Television is bad for children

What is the effect of television upon children? Catastrophic, judging by a new book—"The Early Window: Effects of Television on Children and Youth"—just published by a distinguished team of psychologists and psychiatrists.

The authors declare that the results of 50 different studies, involving more than 10,000 children and adolescents, show that "the demonstrated teaching and instigating effects of aggressive tv fare upon youth are of sufficient importance to warrant immediate remedial action."

"Even aside from its violent content," they conclude, "U.S. commercial tv for children appears to be the worst in the world." The experts noted that "by age three or four the American child is a regular tv watcher." One of the most shocking findings of the study is that the average youngster graduating from high school today has spent many more hours in front of the boob tube than he has in the classroom.

The greatest fault with present tv programming, the researchers declared, was the lack of positive lessons and the prevalence of violent aggressive behavior.

Can anything be done? Certainly. Advertising sponsors can take a hard look at their present policies and decide if their advertising dollars might be better invested elsewhere.

Federal gobbledegook

The "Pension Reform Bill" (H.R. 4200) with amendments, took up 33½ pages of fine type in the Congressional Record and is loaded with sentences such as the following:

"(A) In general, for purposes of this section, an employee's accrued benefit as of any applicable date is (i) in the case of a defined benefit plan, except as provided under paragraph (3), the annual benefit commencing at normal retirement age to which he would be entitled under the plan as in effect on such date if he continued to earn annually until normal retirement age the same rate of compensation upon which his benefits would be computed under the plan, determined as if he had attained normal retirement age on the applicable date, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the total number of his years of active participation in the plan (including, to the extent provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary or his delegate, a predecessor plan) as of such date, and the denominator of which is the total number of years he would have actively participated in such plan as of normal retirement age if he has continued to be an active participant in the plan until attaining such age, or (ii) in the case of a plan other than a defined benefit plan, the balance of the account or accounts for such employee as of that date." (Pause, and take a breath).

So far as we can discover, there is nothing terribly wrong about the Pension Reform Bill; but why make the language so complicated that it is virtually impossible for the average taxpayer and wage earner to understand the thousands of words in small print?

NICHOLAS Co. WILL HAVE MORE BEFORE THIS IS OVER!

LETTERS from our readers

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

In response to the request for the history of Carlisle and Nicholas County, I am enclosing articles about my grandparents which may be used. If accepted, please have someone edit them and use them as seen fit. Possibly some of it should be deleted.

You may have Jock or Joe Frank Conley supply Billy and Anne Mae's addresses, if necessary.

Mr. Lewis Scott would certainly have made a great contribution with his field of knowledge of early Carlisle and Nicholas County.

Of late years, as I grow more nostalgic, I often think how wonderful it would have been if our forefathers had appointed or elected a county historian. As kids we could care less, but as we grow older how we regret not learning more about our forefathers.

My wife and I send our best wishes to you and your staff for a great success with your historical edition.

Very truly yours,
Bob George
22 Thatch Palm West
Largo, Florida

(Editor's note: The articles submitted by Mr. George will be included in the History of Nicholas County to be published sometime next year. We sincerely thank Mr. George for taking the time to write and send them to us. The Carlisle Mercury has requested and is accepting articles or other bits of information about the county's history for inclusion in this historical publication.)

Agree or Not

By S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—One of the more controversial measures to come before the 1974 General Assembly will be the Public Employe Bargaining bill which has been cleared by an interim legislative committee.

After trying for three sessions, 1968, 1970 and 1972, to pass a professional negotiations measure, the Kentucky Education Association has joined with other public employes to pass a measure which would cover all of them.

Fifteen employe organizations, including labor unions (AFL-CIO), teachers organizations, firemen, and state employes, are solidly behind the bill. This is probably the biggest united front ever presented here on such a proposition.

Aligned against the bill are the Kentucky School Boards Association, Associated Industries of Kentucky, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Hospital Association, Kentucky Municipal League and organizations representing business and government.

