

Proposition 13 counts heavily in TSTC's future 'Yeah' vote Nov. 2 could benefit ag, business, industry trainees

Monies available; 'yes' would start their flow to TSTC system

By BOB PEARCE

Manager of Development TSTC Amarillo

AMARILLO - On April 22, 1965, Governor John Connally signed a bill creating James Connally Technical Institute of Texas

A&M University with the vision of offering modern, top-quality technical programs tailored to meet the present and future needs Texas of industry.

In 1969, the college separ-PEARCE ated from Texas

A&M, changed its name to Texas State Technical College (TSTI), and had its own

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Board of Regents appointed by the governor. In the next two decades, the Texas State Technical College System would expand dramatically, graduating thousands of techni-cians each year to fuel the growth of Texas business and industry.

IN 1984, THE Legislature created the

Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF) to aid Texas public universities that are outside the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems. Until 1984, UT and A&M system schools alone had a consti-tutionally dedicated source of funding for capital needs: the Permanent University Fund (PUF).

The HEAF was created to provide a similar constitutional fund for all other state universities.

When TSTC (formerly TSTI) separated from Texas A&M, it was not considered a four year college nor a community college. It provided technical and vocational education, not academic degrees. Unlike community

colleges, TSTC does not have a local tax base to supplement its state appropriated funding

TSTC operations are funded primarily through state appropriations under an alloca-tion formula designed for two-year academic and vocational/technical institutions. Since TSTC has not been a part of the HEAF, capital expenditures have been funded through special appropriations.

TEXAS STATE Technical College has never been able to conduct long range planning because of the lack of a dedicated fund for capital needs. Proposition 13 would add the Texas State Technical College System and its campuses, but not its extension centers or programs, to the Constitution's list of institutions that receive HEAF funds. The annual allocation to TSTC could not exceed 2.2 percent of the annual HEAF

allows TSTC to have a dedicated source of funds for buildings, facilities and other permanent improvements, and capital equipment. TSTC's access to the HEAF funds will also allow the college to leverage other fund sources which require funding matches. In other words, the college would be able to secure federal grant funds, if it is able to match those funds with local or state funds.

THE TEXAS STATE Technical College System is a leader in technical education serving a vast variety of industries throughout Texas. It supports: agriculture through programs such as Farm and Ranch Management, Food Service Technology, Meat Processing & Marketing, and Diesel Mechanics; manufacturing through Industrial Mainte-nance Mechanics, Manufacturing Engineer-ing Technology, and Semiconductor Manu-facturing Technology; and over 55 other programs designed to help Terres to the terres. programs designed to help Texas industries and businesses be more competitive in the global market.

It is our belief you will be supporting the future of Texas by voting Yes for Proposi-

Historic PCG meeting held at first ag show

By SHAWN WADE

Plains Cotton Growers

LUBBOCK - The directors of Plains Cotton Growers held a historic meeting Wednesday at the site of the first Annual Texas Farmer-Stockman Show.

It was historic in that it was the first PCG meeting at the Lone Star State's first ever working farm and ranch exposition - and perhaps the biggest ag exposition ever held in the

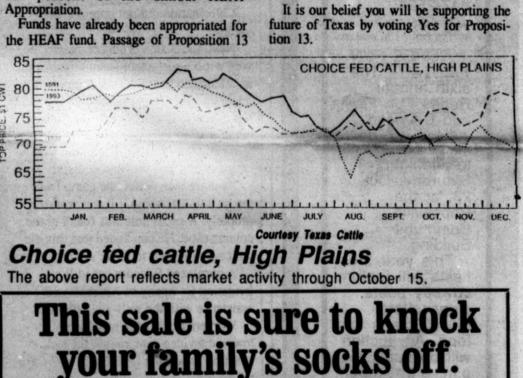
PCG Board members discussed a number of issues including the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Plant Variety Protection Act, Federal Crop Insurance, recommendations for the 1994 Farm Program and the reorganization of the United States Department of Agriculture.

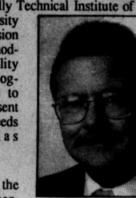
ALSO DISCUSSED was the progress of the 1993 PCG Boll Weevil Control

PCG Boad members were given an opportunity to view some of Dr. John Gannaway's new cotton breeding lines developed through the PCG Plains Cotton Improvement Program.

