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Beans stolen

Bankruptcy trustees reported that 3,000 bushels of soybeans were stolen from the Ristine grain elevator Sunday night, May 24.

Judge Baker has asked the Justice Department to investigate the theft.

The American
Agriculture Movement,
through Missouri
Congressman Emerson,
has asked the Justice
Department to investigate
the whole situation.

Meanwhile, at press time May 27 Judge Baker still had not issued his written order to sell the grain. Baker had indicated the ruling would be issued Friday, May 22. No explanation has been given as to why he has not issued his ruling.

The alleged soybean theft occurred just a few days after the hired watchman had been let go. No watchman was on duty. One of the bankruptcy trustees reported to the New Madrid, Missouri sheriff's office that 3,000 bushels of soybeans had been stolen through a hole in Bin Number 4, the back bin, which is near the interstate highway. It is not known how the trustees determined that 3,000 bushels had been stolen, since they obviously were not there to measure the grain as it left the premises.

The American Agriculture Movement is contending that Judge Baker and the bankruptcy trustees did not take proper precautions to secure the grain. Any grain stolen is simply more percentage points off what the

farmers will recover from the sale of the assets of the bankrupt elevator.

Recently, Congressman Emerson asked the trustees if the grain was secured. The trustees assured Emerson that the grain was safe and that federal marshalls were watching it 24 hours a day.

David Senter, AAM National Coordinator, said "This office was shocked to learn of the theft of soybeans from the Ristine elevator over the weekend, especially with the beans under the control of the bankruptcy court and under the supervision of federal marshalls. We hope the Justice Department and what other agencies as are necessary take a look at what has happened."

Wayne Cryts, who with the aid of farmers nation-wide removed some 30,000 bushels of soybeans from the Ristine elevator in February and deposited them in the MFA elevator in Bernie, had scheduled a press conference for Thursday morning, May 28. It was not known what Cryts would say.

AAM has repeatedly asked for a determination of ownership hearing to rule who owns stored grain for which farmers hold valid warehouse receipts. So far, no such hearing has been held or promised. Instead, Judge Baker simply ruled the grain would be sold free and clear of liens.

The very foundation of public warehouse integrity is at stake in this decision.

If warehouse reciepts from a licensed and bonded warehouse do not prove ownership of grain, then farmers and their lenders only have the integrity of the warehouse owner to assure them their stored grain will be turned over to them when they ask for it. The situation is similar to a person storing furniture in a warehouse, and when he goes to reclaim it he finds the warehouse has gone bankrupt and sold his furniture to satisfy creditors. In this instance, the James Brothers mortgaged grain they did not own (but was stored there) to the First Bank of Tennessee. Judge Baker has ruled the grain will be sold free and clear of liens, and the proceeds used to pay off creditors. This means farmers will have to get in line with all creditors, even though they are not creditors and were never paid for the grain, but instead were paying storage charges to the elevator.

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Radio Free Europe hears of Polish food shipment

AAM National Coordinator David Senter did a 15 minute interview with a European news service May 26 on the Polish Food shipment planned by AAM and the Catholic Church.

The interview will be aired in radio-free Europe.

Farm implement makers are in financial crunch

The Wall Street Journal has been reporting alarming news about the farm equipment manufacturers' financial status.

financial status.

Allis Chalmers' profit fell 82% the first quarter of 1981. Earnings were 5¢ a share compared with 51¢ a share a year earlier.

"Demand continues to be down simultaneously in all our major markets" for the first time in a decade, a chief executive officer told the WSJ.

International Harvester recently met with 200 bankers and others who considered the company's survival was at stake. The bankers heard details of Harvester's debt restructuring plan. The WSJ said Harvester "seeks to pull off one of the biggest financial juggling acts in corporate history."

The company wants a \$4.7 billion financing package with three umbrella agreements - one for Harvester, one for its credit corporation, and a pact to sell \$1.5 billion in receivables to some of the larger banks.

Meanwhile Massey-Ferguson Ltd. is trying for a \$730 million Canadian refinancing plan. It's designed to save the company from insolvency. Some elements of the plan include interest "forgiveness" by lenders, debt restructuring, and a \$350 million sale of other preferred shares, including \$200 million guaranteed by the Canadian and Ontario

provincial governments.