Essentially the bill sets up machinery for collective bargaining and binding arbitration, but prohibits strikes of public employes. The employes would have the right to bargain over wages, working conditions and in the case of teachers to discuss curriculum and school operation. The general intent of course is presupposed to improve the educational atmosphere and the curriculum and rules of the schools.

The School Board Association has been vehemently opposed to professional negotiations and will take the same stance on the proposed bill in 1974.

If the bill passes, city councils, fiscal courts, and other governing bodies as well as school boards would go through the negotiating process with their employes.

Maurice Bement, executive director of the Kentucky School Boards Association, stated his organization's position thusly:

—Collective bargaining leads to erosion of public control of governmental services.

—The cost to the citizenry of governmental services would be greatly increased.

—Collective bargaining will not improve the quality of governmental services to the citizens of Kentucky.

—The bargaining techniques used in the private sector should not, and cannot be justly transferred to the public sector.

"This association believes," Bement said, "cooperative action for improved education programs can best be achieved through voluntary efforts assisted by improved communications, information, education and understanding, and therefore opposes any legislation which mandates a local board of education to enter into professional negotiations or collective bargaining agreements with any group of school board employes."

There are approximately 185,000 public employes in the state, but approximately 35,000 of these are federal employes, thus leaving about 150,000 covered by the proposed bill.

There are approximately 34,000 teachers employed in Kentucky with another 22,000 non-certified school employes.

A watered-down negotiations bill was passed in 1972, but vetoed by Gov. Wendell Ford.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

WOOF!

Did the temperature get down to 20s?—Well that's what my temperature stick proclaimed early Tuesday morn, but then just how accurate it is is anyone's guess. Anyway there was plenty of ice on the chariot's windshield to back up the stick's claim.

—MV—

For those who have inquired about the "Goulish setting" published in The Mercury last week, it is the old McClintock-Hamilton House on the Collier Pike, built in 1810, so I am told.

—MV—

DATELINED CARLISLE

And appearing in the Oct. 28th Cincinnati Enquirer was the following story:

Three Martinis
To Stand At Stud

Three Martinis, winner as a 2-year-old of the Greater American and Saratoga Special stakes, will be retired to stud at Dr. Ealie Asbury's Forest Retreat Farm near here after the Kentucky autumn racing season.

A 5-year-old son of Third Martini-Three Fingers by One Count, Three Martinis is owned by Edward F. Sawyer of Cincinnati. Through September, Three Martinis had started 56 times, and won $186,426 while recording 14 victories, 14 seconds and five thirds.

With a name like that, how could he lose?

—MV

SAFE BET

One safe bet would be that short people had a difficult time making a "write-in" vote on the voting machines in Nicholas County Tuesday.

WISH I'D SAID THAT

"A mother's patience is like a tube of toothpaste, it's never quite all gone."—William R. Lewis, The Lynden (Wash.) Tribune.

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Fall Fertilization

Late fall fertilization of shrubs, trees and lawns is both possible and practical. It is best done from late October to the last of November. At this time temperatures have moderated and plant growth is slowed, so there is no danger of stimulating excessive growth which might increase winter kill.

The practical reasons for fall fertilizations are that the roots of many plants continue to grow during this period even though the leaves may have fallen and the tops are dormant. Nutrients applied at this time can be absorbed and utilized immediately for any growth that may occur, and nutrients may also be stored by the roots and utilized when growth begins again in the spring. Also, some of the nutrients of fertilizers move downward through the soil rather slowly. Fall fertilization will give these nutrients added time to move down into the zone where they can be taken up by the plant for use next spring.

There are also observations which indicate that many of the evergreen plants respond to fall fertilization by maintaining better winter color, i.e. they bronze, burn, or go "off-color" less severely.

Now is a good time to plant tulip and other spring flowering bulbs. Many trees and shrubs can be set in the fall. Cut roses back to about 30 inches and tie the tops to prevent wind damage.

Land Use Issues

Competing demands for land are

Continued on page five

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, November 12, 1953

Thieves entered Wells Produce on Market Street Sunday night and after prizing loose a steel plate and chiseling a hole through the bottom of the safe, removed $170 in cash and a pistol. Entrance was gained through the basement.

