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"OVER MY SHOULDER"

(By Rodney B. Kruse, Port City Stockyards Co., Sealy and Brenham)

November's market made a move after the first week of the month by leaning hesitation and latching onto agressiveness.

Clean up type of marketing which South, Central and East Texas cowfolks usually start in December started by early November. A few cool spells and the shorter grass encouraged cowfolks to sort, cull and ship some of their cattle.

Many calves in the market channels seemed to be the "tail enders" of this year's calf crop. The fleshy bloomy calf became a thing of the past as many calves lost their bloomy appearance. Calves with little Brahman blood started their hairy winter coats.

Rain falling during the past couple of weeks of November put stocker operators in the market. Stock-feeder prices moved higher but were not labeled a runaway.

Good steer calves weighing almost 400 pounds were $73-$80 with heavier steers $70-$78. Heifer calves were mostly $62-$67 while 400-500 pounders $60-$65 as the month drew to a close.

"Happy Days Are Here Again" was not sung by feedlot operators in November. Large numbers of overly fat fed cattle, yield grade 4's, leaving feedlots and the seasonal holiday featuring of meats competitive to beef kept throwing cold water on fed cattle.

At month's end fed steers in Texas panhandle were a sagging $67.

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County FB Wins State PR Award

State Pres. Says Agriculture Gains From Free Enterprise

Annual county Farm Bureau awards in public relations, safety, and membership were presented during the Texas Farm Bureau convention in San Antonio this week.

Membership of the organization has reached a record high of 263,218 member families. This is a gain of 14,008 during the past fiscal year which ended Oct. 31. A total of 196 of the 213 organized county Farm Bureaus showed an increase in members.

Plaques were awarded to ten counties for outstanding achievements in public relations activities, including Colorado and Fayette counties.

Fayette County Farm Bureau received the 1980 TFB Safety Award for doing the most this past year to promote safety awareness.

The Honor District award went to District II for the largest membership numerical gain for a Farm Bureau district. Donald Hebert, TFB secretary-treasurer, is state director of District II. Among the counties included in District II are Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, and Wharton.

FB Pres. Speaks

Agriculture has the most to gain from operating under a free enterprise system, Texas Farm Bureau President Carrol Chaloupka told delegates to the TFB's 47th annual meeting Dec. 1.

Chaloupka said President-Elect Ronald Reagan is committed to a move toward more free enterprise.

"Congress cannot ignore the message of November 4," he added.

The state farm leader reminded the 1,200 voting delegates attending the convention that agricultural producers have survived until now by emphasizing efficiency.

The farm leader said free enterprise is the best system ever devised for prosperity, justice, and freedom.

Chaloupka said agriculture is at a cross-roads – with most provisions of the present farm bill scheduled to expire at the end of the 1981 crop year. He suggested that agriculture would be better off under a marketplace economy.

He warned against farm programs that provide incentives for piling up government-held surpluses and noted that the free enterprise system is designed to serve the individual.

Alluding to the recent general election, he said "We now have within our grasp the opportunity to return to a system where productivity is rewarded, where slothfulness is punished, and where individual freedoms are protected."

"Under such a system, agriculture has the most to gain. We in agriculture can – and should – lead the way back."

Compost Pile - The Original Recycling Center

(By Leroy J. Hejdik County Extension Agent)

Gardeners can get-back-to basics and save money too by developing an old stand-by-the compost pile. And with winter approaching, plenty of leaves are available for composting.

Transportation costs are pushing the price of peat moss and other bulky types of organic matter higher. As a result, the backyard compost pile or compost bin is becoming more and more important.

Most Texas soils are lacking in organic matter. Composting is an excellent way to add humus to the soil while at the same time disposing of unwanted plant material from the yard and garden.

Leaves, straw, lawn clippings, sawdust, garden debris and even shredded newspapers can be converted into usable humus through the decomposing process. These composted materials will make both clay and sandy soils more suitable for growing vegetables and ornamentals.

It is usually best to have three compost bins–one being filled, one in the process of decomposing, and another ready for use. The most workable size for most gardeners is a 4 feet by 6 feet bin, with one side hinged or removable for easy access.

Gardeners are advised to select a convenient site near a source of water, yet out of sight of the outdoor living area.

Start the compost pile by spreading a 6-to-8 inch layer of debris. Top this with a 1-to-2 inch layer of soil or finished compost. Sprinkle about two cups of a complete fertilizer over each layer of soil and organic matter to encourage bacterial action and hasten decomposition. Manure or blood may be used instead of fertilizer. Water thoroughly; then add the next layer as material becomes available.

Repeat the layering process until the pile is 4 to 5 feet high. Keep the center slightly lower than the sides to aid in retaining water. Keep the pile moist for rapid decomposition; however, avoid saturation or bad odors may develop.

