Cattle, game big business

ON THE FARM FRONT
(Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.)
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UPI Farm Editor

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Double use of range land for producing both cattle and wild game including deer has become a big business in some areas, the Soil Conservation Service reports.

A report by SCS conservationist Rudy J. Pederson and biologist James Henson in Texas was published by the SCS in the January issue of "Soil Conservation."

They estimated that gross income from hunting leases in Texas is now estimated to be more than $17 million a year. In 1968 about 33 million acres of privately owned Texas range land was leased for deer hunting and 280,000 deer were "harvested."

Pederson and Henson noted that income from deer hunters cannot be considered clear profit for ranchers.

"Most ranchers realize that each day an adult deer consumes about as much forage as a sheep or goat — about four pounds," the scientists wrote.

"The 3.2 million deer in Texas remove more than 12 million pounds of forage daily — forage that could otherwise be utilized by cattle, sheep or goats. With this in mind, landowners turn deer to economic value by offering hunting leases for sale," they said.

Their report said ranchers must manage their range lands carefully to maintain deer populations. Management methods include removing excess brush to improve deer habitat, but leaving some strips of brush to give the game protective cover.

Also, the report said, deer seldom graze pastures stocked heavily with other livestock.

Jesus is casualty in Christian war

World Of Religion
By LOUIS CASSELS
UPI Religion Writer

One of America's leading Protestant denominations is in real danger of being torn apart by intramural battling between liberals and conservatives.

The denomination threatened by schism is the 109-year-old Presbyterian Church in the United States, commonly known as the Southern Presbyterian Church. It has nearly 1 million members in 16 Southern and Southwestern states.

Disturbing the peace of the Presbyterian fold are the same three issues that are causing internal dissension in many other large Protestant bodies and the Roman Catholic Church.

First, there is controversy over the role the church should play in the struggle for racial equality and social justice.

Second, there is disagreement about the desirability of reshaping doctrinal statements and liturgical practices to make them more appealing to people today.

Third, there is dispute over efforts to move toward unity with other Christian bodies.

Although it's theoretically possible for an individual to split his ballot on these three issues, most church members tend to take a liberal stand on all three or a conversative stand on all three.

The increasingly bitter family fight among Southern Presbyterians is specifically concerned with (1) The forthright stand taken by the denomination and its governing general assembly in opposition to all forms of racial discrimination; (2) Proposals for a merger with the predominantly Northern United Presbyterian Church; and (3) Participation in the consultation on church union, which seeks to weld nine Protestant denominations (including three large Negro bodies) in a new united church.

A recent statistical report from Southern Presbyterian headquarters in Atlanta dramatically reveals the extent to which a church's mission can be crippled by internal squabbling. Contributions from local churches to denominational mission and benevolence programs fell nearly 20 per cent below the 1968 budget. Membership growth declined during 1968 to less than a thousand persons, and in 1969 there may have been an actual loss of members.

The moral for all denominations seems to be clear: In a cold war among Christians, the first casualty is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

School Lunch Menu

MONDAY — Hamburger on a bun, augratin potatoes, pineapple slice, chocolate cake and milk.

TUESDAY — "Touch of Mexico" — Tacos and ravioli, beans, tossed salad, senorita hot cross buns and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Fish squares on a bun, potatoes and butter, glazed coins, prune sauce and milk.

THURSDAY — Beef stew, celery sticks, cornbread and honey, fresh orange halves and milk.

FRIDAY — Pizza, green beans, molded fruit salad, ice cream bars and chocolate or plain milk.



National FFA President Birdwell.

FFA boss speaker at equipment expo

The 20-year-old national president of the Future Farmers of America, Harry Wayne Birdwell of Fletcher, Oklahoma, will attend the Triumph of Agriculture Farm and Machinery Show at Omaha's Civic Audiftorium during the show's opening day on March 10.

The youthful president of the 450,000 member organization, will speak to several thousand members of FFA Chapters from Nebraska, western Iowa and other midland states at a 2 p.m. speech in the Music hall of the auditorium.

The exposition is billed as "one of the largest farm and machinery shows in the country and features the worlds largest exhibit of equipment made by short-line manufacturers."

Exhibits will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 10 and 11.

Birdwell currently shares a partnership with his father on a farm southeast of Fletcher.

$900 million in insurance bought

LINCOLN (UPI)—Nebraskans bought an additional $900 million in life insurance during 1969, increasing coverage to $9.4 billion, according to a report released today by the Institute of Life Insurance.

The New York-based organization said the 1969 increase was 11 per cent.

Death benefit payments totaled $45 million, up $6 million or 14 per cent from 1968.

The average family had $18,100 worth of life insurance at the beginning of 1969.

Davis completes aircraft course

CECIL FIELD, Fla. — (Special) — Navy Petty Officer Third Class Michael A. Davis, son of Mr and Mrs Max A. Davis, 608 Ninth avenue, completed an aircraft maintenance course with Naval Air Maintenance Training Detachment 1034 at the U.S. Naval Air Station at Cecil Field, Florida.

The course dealt with one of the systems of the Corsair aircraft.

Training Detachment 1034 is one of 59 similar detachments in the United States which provides on-site maintenance training for both Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

Water tank splits curb city supply

CEDAR BLUFFS (UPI)—City officials today were still wondering what caused splits in two water storage tanks which left the city without water for 4½ hours.

The splits occurred in two 12,000 to 15,000 gallon water tanks in the lower level of city hall, leaving the community waterless from 10 p.m. Tuesday until 2:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Even then, reduced pressure allowed faucets to give only a small truckle, and residents suffered through Wednesday morning on a bare minimum of water.

The first indications of trouble came Tuesday evening, and a check by fire officials revealed three feet of water in the room the storage tanks were kept.