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Harvesting activities have picked up steam across the High Plains with producers treating fields in preparation for harvest.







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GALLERY OF GIFTS IN DIMMITT - The **Dimmitt Chamber** of Commerce will hold its first annual Gallery of Gifts Arts & Crafts Show at the Castro County Expo Buuilding from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those wishing to obtain details and to reserve booths may call 647-2524.

Oct. 23

ROPES FUN FIESTA — The sixth annual Ropes Fun Fiesta and Diamond Jubilee will be held from 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Ropesville Community Building.

This year the fiesta will feature cowboy poets, story tellers, music, crafts and food. An auction will be held at 1 p.m. and a street dance will begin at 8 p.m.

Well 'brushing' does trick for old casing

By TAMARA DANIEL

High Plains Water District LATON In 1992, Richard Benarz purchased a farm with two irrigaiton wells which were about 49 years old.

One of the wells had originally produced about 600 gallons of water per minute. Bednarz metered the well's yield at only 150 gallons pr minute before it broke suction.

In an attempt to improve the well yield, Bednarz first tried chlorinating the well. Bacterial growth on the casing sometimes restricts the flow of water from the formation into the well. This is especially true in wells equipped with oil-lubricated pumps.

The chlorine mixture kills the bacteria and causes it to slough off the casing wall so it can be pumped from the well.

Chlorination did not improve the well yield.

Next, the Slaton producer treated the well with a surfactant (soap mixture) in an attempt to break the water molecules down into smaller particles to help remove any silt or clay particles lodged in the perforations restricting the flow of water from the formation into the well casing. This, too, was unsuccessful.

Bednarz then pulled the pump from the well to determine if it was working properly. A small hole was found in the column pipe. He concluded that this did not cause the well to break suction.

A perplexed Bednarz called Wolf Irrigation Company of Abernathy for assistance with the well-yield problem.

Workers from the irrigation company lowered a video camera into the well to examine the casing for any obvious signs

of trouble.

"The underwater camera is used to check the condition of the casing and helps us determine what to do with the well," said Ralph Wolf of Wolf Irrigation. "In some cases, the downhole camera will reveal conditions that are so bad that

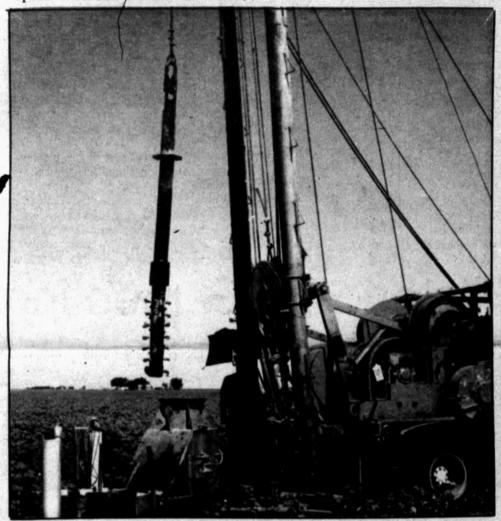
repairs would be too costly. The best option in that case is to drill a new well,"

he said.

In other instances, the camera may show clogged perforations which can be cleaned out to improve the well yield.

Typically, the camera is able to produce a very clear image of the inside of the casing from the top to the bottom

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CLEANING TECHNIQUE — Wolf Irrigation of Abernathy prepares to lower a brush with a surge block on the end into a well on Marvin Menzel's farm west of Shallowater. The same equipment was used to clean a well on Richard Bednarz' farm.

Feedgrain crop shrinks, wheat enjoys a rally

The October release of World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates lowered the 1993/94 production estimate for both the U.S. and the rest of the world.

U.S. corn and sorghum production are estimated at 6.96 billion bushels and 639 million bushels respectively, down 268 MB for corn and 10 MB for grain sorghum from last month.

The size of the estimated crop continues to shrink from month to month as USDA and the trade get a better idea of the full extent of this year's flood related losses. Some in the trade are already guessing that the numbers could drop even further next month.

