

SW Wind Blows

by Wes Burnett

The wind blew from the southwest last Thursday morning at sunrise, and "Chief" Frank Runkles pointed the pipe toward the direction of the stiff breeze, much to the disappointment of farmers and ranchers attending the annual Taba'na Yuan'e in Post.

Although the wind prediction indicates a poor year, some of us are encouraged by the fact that the Taba'na Yuan'e has only a 92 percent accuracy over the many years of recording the event.

That means that we have an eight percent chance of a good year.

Remembering that last year the wind blew from the northeast and indicated a very good year, many area farmers, ranchers and merchants might take issue with the 1983 prediction.

The ceremony, sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce, was highlighted by the Kwahadi Indian dancers from Amarillo who assisted "Chief" Runkles in the impressive Plains Indian ritual.

Approximately 100 visitors witnessed the event, and were treated to a Jackson's Cafeteria catered breakfast for \$1.



BOY SCOUT FUND RAISER - Post Boy Scout Troop 316 members Jarrett Dickson (left to right), Brook Capps and Chad Davis

explain the light bulb sale to Post Chamber of Commerce director Patty Kirkpatrick. The fund raising event is designed to help defray summer camp expenses for the scouts.

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Garza County News Briefs

Light Bulb Sale

Boy Scout Troop 316 has launched a fund raising campaign, offering light bulbs at \$4 a package.

Each scout has a goal, and when they reach their goal they will have earned enough to pay for their summer camp.

Scouts will be offering the light bulbs on a house-to-house campaign.

Garlynn Reunion

The ex-students of Garlynn School are preparing to enjoy this second reunion Sunday, July 22, at the Community Center in Post.

Everyone will bring a small amount of food and an abundance of old memories to share with old friends.

The Garlynn School was established about 1915 by the Garza County School system and existed until 1937.

Last years reunion was an exciting event enjoyed by 64 ex-students, from seven states, two teachers and one trustee and 84 guests.

Mark the date on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Spring Clean Up

The City of Post, in order to clean up the trash and junk around town, will have their trucks available to haul large objects that are not normally hauled by City trucks.

This will include old refrigerators, washing machines, and even junked vehicles if they have the title or proof of ownership.

This offer will be available for the next five to six weeks.

For more information, or if you have something to be hauled, contact Delbert Rudd at City Hall 495-2811.

Contributors Listed

A number of people have contributed toward the special Antelope belt buckle that was awarded to Jimmy Redman during the Post Antelope Appreciation Banquet.

Auctioned by highest bid to Bob Palmer, who then donated it to the Booster Club president, others contributing to the cost in addition to Palmer Well Service include:

Jack King, Bo Jackson, Edwin Lewis, Jerry Osborn, Ronnie Hardin, Bobby Cowdrey, Noel White and Clarence Gunn.

Historical Meeting

The Garza County Historical Commission will meet Tuesday, April 3 at 10 a. m. in the First National Bank Community Room.

All members and interested persons are urged to attend the meeting.

For What It's Worth

by Dabney Post

It seems there are a few folks in town who would like to see me leave...or at least keep my comments under control...although I surely didn't intend to offend anyone with any of my statements, I think those who would stifle the freedom of the press should be ashamed.

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Speaking of leaving town...ever since I moved here I have noticed a whole bunch of Post folks on the road to Lubbock. Now, before you go galavanting off to the big town, take a little word of advice from a small town girl...Post could be like the ghost town I came from, if people think the grass is greener down the road.

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That little town I grew up in, used to be a vibrant gathering place...but the more people went shopping to the big town...the less money there was in our town and one-by-one the local merchants shut their doors.

Now, surely, even though I am a newcomer here, no one can take issue with my dedication to support our town?

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The way you can spot our folks in Lubbock is easy...most of us have those bright yellow and black bumper stickers boasting about what a great football team we have.

Football? You mention football at the Dispatch and our jolly ole publisher reminds everyone that there are only 160 days until the trip to Kermit (as of March 28).

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Sad to hear from some of our youth that drug use is beginning to be noticed more and more.

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State Studies Low Level Radioactive Waste Sites in Garza County Area

Thomas Blackburn, Lawrence Jacobi and Robert Avant all from Austin and with the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority met with the County Commissioners Court Monday to advise them that Garza County is one of 16 counties that have possible sites for the waste program.

Blackburn, director of the authority, advised commissioners that if the possibility arose that negotiations could be made with local landowners, two public hearings would have to be held.

He also advised commissioners that today there are only three disposal sites in the United States which dispose of low-level radioactive wastes and the volume of

low-level radioactive waste produced in Texas will increase 500 percent from a present 27,000 cubic feet per year to an

estimated 139,000 cubic feet per year by 1990.

Low-level radioactive waste consists of ordinary items such as gloves, metal products, coveralls, syringes and paper which have come in contact with radioactive materials. Low-level waste products do not include spent reactor fuel or high-level radioactive waste products from fuel reprocessing plants.

Radioactive waste is produced by hospitals, universities, research laboratories and power plants.

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority was created by the Texas Legislature in 1981 to build and operate a radioactive waste disposal facility in Texas. By operating its own disposal facility, the state will be able to limit the amount of radioactivity buried in the facility and maintain tight controls over this material.

The site would be a landfill on about 400 acres of land, and will look like any common industrial facility. Waste products will be brought to the site in trucks. After undergoing a series of inspections the waste will be buried in trenches located at the

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Stenholm Talks on Education

Congressman Charles Stenholm met with about a dozen public school teachers and administrators in Post Saturday morning to discuss matters before the Congress of interest to education.

The 17th District Congressman distributed the preliminary results of a questionnaire on education issues that compared his Texas district with an urban Connecticut district.

A major concern of Texas teachers and administrators was improved salaries.

School personnel from Lynn, Crosby, Fisher and Garza counties discussed bilingual education, English as a second language and Title I aid from federal sources, as it related to local schools.

The congressman is forming an advisory committee on education as he is holding several meetings with school officials across the district.

He pointed out that only about seven percent of total public school funds comes from federal sources, but that the federal impact is quite significant in some program areas.

Stenholm noted that hundreds of Japanese businessmen with full command of

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AIRPORT RUNWAY - Post city employees James Wise and Leon Montanya apply diluted asphalt emulsion to the Post Garza County Municipal airport runway and taxiways. City manager Becky King, coordinating with county officials, arranged for the emulsion treatment last week. Maintenance of the airport will be important for FAA inspectors when a grant application for airport improvements is reviewed.

PHS Wins One-Act

The Post High School One-Act play cast took top district honors during last week's competition, advancing to the area contest this Saturday in Plainview.

Performing Lawrence Housenman's "Victoria Regina" under the direction of Dramatic Arts instructor Candace McConnell, the cast will open approximately at 7 p. m. at Wayland Baptist auditorium.

Mark Stark was named best actor and LaDonna Craig best actress in the district competition.

Darla Sherrill and Todd Wilson were named to the all-star cast.

Jackie Wartes and Jim Rainbolt received honorable mention for their performances.



DISTRICT ONE ACT WINNERS - PHS drama students (back row, left to right), Angela Melton, Pam Ehret, Cathy Davis, Nancy Wilson, Dana Dudley, LaDonna Craig, Krishna Mason, Belinda Reece, Jackie Wartes Mark Stark, (front row, left to

right), Jim Rainbolt, Raenell Rogers, Debbie Ethridge, Renea Melton, Darla Sherrill, Jeff Sharp, Mark Drake, Todd Wilson, Brad Sharp and Dwaine Boteler will advance to area competition after winning first place in district.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I want to commend the city council for wise decisions that have led to impressive strides forward for the City of Post. Great progress has been made while still retaining the lowest tax rate of any surrounding town. The following are tax rates of Post and surrounding towns based on \$100 valuations. These rates were verified March

21, 1984: Tahoka, 49 cents; Slaton, 64 cents; Crosbyton, 40 cents; Ralls, 40 cents plus 27 cents to pay off sinking fund (total 67 cents); Spur, 67 cents; and Post, 20 cents. As anyone can see, Post has by far the lowest tax rate. It is also gratifying to know that our water, sewer and sanitation rates are far cheaper than any of the other towns mentioned above.

Our councilmen, through careful budgeting of existing revenue, have managed to provide funds to renovate City Hall, which for years has been an eyesore on Main Street. City Hall, which was built around an old Gulf station, has cost the city quite a sum over the past few years in emergency patching of old wiring, plumbing, and construction. The renovation will eliminate those costly bandaid measures and provide an attractive facility. In the near future when the renovation is com-

Dabney Post —

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more. This is such a tragic subject, and no real way to attack it head on...perhaps our law enforcement folks can put a little pressure on those dastardly people who are selling or providing illegal drugs to our children.

Let's remind ourselves, though, that the great majority of our young people are just as good as gold and won't touch the stuff...but just like so many other things in life...the few get the attention and make it appear that many are involved.

I want to remind everyone that this column is open to everybody...if you'd like to see a tid-bit in my article, just call my friends at the Dispatch and they'll see that I get it. Some of the stuff I get is just not printable.

Oh, and please don't call Norma or Pat on Tuesday morning for Dabney...I only come in once a week...and when is a closely held secret.

Now you be careful this week...you never know when I might spot you doing something really crazy and tell the whole world about it.

Sort of like watching Wes Burnett trying to grab his hat from the air when the gusts sent it sailing down the street.

Or Bill Terpening and Jack King holding back on the eggs, bacon and sausage at Tabana Yuan'e (hey, I even spelled it right) last Thursday...they were fearful there wouldn't be enough to go around.

Wonder why Post can't put together a co-op like the one in Littlefield and produce some kind of cotton fabric that the world would want to buy?

Wasn't that what C.W. Post had in mind when he built the cotton mill way back when?

Are there no more visionaries like C.W. Post left to plunge into the abyss and sell a dream?

Keep in touch...and for those of you who think I ought to leave town...why not put it in writing instead of whispering about it?

pleted, citizens of Post as well as travelers passing through on Highway 84 will see a fine attractive building on that prominent corner with City of Post proudly displayed on its side.

City government is a many faceted job. It involves water and sewer maintenance, development and expansion; drainage work; street maintenance and repair, which includes seal coating and paving; maintenance and development of the baseball park, city park, the lake, the swimming pool, the city-county airport and the city-county law enforcement agency; supervision and maintenance of equipment and vehicles; supervision of personnel; preparation of budgets, council agendas, correspondence, official reports, requests for grants, and book-keeping; inspection, reporting, and correction of code violation, and many more tasks.