A Missouri repairman which services the system was called in, arriving about midnight Wednesday. The tank with lesser damage was repaired by 6:30 a.m., and it was estimated repairs on second tank will take until Saturday.

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By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

The most pleasant thing we've seen in recent days are the slushy and sloppy streets.

Must be warning of coming spring fever. . . .seems like droopy eyes and yawns are occurring more often around 3 or 4 o'clock as of late.

From what I hear the TV movie "It's Never Too Late", must have had a lot of viewers. . . . Jack Brawner sez twin bed sales sure have been good.

Charles Chace who spoke at the Jaycee awards banquet the other night, tooted his horn for tourism in Nebraska and urged his listeners to be salesmen.

He told a number of stories and read several letters from prospective visitors. Among the stories was the one about the service station attendant who did everything but speak highly of his community when questioned by a visitor.

The service station owner asked the attendant why he didn't help "sell" the town to the tourist.

To which the man replied: "Heck, I didn't know he was a tourist."

Sheriff Bill Miller has been given the "okay" sign from District Judge Walter Smith following a major clean-up, fix-up and paint-up job at the Otoe county jail.

Jails aren't necessarily as comfortable nor as pleasant as your home, but they must maintain a standard of sanitation and comfort of sort to the prisoners.

In this respect, the job done by Ed Haselwood is a compliment to the maintenance of the Otoe county courthouse, the oldest public building in the state.

Despite rules and security, prisoners the country over wallpaper jail cells with drawings and scribblings of all kinds.

I've often wondered if a judge would convict one of those artist-prisoners for "defacing public property."

County Clerk Jerry Schmitz, on a recent tour of the jail with the sheriff and his deputy, Tom Durant, pointed out the metal cover over a furnace thermostat. The metal cover shields the side of the thermostat in view of prisoners. . . .because if it isn't shielded, the prisoners will break it and "that's $30 of county money."

Sheriff Miller would like to see Otoe county do something in the way of family quarters for the county sheriff on the courthouse grounds.

I recall former Sheriff Ralph Hall talking about that several times.

Sheriff Miller thinks an addition could be put onto the courthouse and he could be his own night radio operator and save the county some money.

Know what the word "grass" means? That's marijuana. And if officers believe what they are told by the pot smokers, this part of the state will be in for the biggest rush on marijuana we've ever heard of come summertime.

One officer who interviewed a man convicted of possession of marijuana was told that while he was caught harvesting the $200 a pound stuff, he estimated another 50 to 60 people picked the fields and scooted out of the country.

The convicted man is from California.

He said he came to Nebraska because of open "advertisements" on school campuses on the west coast about the bountiful supply of marijuana in eastern Nebraska.

Nebraska has a noxious weed law. If you have a weed on your property that is in the noxious class, the common thistle, for example), the county or state can remove or destroy it and make you pay the bill.

But marijuana is not on the noxious list.

And there are those who believe that some day it will be as legal to smoke marijuana as it is to enjoy a glass of beer.

And speaking of the spirits, the residents of Burr will be voting in a couple weeks on whether to have liquor by the drink. Indications are the voter turnout will be heavy. Otoe countians will be watching the vote there with interest. A couple years ago, voters at Douglas turned down a similar proposal.

CowBelles to attend meetings in capitol

Nebraska women from towns like Hyannis, North Platte and Lisco will be among the CowBelles from 28 states that will gather in Washington, D.C., January 24-28, to attend meetings of the American National CowBelles.

The meetings are to be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the American National Cattlemen's Association.

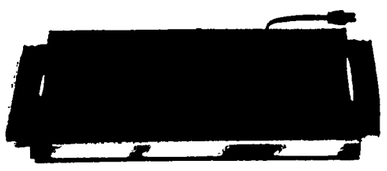
The CowBelles are an auxiliary to the Cattlemen's Association. There are over 7,000 members at the national level with a total of 30,000 members in local groups.

The CowBelles are beef promoters and support the beef industry. One gimmick is "Beef for Father's Day" which is carried on with the Beef Council in Chicago.

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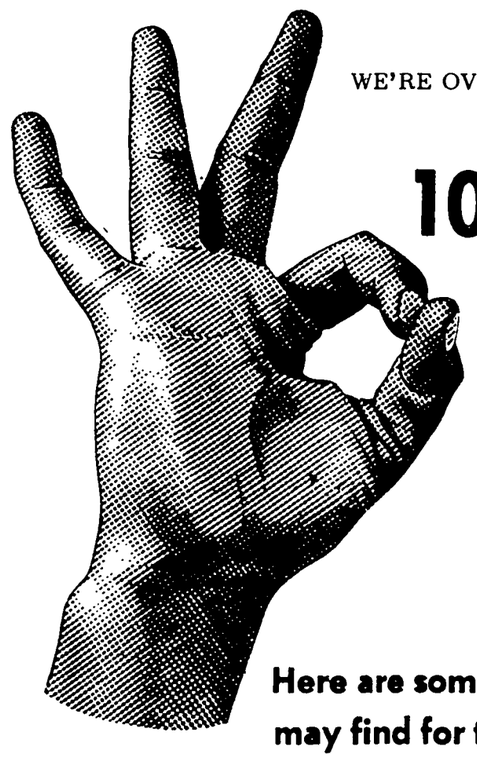
Mrs George Fisher

Relatives and friends from out-of-town who attended the funeral service for Mrs Bertha Bentzinger Saturday at St Paul's United Church of Christ, Osage, were from Nebraska City, Lincoln, Omaha, Auburn, Beatrice, Johnson, Nehawka, Syracuse, Douglas, Tecumseh. Burial was in the church cemetery.



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