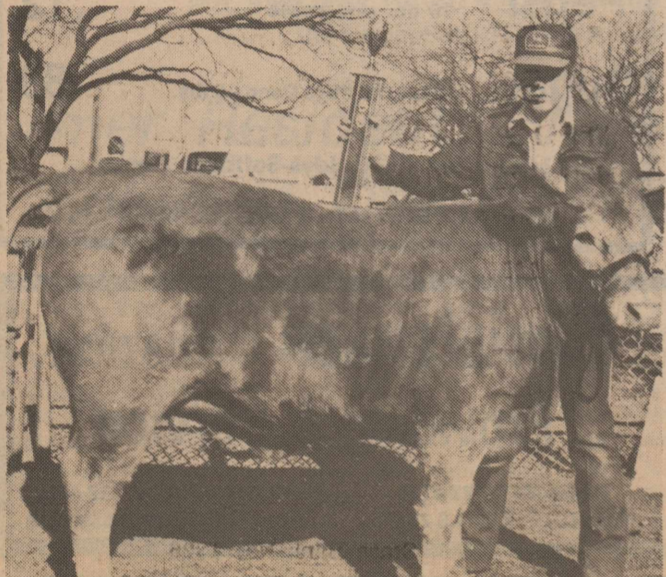




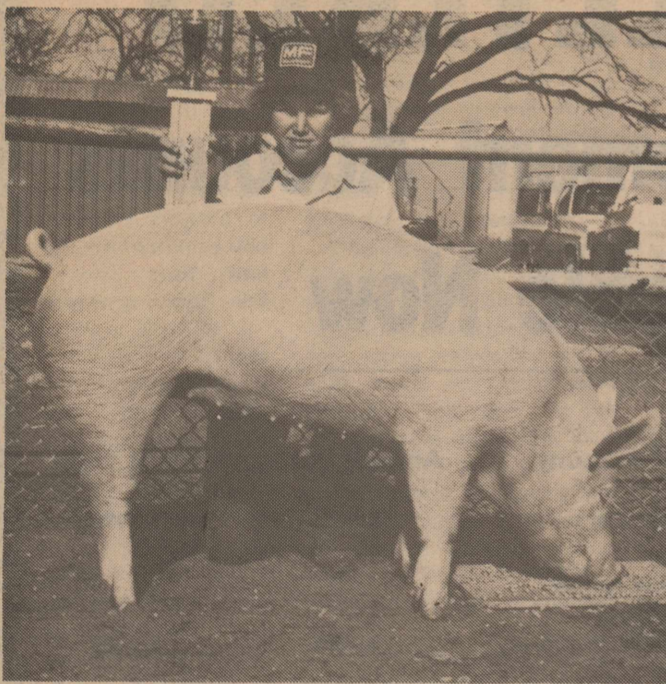
RESERVE CHAMPION CALF honors went to the animal belonging to David Counts. The KCHS student is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Counts. [Photo courtesy of Glen Rumley]



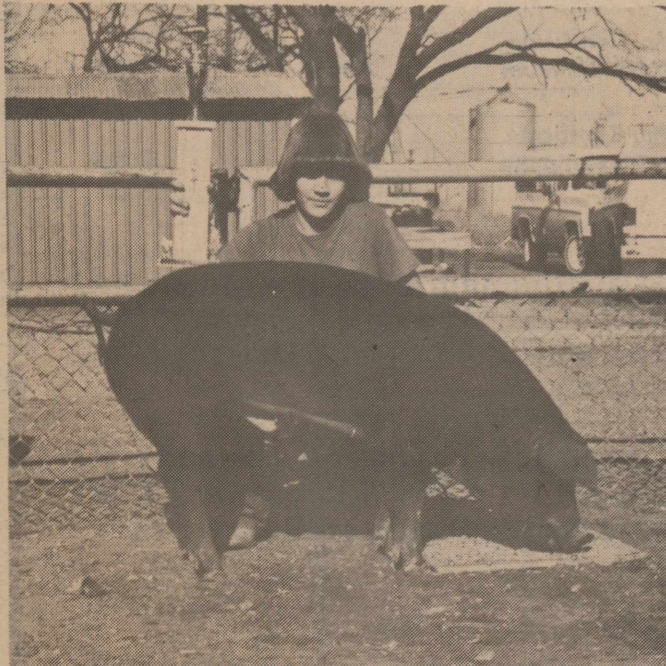
RESERVE CHAMPION BOAR winner went to Jay Rutherford, son of the J.B. Rutherfords. Jay is a KCHS student. [Photo courtesy of Glen Rumley]



