \$7 billion in real, after inflation, dollars.

Farm prices must do better.

Agriculture today is at a critical crossroads.

U.S. farmers have become heavily dependent on export markets.

Production from one of every three acres is now exported, and in cotton over half our crop is exported.

However, those export markets are no longer exclusively ours.

We are reaping the bitter rewards of past attempts to use agriculture as a foreign policy weapon.

We also face increasing competition, much of it subsidized, for export markets.

We cannot ignore our image as an "unreliable supplier." Last year I introduced, and Congress passed into law, legislation to exempt all valid export contracts from any future embargo for 9 months.

We also wrote into law that price supports must be increased to 100 percent of parity if an embargo is imposed when we are not at war or in a national emergency.

This should stop farm embargoes. We also cannot ignore unfair foreign trade practices.

Beef in the European Community is over twice the world market price, yet the EC is rapidly becoming the number 1 beef exporter in the world, thanks to over \$1 billion per year in export subsidies.

Our share of the South Korean cotton market is dropping. Japanese trade bar-

riers keep out all but a trickle of U.S. beef, and Japanese consumers pay up to \$35 per pound in Tokyo for U.S. steaks that are bought for \$3 here.

It's time that we all started playing by the same rules. We believe in fair trade but also in trade that flows both ways.

We have begun a limited program of export subsidies to match our competitors.

This spring Congress will consider legislation to expand

that.

As the ranking Democrat on the International Trade Subcommittee, I have told EC representatives that we will not stand idly by and watch them take our export markets by expanding production subsidies while we pay for programs such as PIK to cut surplus production.

Measures such as export subsidies cost money, but they cost our less-efficient competitors much more.

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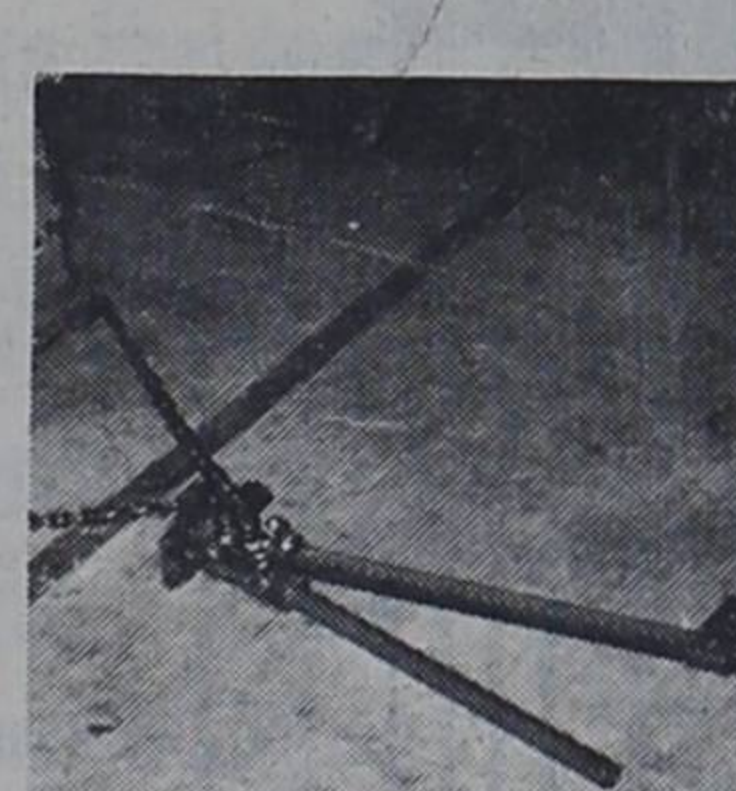
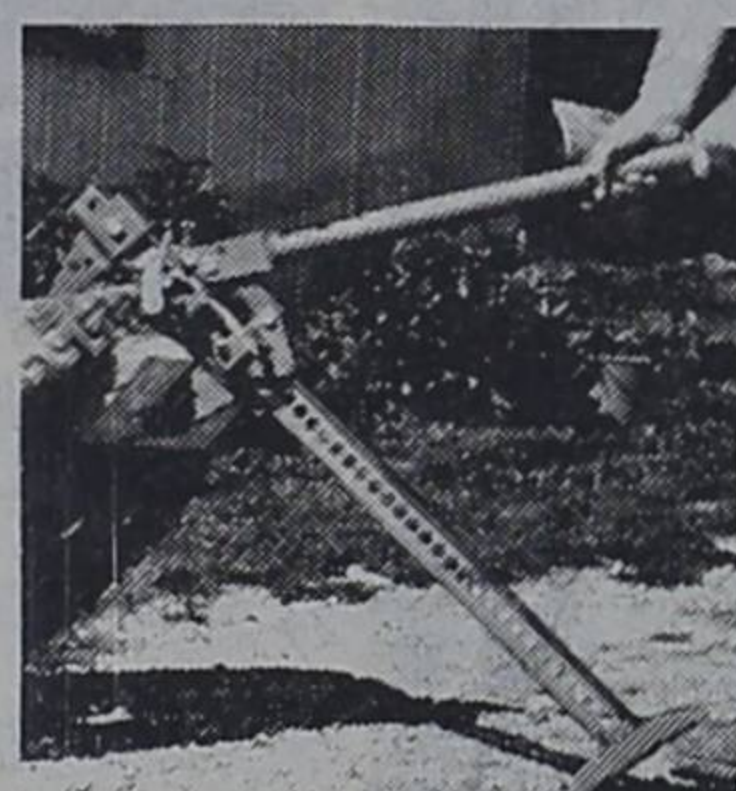
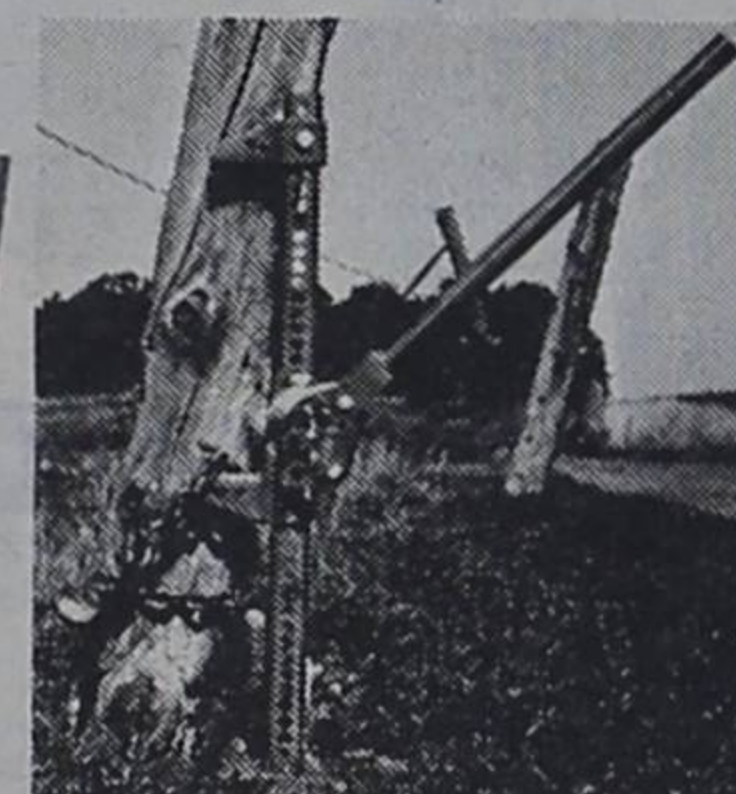
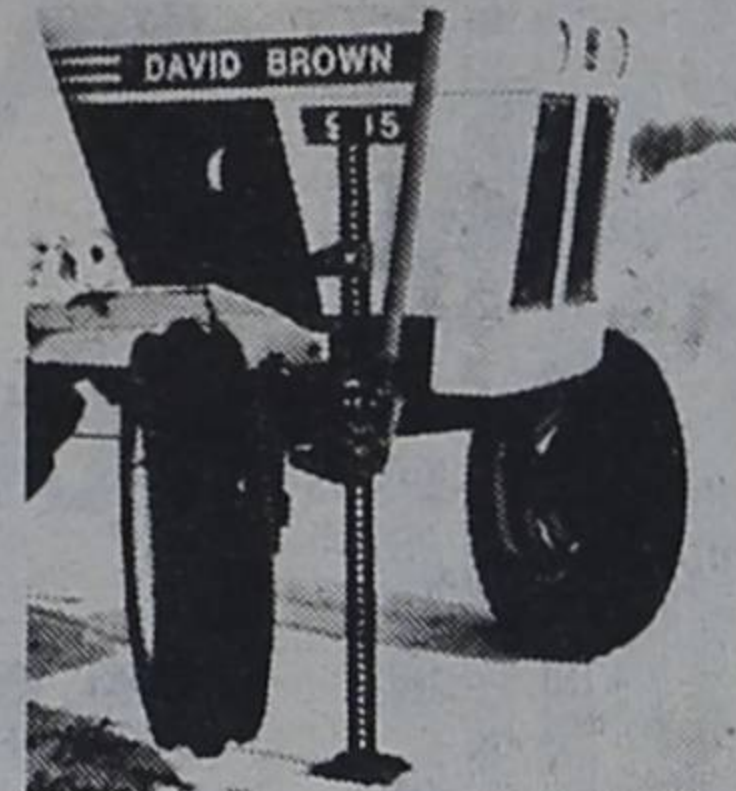
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Hightower Comments