A Louisville and Nashville railroad bridge at the rear of the State Highway Garage was saved from total destruction by fire Monday morning by the Carlisle Fire Department.

Miss Marilyn Boothe, Flemingsburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boothe, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Neal, Carlisle, was injured Friday night.

Mrs. Frank C. Henry will entertain the As You Like It Club with a luncheon, at her home today.

DIED—Mrs. Elizabeth Banta O'Neal, 38, last Wednesday, at her home.—Webb Reynolds Honican, 63, Friday in Paris.—Mrs. Sallie Doggett Toy, 63, Saturday at her home.—Mrs. Narra Boyd McCue, 68, Lexington, Sunday. —Mrs. Nellie Lytle, 72, Lakewood, Ohio, Thursday.

Thursday, November 9, 1933

The concrete and steel bridge on Spring Street has been completed and opened for traffic.

A killing frost fell throughout the county Tuesday night. This was the first killing frost of the season.

Mrs. John Hollar of the Saltwell section, suffered a fracture of the leg Sunday when she slipped and fell in the kitchen of her home.

The Carlisle City School has purchased a small motion picture machine for exhibiting educational pictures at the schools.

Carlisle and Mt. Sterling remain tied for third place in the Central Kentucky Conference standing as a result of last Friday's games. Each team has three victories, no losses and one tie.

Nine youths were accepted by Citizens Conservation Corps after physical examinations at Lexington and were sent to Ft. Knox for two weeks. They will be sent to forestry camps in the state.

T.H. Boots qualified in court Saturday as administrator of the estate of Albert Fryman and executed bond of $500. J.B. Wagoner, Will Coy and W.A. Wagoner were appointed appraisers of the estate.

Henry "Fatty" Hardin, 62, died last Friday at his home in Henryville and was buried in the Henryville Cemetery Sunday.

MARRIED—A marriage license was issued last Thursday to Winfrey Morgan, farmer, and Mrs. Christine Booth, both of the county.

DIED—Mrs. Anna Laura McLean Henry, 62, wife of Ben. T. Henry, Tuesday.—S.D. Snapp at his home near Saltwell, Sunday.—Daniel P. Campbell, 72, Saturday.—William David Lowe, 72, Saturday.—Elton Sparks, 54, at his home in Harrodsburg, Saturday.—A.H. Banta, 75, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Fowler in Cynthiana on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

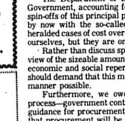
Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT

"Bless this offering—what there is of it!"

National award-winning syndicated column

Russ Metz

Frozen people plan great, but who is going to turn the crank?



With those clean-cut, square-shooting buckaroos, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans telling us that "the time of the Second Coming is near," it might just be a waste of time talking about how you can live for hundreds or even thousands of years.

But, flanked by their horse, Trigger, and the faithful dog, Bullet, both stuffed and mounted standing in their California home, Roy and Dale told news reporters time is running out on us. Like they used to say in their movies, the high sheriff in the sky is heading us off at the pass.

In the event you don't consider Roy and Dale as your idea of Biblical prophets, and think we all might be destined to keep stumbling along with the tumbling tumbleweed for another few generations, there is hope for those who have $20,000 in cold cash.

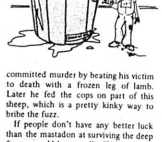
The newly-formed Cryonics Society will freeze your body and you can live in a state of suspended animation for as long as it takes for science to figure out how to thaw you out so you'll be as good as new again. It's not exactly a money-back-guarantee proposition, but it is supposed to be the next best thing to Gentlo we have at the moment.

Cryonic suspension consists of freezing the human body shortly after death, storing it in a safe place and waiting for a future generation of scientists to revive it. No assurance someone won't accidentally pull the plug and let you thaw prematurely, or future scientists may decide the world can do without your type and leave you in the cooler.

Seventeen persons have already been put on ice and the Cryonic Society has big plans to go nationwide. Maybe they'll develop counter freezers and pre-chill customers right on the spot. This could be most confusing and embarrassing, to go into a place for an ice cream cone and come out a human popsicle.