Indeed, the City of Post is a multi-million dollar business. Therefore, it seems wise that the council hire someone with legal business acumen to manage it because if proper procedures are not followed, lawsuits can result and money can be lost or squandered. Funds for the salary of a city manager were set aside for some time before our present city manager was secured. Rebecca King served as Dalham County Judge before coming to Post. In that position she gained valuable knowledge of legal processes and procedures in addition to becoming acquainted and working with many state and area officials. She has served as city manager for only a short time, but during that time has obtained over \$323,975.00 in government grants for city improvements, money which otherwise would have gone unused or would have gone to other towns. \$364,573.00 in grant requests have been

filed with the Texas Park and Wild Life Department for money to be used over the next few years for development and improvements in the baseball park, South Lake, and the park and swimming pool. In addition, by careful supervision of operations and equipment, Mrs. King and her staff have saved the city many, many dollars.

The council has recently named a zoning board. Planning and zoning are imperative if a city is to grow in an orderly fashion with well-developed commercial and residential areas. Without planning and zoning, the town will grow in a hodge-podge fashion. Zoning ordinances will not place hardships on existing home owners, but rather provide for well-planned future growth.

Anyone driving around Post can see a developing momentum for beautification and growth in the private, commercial, and public sectors of Post. We as citizens must encourage this momentum if we don't want to live in a withered ghost town in the future. Our city government has been a part of this momentum and has done so without raising taxes, without ever floating a bond, and while maintaining the lowest tax rate in the area.

When income is carefully allotted for needs and long term benefits for the citizens and the city, that is wise management. I feel that our mayor and council members have exhibited wise management of our tax dollars and should be applauded.

Sincerely,
Sandra Alexander

Hole-in-One

On March 13, 1984, Joel Dennis aced the 33rd 175 yard par 3 hole at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Lubbock using a 6 iron.

Keith Mahler of Fort Stockton witnessed the event.

CORRECTION PLEASE

The Dispatch erred in its story last week concerning figures for Garza Memorial Hospital and had them backwards.

The story should have been 38 patients for the month of February 1984 compared to 35 in February a year ago; 185 patients year to date compared to 144 last year; 194 total patient days compared to 104 last year; 665 total to date compared to 576 a year ago; 5.1 average stay in days for February 1984 to 3.0 a year ago; 3.6 in February compared to 4.0 a year ago and 6.7 average patients per day in February, 1984 compared to 3.7 a year ago in February.

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Name Rebecca King
Office Post City Manager
Address 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas
Phone Number 806-495-2811
Hours 9 a.m.--5 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

To anyone knowing the names or whereabouts of Tom Parrish, Hyde Parrish or Onnie Parrish, their children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren:

They are the brothers of Minnie Parrish from Spring Creek, Tn. and the brother of Curtis Parrish in Decaturville, Tn.

Minnie Parrish is my great-grandmother and I am looking for information from family records.

My father is Raymond Douglas Parrish, son of Homer Lee Parrish, born Aug. 23, 1896, died about 1930 and

Georgie Parrish Talley, born April 9, 1898, died Aug. 18, 1937.

These relatives have long been scattered and any information would be greatly appreciated.

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By Ace Reid



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Culture Club members attend Caprock District Convention

The 24th Annual Board Meeting and Convention of the Caprock District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs met Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, in the Holiday Inn, Convention Center, Lubbock. Convention theme was "Volunteerism Consummated in Federation." Mrs. Orval Williams, Caprock District President, of Anton, presided over all sessions. Plainview TFCW Clubs were hostesses for all hospitalities.

The banquet Friday evening focused on the presentation of special awards and recognition to outstanding individuals and projects.

Mrs. H.S. Silvers, Jr., First Vice President TFCW, of San Antonio, addressed the Saturday luncheon. Her subject was "You're Federated." She was introduced by Mrs. Harold Green, President-Elect of TFCW, of Tahoka.

Members attending the convention were: Mrs. M. J. Malouf, Mrs. W.J. Cathcart, Danielle Rieman, and Mrs. Lewis Earl.

Hospital Notes

Admissions

Linda Martinez, O.B. Michelle Thomason, Med. Myrtle Golden, Med. Artie Baxter, Med. Candy Basquez, Surg. Jewel King, Med. Lulu Owen, O.B. Wesley D. White, Med. Laura Mae Gilbert, O.B. Darrell Shafer, Med.

Dismissals

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School Menus

Monday, April 2, 1984

Breakfast

Assorted cereal, apple, half pint milk.

LUNCH

Barbecue on bun, pinto beans, cabbage slaw, pears, half pint milk.

Tuesday, April 3, 1984

Breakfast

Cinnamon toast, applesauce, half pint milk.

Lunch

Enchiladas, fried okra, buttered corn, coconut cake, half pint milk.

Wednesday, April 4, 1984

Breakfast

Rice, sausage, toast, orange juice, peanut butter and honey, half pint milk.

Lunch

Turkey and dressing and gravy, green beans, whipped potatoes, mixed fruit, hot rolls, cranberry sauce, half pint milk.

Thursday, April 5, 1984

Breakfast

Malt-O-Meal, bacon, toast, grape juice, peanut butter and honey, half pint milk.

Lunch

Burritos, sauce, French Fries, brussel sprouts, apricot cobbler, half pint milk.

Friday, April 6, 1984

Breakfast

Oatmeal, bacon, biscuits, orange juice, peanut butter and honey, half pint milk.

Lunch

Fish, macaroni and cheese, lettuce salad, sweet peas, Reece cups, half pint milk.

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GARZA COUNTY HOMEMAKERS - The fabric sale conducted last week included (left to right) Sue Maxey, Colleen England,

Nona Lusk, Christy Morris, Voda Gradine and Mrs Lucile Morris.

Womens CofC holds first meeting

Presiding over the first business meeting of the year of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, the president, Mrs. Inez Hartel presented a list of committees to the Board of Directors. They are: membership, Geraldine Butler, chairwoman, Voda Beth Gradine and Glenda Shobe; projects, Maxine Earl, Iva Hudman, and Marie Neff; finance, Betty Posey, Melanie Windham, and Shirley Hardin; and telephone, Betty Posey and LaGayluah Feagin.

Posey, treasurer, stated that she would be mailing out statements soon for members to send in their \$5.00 for annual dues. Donna Stelzer, secretary to the Chamber of Commerce will also be available from 9 to 5 at the Chamber office for anyone wishing to pay in person.

Invitations were extended to all interested persons to contact Mrs. Hartel about attending "Texas Main Street Workshop" sponsored by the Historical Commission and the Sesquicentennial Commission to be held in Tulia, Tx., on Tues.,

April 3 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Information on beautification and restoration of downtown areas will be the subject.

Restoration, beautification and a clean-up of our town is one of the projects of the Chamber as well as one of the Women's Division of the Chamber.

The committee would appreciate volunteers on how to go about this big under-

taking this spring.

The meeting date for the Women's Division was set for the last Wednesday of each month, at the Reddy Room of SPS at noon.

General membership meetings will be held once each quarter of the year with special attention given to new members and special events, as they proceed during the year.

Two other projects were discussed, one is

a Defensive Drivers Class with Betty Posey responsible for finding a DPS officer to teach the class, and the second is a Self Defense course of women.

These have proved to be successful and are needed in our town.

The clean-up beautification project will be carried out with the Chamber's cooperation.

Colleen's Comments

by Colleen England, County Extension Agent-Home Ec.

never been pregnant.

Some of these factors obviously cannot be controlled. But most women can do something about their diet, exercise, smoking and drinking - habits that might prevent or slow Osteoporosis.

It's important that women make sure they are getting enough calcium. The average calcium intake for most women over 25 is 500 milligrams a day. Yet the recommended daily allowance is 800 milligrams and some researchers suggest that this should be increased to 1,200 to 1,500 milligrams after menopause.

Drinking three 8-ounce glasses of milk each day would provide the equivalent of 1,500 milligrams of calcium. You can also get equivalent amounts of calcium from eating a variety of dairy products, including yogurt or cheese. Leafy green vegetables, canned sardines and kidney beans are also good sources of calcium. If you are worried about weight gain, select from among the many low-fat or non fat dairy products on the market.

Exercise is equally important since reduced physical activity can hasten bone loss. Almost any form of exercise, and especially walking, can help. Healthy women should exercise regularly and as vigorously as possible to maintain their bone mass.

Once Osteoporosis is diagnosed, a physician may treat the disease in several ways. These include, increasing calcium and Vitamin D intake, recommending an exercise program or prescribing certain drugs.

Any woman who thinks she has Osteoporosis should, of course, consult her doctor. Hopefully, more women will make sure they are

getting a nutritious diet, including plenty of calcium-rich foods and enough exercise so this will be less of a health problem in the future.

Bump-outs: Cheap Space Makers...A "bump-out" may sound like a new dance craze, but it's not. A bump-out or bay window, is simply an easy way of gaining a little extra square footage without making major structural changes in your home.

A family may only need a few extra feet of room in a particular area of the house. Rather than remodeling they may find that an enlarged eating nook or sitting space in a small bedroom will suffice.

..... "Words have a longer life than deeds." Pindar

Free Trees Given

Ten flowering trees will be given to people who join the National Arbor Day Foundation during March, 1984.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's effort to promote tree planting throughout America.

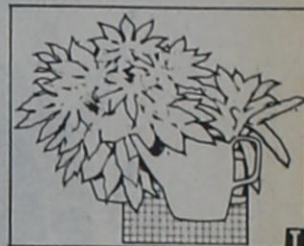
The Foundation will give two White Dogwood, two American Redbud, two European Mountain Ash, two Washington Hawthorn, and two Flowering Crab trees to members joining during March. The six-to-twelve inch trees will be shipped at the right time for planting this spring, between March 1 and May 31, postage paid with enclosed planting instructions.

These trees were selected because they will give a colorful flowering of pink, white, and red blossoms throughout the spring, according to the Foundation. The trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is working to improve the quality of life throughout the country by encouraging tree planting.

The Foundation will give the ten free trees to members contributing \$10 during March.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 1984.



A. Indoor house plants are a little like people. Sometimes they don't want or need a drink. Florists will tell you overwatering is the number one killer of plants.