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The second area we're working on is marketing, domestic and international.

One way that we can assist at the state level is to develop a program for moving farmers and ranchers forward into the marketing stage of the food and fiber delivery system.

For instance, we are working on putting together a small, highly mobile staff able to move into the international market to arrange sales that farmers can make directly through their cooperatives and marketing associations.

Similarly, our marketing staff will become more aggressive in the institutional markets of this country — everything from national supermarket chains to government agencies that buy food.

We're also working with local communities to establish farmers markets and to develop new agricultural industries that have an enormous economic potential for our state (for example, the burgeoning grape and wine industry).

If by these efforts we are able even to make a one percent increase in agricultural sales in Texas, we'll put millions of extra dollars into the pockets of Texas farmers and into our economy.

I want to leave you with this thought: I believe that unless we take a stand now, we are going to lose our entire family farm and family ranching system in the United States.

We've lost too many farmers already.

We're down to the cream of the crop, and we have to battle for these people.

If we don't, we're all going to suffer.

Every small and medium-sized town in the farm and ranch areas of Texas and the rest of the nation relies on the purchasing power of farm families to buy groceries, cars, appliances, clothes — the whole spectrum of consumer goods — to survive.

If the family farm and ranch system collapses, those communities collapse with it.

And if corporate monopolies take over agriculture and begin to set retail prices for our food and fiber products with no fear of competition, every American will pay heavily for our failures to fight back now.

It's time to roll up our sleeves and jump in this fight.

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Farmers and Ranchers Face Critical Situation

By Jim Hightower
It's a pleasure for me to be included in this salute to Garza County agriculture. Texas farmers and ranchers face their most critical problems since the Great Depression, and those in Garza County are no exception. Last year, for the first time since 1933, the cost of producing every single commodity in our state exceeded the price farmers received for them. We have a 47 percent delinquency rate on Farmers Home Administration loans in the state, higher than any other state in the union. Thousands of our farmers face the spectre of bankruptcy if we don't have a little bit of generosity from bankers, PCAs, the Farmers Home Administration and other lending institutions. Garza County cotton farmers know this

situation all too well. You're feeling the pinch. Why is this? The USDA experts will dazzle you with figures about what's going on. But I'm just going to give you a few figures that to me really sum it up. It's costing the average cotton farmer in Texas more than 70 cents to produce a pound of cotton; he's being paid less than 50 cents for that same pound of cotton. The average wheat farmer pays out \$6.31 to grow a bushel of wheat and gets back \$3.35 to \$3.50 when he sells it. That's all you need to know. These are statistics that even the USDA economists should be able to figure out. The experts and the Washington policy-makers don't like to look at these figures. For years, they've been saying, "Why

can't farmers get a little more efficient? Why can't they produce more? Why not get higher volume and accept the lower prices so we can sell it in the international market?" Or, in the immortal words of Earl Butz, "Why don't they get big or get out?" Well, we've done all that. We've done everything the experts have told us over the



last ten years, and in that period we have increased our cotton exports by 94 percent. But who got wealthy off that? Not many farmers that I know. We have to have experts and statisticians, and we need their advice, but we have to stop letting them make policy for us. It's time for a farm policy that focuses, for a change, directly on the family farm — not on volume and not on the middleman — but on the farmer himself, the family entrepreneurial unit. We acknowledge in all of our publications, in all of our studies and political speeches that all the efficiencies in productivity come from the family farm unit. Then why aren't we investing in it? Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys had a song a long time ago with a verse that sums up where I

think we are. It went like this: "Little bee sucks the blossom but the big bee gets the honey. Little man grows the cotton, but the big man gets the money." That's what's wrong with the solutions we're getting out of Washington. The PIK program is a sorry substitute for a farm program. It's a necessary Band-Aid to stop some of the bleeding that we are doing — the red ink is flowing out of our farm economy. But the PIK will not heal the wound. In fact, if it's not done right, it might rub salt into our wounds. We have to work for a farm program with some guts in it. By that, I mean a long-term, reliable program that we can bank on year in and year out, that has a paid diversion program in it, not after

you set aside 20 percent but from the first acre forward. Since I took office in January, we've been refocusing on the direction of the Texas Department of Agriculture. The Department's regulatory programs will continue, but our major objective is to do something for farmers who are hurting. We are focusing on that in two areas? First, policy-making here in Texas and in Washington. Gov. Mark White and I plan to increase the staff in the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations from one passive researcher to several people who know agriculture. They will lobby, work with the Texas Congressional delegation, the Farm Crisis group in Congress, and the other members there willing to take a stand. (Continued on P. 15)