Anyway, members have bought some high-powered equipment and now plan to use three huge underground former Titan missile silos outside Marysville, Calif., as storage vaults. Good show, unless the Nips hit Pearl Harbor again and you could find yourself sailing toward Waikiki Beach after the Army rushes back and reclaims their gun barrels.

It may be my wife's frozen tv dinners or her cold feet on my back at night, but I have an aversion to frozen things. And then I read where this nut



committed murder by heating his victim to death with a frozen leg of lamb. Later he fed the cops on part of this sheep, which is a pretty kinky way to bribe the fuzz.

If people don't have any better luck than the mastadon at surviving the deep freeze, you'd be as well off blowing the 20 grand on a swimming pool full of bourbon and trying the deep pickle route. As it now stands, five billion-to-one is not the kind of odds experienced bettors are going to lay much money on.

I'm not going to get involved in the frigid folks scheme. The last time I volunteered to help out around a freezer it was making homemade ice cream and I got stuck with turning the crank.

-tpi-

"Sir, I am conducting a poll on what employers think about miniskirts," I said to a rural executive in bib overalls the other day.

"My hired girl tried one," he said between spats of tobacco juice, "but she complained the cockleburrs scratched her legs when she went to slop the pigs."

A scant majority of employers in New York think miniskirts are all right in the office, an Administrative Management Society poll showed. Bosses in that big city are more permissive, perhaps, and there aren't as many cockleburr bushes up there either.

Of 372 companies responding to the poll, 52% said miniskirts are permitted, 48% said no. Those approving put the acceptable length at two or three inches above the knee. Microminis, called the for-goodness-sake-don't-bend-over style, are out as far as New York bosses are concerned. With Dow Jones averages going down and skirts going up, it is enough to make sharp-eyed executives come down with the galloping heebies.

I asked a sweet young flower if the mini had done anything for her. "I've gotten a number of unexpected thrills from it," she confided.

"Have you ever been cold-nosed by a big conehound?" she asked with a shiver. I had to admit I had not. Once one did rear up against my turtleneck shirt and scarred my emerald-studded amulet with his sharp nails. A fellow has to be careful around clumsy coondogs. They could easily snag your best pair of fishnet hose.

We now predict the ultimate in ladies' skirts is going to be the nili. That will be the something-from-nothing look in fashions. You take a two-inch band of ruffles and sew it to a belt, which is worn high on the hips.

After that, with dress designers unable to corner the market on thin air, the hemline will have to fall. Called the law of diminishing returns. You'd think those designers would be too smart to snip themselves into a corner, but it appears they have borrowed strategy from the military. They have replaced defeat with deescalation.

Gals in minis or micros are not likely to cause much stir around a newspaper office. Calloused newshounds are a skeptical lot and, besides, legs that have been scarred by fly-wheels, sharp edges of paper and hot slugs and splattered with ink are not particularly arousing.

Semper fidelis.

NEXT WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

By Clay R. Pollan

Note planetary ruler of your birth symbol

FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, NOV. 12, 1973

★ If your birthday occurs this week . . .

. . . you must be careful not to drift into a way of life which lacks variety, sparkle and light-hearted fun. If you can, organize a campaign designed to give a balanced routine of work and play. You tend, at all times, to overindulge. You must watch your weight and adhere to health rules.

Aries | Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 | Pluto ♇

Do not make the mistake of intruding into any affairs that are not strictly your own business. It's best to let others discover their mistakes and rectify them in their own way. Secrets are due to be revealed. Don't attempt to hide your feelings. An antagonistic individual can be won over.

Taurus | Apr. 20 - May 20 | Venus ♀

Let sleeping dogs lie. Just go about your own business and let well enough alone. Entertain in your home, if you can; eat out often; and do some light shopping with a friend or mate. Refuse to be drawn into foolish arguments. Give special attention to Sagittarius and Leo persons.