ALSO WINNING Reserve Champion Heifer honors was Johnathan Godsey, son of the Alex Godseys. [Photo courtesy of Glen Rumley]



ANOTHER OF THE GODSEYS, Daniel, placed in Saturday's show with his animal to bring home the honors for reserve champion gilt. He is also the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Godsey of O'Brien. [Photo courtesy of Glen Rumley]



WINNING THE RESERVE CHAMPION Barrow trophy was Brenda Albus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Albus. She is also a student at KCHS. [Photo courtesy of Glen Rumley]

Letters TO THE EDITOR

January 9, 1978

Dear Editor,
First of all, let me begin by saying that it is definitely not my "thing" to "get on a soap-box" and voice my opinions. However, concerning the much debated farm strike, I feel compelled to speak out, because our personal livelihood, our future, and the future of EVERYONE in this great nation is at stake.

When talking with people about the farm strike, one of the questions that concerned people ask us, "If farmers are so broke, why are some of them living in new homes, and driving new vehicles?" The answer is quite simple and reasonable. Statistics prove that the economy is at its best when farmers are making a profit. The reason being, that when a farmer makes money, he puts that money back into circulation. New wealth is injected into the economy. When new wealth is injected into the economy, somewhere down the line, everyone will profit from the farmer's success. Not all farmers are living in new homes or driving new vehicles, or new tractors with cabs, but on behalf of those who are, I would like to say the following:

Throughout his years of farming, every now and then the farmer might have a pretty good year. (If he were lucky enough to contract the right crop, at the right price, at the right time, and didn't get hailed out, dried out, blown out by wind or eaten up by insects!) If he were able to make a fair profit, perhaps he chose to "stick his neck out" and build a new home, so that he could at least enjoy with his family the fruits of his labor. WHY should a man bother to work himself practically to death, if he can't even provide a home for his family? Every farmer who built a home, knew when he built it, that paying for it would be a struggle, an uphill climb. Every farmer is ready and willing to work as hard as is humanly possible, to pay for his home and provide for his family,---but like everyone else, he can't do it if he is losing money BY WORKING. Those new homes aren't paid for yet, and most of us are just hoping and praying, that God willing, we will live long enough to see the day when we can make the last payment. Just because a farmer might have a nice home,---it certainly doesn't mean that he is rich!

It is strange phenomena that a businessman can put in 40 hours a week at work, build a new home, and buy the finest of everything for his family, and everyone is proud of his success and

happy for him. But when a farmer, who works from 90 to 100 hours a week, builds a new home, some people can't accept it or understand that he should be able to do such a thing! Something must be wrong---something IS wrong, when a sincere man works diligently 90 to 100 hours a week and isn't supposed to have any of the nicer things in life. WHY is the farmer supposed to have only a meager existence? WHY aren't we entitled to profit as much from our work and investments as the man who works not even one-half the hours that farmers do?