ESTIMATED WORLD production is also down from last month at 579.86 million metric tons (MMT) as a result of lower estimates for Russia, Eastern Europe and Kazakhstan, but keep in mind that is still up 9.73 MMT from last year.

With world consumption at 830.65 MMT and production at 795 MMT, world ending stocks will shrink 121.96 MMT. That would lower the world stocks/use ratio to a relatively tight 14.7 percent. U.S. corn and sorghum consumption, estimated at 8.0 BB and 723 MB respectively, are down from last month and from last year as higher prices are expected to ration demand. The U.S. ending stocks/use ratio for corn is 13.6 percent and for sorghum



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12.7 percent, both of which should be plenty low enough to provide good support for prices.

The only real poor part of the outlook picture is in the export arena, where a slow world economy and a lack of available money are keeping expectations at low levels. It will be difficult for prices to truly reflect how tight supplies are unless export demand improves.

WORLD AND U.S. ESTIMATES were lowered from last month for production, use, and ending stocks by USDA in the October World Agricultural Supply and demand Estimates. As the U.S. wheat harvest finally winds down, the quantity and quality impacts associated with this year's weather and disease problems are becoming a little more obvious. U.S. wheat production is estimated by USDA to be 2.422 billion bushels (BB), down 71 million bushels (MB) from last month's estimate, and down 37 MB from last year. Weather delays hampered the crop from planting clear through harvest, reducing both acreage and yield from what they might have otherwise been.

World production was also reduced from last month, with Canada, Russia and Kazakhstan also showing decreased production. Keep in mind, however, that world wheat production, estimated at 564.44 million metric tons (MMT), is still up from last year as also are consumption and ending stocks. On the other hand, world export trade is expected to continue to decrease as the world economy continues to drag along at a slow pace and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union continue their reorganizations.

THE U.S. ENDING stocks/use ratio continues to stand at about 30 percent, essentially the same as last month, up from 21 percen tlast year. The world ending stocks/use ratio continues to stand at about 25 percent, similar to last year. These stock levels are not burdensome by any means, and should allow for a continued post harvest rally, but exports will need to improve before prices can go very far. (Dr. Mark Waller, Grain Marketing Specialist with the Texas A&M Extension Service, is an authority on the nation's grain markets.)



Oct. 27-28

TEXAS AG SUMMIT meeting, of agricultural leaders to explore solutions to the expected hot issues of the 21st century: changing consumer preferences, uncertain world markets, managing business changes, the environment, technology, public policy and innovative leadership.

Oct. 30

HOUSTON 4-H AMB & HEIFER SHOW - Will be held at Crockett Porth Ag Arena, Crockett.

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FLOYDADA PUNKIN DAYS - A day of family fun including pumpkin contests of all types and a safe trick-or-treat for children is part of Floydada's annual celebration, boosted by the town and Floyd County pumpkin producres.

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SILVERTON FALL CARNIVAL – The

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LUBBOCK (AP) — The outlook for the sorghum crop appears average across most of Texas, because of unpredictable weather and late planting, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.)

Dr. Bob Robinson,

Extension director in Lubbock, said producers are harvesting sorghum and cotton, and both crops looks excellent.

"Yields are great on irri-gated land. Both crops should be above average." The Abilene, Amarillo

and Uvalde areas experienced pea to baseball size hail Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Dr. George Alston, Extension agronomist in Stephenville, said while there is a possibility that damage was sustained, most crops that

would have been sensitive to hail damage have already been harvested.

Paul E. Gross, Extension director in Amarillo, said no severe damage has been reported, but it is still too early to tell.

Gross said the sorghum

crop in the Panhandle looks good, but many field will be harvested late regardless of what happens. Good rains in the summer helped the crop, but many fields were planted later and could use another rain.

lagazine launches first ag

By GORDON ZEIGLER

Herald Staff Writer

ON THE CITY OF LUBBOCK FARM - Thousands had the same idea.

They wanted to invade the 800-acre site of Texas' first-ever "working farm show" and see the country's newest tractors - many rolling off the assembly line just days ago. They wanted to kick the tires, maybe even drive one through a corn or cotton patch.