Gemini | May 21 - June 20 | Mercury ☿

If someone hands you an ultimatum, keep your poise and be willing to cooperate. Maintain your self-respect, if you make concessions. Friends seem to be overly active and aggressive. Separate fact from fancy. See through pretense. If you're not realistic, you'll pay through the nose.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22 | Moon ☾

Things move rapidly for you this week, because you have big plans and are optimistic. A new start in a new direction is indicated, in which Virgo will have an active part. Grasp the hand of apparent opportunity. A cooperative attitude will attract good response. Refuse to accept second place.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22 | Sun ☉

A request you've made recently will likely be honored, but will entail the signing of a certain statement. Don't sign any promise you are not certain you can keep. Ride easy and don't enforce any issues. Leave loopholes for possible mistakes in judgment. Avoid a rift with someone who's contrary.

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Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 | Mercury ☿

A slight accident in the home could be most aggravating. The broken pieces will fall into their proper place. Check appliances and see that they're in ship-shape operating order. What appears a setback is a test. Realize this and refuse to be discouraged. Humor loved ones. Radiate your charm.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 | Venus ♀

A little clique at your place of work or home may try to undermine you. Some nasty gossip is going on. Determine its source and try to stop it. Be flexible in dealing with officials. Those in position of authority will be fair and you haven't much to worry about. Go ahead with your big plans.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 | Mars ♂

You can justifiably be a little proud. Your character grows in strength due to your patience and tolerance. What you do now attracts favorable attention. Be open-minded, fair and not too strict. Set your sights on constructive goals and you'll get ahead. Concentrate on making money. Nothing else.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 | Jupiter ♃

You'll find yourself dreaming of foreign places and exotic scenes. Your lust for travel now asserts itself. Surrender to impulse, visit travel agencies and accumulate travel folders. Moon signs spark your interest in the opposite sex. Remember recent resolutions and be decorous.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 | Saturn ♄

It's a fine week to go out looking for something you want, perhaps a new car or even a new residence. The aspects are good and you may find just what you want. Be very guarded in any papers you sign. It's not wise to take situations for granted. Do some comparative shopping before buying.

Aquarius | Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 | Uranus ♅

Someone who has treated you well should not be taken for granted. Make a good friend of this person and show appreciation. Shake free from routine ruts. Enjoy without being reckless. Your mate or partner will express definitive ideas. Be an attentive listener but hold off action.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - Mar. 20 | Neptune ♆

Aspects indicate a good money week. Tone down your natural conservatism and take a chance. Pass up no attractive opportunity, else you may regret it later. Be sure of where you're headed—and why. Welcome the truth. It really can set you free. Good judgment and intuition work in your behalf.

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REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

MEETING WITH DR. KISSINGER

This past week I was privileged to attend a classified briefing on foreign affairs with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. I attended at the invitation of Senator William Fulbright of Arkansas, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

While I am not a member of that committee, I have always had a strong interest in foreign relations and briefings like the one with Dr. Kissinger. Senator Fulbright has been very generous by way of including me in such sessions and I hope to continue my interest in this area in the future.

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This week the new Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Government Procurement, of which I am a member, began hearings on proposed legislation to create an Office of Federal Procurement Policy. These hearings will also provide an extensive and needed review of government procurement activities.

The work in which this Subcommittee will be involved is part of an unprecedented move to protect the taxpayers' dollars of the American people. Federal procurement activities total about $60 billion a year—almost one-fourth of the total federal budget. They involve everything from the purchase of pencils to missile systems and high-powered aircraft. They cover the services of architectural and engineering firms, of research departments and the purchase, maintenance and repair of billions of dollars worth of real property.

The Department of Defense is, of course, the major procurer in the Federal Government, accounting for almost two-thirds of all procurement costs in 1972. Many spin-offs of this principal procuring position are well-known. We are all pretty familiar by now with the so-called "permanent defense industry" and of the more widely heralded cases of cost over-runs. These are, indeed, problems to which we must address ourselves, but they are only part of the problems in the procurement process.