Here are some of my favorite hints that are guaranteed to help you:

- Push a thumb or finger into the soil to a depth of about an inch. If the soil is dry, watering is needed.

- When watering, moisten the soil thoroughly... until you see water draining out the openings at the bottom of the container. If the pot is in a saucer, drain the excess fluid.

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- To learn more about caring for house plants, visit a professional florist.

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**GOOCH
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12 OZ.
PKG.

**OSCAR
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The Post Dispatch is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following candidates subject to the May and June Democratic Primary Election:

For Congress:
Charles W. Stenholm
17th District

For State Senate:
John T. Montford
District 28

For County Commissioner Pct. 1
Darrell Jones
Keith Adams
J. A. Holleman

For County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Cecil Foster, Sr.
Tommy Young

For Sheriff of Garza County:
Donney Walker
V. L. "Buster" Shumard

For County Tax Assessor-Collector
Ruth Reno
Ronnie Metsgar

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES)

The Southland Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of an election to be held on April 7, 1984, for the purpose of electing two trustees for full three year terms.

(Por la presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia April 7, de 1984 con el proposito de electing two trustees for full three year terms.

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on March 19, 1984, and continue through April 3, 1984 from 8:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. (VOTACION POR AUSENCIA en persona comencera el March de 19, de 1984 y continuara hasta el April de 3 de 1984 desde las 8:30 a. m. hasta las 4:00 p. m. en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial vacaciones estatales.)

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at the Southland School Superintendent's office.

Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to the Southland School Superintendent's office at Box 122 in Southland, Texas 79368.

(Votando por ausencia personal va ser conducido acerca de la Southland School Superintendent's office.

Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben dar vuelta por correo at the Southland School Superintendent's office at Box 122 in Southland, Texas 79368.

The POLLING PLACE(S) designated below will be open from 7:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. on the day of the election. (Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abran desde las 7:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. el dia de la eleccion.)

Pct. No. 1, (Num. de precinto) 1, Location (Colocacion) Southland School Library.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DIANNA LADD, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of DIANNA LADD, Deceased, were granted on the 12th day of March, 1984, in Cause No. 1211, pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas to: CARL DAMON LADD.

The residence of such Administrator is Hansford County, Texas. His post office mailing address is: Carl Damon Ladd Box 238 Gruver, Texas 79040

All persons having claims against said estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 20 day of March, 1984.
Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam
(s) Joe V. Boerner Jr. Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN LADD, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of STEPHEN LADD, Deceased, were granted on the 12th day of March, 1984, in Cause No. 1212, pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas, to: CARL DAMON LADD.

The residence of such Administrator is Hansford County, Texas. His post office mailing address is: Carl Damon Ladd Box 238 Gruver, Texas 79040

All persons having claims against said estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 20 day of March, 1984.
Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam
(s) Joe V. Boerner Jr. Attorney for the Estate

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the City of Post is considering an assessment program for the purpose of providing curb and gutter for streets included in the 1984 paving project. Description of street improvements include a

6" caliche base with triple asphalt surface treatment for the following streets:

Unit No. 1-01-84, Street South Ave. P, From NPL of West Third St., to SPL of West Fourth St.

Unit No. 1-02-84, Street South Ave. P, From NPL of West Fourth St., to SPL of West Fifth St.

Unit No. 1-03-84, Street South Ave. P, From NPL of West Fifth St., to SPL of West Sixth St.

Unit No. 1-04-84, Street South Ave. O, From NPL of West Third St., to SPL of West Fourth St.

Unit No. 1-05-84, Street South Ave. O, From NPL of West Fourth St., to SPL of West Fifth St.

Unit No. 1-06-84, Street South Ave. O, From NPL of West Fifth St., to SPL of West Sixth St.

Unit No. 1-07-84, Street South Ave. N, From NPL of West Third St., to SPL of West Fourth St.

Unit No. 1-08-84, Street South Ave. N, From NPL of West Fourth St., to SPL of West Fifth St.

Unit No. 1-09-84, Street South Ave. N, From NPL of West Fifth St., to SPL of West Sixth St.

Unit No. 1-10-84, Street West Seventh St., From EPL of South Ave. O to WPL of South Ave. N.

Unit No. 1-11-84, Street South Ave. N, Leave out, From Alley South of West Seventh St., to NPL of West Seventh St.

Unit No. 1-12-84, Street South Ave. N, Leave Out, From NPL of Seventh St., to Alley North of Seventh St.

Unit No. 1-13-84, Street West Tenth St., From WPL of Mohawk Dr., to 358.63 ft. West of WPL of Mohawk Dr.

Unit No. 1-14-84, Street North Ave. I, NPL of East Tenth St., to 25 ft. N. of SPL of East Eleventh St.

Unit No. 1-15-84, Street North Ave. I, From NPL of East Eleventh St., to NPL of East Twelfth St.

Unit No. 1-16-84, Street North Ave. I, From NPL of East Twelfth St., to NPL of East Thirteenth St.

Unit No. 1-17-84, Street North Ave. I, From NPL of East Thirteenth to NPL of East Fourteenth St.

Unit No. 1-18-84, Street North Ave. I, From NPL of East Fourteenth St., to 33 ft. N. of SPL of East Fifteenth St.

Curb and gutter will be of concrete.

Estimated total cost of the paving, curb and gutter project is \$229,622.95, with approximately \$5.50 per linear foot assessed to the property owner adjacent to said street improvements.

A public hearing to receive comments on this proposed project will be held Thursday, April 19, 1984, at 7:30 p. m. at the First National Bank Com-

munity Room, after which the City Council will take action on the proposed program.

Rebecca King
Post City Manager

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF POST POST-GARZA COUNTY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Post, Texas, will be received at the office of the City Manager, City Hall, Post, Texas, until April 18, 1984; 2:00 P. M., for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence, and labor for constructing certain improvements at the Post-Garza County Municipal Airport, Post, Texas.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The items of work in the Basic Construction Bid consist of the removal of approximately 22,500 square yards of existing flexible pavement for a runway and taxiways; removal and salvage of approximately 22,300 square yards of existing base material; preparation of approximately 26,500 square yards of base material; removal and salvage of existing low intensity runway lighting and other related items of work.

Alternative A consists of application of approximately 26,500 square yards of triple course surface treatment for a runway and taxiways; application of runway and taxiway marking and other related items of work.

Alternative B consists of application of approximately 26,500 square yards of hot mix asphaltic concrete pavement for a runway and taxiways; application of runway and taxiway marking and other related items of work.

Additive Alternate C consists of installation of medium intensity runway lighting and other related items of work.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's Check or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of THE CITY OF POST, TEXAS, in an amount not less than five percent (5 pct.) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guar-

anty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. If a Bid Bond is submitted as bid security, it shall be executed by an approved surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and accepted according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H. B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session, 1959.

The City of Post, Texas, reserves the right to hold all proposals for a period not to exceed 60 days after the date of receiving bids, to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. No bids may be withdrawn, after having been opened, within the 60 day period set out herein.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's interest.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on the project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages as set out in the SPECIAL PROVISIONS. However, the inclusion of such minimum schedule of wages does not release the Contractor from compliance with any State Wage Law that may be applicable. The Contractor must abide by the Wage and Hour Laws of the State of Texas and must pay not less than the rates legally prescribed or as set forth in the SPECIAL PROVISIONS, whichever is higher.

Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and

specifications are on file at the offices of the City Manager, Post, Texas, and Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas 79412.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Consulting Engineers, 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas 79412, (Phone 806-747-0161) upon payment of a \$50.00 deposit for each set of documents. The entire deposit will be refunded provided all documents are returned within ten days after the date for receiving bids. However, it is requested that all documents be returned prior to the bid date, for immediate refund of deposit, if they are no longer required. No refund of deposit will be made on documents returned later than ten days after the date for receiving bids.

G. C. McCrary
Mayor

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

WTG Exploration, Inc., 3100 N. "A", Bldg. E, Ste. 202, Midland, Texas 79705 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta, E. W. Williams, Jr., Well Number 6. The proposed injection well is located 10 NE of Post in the WTG (Glorieta) Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3178 to 3800 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512 445-1373).

A-2 Business Notices

Omego Properties, Inc. will hold a public auction on Thursday, April 5, 1984 at 2 p.m. at the South Broadway storage located at South Broadway and East 4, Post, Tex.

on the various stored goods of J.F. Clark in unit number 18.

A-3 Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all the town people who helped with the fire at our house. A special thanks goes out to Robert Cox, E.J. Johnson and Francis Camp for notifying the public of the fire. The firemen did a great job of putting out the fire and getting things cleaned up.

Harold Voss
Ronnie and Voda Beth Gradine

A-5 In Memoriam

Thank you to everyone for the visits, cards, prayers and food. A special thanks to Dr. Tubbs and the hospital staff, to the Twin Cedars Nursing Home for their care, and to Rev. Petty and Rev. McMeans for the services, and the Seniors and Mrs. Glen Norman for the music.

Faye Maddox
Leon & Jadene
Clary
Terri Hesser & family
Teresa Williams & family
Donna Wiley & family
Nancy & Bill Griffin

We would like to thank all our friends, relatives and neighbors for the comforting acts shown to us during our recent loss.

For all the food, flowers, cards, calls and visits we will always be grateful.

Violet Howell
Gary Howell and family
Buddy Howell and family
Cathy McClellan and family
Bros. & Sisters of
Conor Howell

We sincerely want to express our appreciation for every kindness shown in our sorrow. The flowers, cards, calls, food and prayers.

Lois and Nick Vukad

A-9 Personals

SANDWICH SUPPER
AA and Alanon family group birthday night and open meeting Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church annex at 10th and Ave. S.

Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Meetings 8 p. m. Thursdays. Presbyterian Church Annex, 10th and Ave. S. Your anonymity will be respected. Open meetings, 7 p. m. last Thursday of each month. Phone 495-3788 or 495-3377.

A day at a time with Alanon. If drinking or drugs are causing a problem in your family, call 495-2065 or 495-3375. Weekly meeting at 8 p. m. Thursdays. Presbyterian Church Annex, West door 10th and Ave. S. Alanon Family Group.

If you feel you have a drinking, drug or living problem, call 495-2029 and ask for Ron Stubblefield or a member of his staff. State Alcohol Drug Abuse Certified Counselor.

A-13 Business Opportunities

Own your own Jeansportswear, ladies apparel, or children's store. 300 brand names. \$15,500 inventory, store fixtures, training and much more. Mr. Tate 704-753-4738.