Massey has not paid common or preferred stock dividends since December of 1977.

Earl Butz pleads guilty to income tax evasion

Former Ag Secretary Earl Butz is pleading guilty to tax evasion charges, a federal prosecutor has said.

US attorney David Ready refused to say how much money was involved in the tax evasion case. Butz refused to comment but did complain that other tax cases "aren't spread all over the front pages."

The alleged violations

were in 1978. The maximum sentence is five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Butz was appointed Secretary of Agriculture by Nixon in 1971 and continued under Ford. He resigned in October, 1976, when a racial joke he told was made public just before the 1976 presidential election. Butz had already outraged Catholics and Italian-Americans by chiding Pope Paul VI for his stand on birth control.

Butz makes a lot of speeches for pay and has his own syndicated radio program.

Dr. Jim Monfore and Earl Burtz, are available to speak at regional meetings on the Farmers Embargo. Contact the national AAM office at 202-544-5750 for more information and scheduling.

Federal Register

St. George, KS

Cheese: Dept. of Commerce is revoking countervailing duty orders on cheeses from countries which have an agreement in effect with the U.S. with respect to price undercutting. Countries include Finland, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland. Amounts not given. Duties on butter Denmark also from revoked. Fr. Vol. 46, No. 92; May 13, 1981.

USDA emergency final rule will reduce fees under FGIS service for inspection, weighing, and supervision services in the U.S. -because operating reserves indicate enough through end of fiscal year 1981. Hourly rates range from \$12 per hour to \$18 per hour. Gee!!

FSQS revises upward dollar limitations in sales of meat and poultry products exempt from routine Federal inspection to conform with price increases for meat and poultry products as indicated by the Consumer Price Index. Adjustments to \$27,800 per calendar year for meat products and to \$22,500 per calendar year for poultry products. Effective May 15, 1981.

CFTC announces details of Risk Disclosure Statement: You should carefully consider whether your financial condition permits you to participate in a commodity pool. You may lose a substantial por-

States News Service's Phil Swann recently did an article on Marvin Meek, AAM chairman.

Swann described Meek as lumbering into the office of the House Ag Committee looking like a finely tuned tractor ready to mow down some trees.

Swann said "It is no suprise the House and Senate Agriculture committees have soundly rejected President Reagan's requested cuts in farmer aid. Meek's AAM, which claims 150,000 members in 40 states, plays hardball politics.

tion or even all of the money you place in the In considering whether to participate in a commodity pool, should be aware that trading commodity contracts can quickly lead to large losses as well as gains. Such trading losses can sharply reduce the net asset value of the pool and consequently the value of yhour interest in the pool. (There's more, of course, and a similar one should be patched onto every farmer; just leave out the part about the gains!) Fr. Vol. 46, No. 94; May 15, 1981.

FRS adjusts rates upwards, and additionally, adopts a 4% surcharge on frequent use by large borrowers with \$500 million or more. Also subjects deposits of less than \$100,000 at foreign branches to interest rate ceilings and reserve requirements. (Isn't it remarkable that a private corporation has total control of this entire country's money supply - truly

Lamb - ITA, Dept. of Commerce has initiated a countervailing duty investigation of allegations that Australia and New Zealand producers receive subsidies. Preliminary determination may be announced by July 17, 1981. Comments are not being solicited. Fr. Vol. 46, No. 95; May 18, 1981.

remarkable.)

Where to write

The following addresses are correct for contacting Ag Secretary Block and congressmen and senators.

John Block

USDA, Secretary John Block, Washington D.C.

Representatives

The Honorable _ Representative, Washington D.C. 20515.

Senators

The Honorable US Senator, Washington D.C. 20510.

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Washington scene

AAM in Washington is holding daily meeting with members of the House Ag Committee trying to get the feel for a proposal for a one-year farm bill instead of a four, in case substantial improvement is not made in the farm program.

It is expected that the Budget Committee will disapprove the farm bill that has been sent them, which is outside the Graham Latta budget restraints. The bill will then be sent back to the Ag Committee for reconciliation. It does not appear, however, that the committee is in a mood to take the knife further to the farm

AAM is looking at alternative proposals and finding background material to substantiate them. One such possibility is to use a CCC loan guarantee, not a direct loan. This would lessen the budget impact and stay within the Graham Latta budget. In this way it would be possible to get loans indexed to parity without a

Below are excerpts from the AAM Washington Newsletter, which is sent to those who buy a National Sustaining Membership for

Some remarks from **House Agriculture** Committee farm bill discussions:

Hagedorn (R-MN) Maybe a few hundred million could be shaved off from large farms.