Two Kinds of Terracing Systems

by Robert Schmidt
There are two types of terraces...standard and parallel. Standard terraces follow natural contour lines and can vary greatly in spacing, either wide or narrow, intervals making farming operations difficult, due to pt. rows formed by these uneven spacings. These pt. rows are difficult to farm because the farmer has to turn quite often on top of other rows. Parallel terraces are built on specific intervals based on the percent of slope of the land and size and type of equipment the farmer has. Not all fields are suited to parallel terraces, some have such complex drainage problems due to extreme variation in elevations. In such cases the standard terrace system may be a better choice, even with pt. rows. Terraces are built not only to control soil erosion, but for retention of moisture. In our dry area every drop of rain that can be retained on the land may make that extra pound of production that may mean the difference between profit and loss. In laying out stan-

dard terraces, we run in a line which follows the natural contour of the land, then, depending on the slope of the land, we run in the next line. It usually is not parallel with the one above it as with parallel terraces. In building parallel terraces, the field is first grid mapped, which is a series of lines run across the field in a checkerboard fashion on 100 ft. intervals. An elevation shot is taken at each intersection. These elevations are then transferred to a scaled down gridmap. After this is completed, the natural contour lines are drawn on the grid map on two feet elevation intervals. Then it is time to design the parallel terrace system. Usually a key line is drawn on the map and the other lines are run parallel from this line. After the system is designed, the terraces are staked in the field from the grid map, then the contractor can build the terraces. Parallel terraces usually cost more to install, but the advantages outweigh the difference.

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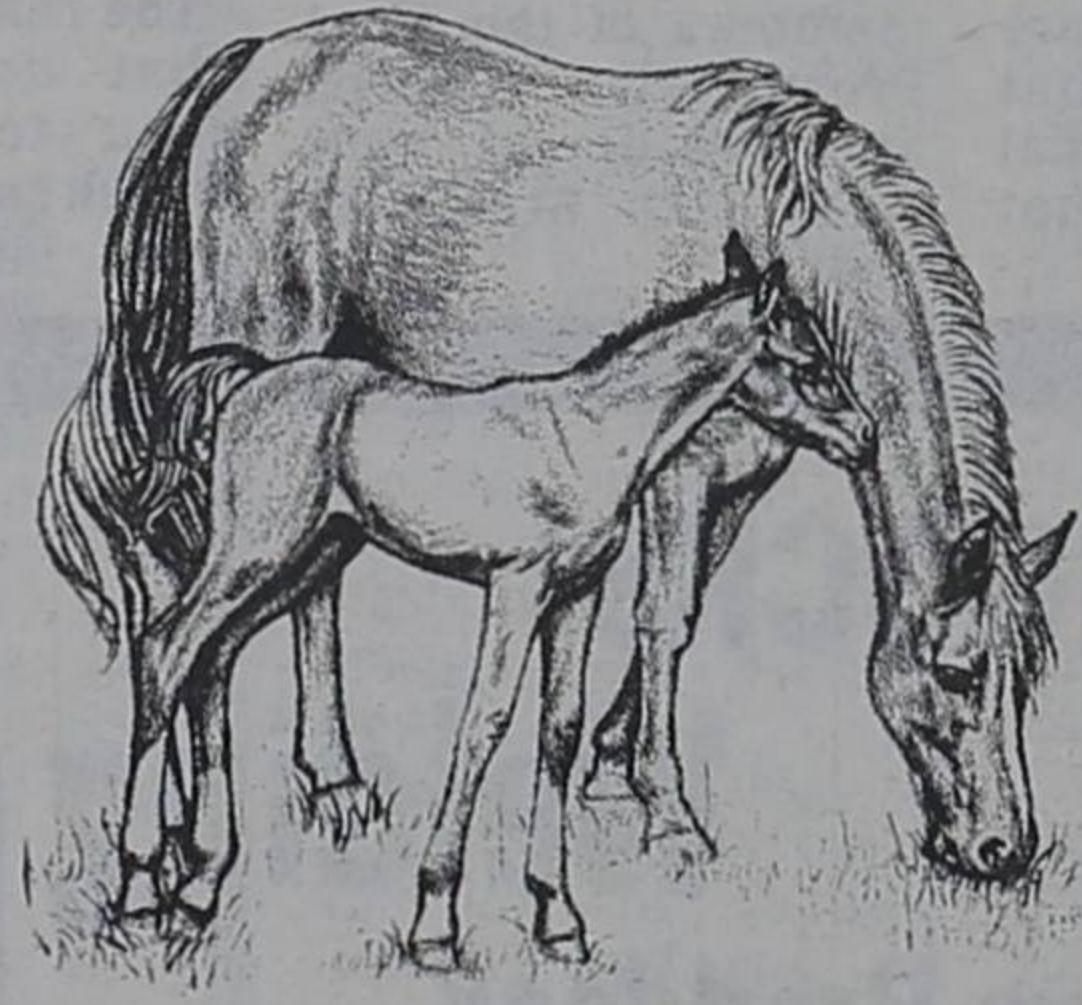


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Garza Soil and Water Conservation District Serves Area

The Garza Soil and Water Conservation District, a legal subdivision of the state of Texas, was originally organized in 1940 as the Duck Creek Soil and Water Conservation District by local landowners interested in conserving the area's soil, water and related resources.

At the time it included the counties of Dickens, Garza

and Kent.

In 1961 it was reorganized to include only Garza County and was renamed the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District.

The District is governed by five elected landowners who make up the board of directors.

Current members of the board of directors are Sam Ellis, chairman; L.G. Thuett Jr., vice-chair-

man; Preston Poole, secretary; Tom Middleton and Walter Boren.

The purpose of the Garza SWCD with headquarters in Post, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm and ranch lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers and ranchers on conservation matters and other issues affecting

private property rights of landowners.

The district board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

All conservation programs managed by the district are of a

voluntary nature to the landowner or operator.

Youth Board Only One in Texas

by Robert Schmidt SCS

The Garza Soil and Water Conservation District Youth Board of Directors was created in January 1978.

It is the only one of its kind in the state of Texas.

The purpose of the Youth Board is to assist the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District in carrying out its objectives in soil and water conservation and management.

The current Youth Board members include Ray Mason, chairman; Toby Craft, vice-chairman; Chuck Morris, secretary-treasurer; Jana Middleton, Kayla Peel and Rusty Morris.

The chairman acts as a liaison to the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors.

All members serve at least two years beginning Sept. 1 each year.

Members are chosen from high schools in Garza County and meetings are held at regularly scheduled times throughout the year to conduct business.

Some of the different activities of the Youth Board include assisting the Garza SWCD board in the district Soil Stewardship Week activities, assisting the district's annual Poster and Essay contest and attending South Plains and State Association meetings.

Other activities include a July 4th part in the community celebration, constructing a float for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade and a beautification project for the community.

In all of these activities, the Youth Board places special emphasis in promoting soil and water conservation activities by and for the young people in the district and Garza County.

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"We are also happy to share with our customers a family-type atmosphere at our business, where we welcome folks to stop by and visit," Bush concludes.