A-17 Services & Repairs

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C-1 Homes for Rent

3 bedroom house for rent. 495-3107. (renter changed mind)

C-5 Rooms for Rent

For rent: 109 N. Ave. N in Post. One bedroom with private bath, \$150 per month. Apply at the front apartment.

D-3 Mobile Home

Sites for Rent
Lot for rent for a mobile home. Call 894-5873.

D-5 Mobile Homes for Sale

LET'S TRADE
Get a new mobile home by trading in your present mobile home. Call LINDA (collect) 806 763-5319.

Need a New Home?
Is a down payment a problem? Is credit a problem? Let me help. Call LINDA (COLLECT) 806 763-5319.

E-1 Homes for Sale

Three bedroom, two bath, two car garage, carpeted, central H-A corner lot. 601 S. Ave. R. 495-3611 for appointment.

Three bedroom, two bath house for sale. 1408 sq. feet, fenced yard, covered patio, assumable loan. Call 495-2371.

Two bedroom house for sale. Shown by appointment only. Call after 1 p. m. 495-2343.

Four bedroom, two bath, brick house for sale on two large lots. Good condition. Call by appointment, 495-2089.

Houses to be moved: 1 two bedroom, 1-one bedroom, (this house with metal siding), both newly remodeled, metal windows. Call 495-2188 after 5 p. m.

Three BR, two bath, central A-H, above ground pool, close to schools. Call 495-3422 or 495-2566.

E-7 Lots & Acreage

Trailer lot at 612 West 12th. Has all hook-ups. Call 495-2211.

F-1 Miscellaneous for Sale

1 folding, large size, heavy duty Sears wheelchair, used very little. Call 495-3066, or come to 906 W. 13, Post. Will sell at a bargain. Jewell Long.

TYPE CASES
Antique printers' type cases, make ideal wall decorations. Only \$50 each. The Post Dispatch, 123 East Main.

F-3 Garage Sales

Garage Sale at 804 W. 14, Sunday April 1, 9a.m.-7. Jamie Cooper and Jarita Greene.

2 family garage sale-Thursday. 506 W. 11, 8 a.m.-7. Console TV B-W, clothes, sizes 5-6, miscellaneous.

Garage Sale at 111 E. 13 on Thursday, March 29, all day. Boys and girls clothes.

Sawyers old TV appliance Bldg. Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-noon. Clothes all sizes, shoes, boots and lots of misc. items. Some furniture. Also Cambridge Diet for \$8 per can. Shelia Melton and Jean Morris.

F-7 Pets & Supplies

FREE-fancy tailed
guinea pigs to give away, 495-3606 after 6 p.m.

LOST: Two Coon-hounds: One-Redbone, red color; one-English Redtick, red & white spotted. If found, call Archie Gill, 408 West 3rd or 495-3419.

Registered Pit Bull Dogs for sale. Call nights and weekends. 996-5405 or days 495-3457.

F-9 Livestock

For Sale: Team roping horse, 16 years old gelding, strong and sound. Call 495-3127.

F-13 Farm Equipment

1974 1370 Case tractor. 250 hours on complete front end and engine overhaul. Call 495-2570.

F-19 Boats and Motors

Boat (14 foot) with motor and trailer. Call 495-3377.

F-21 Wanted to Buy

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G-1 Motorcycles

1982 BMW motorcycle, 1000 RT, 2,900 miles; light bar, luggage carrier, matching helmets, \$5,300. Call Bill Olive at 495-3615 or 495-3447.

G-5 Campers

Cabover pickup camper. 8 ft., includes refrigerated air, nice and clean. Call Wade Peppers after 5 p. m. 495-3191

G-7 Trucks-Trailers

1974 Chev. Pickup, 454 engine. Call 495-3225 after 5 on weekdays, anytime on weekends.

G-9 Autos for Sale

1976 Chevrolet Caprice two door. Call 495-3752

Pleasant Home Church

by Annie Gilbert

On the agenda, our First Lady of the Church Sister Lela Kelly still recuperating nicely. Also Sister Iona Smith, Dorothy Pringler, and all others not mentioned.

Second on the agenda-Pleasant Home Baptist Church 60th Anniversary April 8, 11-15, 1984-our Motto: Save me, O God, by thy name, and Judge me by thy Strength. Psalms 54:1-The Musical Night Sat. Apr. 14- 8 p.m. The Soul Seekers & Spiritual Wonders of Lubbock will render the musical. We are asking our many friends to come and bring someone. Rev. Arthur Kelly Host Pastor.

Services very beautiful, it all began with the Sunday school lesson Subject-"Jesus calls persons to minister." Mark 8: 27-38-Key Verse-Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me Mark

8:34. A very beautiful and good lesson everyone at their post of duty.

God's presence was in the midst at altar call. Devotion by Deacon's Willie Burleson, Jim Osley, Sister Fisher Wynn and she read entire number 46 Psalms.

Praises of Hymns sung by the Choir beautiful to the loving Father from their hearts and souls. Rev. James read 1 Corinthians 9: 1-14.

During worship hour our pastor delivered a wonderful message his scripture from the Book of St. John 10:9-his subject-"In And Out", he really preached to our Father and he was still in the very midst in his Holy Temple as always.

We had a lovely visitor Sister Myrtle Shelton of Grace Temple C.O.G.I.C. from Phoenix, Az. We enjoyed your presence please come again you are always welcome to Pleasant

Home. Thought: No matter how long we have walked with God, He is always nudging us to keep growing. God is not through with us yet. Let's pray always for one another, amen and amen.

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Cult Study Slated

Pastor Alvin Petty will begin teaching on what the cults of North America believe on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church.

All interested persons are invited to attend this comparison of cult teaching with historic Christian teaching.

This study will continue each Wednesday night for the next few months. Beliefs of such cults as Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Mormonism, Spiritism, Herbert W. Armstrong and the Radio Church of God, etc., will be examined.

The purpose of these studies will not be to exalt groups such as Baptists by

the putting down of cult groups. The purpose will be to teach historic Christian doctrine by examining and comparing some of the major doctrines of different cult groups.

The study begins Wednesday, March 28, with an examination of some of the history and beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. The public and members of cult groups are invited to attend.

Calvary Baptist church asks only that all who attend not violate the stated spirit and purpose of the study.

Harper Wins 1st

L.D. Harper placed first in the discus throw at last weekend's Colorado City track meet, leading the varsity Antelopes at the event.

Second place finishes went to Adam Mendoza in the 800 meter and 400 meter dash, David Shults in the discus and Greg Adams in the 200 meter dash.

Chuck Morris captured third in the 200 meter dash.

Harper also placed fourth in the shot put and Dale McVay took fourth in the 110 high hurdles.

Santos Espinoza came in fifth in the 3200 meter run.

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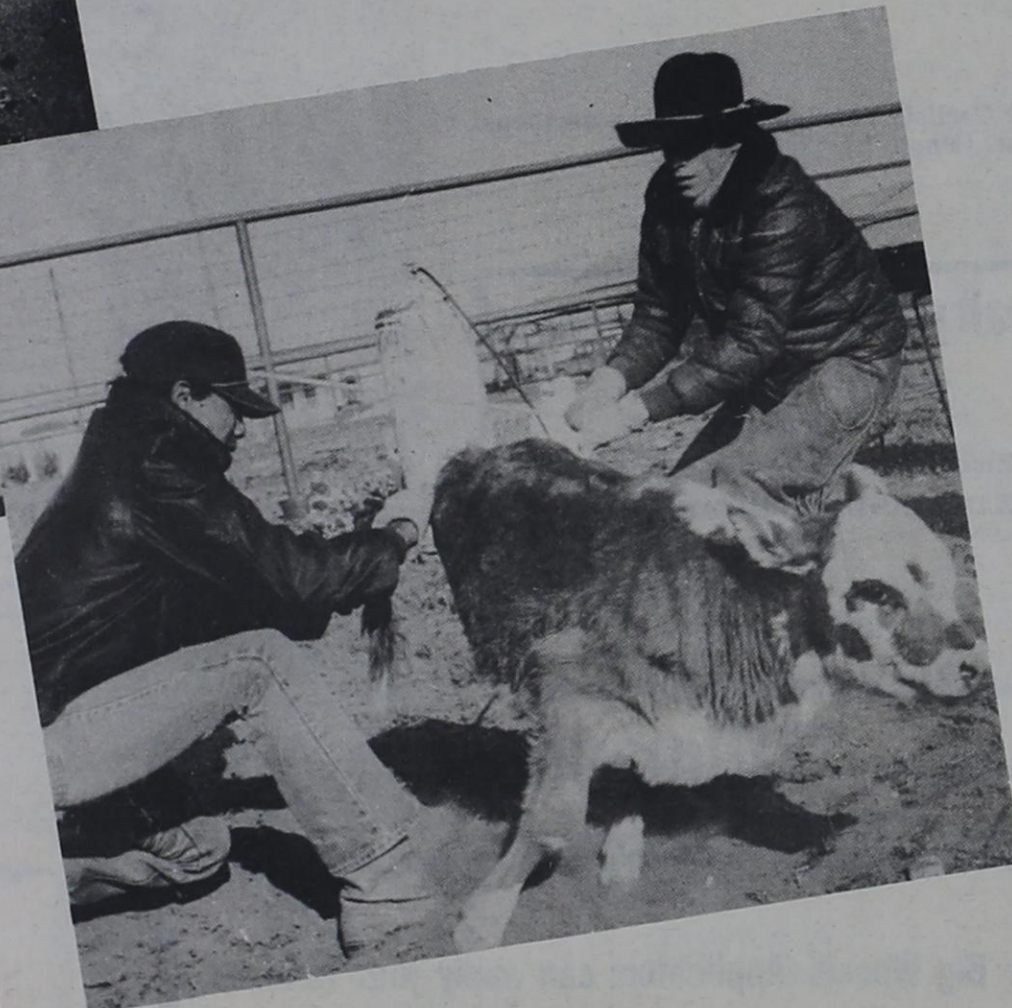
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1984 Garza County Farm and Ranch Journal

Wednesday, March 28, 1984

Special Edition to The Post Dispatch

Moisture Could Make '84 Profitable

Farmers and ranchers in Garza County have little to cheer about again this year, as dry weather conditions continue to plague this area.

A bright spot for ranchers, even if it's a little dim, is the recent release of government corn at bargain prices and the fact that the cattle market appears to be stable this year.