Huckaby (D-LA) - The largest 20% of farms produce 80% of all food. Roberts (R-SD) - We can't continue to produce

Stenholm (D-TX) - When we talk of free markets, we are just pulling the wool over the farmers' and consumers' eyes. We need a meaningful loan program with provisions that, if we produce too much, we adjust the loan rate and have

Harkin (D-IA) - In sup-

a set-aside.

port of the Weaver Bill -I'm reminded of when I brought a European Community Economic (EEC) Ambassador to Iowa two or three years ago. We had a reception low corn prices. One farmer asked if the EEC would pay \$3.00 per bushel for corn. The ambassador didn't hesitate to say yes. The farmer then asked, *3.50? ... \$4.00? and so on and only at about \$4.50 did the ambassador begin to wonder whether they'd pay it or not.

Volkmer (D-MO) - The way things are going, unless something is done, there'll be very low grain prices without help from government and lots of farmers are going down the

Dorgan (D-N.D.) - So many people say they agree with the intent of the Weaver Bill, but not the bill. I think if it's true, we agree with the intent; let's go ahead and do something about it!

Weaver effort to impose prices on grain exports draws new support but fails

Congressman Dorgan (D-N.D.) said in farm mark-up discussion that our exports policy is like giving food stamps to the Soviet Union and OPEC countries.

Congressman Weaver of Oregon has repeatedly the House Agriculture Committee to accept a farm bill amendment that would empower the secretary of agriculture to oversee commodity exports to prohibit their sale at prices which are a loss not only to farmers but to the nation. It was that discussion which prompted comment Congressman Dorgan who, like several others, announced that present economic conditions compel them to join Weaver in something they previously thought was too much intervention in the marketplace. Not even the tart-tongued Majority Whip (and Committee Vice-Chairman) Tom Foley could be convincing in his free-market arguments. So, to stop the swelling of support for Weaver, opponents (Berkley Bedell, D-IA) resorted to moving to cut off the debate, then cast a flood of proxy votes to defeat the measure. The only chance now lies in the whole House being more wise in this matter than the Agriculture Commit

tee, and it just may. Voting for the Weaver proposal were Democrats Brown, Harkin, Whitley, Daschle, Volkmer, Dorgan, Richmond and Weaver; where a group of farmers and Republican Clint were present and a Roberts. All others voted question came up about against, either in person or by proxy.

> Attention to all interested persons: Farmer Embargo bumper stickers are available at the AAM national office.

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Missouri Agriculture **Economics** professor offers to testify for Kansas minimum price bill next time

Dr. Bob Finley, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Missouri, has informed the national office that he would be very happy to testify for a parity-based minimum wheat price in Kansas the next time it's up. It is very encouraging to see that not all agricultural economists oppose the parity concept. Dr. Finley has followed the activities of AAM since its inception, and last year stopped in on the delegate meeting at St. Louis. (He also was raised in Baca County, Colorado, so he shares that with AAM!)

There have been other agricultural economists who acknowledge that their profession need not be so antagonistic to farmers' interests as it often appears at USDA and most land grant universities. Let's hope more of them will emerge as it becomes still more clear that our economic policy planners have simply not served our national well being. The congressional staff economist who has dug out evidence of live cattle futures market manipulation, Dr. John Helmuth, is also an agricultural economist. His continuing research promises to expose how very narrow are the interests served by futures markets which have always been so staunchly defended by economists.

The loss of our family farms - just a quote by Mark Ritchie

Just a quote from Mark Ritchie, author of The Loss of our Family Farms:

The intensity of the mass media campaign to discredit the American Agriculture Movement. and particularly the idea of parity, is especially revealing of both the political power that farmers who have survived still hold and of the importance to corporate interests of keeping farm prices down to break this remaining power."

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Around the countryside

State Office: Box 1601.