Farm Progress, Inc., and its Texas-based magazine launched "Day One" of its first show of a planned

To use the cliche - if they don't have it on display on this show site, you don't need it.

Promoters are hoping for a 10,000-a-day average attendance, and may well get it as today and Thursday are projected to be the biggest days.

But, no one seemed disappointed with initial crowd impressions - especially the editor of the ag

crowd," commented Charles Taylor, editor of the Texas Farmer-Stockman magazine, who was obviously happy with the inaugural day.

"IT IS REALLY hard for us to judge this turnout, since it is only our first year," Taylor said, adding that he was glad to meet show-goers from distant locations ranging from the top of the Panhandle to Beeville, Pecos and Wichita Falls, plus numerous out-of-state and national attendees.

So, at first glance, Taylor said hopes for widespread appeal have been realized. "We deliberately chose Lubbock because of the

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high concentration of cotton growing, plus diversification in other crops and livestock," Taylor said. "But, we also want to say this is not a Lubbock show, it is an area show — and we have seen the diversified interest we expected."

Farm Progress puts on another huge show in the Midwest — which rotates annually from Indiana to Illinois to Iowa. The Texas show differs in the fact it will be based at one location only.

AN EXHIBITOR at a booth from Tye Equipment Co. of Lockney told one onlooker his displays had been "pulled out of the Iowa mud" just about three weeks ago in preparation for shipment back for the Lubbock show.

VISITORS PARKED on a huge lot south of the show, just off FM 835 (East 50th Street) about 11/2 miles east of Loop 289.

They streamed out into the fields to see harvest demonstrations, catching trailer shuttles out to the sites. Many major companies held "see-and-drive" trips to the field for a half hour every hour, allowing their prospective buyers to try out equipment. Reaction from farmers were positive.

"This show is great," commented Muleshoe farmer Ernest Ramm, a Bailey County cotton producer who watched a new Case IH burr-extracting cotton

stripper take out a four-row swath.

RAMM SAID HE was so intent on seeing the event in its entirety that he and his wife brought their RV, which they parked on the hookup-equipped show lot and lived in for the next two days before returning home.

"This is impressive, all the new technology," commented a Lubbock insurance agent who was viewing the show for the first time. "With 225 exhibitors, and all these major ag manufacturers, it's really impressive all the equipment they have out here. And, it will probably be bigger next year and over the years to come. It could become one of the major shows in the country."

Though all new equipment and new models from all manufacturers were gaining attention, there was heightened interest over several specific innovations:

· Dodge showed its all-new, designed from the ground up, 1994 pickup.

 Massey Ferguson showed its 3670 and 3690 tractors featuring up 170 hp and a dynashift transmission and upgrades to its 8570 combine.

· John Deere showed its new corn header equipped with its first-in-the-industry, all-plastic cones and hoods - designed for durability and an environmentally-friendly use of recycled plastic.

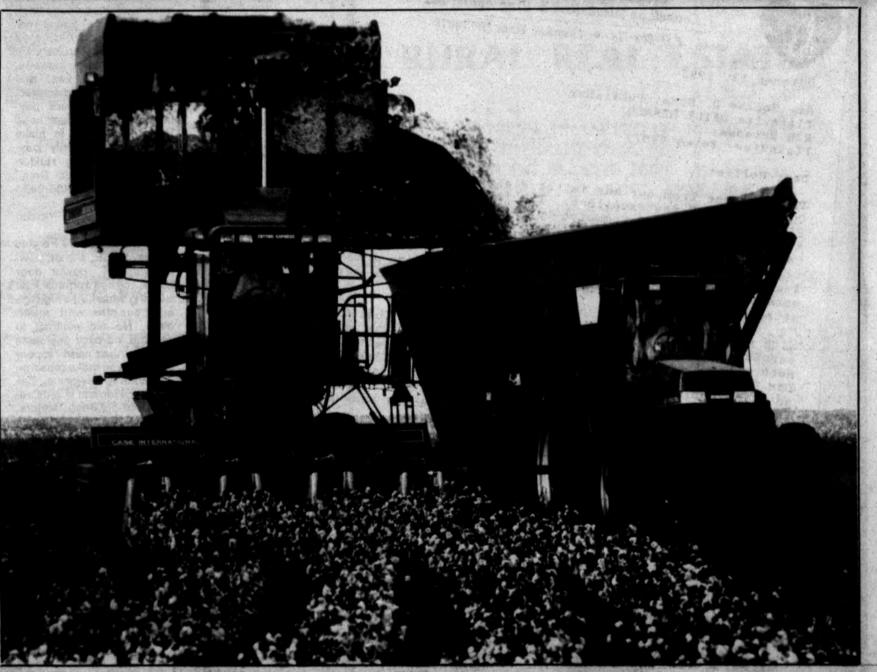
· Case IH showed its latest line of Magnum tractors, featuring engineering refinements and embellishments in the cab.