As for farmers driving new vehicles,---these are business investments, --- necessary investments, just as any businessman buys equipment for his business. (The only difference being that we have to pay more for our business necessities, because our equipment is largely composed of steel,---and everyone knows about the high cost of steel.) For example, we have tried pulling cotton trailers with older model pickups, but it proved to be financially impractical. We can pull two loaded trailers with a newer pickup, whereas with an older model, we couldn't even pull one that was fully packed and loaded. We also lost more time and money because of maintenance and repair work on older models. I could go on and on, with the reasons that good vehicles are a necessary investment for the farmer, but to a person of average intelligence, the reasons should be obvious.

The whole point of this strike is NOT to enable the farmers to get rich, so that he can pay for new homes or vehicles. These things represent only a very small amount in compared to the amount of money that most farmers have invested in their farming operation. There is a farm strike in progress because the farmer is receiving 1933 prices (YES! DEPRESSION PRICES!) for his crops that he works so hard to produce. I wonder just how many of the people who are complaining about the strike would be willing to work for 1933 wages. If they were FORCED to do so in their business that they know and love, they would REBEL just as the farmer is doing and should be doing!

We are very serious about this, because it IS a serious situation. Farmers ARE facing financial disaster,---farmers ARE facing extinction. If we can't receive a fair price

that will enable us to "get out of the red", and continue to operate our farms, we will be forced to let the bank, I suppose all farmers could go on welfare,---the unemployment rate is such that, we surely wouldn't be able to get jobs. Not only would farmers be on welfare, but also would the millions of people employed by the farmers. Sure, the large Corporations could come in and buy our land and MAYBE we could work for them,---or would they be so highly mechanized that they would have little need for human labor?

It upsets us very much to see bitterness, resentment, and anger brought about by the opposing factions of the farm strike. This WAS-NOT and IS NOT the intention of anyone involved in the strike. We do not like seeing neighbor pitted against neighbor, in this regards. There is no need for it, and no place for it. We are ALL in this thing together,---whether we like it or not. Agriculture is the backbone of this nation and everyone knows what happens when a backbone is broken,---the body collapses and falls. We hope and pray

that this will not happen to America.

Sincerely,
/s/ Mrs. David Albus
Knox City, Texas

January 2, 1978

Dear Billye Bess,

Please change my address to: 34 Charleston North, Sugar Land, Texas 77478.

Thank you, and a happy and prosperous New Year to you and Yours.

Sincerely,
/s/ George O. Tillinghast

Star Route 1 Box 97A
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January 5, 1978

Dear Stacy:
Thank You for sending the paper on. I enjoy it each week as I can keep up with Knox City friends, also county wide friends.

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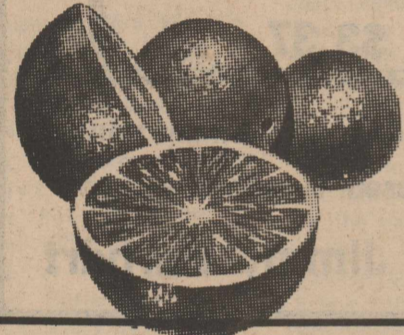
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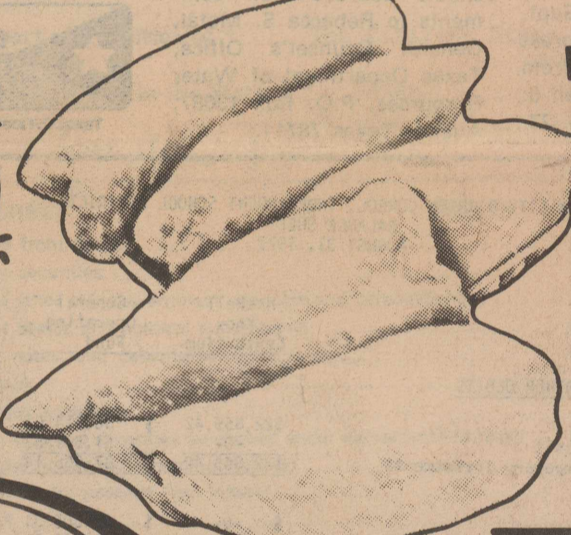


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