Hereford, Texas 79045

Legislative Office: 1011

Yesterday, May 26, 1981, the delegates and

alternates of AAM of

Texas met at the Hilton

Inn in Amarillo, Texas.

Soon there should be some

announcement of a new

membership drive with an

incentive for salesmen.

Much of the meeting was

spent in figuring a way in

which to make a member-

Marvin Meek attended

the meeting and showed us

the film from Arkansas

and the projector that is being sold with it. It is one

of the suitcase type that

has a small screen with it

that is suitable for showing

to small groups. James

Stair, District II delegate

has ordered one for his

district, and we are looking

into the purchase of other

units for around the state.

These units will be very

handy in our membership

drive. There are at present.

two films, the NORM film

and the one that Arkansas

made, that are available to

Last week we prepared

several reports on finances

from the State and

National for the delegates.

\$19,000 to the National ef-

Last week, two high

school students came in

and interviewed me and

got some statistics to use

in reports that they were

Kansas

by all who knew him.

Another farmer in God's

show on the machines.

ship program work.

Congress, Suite 421B,

Austin, Texas 78701.

512-472-4650.

Nebraska Texas

State office: Bertrand

This session of the State

Legislature will adjourn June 6. Letters have been written to ask that an interim study be made about the possibility of getting a minimum price set for our commodities. A sheet of statistics was included with the letter showing how much revenue was brought into the state from agriculture. This same sheet showed what the parity price was, and how much more would have been brought in if the farmers were receiving parity. If the legislators are truly concerned about the economy of our state, they will look carefully at the figures. It's all there for them to see if they will only look. Only one reply has been received so far in an-

swer to the letters. Our Governor wrote that it would be unconstitutional for such legislation to be enacted. He was sent Supreme Court rulings to the contrary. These rulings were also sent to the Senators. Hopefully, more will respond.

This session has really been a frustrating time for us who are really trying to get something done for the agriculture sector of our state. It is hard to find anything constructive that has been done over the last

few months. If we are to have an office again next session, it will need more input from everyone. A couple of people, or a handfull of people there once in a while for a hearing does not carry the same impact as a continuous flood of letters and phone calls do. We do elect these people to do a job for us, but more often than not, they do a job on us.

If we only had a Governor with enough backbone to make a decision, things would be easier.

Nebraska AAM will be

having meetings this summer as in the past years. The first summer meeting will be June 28 at Kearney at Harmon Park. Everyone is to bring a pot luck dinner and plan to eat at 12:30. We had a good meeting there two years ago, so hopefully the weather will be nice and we will have a good crowd again.

Dorothy Lau

The Nebraska unicameral legislature has passed a bill to provide protection for farmers with stored grain, and sent it to the governor.

The new law will require elevators to file financial statements with the Public Service Commission, prepared by an accountant or firm holding a commission-approved permit.

The bill was originally written to establish a grain indemnity bonding fund, but was gutted.

Maryland

Route 1, Box 90-C **Vienna**, MD 21869

At a recent state meeting of the American Agriculture of Maryland, Inc., the following were elected to serve for the year: President, James Agnew, Salisbury; First Vice President, Richard Gosheff, Gambrills; Second President, Bowling, Charlotte Hall; Secretary-Treasurer, Barbara Twilley, Salisbury.

If you have not sent in your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Send to Barbara Twilley, Route 2, West Road, Salisbury, MD. 21801.

Ernest Handy, prominent Dorchester County farmer, passed away suddenly at his home on May 7. He had been a farmer all of his working life, a devoted member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ, member of several clubs and organizations. He was one of the first and an active member of the American Agriculture of Maryland, Inc. Sympathy is extended to his widow, Clara, and to his family.

Do something for yourself -The State of Texas had Do something contributed in excess of for AAM

Missouri PO Box 182, Puxico,

MO 63960. (Hwy 51 S)

AAM and NFO held a meeting at Buffalo, Missouri May 23.

Dr. Jim Monfore and Earl Burtz of South Dakota explained their reasons for proposing the Farmers Embargo. They stressed that the purpose of the embargo is not just a higher price, but to get a better farm bill. They advised farmers if they had to sell something, to sell it to local feeders instead of the big elevators or the grain companies. They also urged farmers not to sell just because the price goes

Dr. Monfore said the embargo crosses all farm organization boundaries. about Judge Baker's

up, unless a better farm bill has already been

passed.