Cotton farmers are in and out of the government programs...and as you can read in this special edition, Senator Bentsen and

Congressman Stenholm are working to find a better way for the government to help this important industry.

Who knows, perhaps our national leadership will find some common sense to the mess the government has created over the past 20 years.

And it has been a struggle here for our friends in the agriculture business.

Not just farmers and ranchers, but everyone of us whose livelihoods depend on a successful harvest or livestock market.

This 1984 Garza County Farm and Ranch Journal is designed to provide helpful information to those in the agriculture business and a way of recognizing the importance of the people in this industry.

To our friends in agriculture, we say thanks for your contributions to our communities.

Your economic impact cannot be emphasized enough...but your leadership in our churches, civic groups and schools tell us more about you as a person.

Anyone who knows a rancher or farmer understands the persistence that is mandatory to "keep on keepin on" in the annual battle to stay financially solvent.

Perhaps 1984 can be the year to put smiles on the faces of our friends in the field and on the range.

There are some hopeful signs, as reported in this special edition.

Whichever way the Taba'na Yuan'e wind blows...we join you in prayer that God will smile on us with his material blessings so that we might all enjoy the good "things" of life.

Wesley W. Burnett

WESLEY W. BURNETT
Publisher

Chamber Promotes Agriculture

By LEWIS EARL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MANAGER
Post Chamber of Commerce

Interested in the total economic well being of our community, the Post Chamber of Commerce salutes the agricultural enterprises as the major foundation of our economy.

Post and Garza County were founded as a farm and ranch community and along with the petroleum industry and commerce, agriculture remains a major basis of our economy.

When crops are good and prices fair, our farmers prosper and our merchants share in that prosperity.

When farmers face crop failures we all suffer. Our Chamber of Commerce needs to be responsive to the needs of our farmers and ranchers.

Therefore, we strive to see that local merchants have goods for sale that the farms and ranches require.

Likewise, we are interested in seeing that agricultural markets meet our farm and ranch needs.

Being an agricultural community, many of the Chamber of Commerce activities focus on agriculture.

Each spring the Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony brings the prediction for the crop output. The traditional Plains Indian ceremony is deep in our agricultural heritage.

This is a common sight this time of year as Garza County farmers prepare their land for planting and getting ready for the 1984 season. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



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Anti-Trust Suit Filed by Cotton Growers

On February 17, 1984, Marvin Meek, a South Plains cotton grower, filed an anti-trust suit in Federal District Court in Lubbock against the Lubbock Cotton Exchange, seven other regional cotton exchanges and several cotton merchants.

The class action suit, in which any cotton producer may be permitted to join as a plaintiff, seeks triple damages from price fixing under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and asks for an injunction to prohibit further collusion by the cotton buyers in price fixing.

The complaint alleges collusion on the formation of spot price committees at the several cotton exchanges.

To prosecute the civil suit under the Anti-Trust Act, a cotton growers alliance has been formed with Clifford Hamilton as the bonded treasurer to collect and disburse monies needed to bring the case to trial.

The plaintiffs do not expect the jury trial to begin for 18 to 30 months because of the work required in marshalling the evidence.

In the discovery process, the cotton merchants and exchanges are being asked to produce all records of each bale of cotton bought and sold since January 1979.

The Cotton Growers Alliance held meetings to explain the suit to growers in Cotton Center, March 19, in Big Spring

March 22 and Lubbock March 24.

Earlier meetings were held in the San Joaquin Valley of California where it is reported that over 35 percent of the cotton growers are in bankruptcy.

Further meetings are planned with cotton producers in the Southeastern states.

In addition to price fixing, the suit questions the validity of the micronaire grading which discounts West Texas cotton.

The suit also challenges the geographic allocation of markets by the various cotton exchanges.

Cotton growers wishing to participate are being asked to contribute a dollar a bale for their average output in recent years to finance the administrative costs for bring the case to trial.

Chamber of Commerce

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The chamber supports the annual Post Stampede Rodeo parade in August, advertising the ranching activity and heritage of Garza County.

An agricultural appreciation chili supper was part of the chamber program in 1983.

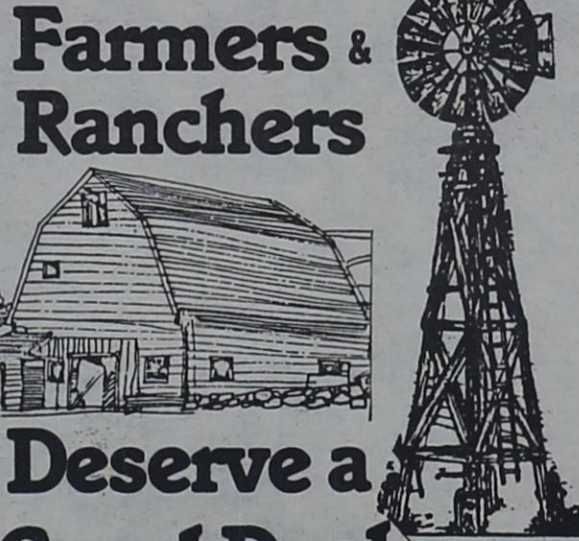
Another similar event is planned for 1984.

The Chamber of Commerce is interested in the many agricultural research and development activities directed toward a more productive local economy.

We applaud the Junior Livestock Show each February that honors agriculturally interested youth and their projects.

We are interested in all the educational activities of the FFA and the 4-H that promote an improved agricultural economy of the future.

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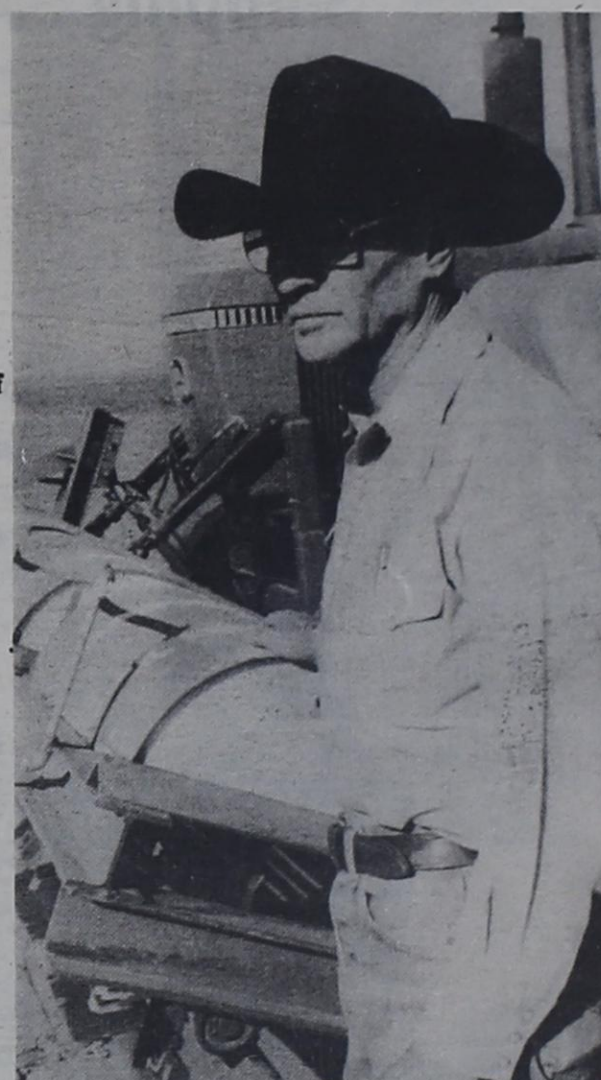


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Stenholm —

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takes a while to digest.

But once people understand it, most of them tell me it makes more sense and is easier to grasp than the current, fragmented set of base and yield formulas.

The new system would be more predictable for farmers because they would know in advance how their acreage bases would be calculated for years to come.

It would be more

flexible because it lets them shift acreage from one crop base to another.

And it would be fairer because it's based on a farmer's own planting decisions and his own production history — the individual farmer lives with the consequences either way.

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Economist Predicts End of Up and Down Cycle

U.S. cattle producers may have finally "moved off the track" of the typical cattle cycle and moved into a new era -- one in which producers respond more immediately to profits and losses.

Dr. Ed Uvacek, economist in livestock marketing with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, bases this assessment on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's latest cattle inventory.

"In general, the report points toward a slight liquidation in the nation's cattle herd, but nothing

drastic," Uvacek says.

The beef breeding herd decreased, but only by a relatively small amount. Beef cow numbers on Jan. 1 of this year were down only by one percent below a year ago, and beef replacement heifers decreased by only two percent.

The cattle inventory also showed the continuation of a gain in the U.S. dairy herd despite pending legislation lowering milk price supports.

Milk cow numbers were up one percent above year-ago levels and there was even a slightly larger num-

ber of milk cow replacement heifers.

"From a total inventory standpoint, cattle and calf numbers have not varied more than one percent since 1981," Uvacek says.

"That suggests no strong directional

change in herd size and that cattlemen may be in a sort of holding pattern.

"These relatively minor adjustments in numbers imply that cattlemen are no longer following the typical cattle cycle."

"This 1984 cattle inventory report,

therefore, may be one of the most important we have ever had," says Uvacek.

"Historically, it has taken seven to nine years for cattlemen to move through the cycle from a low in numbers to a high."

"If U.S. cattle producers are no

longer locked into this extended production-decision period, then we have indeed entered a new era."

Ultimately, he says, this new, faster market response could mean the end of the days when producers subsidize consumers with cheap beef.

Stenholm Proposes Farm Bill

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That "consensus system of bases and yields" I was talking about earlier ought to have three aims:

Equity: The system should be consistent for all program crops and acceptable to all production regions.

Flexibility: It should let farmers respond to market signals and follow conservation practices without penalty.

Predictability: It should go into permanent law to permit long-range planning and remove uncertainty, at least as far as possible.

Those are the purposes of the Agricultural Efficiency and Equity Act.

The most impor-

tant part of the bill is the concept of putting base and yield formulas into permanent law.

The specifics are secondary, because we need a national debate on the issue before those can be decided for sure.

But H.R. 4565 does propose a new way of figuring bases and yields.

These are the major provisions:

Each farm would have a Farm Acreage Base: a rolling five-year average of the planted acreage of the "program crops" -- wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice.

This F.A.B. would be an overall crop-land base.

For each of the program crops, there would be a Crop Acreage Base, adding up all the C.A.B.s would yield the F.A.B.