MORTON BUILDINGS is an exhibitor that put a lot of labor into the erection of its model barn with its exposed beams in the ceiling showing off engineering, design and mmaterials.

Morton pushed the nature of its buildings in protecting big investments on today's farm equipment, with aid from an expert in the field, Dr. Neil Meador of University of Missouri-Columbia.

Meador spoke on the "ideal farm shop" design.

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And they wanted to meet and talk with experts on every ag subject imaginable that set up exhibits in the Texas Farmer-Stockman Show "Info Plaza."

THEY GOT THEIR chance Tuesday when minimum 10-year show schedule.

magazine putting on the show. "I would say we had a very enthusiastic first-day

rogressive Homemakers will hold their annual Fall Carnival at 6 p.m. at the **Briscoe County** Showbarn.

Nov. 20 SILVERTON ARTS & CRAFTS JUBILEE Progressive Extension Homemakers will hold a Christmas Arts and Crafts Jubijlee in the County Showban. Booths measuring eight by ten feet are avialable for \$5. Tables will be available on first call, first serve basis. Information is

available by calling 823-2131, ext. 11, or 823-2093 after 5 p.m.

In-field equipment demo

Acres of crops awaited a continual onslaught of harvesting at the Texas Farmer-Stockman Show in Lubbock last week. The idea was to give show-goers a look at the complete farming cycle — from harvest through shredding, plowing and planting to show just what the year's new farm equipment will do.

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The 39 exhibitors signed up for the show will display a variety of items including wooden toys; wooden cut-out holiday decorations; dried flowers; southwest vests, skirts and jackets; homemade jellies; potpourri; broomstick skirts; jewelry made from china dishes; gold and silver jewelry; quilted bears; muslin dolls; metal art; watercolors; clocks; framed and matted prints; calligraphy; cherub angels; painted signs; special cosmetics; birdhouses; ceramics; tole panting; painted clothing; baked goods and more.

Admission to the show is \$1 per person, and that fee will register you for door prizes which will be given away throughout the day. Those making purchases will have a chance to win an RCA 13-inch television with an AC/DC hookup suitable for home or vehicle use. The television was donated by American Maize-Products Co.