USDA Cattle Inventories Reflect Lower Figures

By Edward Uvacek Economist-Livestock Marketing Texas Agriculture Extension Service Despite almost everyone's "gut feeling"

Vet Reports on Services

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chens was the last person to have an established veterinary practice in Post and that was in the 1950's.

"I owe a great deal to the people who encouraged me to establish my practice here.

"We have continually tried to upgrade our equipment, facility, and inventory so that we can meet most of the veterinary needs of our surrounding area.

"We offer surgical and radiographic services as well as preventive herd health, consultations and programs to the agribusiness community in addition to individual animal disease care.

"We try to keep a supply of sprays, wormers, vaccines and the biologics inventory to meet the needs of our clientele.

Dr. Mills states, "we are entering an exciting era in veterinary medicine where many technological advances are being made.

"Embryo transfer and genetic manipulation and control are exciting fields that may alter traditional methods in the not too distant future.

that numbers would be way down, the latest USDA's cattle inventory figures were not sharply lower as expected.

To the surprise of many who felt cattle herds were being drastically reduced because of poor returns, the report showed that cattle and calf numbers were down, but by only one-half of one percent.

Beyond that, the numbers reported for individual states showed considerable variation.

Here in Texas, for example, there were 9 percent more cattle and calves and a 6 percent gain in beef cows.

In contrast, Arizona showed a 10 percent decrease in total numbers and Oklahoma an 8 percent drop.

While Arizona beef cow numbers were the same as a year ago, the Oklahoma beef cow herd fell 9 percent.

Only 13 states showed actual increase in the basic beef breeding herd.

One of the most important statistics in this January 1 report was the 1982 calf crop size.

The preliminary estimate, released last July, reported 43.6 million head, down 2 percent from the year earlier levels.

Now however, that figure was adjusted to 44.4 million head, a revision of 2 percent. So instead of having 3 percent less calves born in 1982, the final figure was only 1 percent smaller.

The real question is: What does all this mean to the cattle outlook? The immediate im-

act on the shortrun cattle picture should be rather minor.

The date simply states that there are slightly less cattle "out there" than a year ago.

Eventually, that will affect the number of calves born, cattle available for feeding and, ultimately, the amount of beef produced.

For the shorter-run situation, the report does confirm that there really are a larger number of cattle and calves in feedlots that will be coming to market quite soon.

This was already known, however, from the cattle on feed report.

This new cattle inventory suggests that U.S. cattlemen still are holding on and, as a whole, are neither expanding nor contracting.

The date for 1983 represents the 5th year of the new cattle cycle which began in 1979 and must be interpreted as a leveling off period.

With 3 percent less beef cows and 4 percent less beef heifer replacements, however, it will be very difficult to increase numbers during 1983.

Yet this could easily happen.

This date means that very little change should be expected in beef supplies during the next couple of years.

Since the U.S. human population still is expected to grow, less

beef will be available per person during this period.

Remember, we are not talking about demand, but rather availability.

The reduced quantity of beef for each consumer means prices will be pushed somewhat higher.

Now if, in addition to this, we do get some further business recovery, the year 1983 could turn out to be a fairly good price year for cattlemen.

Given all these factors, what can we expect in 1983?

Well, here are a few prognostications for the new year:

We should have a just slightly smaller

calf crop this year.

Cow slaughter should be down from last year.

Feeder cattle and calf supplies will be tight, especially this spring.

A reduced level of calf and non-fed steer and heifer slaughter.

The lower inflation rate means reduced costs of production for both cow-calf operators and feeders.

Cheaper feed is coming from the new government program.

Interest rates are way below a year ago.

Somewhat improved price levels for fed slaughter cattle.

Much better feeder cattle and calf prices seem certain.

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Federal Land Bank Announces Loan Rate Decreases

The Federal Land Bank of Texas announces a decrease in Bank closed loan fees to 2 percent on farm loans and 4 percent on rural residence and farm-related business loans.

Bank closed loan fees had been 4 percent on farm loans and 7 percent on rural residence and farm-related loans.

The Federal Land Bank of Texas makes long-term real estate loans throughout the state through its 55 Federal Land Bank Associations. The Bank has \$2.4 billion in loans outstanding.

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McGhee Shares History

By BETH SHORT
 Weldon McGehee of the Southland area, brought some history into the Dispatch office Monday morning, when he brought original letters between his father, B.F. (Ben) McGehee, and the C.W. Post Home Farms, when he purchased a quarter section of land from Post in 1915.

The land cost Mr. McGehee \$1.75 per

acre, and he paid four percent per annum interest.

The land was purchased by McGehee in March of 1915, and he and his family moved on the land in December of the same year.

They came to Post from Carey, Texas, in a covered wagon, the couple and their four children, and a team of four mules that also helped him farm the new land.

One of the mules lived to be 32 years old and was on the farm owned by McGehee until the mule died.

Weldon was about two years old when the family moved to Post, and later there were four more children born to the couple.

All eight of the children are living.

They are Jewell McGehee of Lubbock, who was seven when they moved to Post; Leroy who lives in Hale Center, and was four years old during the move; Weldon, who was two; and

Mary Forbis who now lives in Pheonix, Ariz. She was just a baby.

The children born in Garza County include John who now lives in Lazbuddie; Anabell Minton of Pomona, Calif.; Raymond of Lazbuddie and Anetta Sherrod who lives in Lubbock.

Weldon still owns the original tract of land, and the house that was on the land when they bought it is still there.

Weldon has turned his land over to his son Dennis, but he still lives on the place he purchased in addition to the original tract of land.

One of the first memories that Weldon has of the home here in Garza County, was when a covered wagon rolled by their new home, they always stood on the front porch and watched them go by.

Since about nine sections of open land was their front yard, a covered wagon was really something to see.

Larry Mills Enjoys New Practice Here

"If someone had told me in 1964 that I would someday be a veterinarian in Post, Texas, I would have thought they were crazy," says Larry D. Mills, DVM, about the year in which his family moved to Post to the Pitchfork Ranch, near Guthrie, Texas.

"Back then I envisioned myself as being the next Norm Cash out of Post, as I truly loved playing baseball."

"Over the next 10 years while living on one of the largest ranches in Texas, my interests were diverted to livestock and agriculture as I learned all phases of ranch work.

"As I look back now, those years were very important in that I accumulated a firm foundation of knowledge about everyday agribusiness activity that has helped me immensely.

After graduation from high school in Guthrie, Dr. Mills attended Texas Tech University for three years and then moved to Texas A&M University where he received a BS in Veterinary Science and his DVM degree in 1976.

He then married the former Kim Mitchell of Post and worked in veterinary hospitals in Spur and Rotan before moving back to Post.

Caprock Veterinary Hospital Inc., has been located in Post for approximately four years.

From an initial location at 318 E. Main it has been relocated to a more modern facility on the Lubbock highway for the past year and a half.

"It had been many years since a veterinarian had been located in Post.

"I guess Dr. Kit- (Continued on P. 13)

Cross H Ranch Divided from O.S.