In the new system's first year (1986), each farmer would specify his own set of Crop Acreage Bases -- any acreage mix he wanted, as long as the total wasn't greater than the overall F.A.B.

In the next four years (1987-1990), the C.A.B. would be the average of plantings to that crop during all years from 1986 onward.

With the 1991 crop, the system would come into full swing, and the C.A.B. would go into a five-year rolling average just like the F.A.B.

But there would be a new wrinkle to give farmers flexibility: By notifying USDA two months before any program announcement date, a farmer could shift some of his acreage from one Crop Acreage Base to another,

as long as he kept his overall Farm Acreage Base the same.

Yields would be based on a rolling five year average of actual production, with the high and low years omitted. In addition, no yield would change more than 10 percent from year to year.

The bill does not say how (or even whether) farm prices or incomes will be supported, but if they are, then farmers would have to abide by their acreage bases in order to be eligible, unless the Department of Agriculture waives this requirement.

In practice, this part of H.R. 4565 would probably be routinely changed with each farm bill -- it's simply there to provide a link with price support policy.

Obviously, the bill (Continued on P15)

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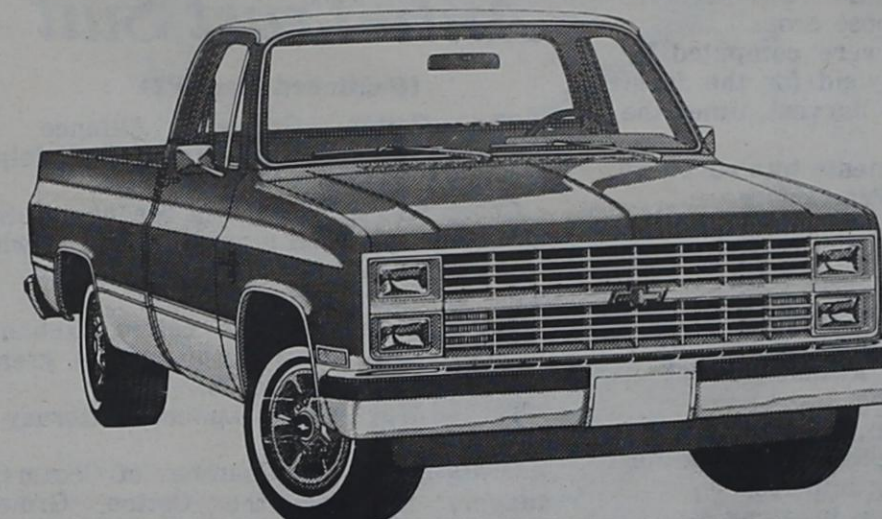
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'84 Farm Program Gets Nod

by Gary Moore
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Many American farmers are in the unique position of making a decision which could have more impact on their livelihood than any other single action they might take this year.

After the extension of the sign up many producers felt that the extra time was of great value and still others feel they still need more time.

The 1984 farm program is a risk management structure which will have a bearing on the market, farm profits, production expense, and also a guaranteed price protection part.

Producers who will participate in the 1984 acreage reduction program will receive deficiency payments for those crops.

Deficiency payments were computed by multiplying the program yield for the farm by the acreage planted for harvest, times the payment rate.

Cotton deficiency payments totaled about \$1,308,005 last year for Garza County.

Nationally, the agency disbursed about \$430 million in deficiency payments for cotton.

Last year after all the mishaps of mother nature, approximately 31,000 acres were planted in this county, and a final production of 13,860 bales was produced.

Last year's program, including the controversial PIK, are largely responsible for the price edge gained going into 1984.

Today, for the first time in many years, prices overall on these commodities are good and with continued restraint in planting and production, prices will hold and maybe get better.

Sign-up for the 1984 program with its acreage reduction agreements is a sound investment in the farmers market to insure a farm profit.

This year in Garza County the farmers and ranchers responded well to the farm programs.

Out of the 396 individual farms, approximately 336 are participating in one program or another.

The county cotton producers control approximately 56,000 acres of base and as of this publication, nearly 52,000 acres of cotton base has been signed into the program for a

93 percent participating level.

The 1985-86 farm bill has been in the news of late and with the input and interest shown by the many responding parties this could become a workable farm bill for the producer.

This year with the deep moisture already, if mother nature cooperates, a farm profit could become reality.

Anti-Trust Suit

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The Cotton Growers Alliance has employed Harold Cohen, famed Philadelphia anti-trust attorney, as lead counsel.

Cohen was attorney in a recent anti-trust case against plywood manufacturers in which the award was \$2,800,000,000, one of the largest anti-trust awards.

This suit against the cotton exchanges and merchants may result in a greater award, according to Meeks.

Travis Ware is the Lubbock attorney on the case.

Lewis Earl, Post Chamber of Commerce manager, attended the Cotton Growers Alliance meeting in Lubbock last Saturday.

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Hightower Explains Texas Ag Position

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To get the right answer out of Congress, farmers and ranchers have got to let lawmakers, and let the consuming public, know the facts.

According to the government's own figures, American farmers earned a net income of \$20 billion last year, but five percent of the farmers garnered almost 90 percent of that money.

That's not you, or your next door neighbor reaping those dollars, but the investor owned super-farms who are better able to take advantage of government programs ranging from Payment-in-Kind to lucrative tax write-offs.

The family operated farms with sales from \$40,000 to \$250,000 made little or no money.

The trouble is price. Examples would be: Wheat costs \$6.40 a bushel to produce; you have to sell it for \$3.20.

The same is true for cotton, corn, grain, sorghum and so on.

Farm exports have nearly quadrupled over the past ten years, but farm income has been cut in half.

Middlemen continue to raise food costs, so consumers spend more, while we all continue to foot the bill for the most expensive farm programs in history.

I also went to Washington recently to talk with members of Congress about Texas' new Agriculture Development Bond which would help farmers to get into the money end of the business, marketing and food processing.

Some key members of Congress, backed by the Reagan administration, want to severely restrict Industrial Development Bonds without understanding how our Texas program could be adversely affected.

Ag Bonds will allow farmers and ranchers to process and market the raw agricultural products they produce, thus capturing a larger percentage of the consumers' food dollar.

Instead of selling our potatoes for as low as six cents a pound, then buying them back from a Chicago potato chip maker at as much as \$2.49 a pound, Texans could keep that money in the state and in farmers' pockets.

We already envision a potato chip factory for the

Panhandle, as well as a seafood plant on the Gulf Coast, a cheese plant for the dairy country around Sulphur Springs and a beef processing plant in Central Texas.

Last year, I told you the Agriculture Department would also be helping farmers sell directly to consumers through Farmers Markets.

I didn't know that the response would be so loud. Farmers who sold produce through the original four markets in 1983 found that consumers love them, so they're planting larger quantities and greater varieties this year to meet the demand.

The Texas Department of Agriculture's Direct Marketing Staff has been flooded with requests for information from farmers and local officials all over the state about establishing markets in their communities.

While obtaining a fair price for their agricultural commodities is the essential short-term priority for Texas farmers and ranchers, protecting the soil and water must be the Number One long-term concern.

That's why I have created an Office of Natural Resources within TDA to work

with farmers, local conservation authorities and county officials.

In the last 15 months, TDA's office of Natural Resources has worked with local groups to oppose placement of high-level radioactive waste sites in the Texas Panhandle; toxic dump sites in various parts of the state; and a direct current power line stretching over prime agricultural land from Bay City to Huntsville.

Elsewhere, the Texas Department of Agriculture now has a Mobile Office bringing regulatory and marketing services of the agency directly to the people in your community.

But the Mobile Office isn't there just to talk.

It's there to listen and lend a hand too.

Equipped with a portable generator and two-way communications system, the Mobile Office can

be dispatched to communities hit by emergencies when TDA's immediate assistance is required.

The Mobile Office is currently making stops in TDA's 12 districts around the state on a rotating basis, so look for it in Garza County somewhere down the road.

There are many other ideas and projects underway here at TDA.

I am making a trip to Israel in late March to look into their drip-irrigation marketing and solar energy systems, and I hope to bring Israeli experts and technicians back to Texas to assist farmers and ranchers with new energy and water conservation programs.

The Gatlin Brothers have been persuaded to record a series of public service announcements extolling Texas produce, and they will become ambassadors for our new "Taste of Texas" promotion.

We are also helping market new Texas-based commodities, such as grapes, the wineries springing up all over the state, nursery products and even Texas-grown Christmas trees.

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There is really little need for me to report to you on the state of agriculture in Texas.

You know all about it, and are reminded every time you reach into your pants pocket to pay those ever-higher bills

Stenholm

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That will still be the province of the four-year farm bills.

Decisions about price support, set-asides and all the rest will still be made by Congress when it renews agricultural legislation.

But a good, workable system of bases and yields is a skeletal structure for a wide variety of farm programs.

for fertilizer, fuel and other farm necessities.

What I can do is tell you about the efforts to change things for the better.

The U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, chaired by Congressman "Kika" de la Garza of Mission, Texas, began its hearings on a new Farm bill a full year in advance of actual implementation.

I believe farmers and ranchers should

get the credit for this early start, as well as for waking up the news media, which is now calling the agriculture "sleepers" of the year.

I testified before the committee during its opening day of testimony and believe I was well received.

My message was simply: that price is the name of the problem, and that farm prices should at least cover the cost of production.

I also urged Congress to adopt mandatory production controls in order to protect a world market that has seen U.S. agricultural exports triple while farm income dropped by half.

I also voiced your concerns about a farm policy that veers wildly from one day to the next, and over the Farmers Home Administration's apparent desire to make farmers' lives as difficult as possible, including FmHA's cur-

rent ridiculous collateral requirements and the 26-page loan application that only a lawyer could love.

I strongly urged Congress to limit price supports to family owned, rather than investor owned farms.

The key question for agriculture this year is simple:

Do we want an independent family-run system of agricultural production, or a system of vertically-integrated investor-owned super-farms?

