

Livestock diseases erased by transportation, officials say

More than 2.5 million head of Texas cattle are shipped nationwide and abroad every year, animal health officials learned at Texas A&M University Wednesday, and all agreed that modern transportation and interdependence erased much of the "foreign" aspect from foreign animal diseases threatening America's livestock industry.

Veterinarians, public health professionals and laymen attended the opening of a seminar of foreign animal diseases at Texas A&M University.

Joe B. Finley Jr. of the Callahan Ranch at Encinal reported that there was some doubt in the mind of ranchers who have an interest in clean bills of health for their livestock that an overall willingness exists to combat foreign disease.

Finley is a former chairman of the

nine-member Texas Animal Health Commission as well as a cattleman. TAHC associate director Floyd Jones told the professionals that an average of 150,000 cattle per month are now being quarantined for brucellosis inspection in Texas.

During the last year, he said, nearly 2.8 million were tested with 72,000 head showing reaction. More than 3 million cattle were inspected for scabies with 50,000 head treated. Fourteen outbreaks were reported in 13 counties, including Uvalde County, the farthest south scabies has ever been recorded in the state, he said.

Almost 270,000 cattle and 70,000 horses were dipped for fever ticks with 16 counties being under quarantine during the past 12 months.



Campus Invasion

Monday brought Texas A&M's largest enrollment yet, and a massive 8 a.m. migration onto the campus. Several traffic jams could be seen from the top of the Oceanography-Meteorology Building, between 7:45 and 8:00. By 8:05, the lines had dwindled and the 101st year of Texas A&M classes were under way.

School vocational programs emphasize gifted students

European industrial and vocational education programs are about equal to those of America on a facility scale, but the programs seem to emphasize the gifted student more, says a Prairie View A&M University official back from a three-week tour of Europe and the Soviet Union.

Dr. Lloyd Boyden, graduate chairman of industrial education at Prairie View A&M College, was a member of a People-to-People Program, a goodwill delegation that visited with vocational education counterparts overseas.

Boyden says the programs he saw advanced the gifted students, but those students who could not pass

regular comprehensive exams were relegated to lesser jobs outside the career they might want to pursue.

Throughout the countries visited, the government picked up the tab for educating the students from kindergarten through university level. But many were culled out of programs at age 13-15 by the exams.

Boyden said he learned of a high suicide rate among high school and college age kids, perhaps because of their early exposure to failure.

Boyden and the other business, industrial and vocational education representatives met counterparts in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Malmö, Helsinki, Leningrad, Moscow and Munich.

"Education over there is considered more of a privilege than a right as it is in America," said Boyden.

He said in some places, students who did not advance to the next level of career training because of exam failure could attend private schools to complete their education.

But the state would not continue educating those who did not continue to advance.

The main difference in the Soviet system and other European vocational education programs, he said, was that the Russians did not wash a student out if he failed a next exam. Instead, they relegate him to some other special task.

Hill says school problems U.S. fault

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Federal bureaucracy must share the blame for the scandal in private vocational schools, says Atty. Gen. John Hill.

The 1969 Higher Education Act instructed the Health, Education and Welfare Department to establish regulations controlling trade schools.

But HEW did not do that, Hill told the House Subcommittee on Higher Education Wednesday. Billions of federal dollars were involved, so abuse was inevitable, he said.

Hill supports mandatory sentences for white-collar criminals. This country cannot pretend to have a decent criminal justice system

until society stops paying homage to the big thieves and "we start putting people in jail," he said.

Texas has an adequate law for supervising private schools, Hill said, but the Proprietary Schools Division of the Texas Education Agency was "lax" in enforcing the law. That has changed now, he said, and the division is doing a good job.

A Hill aide said "at least" \$50 million in federal loans went to Texans

who for one reason or another did not get the education they were posed to get.

Representative Frank Castle, R-Dallas, subcommittee chairman, asked Hill if there was anything Texas could do that it is not doing to insure proper regulation of such programs.

Hill suggested an expanded liaison office in Washington.

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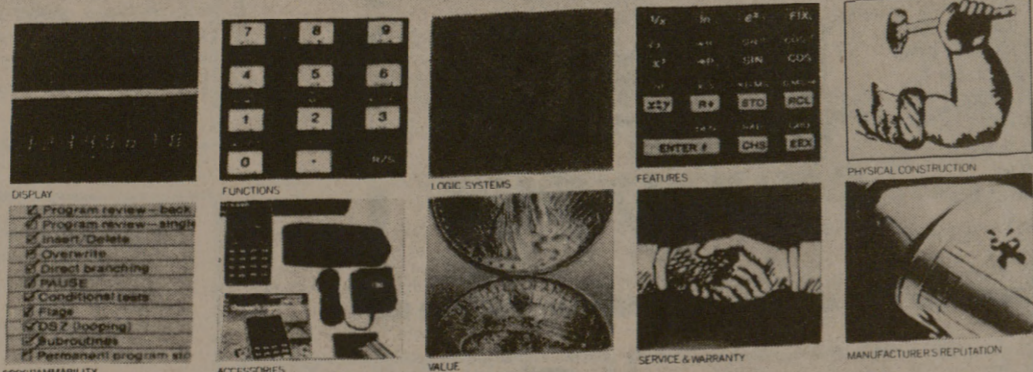
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