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LETTERS TO EDITOR

G. C. Duncan Backs Livestock Commission Move On Brucellosis

(Editor's Note: The following letter was forwarded by G. C. Duncan, local rancher, to Norman Moser, chairman of the Texas Animal Health Commission for the State of Texas, relative to the seriousness of the Brucellosis situation in the state and on methods for control of this costly disease. Mr. Moser's response to the letter follows Mr. Duncan's letter).

Norman Moser
Texas Animal Health Comm.
DeNalb, Texas 75559

Your commission's move to get an economic impact study of the subject, and Tobin's resolution to ask Congress to appropriate money and engage an unbiased research firm to make a study of the present program before any more money is spent on it, are steps in the right direction.

I suppose the disease could be eradicated, but I think it would be very costly. As you told us, it is being proposed that if a reactor is found that came from a particular pasture on a ranch then all pastures on that ranch would be placed under quarantine. I know you are opposed to this. However, if this rule is put in force, they will probably require that cattle of different ownership, but in joining pastures, be tested also.

It has been suggested that if the present program is continued, cattle which are in the same pasture with reactors, but do not react to the test, could be sold for slaughter and indemnity paid on them. As you know the Association is backing this proposal to give some relief to those owners who have had to test and retest until, unseemingly, there is no end in sight.

One of the things wrong with the present program is the use of the card test which you yourself say will react not only to all cattle harboring the disease but also to some that do not have it. I know you can call for a retest which I did on seventeen three and four-year-old cows which I knew had been officially vaccinated when they were put to the card test again, however, three of them were negative on the agglutination test, but they were condemned anyway. Since the Department of Agriculture is now saying that calves can only be officially vaccinated when from three to six months of age, I believe some cows which were officially vaccinated at ten to twelve months, as was formerly required by the Department, are now reacting because of the vaccine and not the disease. We were told at the meeting that there had been as much as six months after a cow had been shipped to market before some operators were told that a reactor had come out of their herd. When the cattle were placed under quarantine by the State, the operators were told that they would receive $40 per reactor from the Federal Government when they went to slaughter. From January 1975 to March 19, 1975 we have had to sell 132 condemned cows. At this date we have received indemnity on only three cows. Even though the Federal Government is paying the indemnity, I think it is the Texas Animal Health Commission that is getting the criticism.

From what you have told me, your personal experience has been pretty much like ours. Prior to 1968 all of our replacements had been vaccinated for a good many years. Some of them were officially vaccinated by a vet, but we vaccinated most of them when they were thrown down to be branded so they were probably under six months of age. In May and June of 1968 our entire herd was tested, and we did not have a single reactor. We were advised by someone whom we thought knew what he was talking about not to vaccinate any more since we were clean. However, in 1971 reactors started cropping up so we went back to vaccinating. The heifers that we didn't vaccinate in 1968, 69 and 70 are just about all gone.

If your economic impact study does show it is not worthwhile to eliminate brucellosis in Texas because of the high cost of the producers, the State, and the Federal Government, it will be their conclusion, the present program should be abolished. Continue testing at all markets (where there are reactors, use more than one test), and mark all reactors "To be sold for slaughter only". Cut out the indemnity payments but let the vaccine be available to all producers to use themselves, and urge them to vaccinate their calves at three to six months of age. The official vaccination doesn't seem to mean anything to your commission or the Department of Agriculture anyway, and there would be no cheating if indemnity is not paid. If the producer had the vaccine he would be able to work the vaccinating into his schedule without having to call a vet whenever his calves reach the proper age. If he should use the vaccine on an older animal and then want to sell it, the producer would run the risk of having to sell it on a restricted market.

If there is no program for the eradication of brucellosis in Texas, quarantine stations conveniently located about the State would have to be set up for those who wish to ship stocker cattle to clean areas. The stations would have to be maintained by your Commission, but the expense of keeping the cattle there until there are no reactors on two tests within the prescribed time should be borne by the shipper.

Gardner Duncan

(Editor's note: Mr. Moser's reply to the Duncan letter follows)

Your experience with brucellosis seems very typical. The ideas expressed in your letter of July 23 surely deserve consideration at this time, when the cattle industry is looking at alternatives to our present eradication program.

As you know, the Texas Animal Health Commission has called for a public hearing to be held in Austin on September 4th to consider the United States Department of Agriculture's required changes in Texas brucellosis regulations.

The twenty odd changes generally make the regulations more restrictive. Two or three of the proposed changes are major and give me considerable concern. They are:

1) Mandatory testing at first point of concentration - poses some real problems for the markets as well as cowmen.

2) "S" branding of all "negative exposed" cattle without exception.