Wayne Cryts spoke decision to sell the grain stored in the bankrupt James Brothers elevators free and clear of liens. Cryts got a standing ovation.

The NFO state lobbyist spoke next, and AAM Chairman Marvin Meek closed the meeting with a roundup of Washington

A new AAM office has been opened at Buffalo. headed by Evan and Joan Ipoch.

Arkansas promotional film was shown after the meeting.

Bob Brautigam, fuel alcohol pioneer, dies

Bob Brautigam, the inventor of the remote post alcohol still, died May 25 at the age of 49. He became ill at his farm near Agenda, Kansas on April 17, and died at the Bellville hospital.

He is survived by his wife Joyce, three children and one grandchild.

Bob Brautigam and Lynn Ellen Doxon formed the Tallgrass Research Center in October of 1979, and took in a third partner, Ed Peck from Concordia, in July of

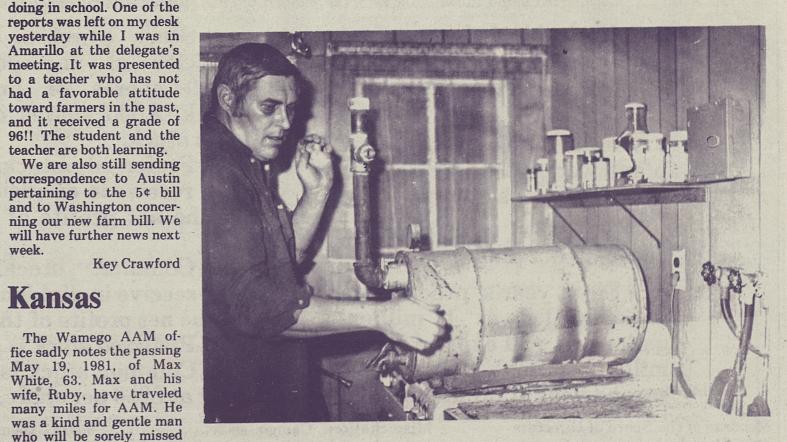
Brautigam invented the Remote Post still, which was by far superior to other small stills being built at the time. It was featured in the American Ag News in January of 1980. He brought a farming and

heating, air conditioning, and solar background together in his alcohol work. He traveled from Pennsylvania to California, Florida to Minnesota, advocating farm alcohol and explaining his still. He was at the American Agriculture Foundation Expo in Denver last

September. Brautigam and his still received more national publicity when Ray Hill of Popular Mechanics spent the day interviewing him and wrote it up in the January

He was buried May 27 at

Clyde, Kansas. Cards may be sent to Joyce Brautigam, 1106 L. Street, Bellville, Kansas



Robert Brautigam, the inventor of the Remote Post Fuel Still, is dead at age 49.

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board member; Jess Perkins, Campo, board member; Terry Cogburn, Walsh, Colorado, board member.

Mailbox Readers Write

Willis and Davidson on target - Re-read article and pass it on

I would like to suggest you run the following notice in bold type on the front page of your next issue: Notice: Please reread "Willis and Davidson Expose the Trades Influence on Farm Policy" on the back page of May 19 American Ag News, then remind all your neighbors and Congressmen that it is in fact the grain traders and speculators who legislation

coming out of Washington. And, the only way we'll ever be able to obtain reasonable farm legislation is for a large number of to constantly their elected representatives the real reason farmers haven't

been successful in obtaining fair and equal treatment in federal legislation.

While a few key powerful Congressmen have constantly opposed higher loan rates and higher grain prices with some kind of a "Mickey Mouse" excuse, it may well be that a number of our legislators really don't understand what is going on, so you need to tell 'em!!

For example, Foley just finished opposing Rep. Weaver's bill to put a higher price on exported wheat that would give producers a "reasonable margin of profit." Foley's excuse was that the proposal would give "extra-ordinary power to the ag secretary." Baloney!!

The real reason powerful Congressmen higher loan rates is simply that the grain traders and speculators don't want anything to happen that would act as a floor under prices and take some of the gyrations and instability out of the price movement. Speculators love and thrive

on unstable prices. Furthermore, the futures industry has evidently provided Congressmen

adequate "incentive" to oppose higher loan rates since their excuses just don't add up to good business judgment for either farmers or the rest of the nation. It seems that Senator Dole is also coming up with various and sundry excuses to oppose higher loan rates.