To speed up decomposition and insure that wastes on the outer edge of the bin have a chance to break down, turn or mix and restack the pile every 60 to 90 days. Do not add new material once the pile is turned; rather start a new pile in a nearby location.

For better aeration and faster decomposition, spread fresh lawn clippings and shredded green materials into thin layers. When adding dry leaves to the compost pile, wet them thoroughly before adding soil. A shredder will convert twigs and small branches into smaller particles for faster decomposition.

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Cong. Pickle Announces Tax Break For Royalty Owners

Congressman Jake Pickle announces that royalty owners will receive a tax credit this year to take some of the sting off the windfall profits tax, thanks to a conference committee on which he served.

"As part of our work on the budget reconciliation, our committee approved a $1000 tax credit for the amount of windfall profits tax paid by royalty owners in this calendar year. This credit will be claimed when the individual files a regular income tax return," Pickle said.

Before the election, the White House agreed to the exemption, after Pickle and other Members of Congress pointed out the burden placed on small royalty owners by the new tax.

"This tax credit will help a significant number of people who, contrary to some stereotypes, do not automatically become millionaires every time their land produces a few gallons of oil," the Congressman stated.

Pickle predicted approval of the conference committee report by the full House and Senate next week, shortly before the 96th Congress adjourns.

"I opposed the windfall profits tax in committee and on the House floor, so I am glad we could get this relief. I wish we could have gone further, but possibly we can come back next year and reduce the burden even more," Pickle concluded.

ACCIDENT CONTROL

Current statistics show leading causes of home fires to be (1) electrical, (2) smoking and matches, (3) heating and cooking equipment, (4) open flames and sparks, (5) lightning, and (6) chimneys and flues, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

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by Mary Ann Pittman

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El Campo Child Birth Assn. To Have Program Thurs.

This Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m., the Childbirth Education Association of El Campo will present a program concerning family-centered maternity care and the obstetrical services provided by the Gulf Coast Medical Foundation, to which both Gulf Coast Medical Center and Caney Valley Memorial Hospital are affiliated, in Wharton. The guest speaker will be Ms. Ann Briscoe, the Assistant Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Medical Foundation. There will be a question and answer session following the speaker's presentation.

This program is free and open to the general public. It will be held at the Church of Christ, 311 E. Calhoun, El Campo.

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Tues., Dec. 9: Baked Sausage, Parsley Noodles, Collard Greens, Peach Cobbler, Hot Rolls.

Wed., Dec. 10: Chili Dogs, French Fries/Catsup, Tossed Salad, Lunchroom Doughnuts.

Thurs., Dec. 11: Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Grape Jelly, Hot Biscuits.

Fri., Dec. 12: Meat/Cheese Pizza, Pork and Beans, Stuffed Celery, Pineapple Tid Bits.

Xi Pi Psi Has Program On Holiday Decor

Eleven members of Xi Pi Psi weathered Tuesday night's storm to gather at the home of Kay Clipson for their regular meeting. Ernie Sommerlatte, Xi Pi Psi president, called the meeting to order followed by the regular order of business and committee reports.

A Christmas gift selected by Michele Isenhower for the sorority's adopted grandmother at the Heritage House was presented to the group for approval.

As previously planned, a Thanksgiving Basket was delivered to a local family on Wednesday, Nov. 26th, by Lynda Appelt and Ernie Sommerlatte.

President Ernie Sommerlatte reported on the recent convention held in LaMarque attended by herself, Jo Ann Gertson and Mary Lou Szymanski.

The program for this meeting was a demonstration by Dianne Causey on making Christmas decorations. Hoping it would get the group in the Christmas spirit, she gave instructions on making a corn shuck wreath and gingerbread hot pads. The program was enthusiastically received by all members in attendance.

After the meeting, members remained to make decorations for doors at the Heritage House, and to enjoy the delicious refreshments provided by the hostess, Kay Clipson.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 9 at the home of Michele Isenhower with a program by Michele. Reporter.

WCJC Madrigal Dinner In Wharton Sat.

The third Annual Wharton County Junior College Madrigal dinner will be held at the Apple Barrel in Wharton on December 6 at 6 p.m. "Mrs. Sara Cochran Wind, a former member of the WCJC Choir, has planned a very interesting menu consisting of quail on a bed of wild rice, souffles, wine, dessert, etc.," announces Tom Phillips, choir director.

The Madrigal Singers and musicians will be in Renaissance costumes and will again serve as waiters and hosts and hostesses. They will entertain with Renaissance songs as well as more contemporary music, plus interesting Christmas Carols.

The Brass Guild, directed by Phil Hart, will perform instrumental music from the early musical periods.