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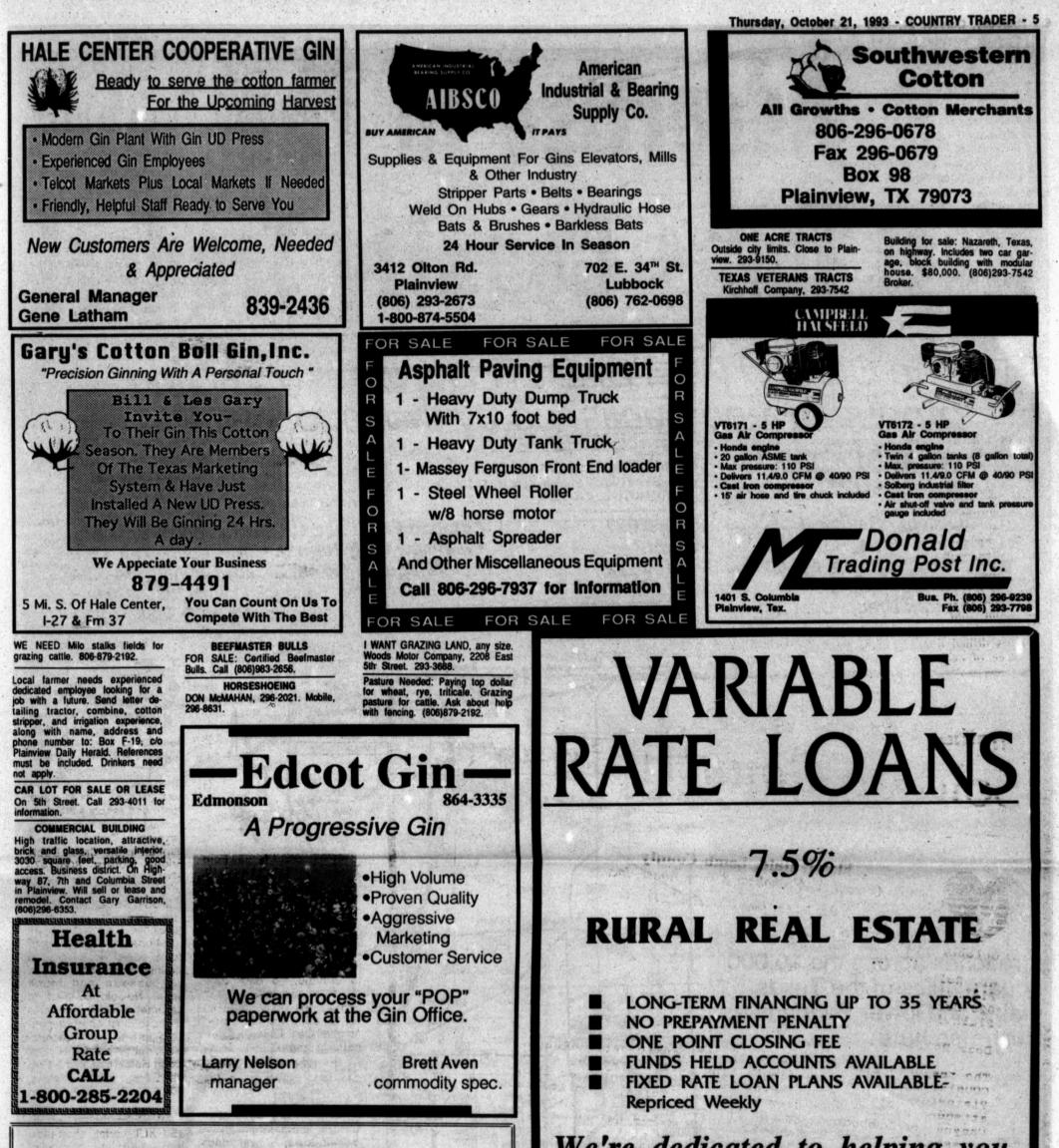
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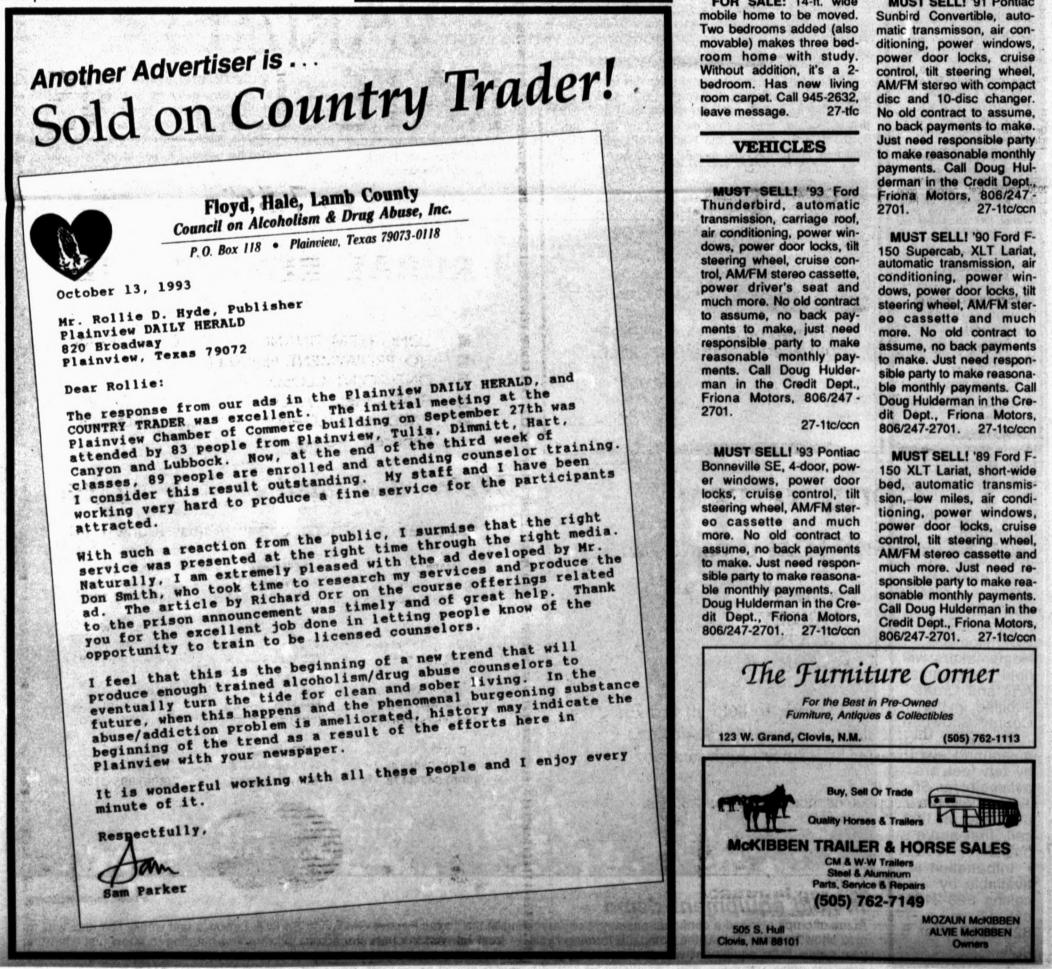