Rather than discuss specific problems at this time, however, suffice it to say that in view of the sizeable amount of the taxpayers' dollars which go into procurement and the economic and social repercussions the process can have on areas and individuals, we should demand that this money be spent in the most effective, efficient and economical manner possible.

Furthermore, we owe it to those who are called upon to participate in the process—government contractors in all types of operations—to provide clear and viable guidance for procurement needs. Unless such guidance is available we cannot expect that procurement will be carried out in the best way possible.

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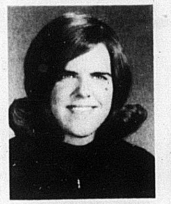

Miss Donna Jones

Miss Diane Butorac

Miss Debbie LeForce

Misses Donna Jones, Diane Butorac and Debbie Le Force are presently doing student teaching in home economics at Nicholas County High School. All are seniors at Morehead State University. Miss Jones is a native of Harrison county and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jones of Route 3, Cynthiana. She is a graduate of Harrison County High School. Miss Butorac is a native of Canton, Ohio and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butorac of North Canton. She graduated from Oakwood High School in North Canton. Miss Le Force is a native of Newport, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Le Force of that city. She is a graduate of Newport High School.

Beef Gene Improvement Conference Nov. 15-16

The Beef Gene Improvement Conference to be held at the Barren River State Park near Glasgow, on Nov. 15 and 16 will feature some of the top beef cattle improvement leaders in the country, reports Russell BreDahl, extension beef cattle specialist at the University of Kentucky.

The conference, aimed primarily at beef cattle seedstock producers, is designed to create an awareness of the seedstock producers' role in the total beef industry, to illustrate the large number of genetic improvement programs available, to build an understanding of the principles of beef cattle performance evaluation and point out how records can be utilized to make genetic improvement, BreDahl said.

Included on the roster of speakers are Mrs. R.W. Jones, Dick Whaley, manager of the Wye Plantation cattle operation, Dr. Paul D. Miller of American Breeders Service, Dr. A.L. Eller of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Dr. H.W. Leipold of Kansas State University along with Drs. Curtis Absher, N.W. Bradley, Russell BreDahl, Nelson Gay and Fred Thrift of the University of Kentucky.

Mrs. Jones of Leslie, Ga. was selected by the Beef Improvement Federation as Seedstock Producer of the Year in April of 1973. She has built a performance reputation with her Polled Hereford cattle which have been sold in 38 states, nine university and experiment station herds anll five artificial insemination studs, according to BIF officials. She will outline her selection program which has produced bulls with yearling weights of greater than 1300 and even 1400 pounds.

Dick Whaley is a member of the national board of directors of the American Angus Association, in addition to being manager of one of the elite performance herds of beef cattle in the country. He'll talk about the Wye Plantation selection program and the role of beef cattle breed associations in genetic improvement programs.

Dr. Paul D. Miller, vice president in charge of breeding programs for American Breeders Service at DeForrest, Wisc. will tell how progeny testing programs can be used to increase selection accuracy. Miller will also explain the general principles of natural sire evaluation programs now being sponsored by several breed organizations.

Eller, extension beef specialist at VPI, heads up strong on-farm and central bull testing programs in Virginia. Virginia has only about half as many beef cows as Kentucky, but performance tested more than twice as many cattle in 1972 as Kentucky. Eller will tell what makes their program click and also what changes he would suggest in performance evaluation programs.

Dr. Leipold has authored more than 110 publications on genetic diseases of beef cattle. He'll talk about some of the most important genetic defects and how they can be prevented.

Many of the beef cattle breed associations will display materials of their beef improvement programs at the conference. Some of the artificial insemination studs will also be represented with displays.

About 75 Kentucky cattlemen are now enrolled in a Beef Cattle Breeding Correspondence Course as pre-involvement to the conference. The course uses computer simulation to add realism to cattle selection problems. Those who have made the most improvement through selection of their simulated herds will be recognized at the banquet the evening of Nov. 15.

To attend the conference, registration packets can be obtained from the office of the County Extension Agent for Agriculture. Facilities for meals and lodging are available at the state park and necessary reservations can be made on forms contained in the registration packet.

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