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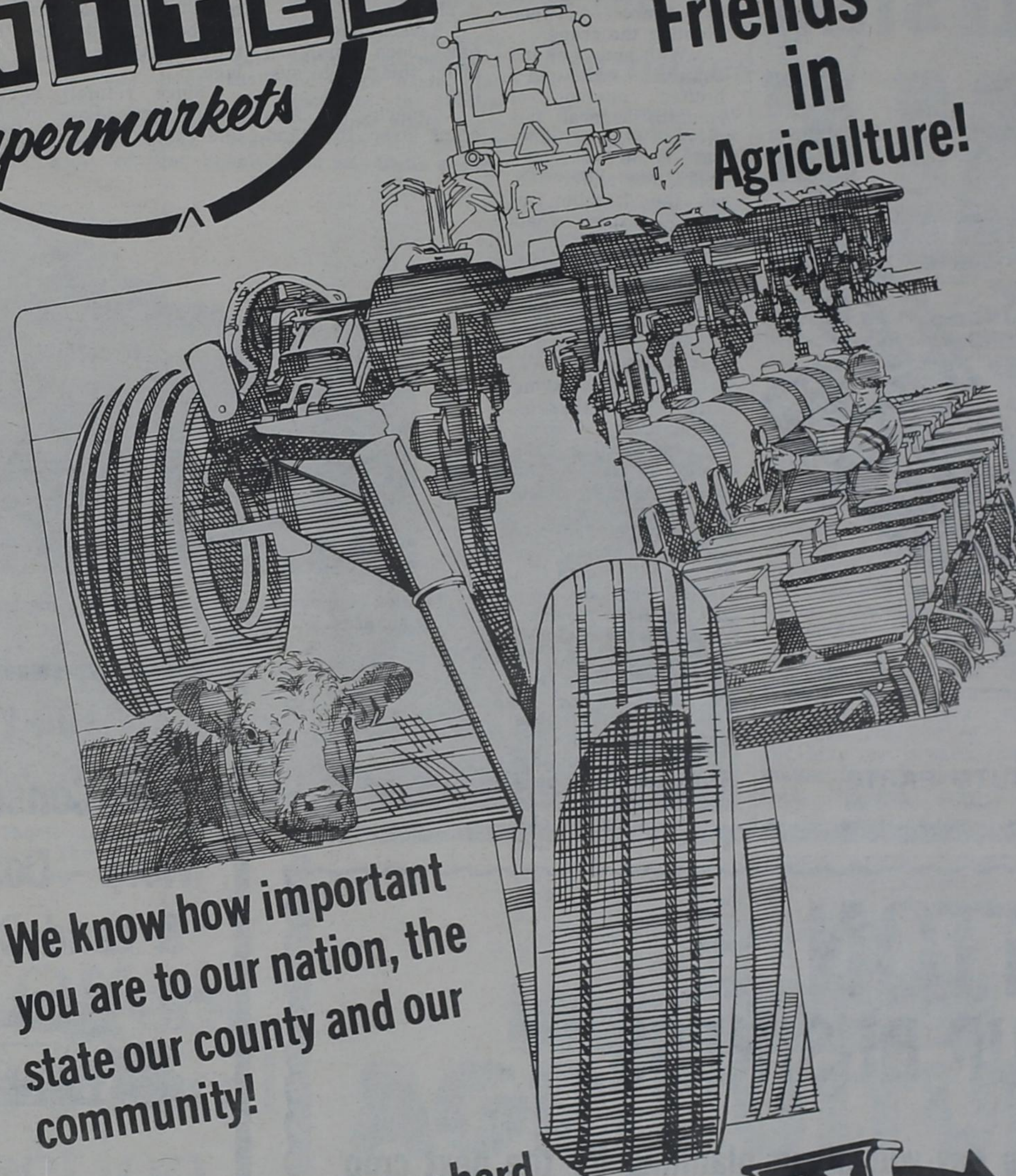
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Traditionally farmers have plowed their fields a number of times between planting the crops.

With high fuel and equipment costs and a limited amount of rainfall, several farmers in Garza County have combined tillage operations and reduced the number of trips across their fields.

In the past, normal tillage operations following cotton harvest have included shredding the cotton stalks, chiseling several times, disking with a tandem, spring-tooth plowing to incorporate the chemical, listing, and then finally planting their crop.

Also included may be several times over the land with a sandfighter to stop the soil from blowing. With the reduced type of tillage, the cotton crop is harvested.

The rows or beds are left undisturbed. Then the middle or bottom of the beds are chiseled.

Following the chiseling, the cotton

stalks are shredded, the chemical applied, and the rows are furrow diked all in one operation.

Finally the cotton is planted.

Several operations have been combined under this tillage system.

Generally less times over the land

with a sandfighter are incurred under this system.

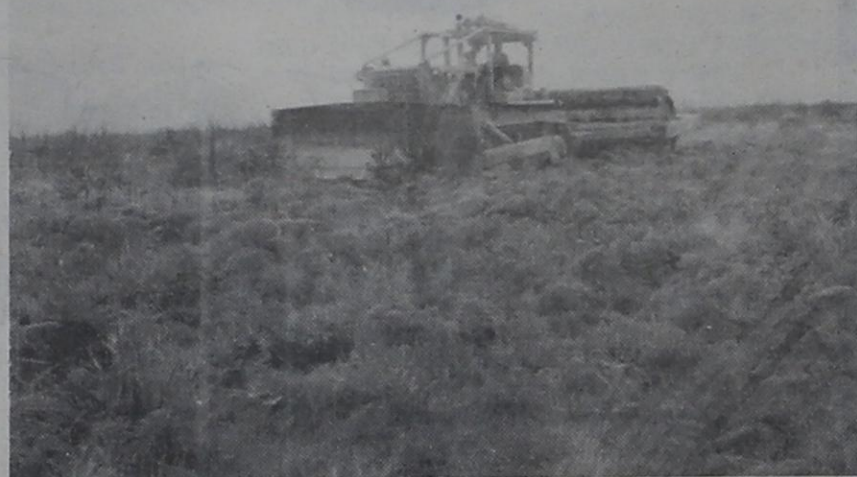
Besides saving fuel and wear and tear on the equipment, less moisture will be lost under the reduced type of tillage.

Since rainfall is the limiting factor in this area of West

Texas, every inch of moisture saved in the soil may mean the difference in making a crop or having a failure.

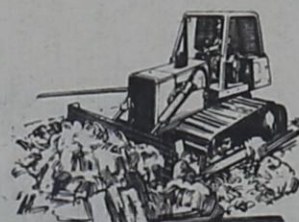
Also since the cotton stalks are left standing until just before planting the next crop, the soil surface conditions are

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Some Want More, Others Want Less Gov't

by Congressman
Charles W. Stenholm

The debate about government and agriculture will probably never end.

Some farmers want government to do more for them, and some want it to do less to them.

But almost all farmers agree that government farm programs could be a lot fairer, simpler and more predictable than they are now.

Farmers complain that they never find out what Congress and the Administration have planned for this year's wheat crop until many of their planting decisions have already been made.

And they complain that they never know what this year's farming decisions will do to their position in next year's farm program.

It's unlikely these problems will ever be completely solved.

But I've introduced legislation, the Agricultural Efficiency and Equity Act, that will remove a lot of the inconsistency and unpredictability from present programs.

My bill, known by its House bill number as H.R. 4565, simplifies and standardizes the way acreage bases and yields are assigned to producers.

An acreage base, or number of acres to be planted, is assigned to farmers who wish to take part in federal farm programs.

A yield measures how many bushels or pounds per acre the farmer is assumed to produce.

Both bases and yields are important when farmers decide whether to participate in the programs.

Our present base and yield system isn't what it ought to be.

Bases and yields are now set in four-

year farm bills, which makes them subject to the political winds every four years.

In practice, farmers have seen the bureaucrats (and the politicians - I'll take my share of the blame) change them far more often than that.

That makes farmers' acreage bases unpredictable, and makes it harder for producers to do their planning.

And there are

other problems with the present system:

- It isn't consistent between crops.

- It leaves too much discretion to the Department of Agriculture.

- It doesn't give farmers enough flexibility to respond to market signals and conservation needs.

If a consensus system of bases and yields could be written into permanent law, it would stand until and unless it

were specifically repealed.

It wouldn't be subject to renewal every four years, as is the case today.

Thus, farmers would have a predictable benchmark.

They would know what their starting point was, and they could make their planting decisions from there.

Now, that doesn't mean rewriting farm programs altogether.

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This tremendous demand to borrow funds at very high interest rates has attracted investment money from all over the world.

The U.S. dollar has gone up in value relative to other currencies, and as the dollar has gone up, our export sales prices have also gone up.

In contrast to falling domestic farm prices, our export prices have gone up by 25 to 30 percent.

We have been pricing ourselves out of our export markets.

At the same time, export competition has become much tougher.

Many other countries saw a chance to earn hard currency through agricultural exports, and others started using ag exports as a way to dump domestic surpluses.

The European Community went

from being a major importer of wheat to a major exporter, and subsidized EC wheat exports now undercut U.S. prices in markets throughout the world.

Likewise, the EC is using export subsidies of more than \$1 billion per year to make itself the largest beef exporter in the world, even though Europeans buying their own beef pay more than twice the world market price.

We must recognize the importance of agriculture, and of agricultural exports, to our nation's economy. We must quit abusing this vital industry and start supporting it.

I believe that the government has a major responsibility to rebuild the ag export markets that embargoes have destroyed.

I have helped write and pass legislation to do that.

Under legislation that I authored, all agricultural export contracts are now exempt from any embargo for a period of nine months.

Any agricultural embargo will automatically trigger an increase in the loan rate for any affected commodity to 100 percent of parity.

This will both protect farmers from again having to pay for our nation's foreign policy and make such embargoes too costly to afford.

Agriculture must have effective government support to win equal access to world markets.

Unfair trade barriers must be brought down and unfair foreign export subsidies must be eliminated, even if that requires some export subsidies of our own to prove that we are serious about backing our farmers.

At home we must straighten out our own economic house.

Huge budget deficits and high interest rates handicap our farmers and ranchers in world markets.

Even worse, these continued high deficits are a growing mortgage on our children's future.

Agriculture is one of the greatest advantages that his country

has over all the rest of the world.

Government action alone cannot pull agriculture out of its current problems.

Neither can agriculture's decline be expected to reverse if no government action is taken.

The cost of needed action, such as export credit, is relatively small compared to the enormous benefits U.S. consumers receive.

The cost of continued neglect will be the loss of major segments of our most productive industry.

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Report Confirms Dry Conditions

The Garza County Extension Agent, Syd Conner, released the annual Central Planning Committee reports last week, including the summary of seasonal growing conditions in 1983.

Planting and early season soil moisture was generally poor from rainfall, until the latter half of May.