3) Redefinition of "hard" (for purposes of quarantine) to cover all cattle and all property - at the discretion of Texas Animal Health Commission.

These and other aspects of the proposed changes will be discussed and weighed against possible restrictions on movement of Texas cattle at the September 4th hearing.

I suggest all interested cowmen be at the hearing and give us the benefit of their thinking.

NORMAN MOSER

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Sheriff Doc Mueller Attends State Conf.

Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller attended the annual Texas Sheriff's Conference which was held in Odessa from July 27th through July 30th. Sheriff Mueller stated that the conference was very informative, with sheriffs from all parts of Texas exchanging ideas and discussing problems they encountered in their particular areas; and were able to assist each other on a solution of these problems.

New laws and jail procedures were discussed and these will be very helpful in discharging the duties of sheriff. Sheriff Mueller stated he was grateful for the opportunity to attend this conference.

Reward Offered For Info On Weimar Burglary

A $100.00 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke into the Farmers Drug Store in Weimar on June 19th of this year, said Colorado County Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller.

All information can be revealed to Sheriff Mueller or to Leonard Bartos, owner of the store in Weimar. All information and source will be kept in strict confidence, said the sheriff.

Rita Bauer Completes TCTA Workshop

An Eagle Lake Middle School teacher recently completed advanced training at a four-day workshop sponsored by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association in Austin.

Rita Bauer attended the sixth annual Conference for the Improvement of Instruction. At the TCTA conference Bauer studied techniques for improving classroom instruction. Sessions were designed to prepare her for assuming leadership responsibilities in teacher inservice training.

The six conference topics addressed student apathy, law-focused education, teacher evaluation, teaching for learning, personalizing instruction, and bilingual education.

Conference instructors were staff members of North Texas State University, Tyler State College, the Texas Education Agency, and Law-Focused Education, Inc.

Friendship Club Plans For Annual Picnic

The Eagle Lake Women's Friendship Club met Wednesday, July 23rd in the home of Mrs. Elenora Rutledge. She and Mrs. Violet Mooney were the gracious hostesses. When the ladies arrived they were invited into the dining room where the table was filled with a delicious repast of sandwiches, cake, chips, pickles, nuts, coffee and a huge punch bowl of orange punch with ice flowers floating on the top.

The ladies enjoyed an afternoon of visiting and catching up on the news of the last month. A number of members were out due to illness and illness in their families. Members wish them a speedy recovery. Mrs. Eva Marshall was welcomed as a guest. The business meeting was led by President Tommie Neiswender and Secretary Hazel Havens. The game of 84 was enjoyed by a number of members.

The next meeting will be held in August with Mrs. Carolyn Rosprim as hostess and will be the club's annual picnic. All members are asked to contact the president, Mrs. Neiswender, regarding the menu for the picnic, and all are urged to be present. This is always a highlight of the year for the club members.

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Going To State 4-H Fashion Show

Beryl Shorter, right, models the garment which enabled her to qualify for the state 4-H Fashion competition at the State Fair of Texas. Others in the photo are Donna Frank and Deborah Frank, left to right, who also took part in the multi-county Fashion Fling at Riverbend Country Club.

Beryl Shorter Qualifies For State 4-H Fashion Competition

Three Colorado County 4-H youth modeled self-created fashions to compete in the annual multi-county 4-H Fashion Fling held last Thursday at the Riverbend Country Club between Sugar Land and Stafford and Beryl Shorter of Eagle Lake qualified for the State competition to be held in Dallas in October.

Taking part were Donna Frank of Columbus in the Sub-Deb division; Deborah Frank of Columbus in the Junior group; and Beryl Shorter of Eagle Lake in the Senior division.

Beryl Shorter had the highest score in the Senior division and will represent District 11 at the State Contest in October at the State Fair.

Donna Frank received a red ribbon in the Sub-Deb division and Deborah Frank a blue in the Junior division.

A Luncheon-Fashion Show preceded the awards segment of the event in which 48 youth from 17 counties participated.

Others attending from Colorado County were: Mrs. Coby Shorter, Jr. and Coby III, Mrs. Otie Rhodes and Stephanie from Eagle Lake; also Mrs. Barbara Frank and Mrs. Marian Frank, Mrs. Janet Hollmann, Denise and Darlene Zimmermann, and Agents Dorothy Schomberg and Nora Galley from Columbus.

EL Primary School Kindergarten Room Assignments Are Listed

The Eagle Lake Primary School publishes the following Kindergarten assignments early so that parents may plan transportation arrangements for morning and afternoon classes. Assignments for Grades 1, 2 and 3 will follow in next week's issue, said Principal Major Benge.

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