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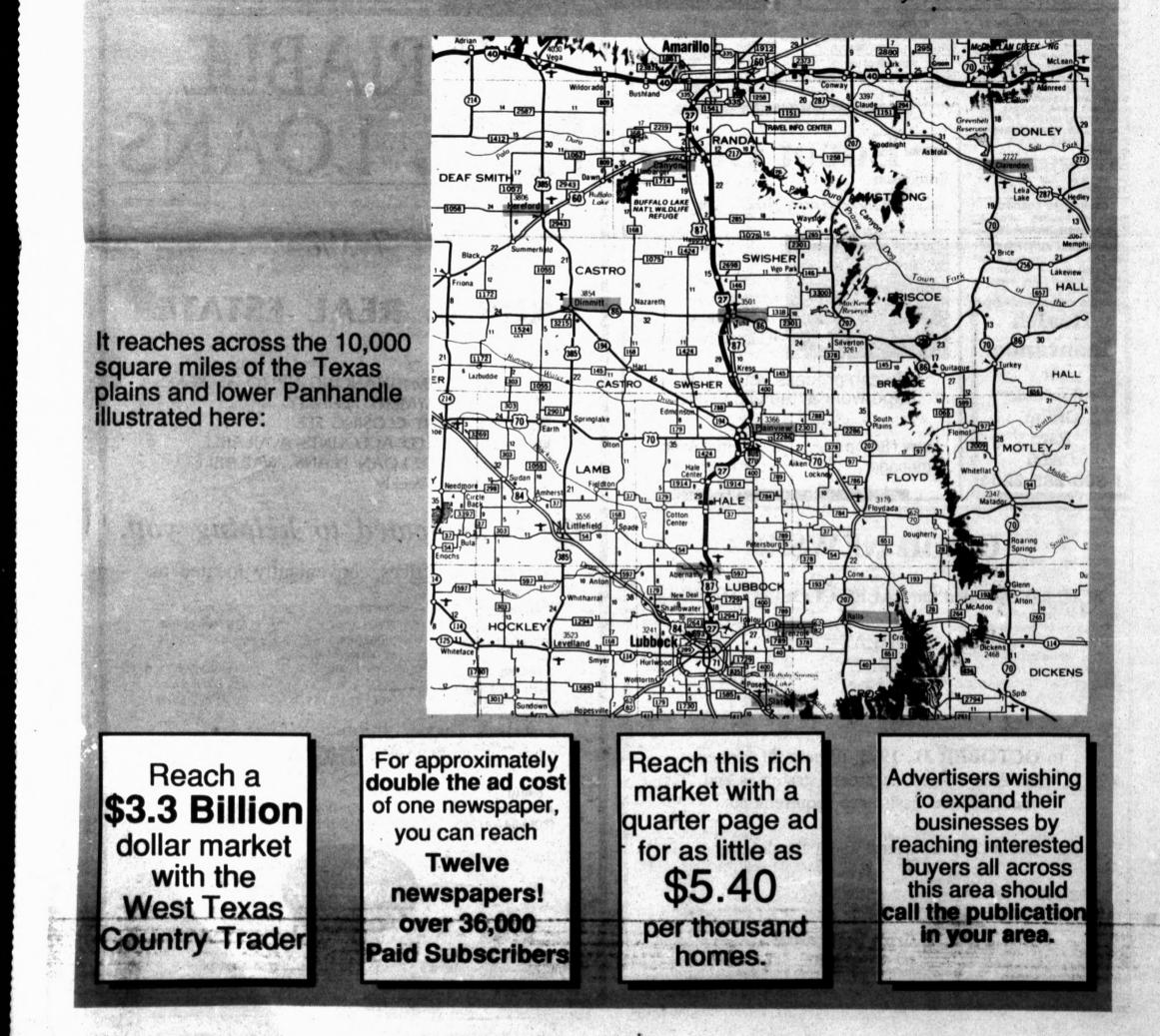
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Wool subsidy bites dust