Thank you, Tommy and L. A.; you are exactly "on target" with your accurate and timely assessment of the major problem with favorable farm legislation. I'm sending photocopies of the superb article to all of our Kansas delegation and a number of farm papers.

thank you, American Ag News for printing this article (along with many more) that have needed and deserved nationwide publicity but would not have gotten it without you!

Sincerely, Doug Wildin Hutchinson, KS.

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To become a National Sustaining Member of AAM, send your check for \$100 to AAM, 100 Maryland Ave NE Suite 500A, Box 69, Washington

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Alvin Jenkins writes President

President Ronald Reagan 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. President:

I have met with you personally and had the honor and privilege of working with hundreds of dedicated people such as Dick Lyng, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. Jepsen and Mr. Hagedorn and holding hundreds meetings across this country on your behalf for what thought might be the last chance to save America and return it to what America has always stood for, not a weak, run-down hull that is debt ridden, inflation crushed, definitely on the road to selfdestruction.

I am proud we are taking steps to strengthen our great country militarily. Yes, I am very proud we are attempting to balance the budget, as phony as it is. To think that our first \$100 billion budget was voted in at the height of World War II and today an \$800 billion budget cannot be balanced for all the socialistic giveaway programs

Congressmen and Senators have voted into law and that 55¢ out of every dollar of tax that is collected is taken directly from the productive and given to the unproductive. But, with all of this, this country still has but one renewable wealth. With a country so powerful and with these vast resources and intelligence to call upon, that we can invent the atomic and hydrogen bombs and missles that can scale the earth, send men to walk on the moon and return to earbut can't muster enough intelligence and common sense to write a farm bill that will prevent the destruction of the family farm. Economic chaos and hunger is bound to follow if this is not corrected. We will have 25% prime interest rate and 20% inflation before the end of the Reagan Ad-

ministration. We are steadthe farmer and rancher fastly refusing to face the purchased over \$130 billion problem and that problem last year. These industries must go bankrupt and will never be corrected as long as our Agriculture these millions of people Policy will allow exporting must lose their jobs below the cost of producbecause we refuse to face the problem of income to We must demand a price the producer. We will lose and have a policy that will more farmers in the year

in history.

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put the profit back to the

producer and not some

foreign grain exporter such

as the four that export over

90% of our grain. For ever

bushel that is exported

below the cost of produc-

tion, the difference is made

up by stealing equity from

our great country; for once

the product is gone, the

farmer has but one source

to replace it and that is

through borrowing and,

Mr. President, no country

can borrow itself out of

debt nor can any country

print wealth. For example,

the agriculture debt more

than doubled under the

Carter Administration,

rising \$21 billion in the

year 1980. The agriculture

debt alone is now greater

than the national budget

was at the height of World

Ware II in 1944. FmHA

became a reality in 1930 at

the depth of the great

depression; since that time

they have made loans to

farmers and ranchers in

excess of \$80 billion in the

51 years of its existence. If

you will check the records,

you will find over \$46 billion is now outstanding

and has been borrowed in

the past few years, and

that since the first year the

delinquency payments have tripled. It is not the

loan that is causing the

problem; it is the price the

You have the largest in-

dustry in America with

assets of over \$927 billion,

employing over 23 million

people with gross sales of over \$140 billion, of which

producer is receiving.

The cost of production is up another 15 to 20% and the price the farmer and rancher is receiving is less than it was 30 years ago. While we worry about Chrysler and its 67 thousand employees, we ignore the 100,000 plus farmers and ranchers being driven off the land each vear. One of them creates wealth and the other lives off it. No, I am not against Chrysler. I have held over 1,000 meetings with the producer himself. I know I

1981 than in any other time

Please read the clippings I am sending to support my letter. I do not believe that you can send grain traders, speculators and politicians to our worst enemy, the Communist Block, headed by Russia, and expect them to bid a price that will save our largest industry and our only source of renewable wealth; for I remember all too well Nikita Krushchev taking off his shoe, pounding on his desk and saying, "I can destroy America and never fire a shot." Since that day, check out the national budget and our national

So let's get the politics and the B.S. out and the common sense in, for we cannot stand four more years of the ignorance and

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Wayne Peterson and Don Deichman have been on the road promoting the Farmers Embargo and AAM. They have been in Missouri and Illinois.