The Cross H Ranch, owned and operated by County Judge Giles W. Dalby, had its beginning when the original OS Ranch was divided into four parcels in 1941 at the time of W. E. Connell's death.

G. W. Connell inherited the portion which is now known as Cross H as one of the survivors of W. E. Connell.

The OS Ranch was one of the first cattle ranches which has been recorded in operation during the days of open range in Texas.

Known as the Lexington Cattle Company of Lexington, Ky., it was operated by German B. Stoud, who had about 500 cattle on Yellow House Creek in Garza County, just east of the Llano (Curry Comb) Ranch. Mr. A. J. Long also had cattle in this area in 1881.

In January of 1884, Mr. Long began buying land and more cattle, and later leased additional acreage.

It is recorded that some of the cattle Mr. Long purchased came from the Overall and Street Ranch south of Fluvanna and these cattle with the "EO" brand were consolidated with the "202" herd from the Lexington Cattle Company and given a new brand — the "OS."

Long and his brother operated the ranch, bought additional land, built fences, which before this time had only been built across gaps in the mountains to prevent drifting and increased the cattle herd.

In June of 1901, the Longs sold all of their holdings, consisting of 26,411 acres of school land, various grass leases, fences, etc., to W. E. Connell, John Scarbrough and E. W. Clark for \$39,616.50. They also sold their herd of 9,500 stock cattle, 312 bulls, and 118 horses, together with all wagons, harnesses, scrapers, cooking and camp

equipment to Connell and his associates for \$200,239.25. The new owners added improvements and continued their purchase of both school and railroad land until their range embraced about 100,000 acres.

In 1909 Mr. Connell bought John Scarbrough's ¼ interest and in 1913 bought E. W. Clark's ¼ interest, making him the sole owner of all the OS Ranch except for 27,175 acres the partners had previously sold to C. W. Post back in 1906.

W. E. Connell, a banker from Fort Worth, with two partners, bought the OS Ranch in 1901.

The OS Ranch has been an important part in the history of Garza County and was there that the first election was held to organize Garza County, back in 1907. It was also on the OS Ranch that some of the first oil wells of Texas were brought in.

Giles W. Dalby, grandson of G. W. Connell, now owns and operates the Cross H and has actively managed and operated the ranch since 1961.

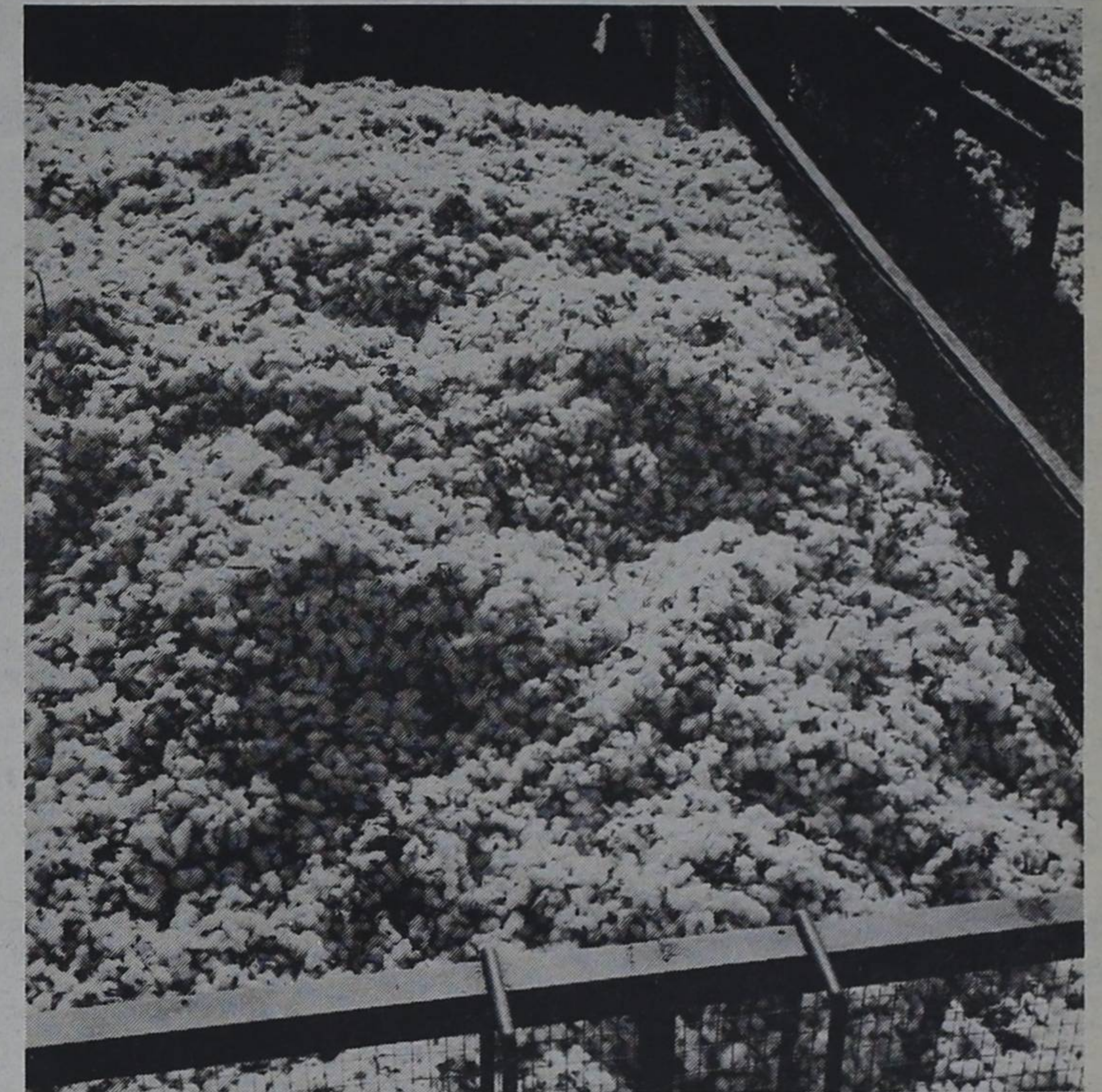
During the past 20 years, the ranch has operated in several different business phases including a number of years when Dalby ran the cattle on a lease basis.

Dalby has continued to build a cow-calf operation and also expanded the business interests to include racehorses.

Conservation practices for grass and water are a continuing way of preserving the ranch, accomplished by careful stocking and brush control.

Judge Dalby and his wife, Nelda and two of his children, Charlie and Giles Jr., reside on the ranch.