WASHINGTON (AP) -The Senate sent President Clinton legislation early Friday ending federal subsidies for wool and mohair next year but also approved a separate measure that would phase them out more slowly.

On a voice vote after 1 a.m., senators sent Clinton compromise legislation providing \$71 billion for agriculture programs for fiscal 1994, which began Oct. 1.

The measure would allow government payments to producers of wool and mohair to continue this calendar year, but terminate them beginning in January.

The subsidies will cost \$190 million in 1993. Supporters say they are crucial to the survival of many wool and mohair ranchers. But opponents say the payments are a waste of money that often go to well-to-do people.

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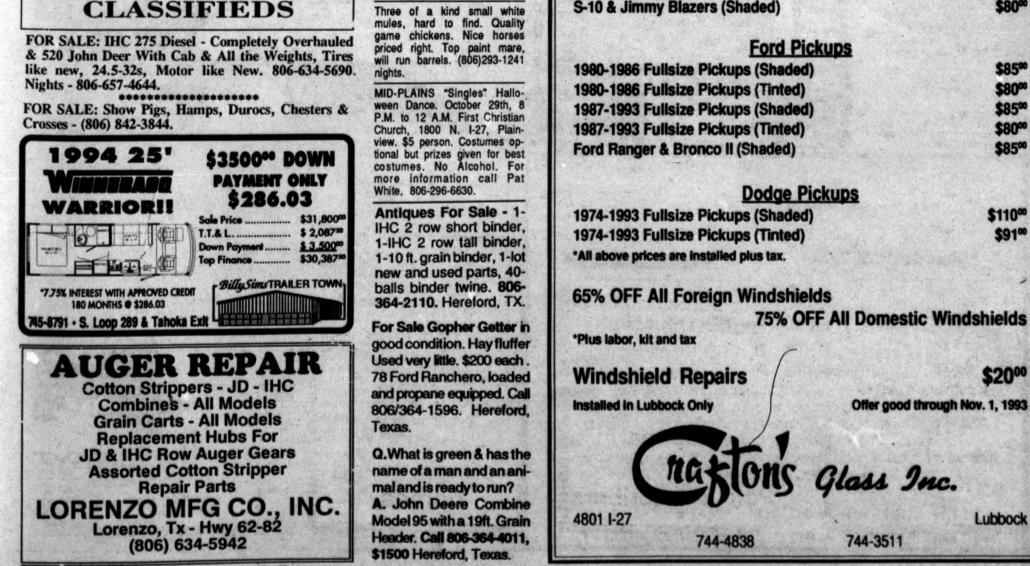
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