

Gig 'em... Romanians learn Aggie slogan, thumb up sign

American tourists in Romania may be surprised by a greeting of "Gig 'em Aggies" in the future. The popular Singing Cadets returned to Texas Sunday afternoon ending a three-week tour of Romania.

During several of the cadets' 10 major performances director Robert L. Boone taught school children to give the thumbs up sign. With the aid of interpreter, Mile Leventer, Boone instructed them to give the sign and saying to any American they met.

The Aggies went to Romania in conjunction with the Ambassadors for Friendship program sponsored by Readers' Digest to promote international friendship through music.

Boone said, "I was disappointed in that our trip ended up with more emphasis on sightseeing than singing, but I still believe we accomplished our goal. The Romanians responded to our kind of personal performing very much like our audiences do at home."

The group took an almost circular route through the country beginning and ending in the capital, Bucharest. Performances began on their second day and the last concert was on the day of departure.

The second concert was presented to a standing-room-only crowd in a music school in Timisoara, and was recorded for national radio broadcast. The audience clapped madly after every number and little girls ran to the stage with flowers.

Repeats were demanded of "Tie a Yellow Ribbon", "Whale of a Tale" and "There is Nothing Like a Dame" at virtually every performance. Although they couldn't understand the words, the message of

"Dame" was made clear by the Aggies hamming it up.

The head of the music school told the cadets, "Your performance was a great compliment to this auditorium which is world-known for its acoustics."

Boone presented messages from Dr. Jack Williams, Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Mayor J. B. Hervey to each concert host.

After most shows, listeners drowned the Aggies with pleas for autographs and addresses. There was scarcely a free hand to carry out equipment. The cadets favored the kids with maroon ballpoints and glow-in-the-dark Singing Cadet keyrings between autographs.

Highlights in the sightseeing were three Moldavian painted monasteries and Dracula's castle near Brasov. Most of the other places toured were Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches in each town dating to 1400.

The cathedral in Timisoara was the first to echo with "Rise Up O Men of God" sung by the all-male chorus. "It took me several minutes to get enough breath to tell Bob how great it sounded," said TAMU Information reporter John West.

Romanian youth prefer light rock music, and the rhythm provided by James Humphries on drums, James Haislet on bass guitar and Jeff Ginnow on guitar suited their tastes.

Percussion students at the Timisoara music school said Humphries had more drums to beat on than they had at the school.

A special "Tele Top" program with the Singing Cadets was videotaped in the town of Bistrita for airing over national TV. There too, people crowded the aisles and were practically dangling from the balcony.

The Aggies looked forward to ending the tour with five days on the Black Sea riviera. Due to cold weather only a handful of people went swimming. The girls in four other American college groups

proved to be of much greater interest.

In three weeks and thousands of miles of travelling only one person was misplaced. David Anderson, soloist in "Whale of a Tale," some-

how missed Delta flight 521 from New York to Atlanta on the return. He managed however, to catch another flight direct to his hometown, Dallas, and arrived there sooner than his buddies.

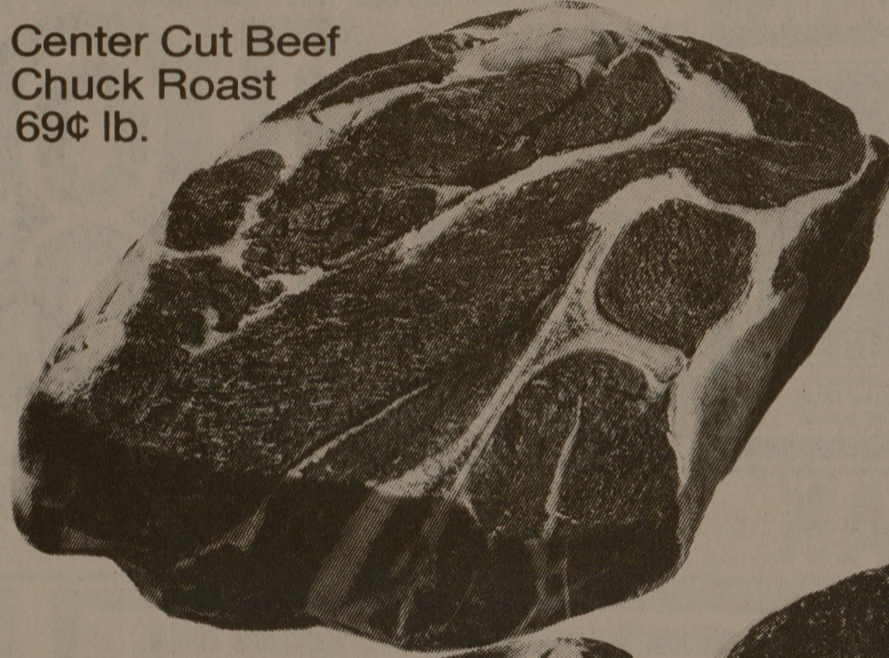
Before departing from Bucharest Harry Morgan, president of Ambassadors for Friendship, said that the Singing Cadets was the most popular group ever to tour Romania. He said officials from each town the Ag-