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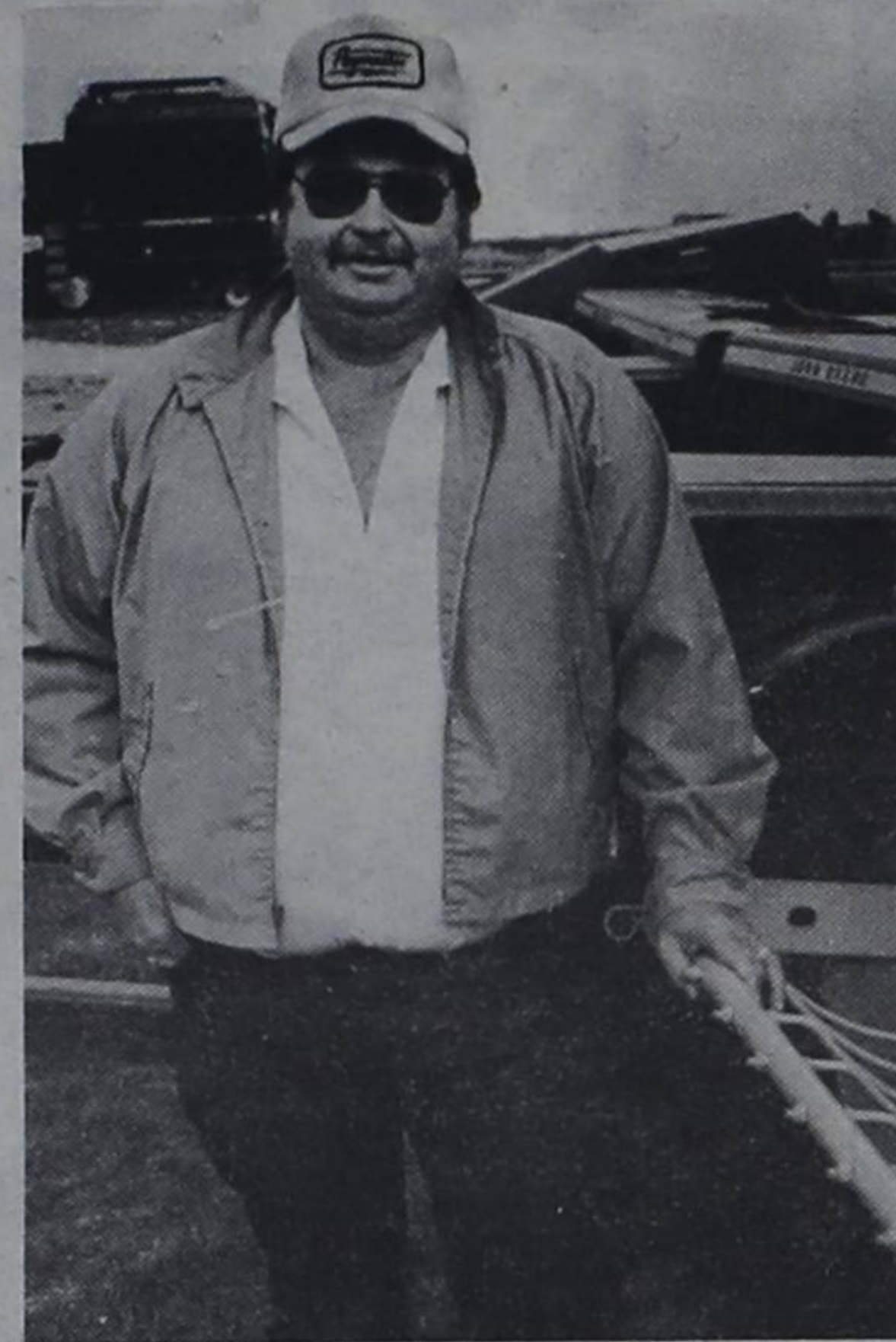