From May through early July, the rains were spotted and some clouds were mixed with severe hail, causing some cotton having to be planted up to three times.

Generally, all cotton was later than usual.

Soil moisture was severely short over most of the county

during the remainder of the growing season.

As shown below, nearly one-half of the year's rainfall came in October, which was basically too late to help any cotton.

Actually, in many parts of the county it did more harm than good to the cotton crop but made some late hay and grazing that was badly needed

after the severely dry summer.

As a whole, the cotton crop in Garza

County was probably better than most of the remainder of the South Plains but was still below average.

Wind Erosion Damages Soil

Wind erosion has damaged more than a million acres of Texas cropland and range-

land the past few months, and it is still early in the "blow season".

Conditions undoubtedly will become worse this spring.

"Current cropping systems in many areas just do not provide the needed protection to prevent soil erosion by wind," says Dr. B.L. Harris, soils specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Wind erosion is a problem primarily in western, central and southwestern sections of Texas and does its worst damage to croplands, Harris says.

"The most serious lasting damage from erosion is the separation and removal of silt, clay and organic matter from the surface, leaving only

infertile and blowing sand," Harris explains.

"The blowing sand piles up in dunes, causing loss of productive land, covering fences, equipment and buildings and damaging crops."

To control wind erosion, a combination of practices is most effective, with conservation tillage systems offering good potential for many erosion-prone soils, the specialist says.

A rough surface — the ridges and depressions formed by tillage — goes a long way in battling wind erosion, notes Harris.

Roughness, at an optimum height of two to five inches,

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Ronald and Jerry Thuett use wheat strips on terraces on their farm. The wheat strips act as wind strips in reducing wind erosion.

SCS Offers Hints on Soil Protection

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improved under the reduced system.

The stalks help in trapping snow which adds to the soil moisture.

Also, the reduced number of trips across the field along with the stalks left standing, leaves the soil surface conditions less favorable to wind erosion or soil blowing.

And finally the reduced tillage operations save time and money.

It seems more

and more farmers are going to this type of tillage operation in Garza County.

With today's high costs, the more money saved by reducing operations or combining operations may make the difference between a profit or a loss.

For further assistance on conservation tillage, contact the local Soil Conservation Service office in the First National Bank Building in Post.



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Family Farming Backbone in Garza

Farming was all he ever knew.

After growing up on a farm near Southland and helping his father with the miscellaneous chores involved in farming, he then married and had two sons and became active in the county 4-H program.

Ronnie and Dolores Dunn were married in Slaton in 1961 and settled into farming in Garza County in 1966 then moved to their present location in 1976.

The parents of two sons, Lance and Derick, Lance started the family into the pig business when he was at the tender age of nine with "a project" of two pigs for the County Stock Show with a Duroc and Cross.

Lance's interest in the pigs was great, so instead of buying for the next year's show, they decided it would be a fun project to try and raise their own.

From that point on, it got bigger and bigger.

From the original two sows, the Dunn herd has now grown to its present 30 sow

operation. The Dunns raise primarily Hampshires with some Crosses and added the White Crosses just this year.

Ronnie says, "show pigs have kept me afloat when my cotton crop couldn't."

Lance and Derick have each had their share of success in the show ring.

Lance has exhibited a Grand Champion Barrow, Champion Gilt, three Reserve Grands as well as numerous Breed Champions at the Garza County Junior Livestock Show. One of the greatest honors for Lance was in receiving the Swine Showmanship award for four years in a row. Lance also had a second place barrow in Houston and has placed well at Dallas, El Paso and Lubbock.

Derick has followed in his brothers footsteps with three Grand Champions and one Reserve Grand at the local show, but the highlight of his swine career to date was the sale of a \$2590 barrow prospect.

The Dunns sell most

of their pigs for 4-H projects and all pigs born this time of year go to New Mexico, including Socorro, Truth or Consequences, Portales and Clayton.

People have come from Rodeo, New Mexico, Cameron, La., Arizona, Okla-

homa and different parts of Texas to purchase the pigs.

A lot of the pigs sold in New Mexico have gone on to success in the show ring. He had a champion Hamp at the New Mexico State Fair two years ago, another at the South-

ern New Mexico State Fair in Las Cruces and another at El Paso as well.

One of his Hamps was the reserve grand champion at Houston last year and brought a price of \$22,000. Dunn estimates that 99 percent of his barrows end up at show somewhere and about 20 percent of his gilts.

The family is so well respected in the pig business that Ronnie and his oldest son, Lance have been asked to judge county shows throughout the region.

Besides the pig business keeping them busy, Ronnie

has 1400 acres of farm land, all in cultivation with some irrigation and all planted in cotton.

He is not participating in the government program and is farming all his acreage with it being contracted.

He said of the farming business "it's gonna get better, or I won't be here to see it."

Lance is now a junior at Texas Tech majoring in agriculture, either in the Extension end or to be a teacher.

Derick is a freshman at Post High School and helps his father on the farm and with the pigs.



RONNIE DUNN FAMILY — Shown 1 to r, front row, sons, Derick and Lance, back row, Ronnie and Dolores.

Wind Erosion

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reduces wind surface velocity and traps sand particles.

"Cloddiness," the relative abundance of firm and stable aggregates of soil material resistant to erosion, also serves as a barrier to wind erosion.

More than half the soil surface should be protected by large clods.

"Both cloddiness and surface roughness can be affected by the type of tillage equipment used," Harris says.

"Equipment which inverts the soil covers surface residue."

Disk-type plows cover more residue and destroy soil clods more than sweep-type plows.

Disks also create greater compaction pans than sweep plows.

"Vegetative cover is the best and most effective technique to control wind erosion," contends Harris.

"The protection afforded by cover, either living or dead, depends on the size and quantity of residue."

"For example, wheat stubble is more effective than sorghum or corn stubble."

Erosion increases as field length increases, so the length should be reduced along the prevailing

wind direction with barriers or windbreaks, or by planting perpendicular to the prevailing wind.

A windbreak will protect an area equal to 10 times the height of the barrier, the specialist points out.

Research is being conducted on the use of terbars to reduce wind erosion.

Terbars are small terrace barriers planted with a perennial plant — such as lovegrass, kleingrass and Alamo switchgrass — on the top ridge.

This technique has proven to be very effective in reducing erosion and maintaining yields, and its use is expected to expand.

"Other factors affecting erosion include wind speed and soil moisture," Harris says.

"Erosion increases rapidly as winds exceed 20 mph, and erosion decreases as soil moisture increases."

"Therefore, irrigation practices and benching or leveling land on slopes can provide effective temporary controls of wind erosion."

Information is available from several agencies to assist farmers and ranchers in dealing with wind erosion problems.

Among those

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Bentsen Calls for Legislative Action

by Senator Lloyd Bentsen

I know the people of Garza County join me in thanking The Post Dispatch for this special section recognizing the importance of agriculture to the county and the nation. For too long we as a nation have taken agriculture for granted.

Considering the

Wind Erosion

(Continued from P8) agencies are the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Soil and Water Conservation Board and Districts, Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and Agricultural Research Service.

SCS is the agency with primary responsibility for providing information and technical assistance for erosion control.

importance of this most basic of industries, it is amazing how little the average citizen knows or cares about it.

Agriculture accounts for about half of the annual income of Garza County and for more than 20 percent of our gross national product.

Agriculture has created 23 million jobs, or about one of every five jobs in America.

Yet those of us in farming and ranching are a tiny minority.

Only about 2.7 percent of the U.S. Population lives on farms and ranches.

Most people think of farmers and ranchers when they think of agriculture, because these are the producers who make possible the rest of this vast system.

Yet the worker who makes steel that goes into tractors or chemicals that go into fertilizers is just as dependent on agricul-

ture for a living.

And ultimately, as the bumper sticker says, "If you eat, you're involved in agriculture."

Average Americans spend some 16.4 percent of their after-tax income for food, compared to 18 percent in 1966.

The cost is still going down, and is the lowest cost for food of any country in the world.

American agriculture is the envy of the rest of the world.

U.S. farmers comprise only about three-tenths of one percent of the world's population, but they produce about a fifth of all the world's beef and cotton and about half the world's corn.

But agriculture is a troubled industry. I submit that it cannot be taken for granted much longer.

These glowing productivity statistics hide a troubled economic reality. Consumers pay

less now for food than in 1966, but farmers also earn less than in 1966.

In fact, net farm income in real, after inflation, dollars is about half what it was in 1966.

Why is such a productive industry having so many troubles?

The reasons are many, but the central problem is our export markets.

In the 1970s, the demand for U.S. ag exports was strong.

This demand was fueled by a weak dollar and by heavy borrowing by developing countries.

It was encouraged by former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz' famous call for farmers to "plant fencerow to fencerow" for the export market.

We now export the production from one-third of our farmed land, including over half our cotton crop.

While our country has a trade deficit of some \$41 billion, our agricultural trade balance will be about \$22 billion in the black this year.

Our agricultural exports, however, are falling.

Sales volume is expected to be down this year for the fourth year in a row.

Farmers who geared up to produce for that expanding export market are now facing plummeting prices, weak demand and high interest rates.

Our reliance on agricultural exports has come back to haunt us.

Why has this happened?

I believe that much of the reason is simply lack of care.

Our government simply has not taken care of our agricultural export trade.

It has been badly abused.

Every president

since Nixon has used agricultural embargoes.

I opposed all those embargoes, and time has proven that I was right.

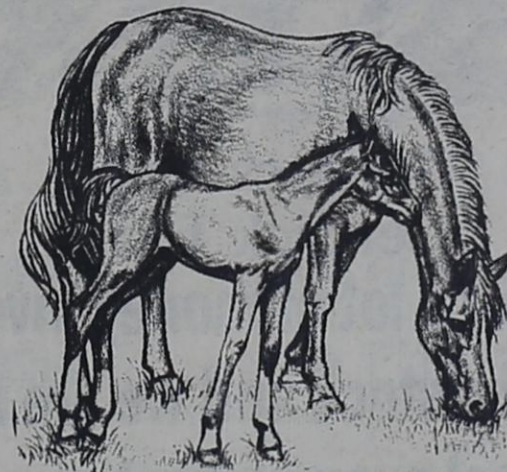
We have hurt ourselves tremendously by developing an image as an unreliable supplier.

In addition, our domestic economic policies have resulted in high interest rates and huge budget deficits.

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