A meeting on short notice in Martinsburg, Missouri, drew 46 people. The group divided into two discussion groups and concentrated on the Farmers

A small number saw the Matlack videotapes of the tractorcade and NORM parity tapes at the home of William Esther and Deichman.

One new AAM member was signed up.

Deichman and Peterson held a meeting at Ramsey, Illinois, assisted by Morris Sanders. Illinois farmers said that many farmers they knew were holding

Newsletter advises wealthy to buy land to avoid taxes

Landowner Newsletter, a publication of Professional Farmers of America, is advising the 50% tax bracket investor to buy farmland because half the interest income from money put in savings will be taxed away, whereas farmland price appreciation is not taxes unless you sell the land, in which case 60% of the sale price is not counted as income for tax purpose due to the capital gains exemption.

Nine percent interest payments costs only 4.5% after taxes, because each dollar of interest deducted saves 50¢ in taxes.

Thus, current tax provisions favor land purchase by high income people looking for tax savings, and puts low and moderate income and beginning farmers at a competitive disadvan-

Educational TV to show **NORM Parity film**

station will show the NORM Parity Film entitled "Prosperity the simple way," and the Arkansas AAM promotional film on Channel 13 June 20 from 2:30 to 3:30.

AAMers Joe Cook. James Long and Arnold Schwertner took the film to

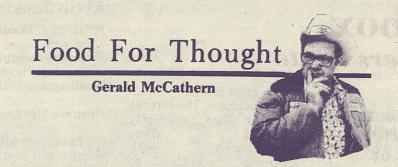
A Lubbock, Texas TV the station. The programmer viewed it and enthusiastically made plans to air it. The TV program will be entitled "Key to

AAM Chairman Marvin Meek praised the action and asked others to do the same. Also, he said, be sure to watch the program.



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"So what is wrong with corporate farming," you ask? If you are referring to family farms incorporating and continuing to operate within the family, the answer would be "nothing is wrong." However, if you are talking about a corporate structure which would see 50,000 super farms, as envisioned by Luther Tweeten, producing the total food supplies for the nation, then the answer would be "it would be

Suppose the family farm became extinct in the next few years and corporations such as Cargill Grain, International Harvester, Chase-Manhattan Bank, Exxon Oil Company, etc., took over the food producing industry. (Many of them are already vertically integrated into the processing and distribution end of agriculture commodities.)

The small rural towns and communities and their related private enterprise businesses would no longer be needed because these huge corporations would bring in their own banks, implement supply companies, clothing and food stores, etc. Competition would disappear because the corporations with their integrated subsidiaries would have a monopoly.

Farm managers and farm workers would have no incentive to strive for efficiency or high production because they no longer would have an interest in the business. They would just be working for "the company

Labor on the farm would become organized, demanding forty hour weeks (instead of eighty), five days instead of seven, and equal pay with workers in other industries. (Today's family farmers exploit their own labor and that of their families to try to make the farm show a profit.) Production would drop and shortages would occur.

Profit to the large integrated corporation on its agriculture production would not be necessary, since it would have the ability to make its profit on the finished product, which it would establish to the consumer at a level which would return a profit on all segments of its operation. Instead of 16% of the average take-home pay being spent for food, it could be 86% under those conditions.

With only 500,000 super farms producing and marketing the food of this nation, you can bet that prices will be set at a level which will return a profit. Remember the old saying "A corporation has no conscience." We could see a situation where you either pay what is asked or you don't eat!

Perhaps this analogy is a little extreme. We can't say that it won't happen, but we can say that it doesn't have to happen.

We have the greatest agriculture industry that this world has ever seen, producing enough food to feed over half the world, and at prices which are less than any time in history. Why jeopardize this system for some unknown system which might not work?

Parity prices for raw agriculture commodities would insure that this system would be preserved and it would mean only a small increase in the price of the finished product to the consumer. Think about it. That is food for thought.