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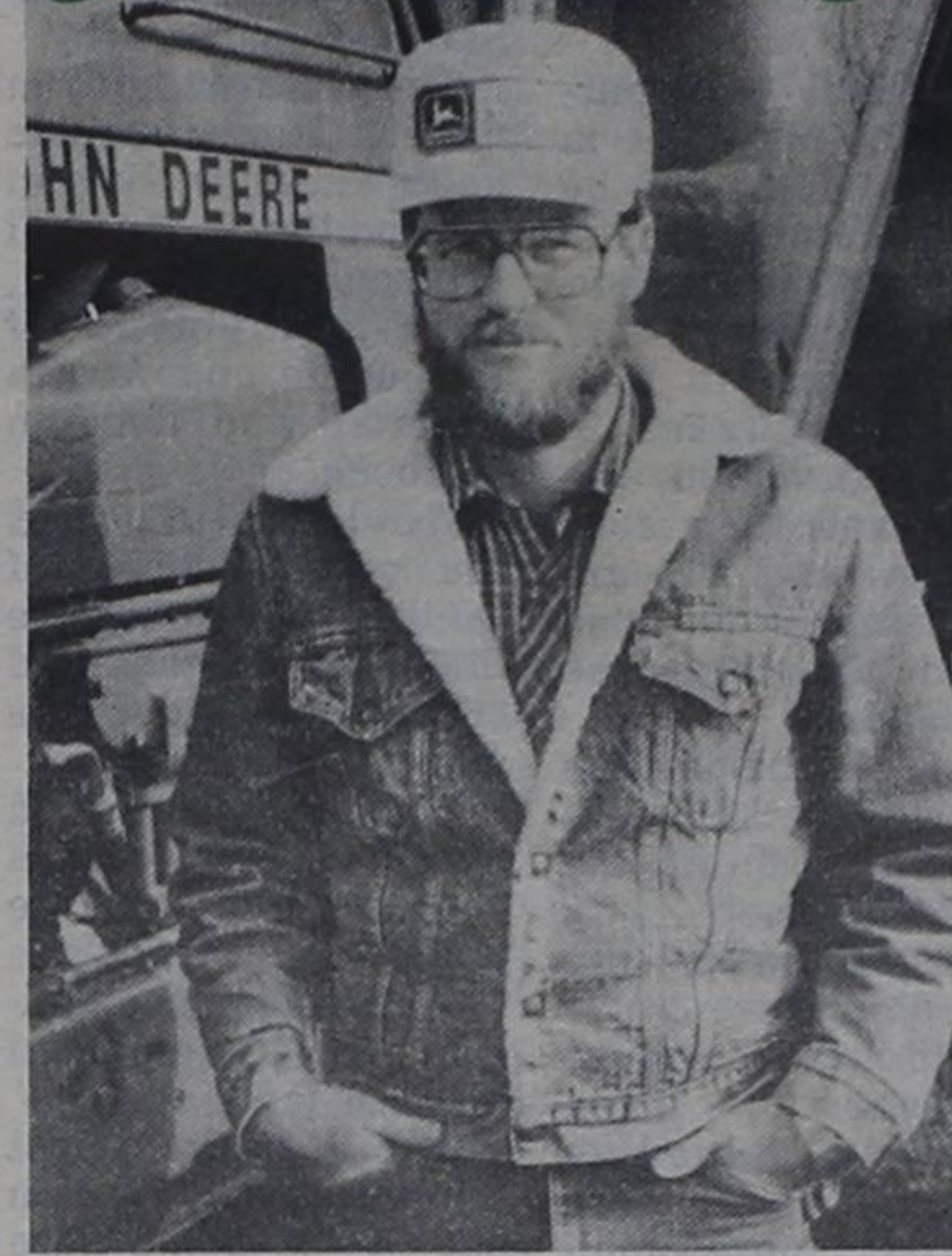
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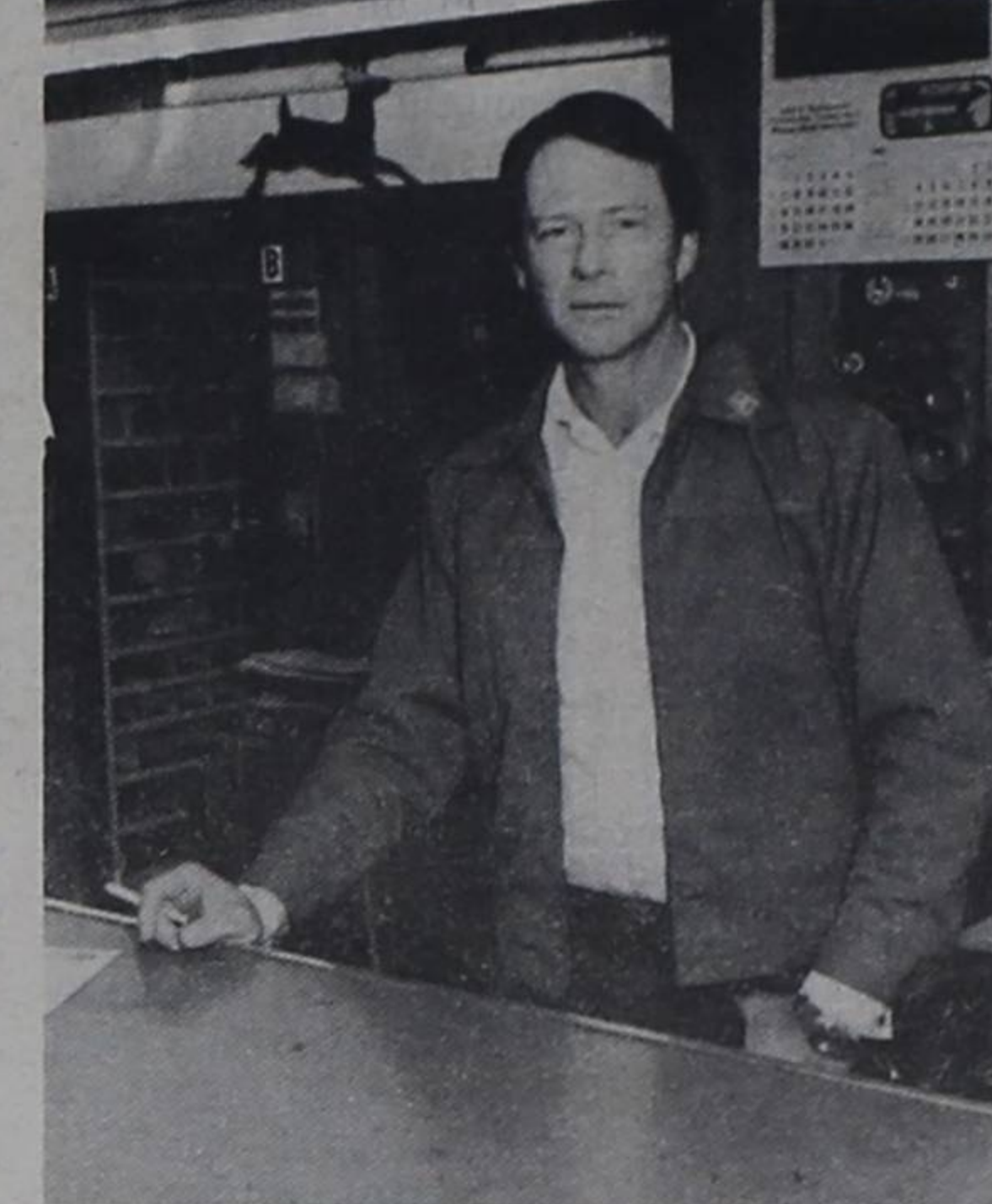
Jerry Bush serves as manager of B Bar T Farm Supply. His wife, Judy, is in the income tax business and they have three children: Trevah, Traci and Salli. Jerry is president of the company and has worked with John Deere for 12 years. He enjoys fishing, golf and color movies as hobbies.



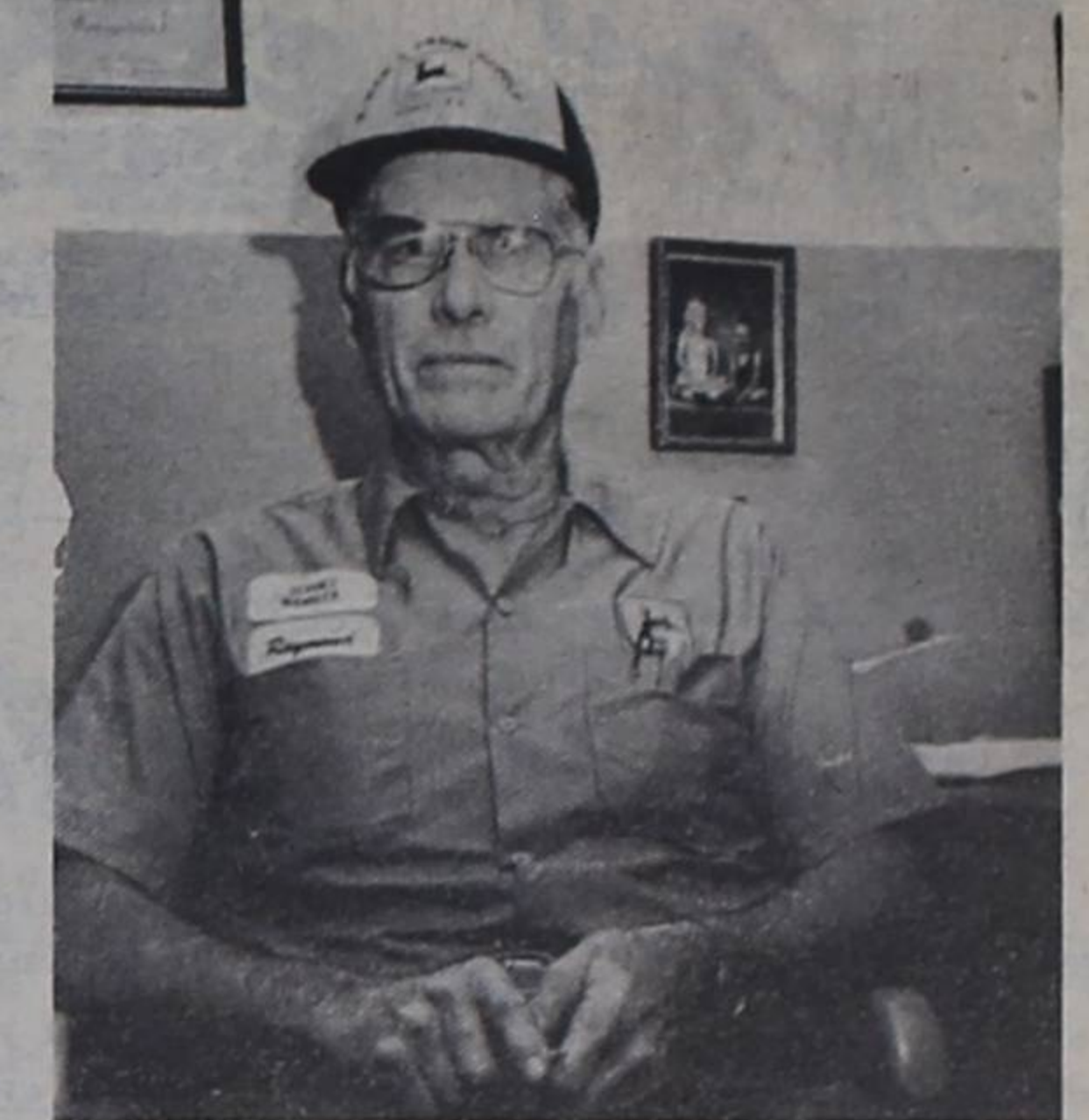
Jerry Thuett, vice president of B Bar T Farm Supply, is a partner in the business. His wife, Lynette, is an instructor for Robert Spence modeling school in Lubbock. They have one child, Amy. Jerry includes electrical projects, woodworks, fishing, hunting, golf and farming in Garza County as his hobbies.