gies performed in called him pleading for one more concert.

There will be one more trip for the cadets this summer to Chicago. They will sing for over 4,000 hospital administrators there in August.

How to win friends and influence people

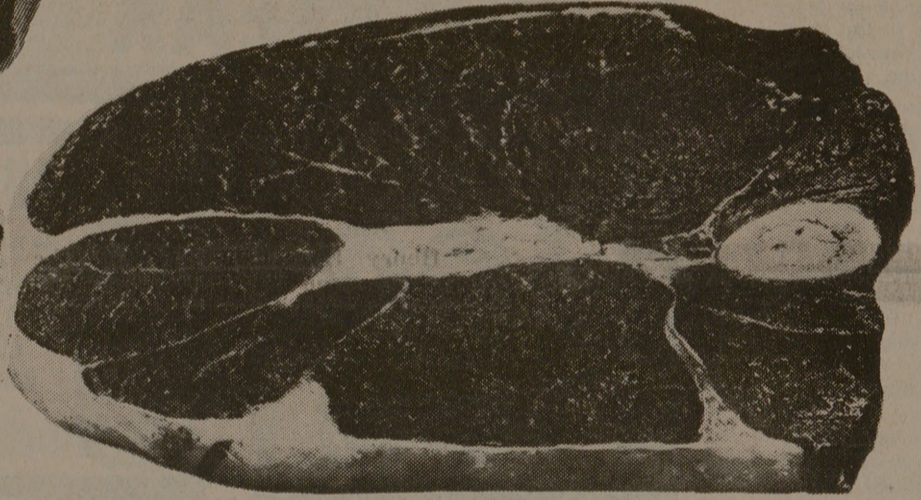
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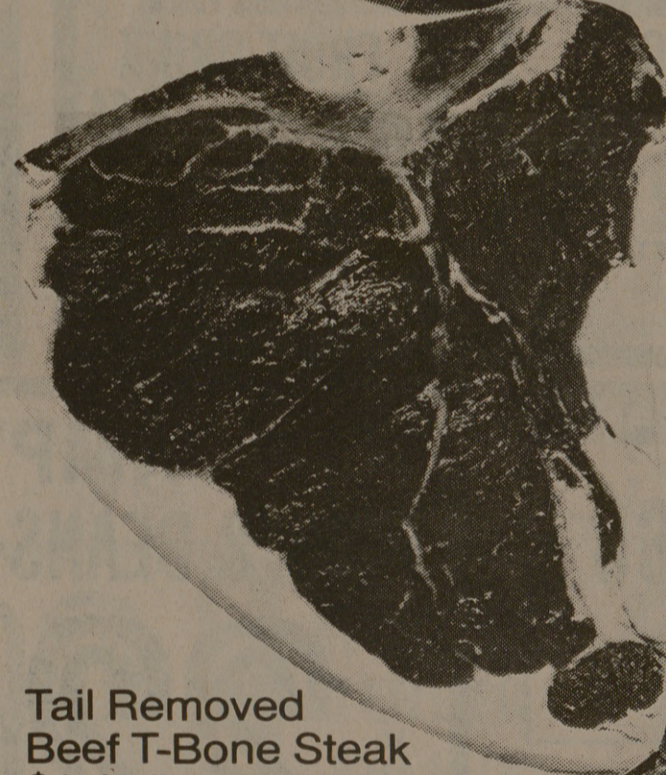
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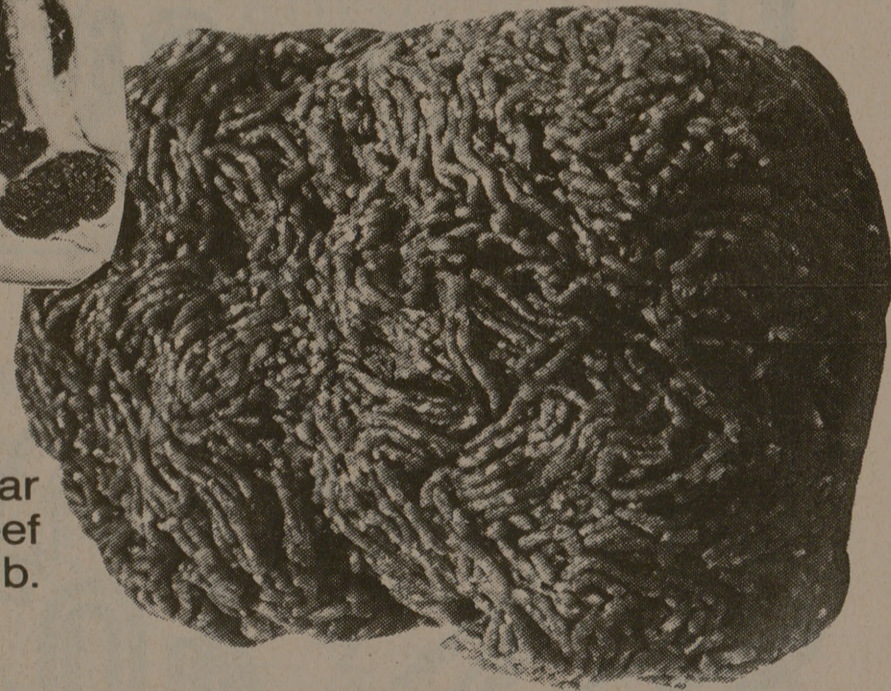
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Consumer watch