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stupidity that we went through under the last administration, which known as the Carter Administration. The next four years will be known as the Reagan Administration. No one would like to help this country or this administration more than I. We can either act now or, at the end of four years, apologize for being wrong. One will help the country,

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Your supporter and your friend, Alvin Jenkins Campo, CO.

What ever happened to the price-fixing suit against the grain companies?

Is there anyone out there who knows what happened to the class action suit filed against Continental and the other grain companies in 1973?

I seem to remember that Continental Grain was accused of conspiring with the other grain companies to keep the Russian grain deal a secret for several months while they bought up cheap grain. The situation now is just too similar to the one then for comfort. Grain prices are down, yet farmers suspect that another grain sale to Russia is brewing right now. Wasn't that the way it was back then too?

I recall that the suit claimed that Kissinger told Secretary Agriculture, Earl Butz, to prepare for grain trade with Russia. That was about January of 1972, but this fact was kept secret until September of 1972 while all the grain companies bought cheap grain 4486. for around \$1.35 a bushel.

I suspect that Clarence Palmby, who had been a high ranking USDA official, may have gotten his high-paying job with Continental as a result of passing on inside information.

Then when the grain deal

was announced, grain

prices went up, but too late

for most farmers.

I suspect that the grain companies are about to get to the farmers again.

Also, the then-secretary of agriculture Earl Butz has just plea-bargained and pled guilty to income tax evasion in exchange for IRS not going back to earlier years, so the news says. Could it be that Butz doesn't want anyone investigating the years 1972 and 1973?

Most of us farmers are beginning to realize that we don't have free markets. Congressman Neal Smith even has proof that cattle markets are manipulated. Farmers have learned a lot in the last 3 years since AAM began. Maybe it's time we dig into this and try to stop some of this

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Editor's note: This certainly does make one start thinking. Just how hard would it be for five companies to get together to set prices, especially if they had a little prior knowledge. This case should certainly be pur

Fairchild machines are available

Fairchild projectors are available • from Wayne Peterson at the National AAM office.

A projector, a NORM parity film, and the Arkansas promotional film as a package totals \$800.

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Wayne Peterson's South Dakota ranch was auctioned off in April. It had been in the family since the early 1900's.

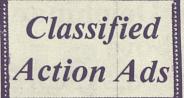
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June 3-5 - AAM delegate meeting in Washington D.C.

June 4 - The monthly meeting of AAM of Illinois will be held on Thursday, at the Abe Lincoln Cafe. Old Courthouse Square, Vandalia. Lunch at noon and the meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

June 5 - Agriculture and Rural Development Roundtable, Denver Hilton. Registration \$100. Spon-Democratic sored by Committee. Speakers include chairman of DNC Charles Manatt, New Mexico governor Bruce King, Rep. Glenn English from Oklahoma, Morgan Smith of Colorado Ag Dept, Reps. Tom Foley and Dan Glickman. For more info, DNC, PO Box Capitol 18786, Station, Denver, CO 80218.

June 6 - Kansas State meeting. Great Bend at the Black Angus at 9 a.m.

June 9-10 - Conference for federal warehouse users. Kansas City, MO, Hilton Airport Plaza Inn. Fee \$85. Deadline to register, May 28. Send to National Grain and Feed Association, PO Box 28328, Washington D.C. 20005. Phone number for reservations at Hilton Airport Plaza Inn is 816-891-8900.

June 13 - the NORM Parity Film will be shown on Channel 13 out of Lubbock, Texas from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

June 13 - Red River Valley Alcohol Fuels Day, East Grand Forks AVTI, Minnesota. Cost \$15. Sponsored by Minnesota Gasohol Commission. For more info, 218-773-3441.

June 13-14 - Colorado State AAM will sponsor a two day flea market. Items to be donated should be brought to AAM office in Springfield. Lunch will be available.

June 27 - Rally and barbeque at Cummings, Georgia (Northeast of Atlanta). Festivities begin at 4 p.m. Special guests, Alvin Jenkins, Senator Mattingly (Washington), Tommy

June 27 - Colorado State meeting in Walsh, Co. at 3:00 p.m. Dance will follow meeting at the Walsh American Legion Hall.

August 14-15 - Bonner Springs, Agricultural Hall of Fame second annual Energy Seminar and Alcohol Update. Contact Harold L. Adkins, 630 North 126th St., Bonner Springs, KS

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