Ronald Thuett is secretary of B Bar T Farm Supply. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children, Kerry and Trevor. Ronald lists his church, carpentry, farming in Garza County and snow skiing as his hobbies.



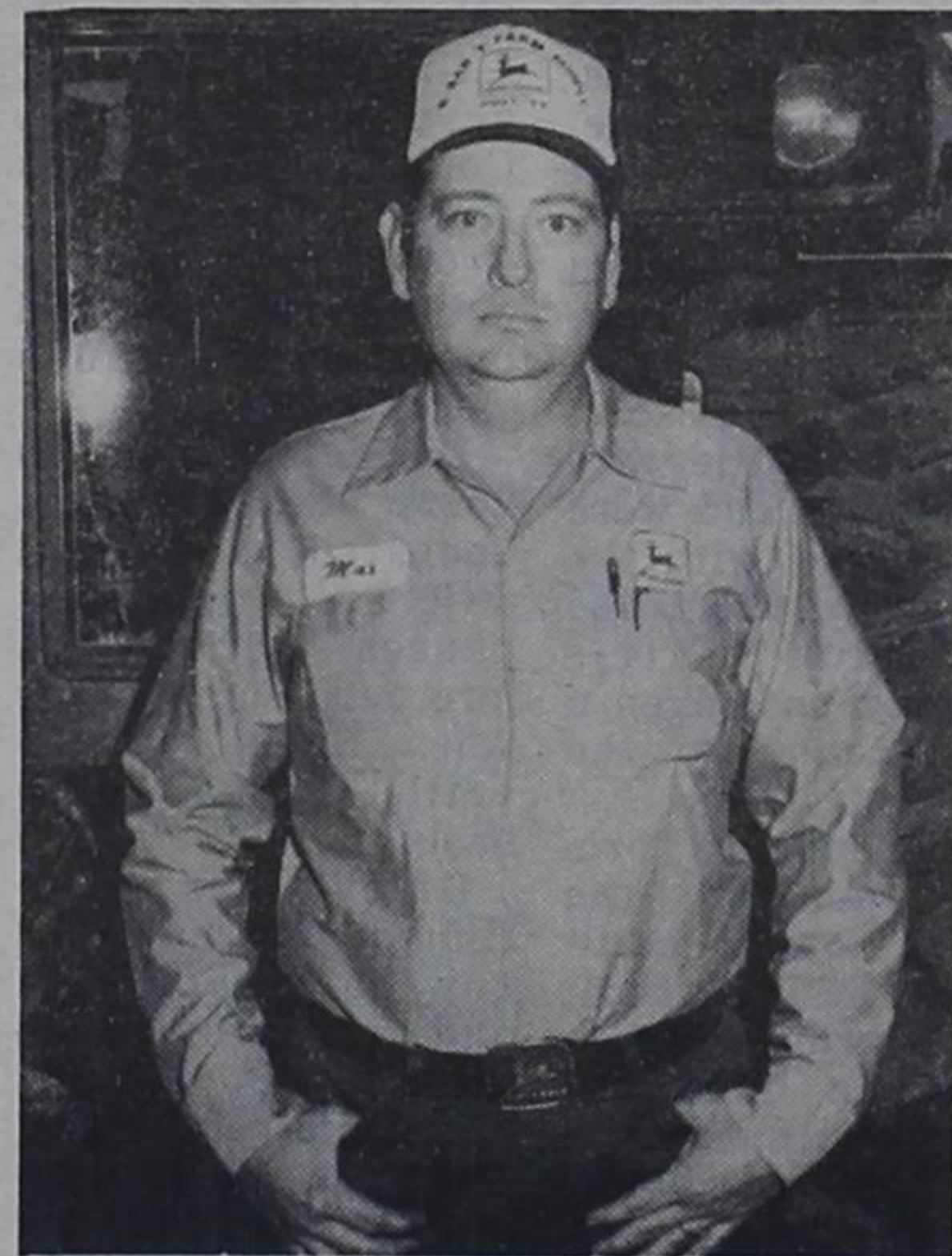
Rusty Wood is parts manager and sales for B Bar T Farm Supply. His wife, Linda, is a substitute teacher for the Post schools. They have three children: Robert, Darren and DeLynn. Rusty enjoys roping and horses as hobbies.



Raymond Perdue serves B Bar T Farm Supply as service manager and has lived here for 33 years. He and his wife Dorothy have one child, Sherry and two grandchildren. Raymond has been with John Deere for 33 years. He enjoys traveling and fishing as hobbies.



Max Haney has lived in Post five years and is one of the experienced mechanics at B Bar T Farm Supply. His wife, Rebecca, teaches second grade at Post Elementary School. They have two children, Shelly and Tye. Max includes carpentry and fishing as his hobbies.



Benny Valdez serves B Bar T Farm Supply as a truck driver. His wife, Paula is a teacher's aid at the Post schools and they have two children, Javier and Gilbert. Benny has worked with John Deere for four years and lists church, fishing and football as his hobbies.



Karen Conner, secretary and bookkeeper at B Bar T Farm Supply, is married to Tony Conner, an employee at Highland Resources and they have one child, Braden. Karen has been at B Bar T for four years and she enjoys volleyball, church, golf and water and snow skiing as her hobbies.



Troy Nelson is one of the experienced mechanics at B Bar T Farm Supply. His wife, Joyce is employed at the Postex Plant. They have three children: Guy Troy of Midland, Mrs Melinda Morgan of Justiceburg and Danny Ray of Abilene. Troy and Joyce also have three grandchildren. Troy has worked with John Deere for 24 years. He enjoys carpentry as a hobby.

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