Chicken remains money-stretcher

Forequarter beef cuts take the economy "spotlight" this season, one expert says.

"These cuts are comparatively the best value now, although some stores will feature round cuts at lower prices," according to Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist, TAMU Agricultural Extension Service.

Pork values include smoked hams, picnic, shoulder roasts and steaks, end-cut loin roast and chops, she added.

"Fryer chickens remain the money-stretcher in many meat departments, and grade A, large-size eggs generally are the economy-quality egg value.

"Turkey, whole bird and parts, are plentiful and economical."

Turning to fresh fruits and vegetables, Mrs. Clyatt cited peaches, apricots, cherries, plums and nectarines as priced "on the high side."

"Cantaloupe, watermelons and honeydew melons have more attractive price tags as supplies increase, and pineapple, strawberries, apples

and oranges are worth considering."

Vegetable items in largest supply at the most economical prices are cabbage, carrots, sweet corn, okra, green beans, dry yellow onions, radishes and green onions.

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: Cottage cheese is featured at dairy counters. One and a third cups of cottage cheese supplies about the same amount of calcium as one cup of milk.

Directors

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the Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Department. The instructional phase of sociology was transferred to the College of Liberal Arts in 1970.

In other business, the board approved new parking, diploma and student identification card fees at TAMU, with the increases requested to offset rising costs in each of the categories. The parking rates will be doubled, beginning with the fall semester, resulting in a \$48 annual rate, for example, for faculty and staff in reserved parking areas. A special \$4 rate was authorized for car-poolers if at least three persons join in a carpool. Student identification cards will cost \$3, up \$1 from the present rate, with replacements to cost \$6. Diplomas will cost \$8 each, up \$2, and replacements, \$15, beginning Sept. 1.

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