The cost is $12.50 each person but considering the food, atmosphere and entertainment it is a bargain," states Phillips.

Tickets are available by calling 532-4560, ext. 37 or contacting Mrs. Sara Cochran Wind at the Apple Barrel.

Rotary Has Program On Knife Making

Eagle Lake Rotarians and guests heard an interesting program on the art of knife making during the meeting on Wednesday of last week. John Chisholm was program chairman for the day and he introduced Ruffin Johnson of Houston, a full-time knife maker.

Mr. Johnson markets his knives under the trademark of "El Lobo Solo". Since 1972 he has been a member of the Knifemaker's Guild.

During the program he demonstrated to the club members the art of grinding and finishing a knife into the beautiful end-product.

He is only one of 250 knife makers in the United States and produces beautiful knives in a wide variety of styles. He told the gathering that it takes about fourteen hours of diligent work to convert a piece of stainless steel into a marketable knife. He conceded that the knife makers turn out only a small percentage of the knives sold in the United States, most are mass-produced by machines. However all agreed that the quality of the hand-produced knives was a thing to behold and could be a treasured and useable item in any hunter's equipment.

Johnson said that "a tremendous amount of pride goes into the creation of my knife handles, which are mainly of the hidden tang style."

"Treat a knife like any fine hunting tool and a friend, and it will last you a lifetime. That's how long I guarantee my knives," concluded Johnson.

Holiday Activities Are Scheduled Here

The Christmas holiday season is fast approaching and the Eagle Lake Community Center has a number of parties and other events scheduled.

To reserve the hall you may call Susan Causey at 234-2389.

Bookings through the remainder of the year include:

Dec. 6 Gifford - Hill Christmas Party.
Dec. 8 VFW Benefit.
Dec. 12 Eagle Lake Community Hospital Christmas Party.
Dec. 13 Private Party
Dec. 15 VFW Benefit
Dec. 16 Rotary Club Christmas Party
Dec. 18 Lions Club Christmas Party
Dec. 19 Private Party
Dec. 20 Fire Dept. Christmas Party.
Dec. 22 VFW Benefit
Dec. 27 MAYC
Dec. 28 Private Party
Dec. 29 VFW Benefit
Dec. 30 Square D Dance Club.
Dec. 31 Club Montezuma New Years Eve Party.

* Other Activities *

Other December activities listed with the Headlight include:

Dec. 6 Sheridan Lions Stew Supper in Sheridan Community Center.

Thurs., Dec. 11, 2 to 7:30 p.m. Heritage House Auxiliary Christmas Homes Tour.

Dec. 13 Santa Claus is coming to Eagle Lake, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 13-14 Rock Is. Fire Dept. Ham & Bean dinner.

Tues., Dec. 16: VFW Post 8783 Christmas Party at Jack's Restaurant at 7:30 p.m.

Last Rites For Mrs. H. S. Diaz

Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home in Eagle Lake at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29th for Mrs. H. S. (Elizabeth) Diaz, a long-time resident of this community who died on Nov. 27th in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The Rev. Hegelio Rodriguez, pastor of the Gethsemane Baptist Mission, officiated at the services. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery.

The deceased was born July 8, 1909 in San Antonio, Texas, the daughter of Margarito and Maria Olvera Gallegos. She was united in marriage sixty-two years ago with H. S. Diaz in San Antonio.

Surviving are her husband, H. S. Diaz of this city; four daughters, Ester Contreras and Sarah Flores of Eagle Lake, Martha Sosa of Quail Valley and Rachel Braswell of Florida; three sons, Manuel of Houston and Robert and David of Eagle Lake; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Colorado Co. Savings Plans Weimar Branch

Colorado County Federal Savings & Loan Association, whose home office is at Columbus, last week announced plans to open a full-service branch in Weimar.

W.A. Kuchar, executive vice president, said construction of the firm's building on a now vacent lot on East Post Office Street is expected to begin "in early 1981." A. Grohmann & Son Co. is the contractor.

A 1300-square-foot structure is planned, with a covered parking lot in the rear for employees.

In addition to the teller area and office, the building will have a night depository and a semi fire-proof storage area.

Colorado County Federal Savings & Loan Association, organized in 1935 with total assets of $4,200, in 1978 passed the $100,000,000 mark in assets.

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Kenneth Roberts' Welcome Daughter

Mrs. T. C. (Dora) Roberts of Eagle Lake received word recently of the birth of her ninth great-granddaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts of Brownsville became the parents of a little girl on Nov. 12th in a Corpus Christi hospital. The newcomer weighed nine pounds and four ounces at birth and has been named Karen Jenay.

Also welcoming the baby are grandparents Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Roberts of Rockport.

Mrs. Roberts noted that this is her ninth great-granddaughter and no great grandsons.

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