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LISLE GIN CO

RULE

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NORRIS ANDERS, manager of the Rule, Tx., Cooperative Gin, has been named Texas Cooperative Ginner of the Year. 1981 officers of the Texas Cooperative Ginners Association are: President-Charles W. Browning, manager, Lyford Gin Association, Lyford; Vice President-Mondell Mills, manager, American Cotton Growers, Crosbyton Gin Division, Crosbyton; Secretary-G. Leland Phillips, manager, Abernathy Farmers Cooperative Gin, Abernathy; and Executive Vice President-Bruno Schroeder, Austin.

Rochester and Rule

Rochester, Texas 79544 Thursday May 12, 1983

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Rule Co-Op Stockholders Meeting

The 70th annual Stockholders meeting of the Rule Co-op Gin and Elevator was held Thursday, April 28, 1983 with approximately 394 persons attending and enjoying the meal served before the business meeting, which was held in the Rule High School.

The invocation was given by Rev. Johnny Fundenburg of Sweethome Baptist Church and then the meeting was called to order by Adrian Lott, association president. Howard Brass, associate secretary read the minutes. An auditors report was given by Mr. Borden Fuffel of Abilene, followed by a report from Gin Manager, Mr. Norris Anders, who reported another good year. The gin showed a profit of 8.84 per bale. Instead of paying a dividend, the gin will use the investment credit to offset the profit and use it to improve the gin plant.

Present directors are; President-J.D. Kupatt, vice president-A.D. May, secretary- R.C. Pool, John Pike and Travis Townsend. R.C. Pool was re-elected to serve a three year term, and Cecil Lewis was also elected for a three year term. Wallace

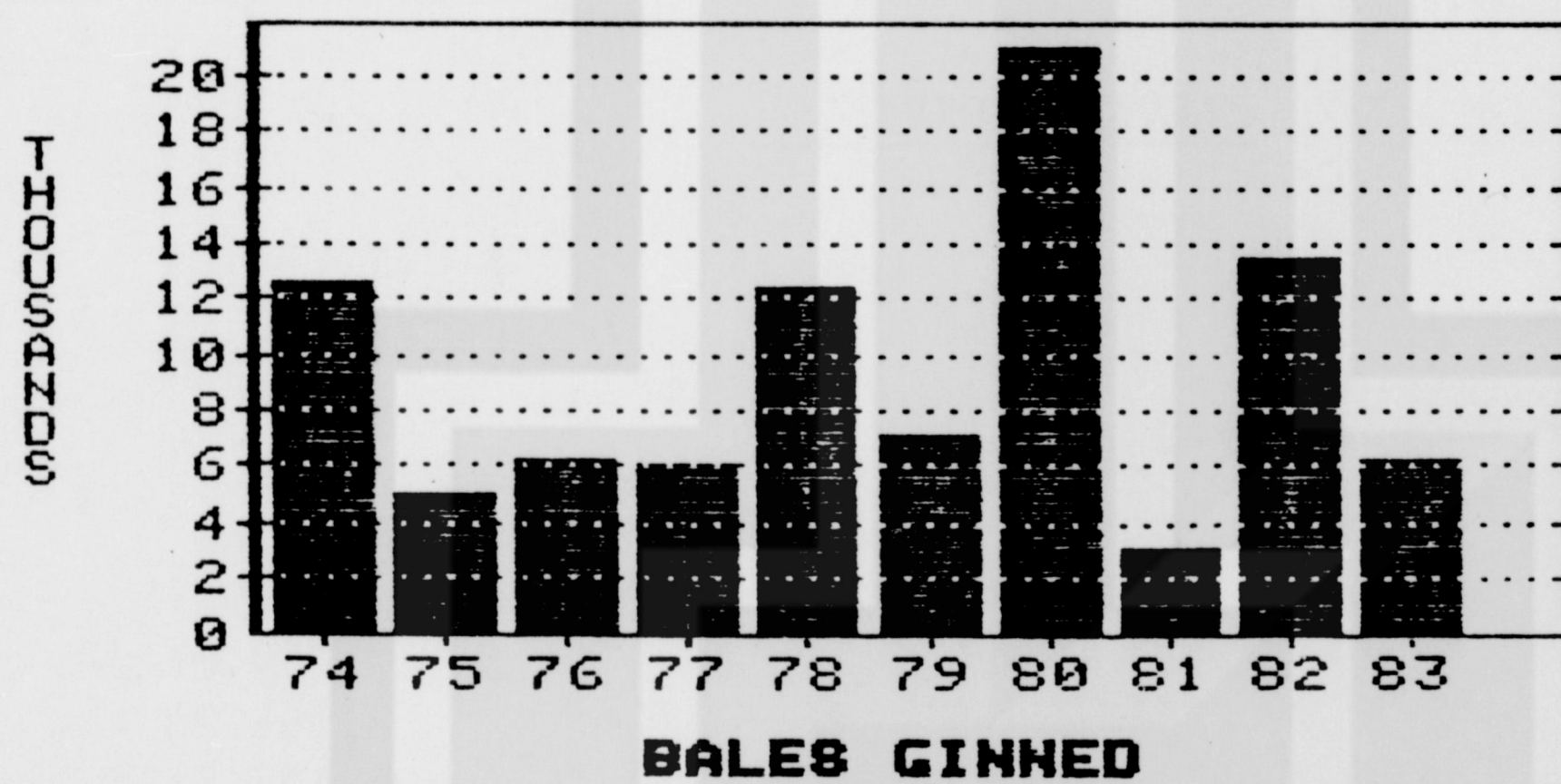
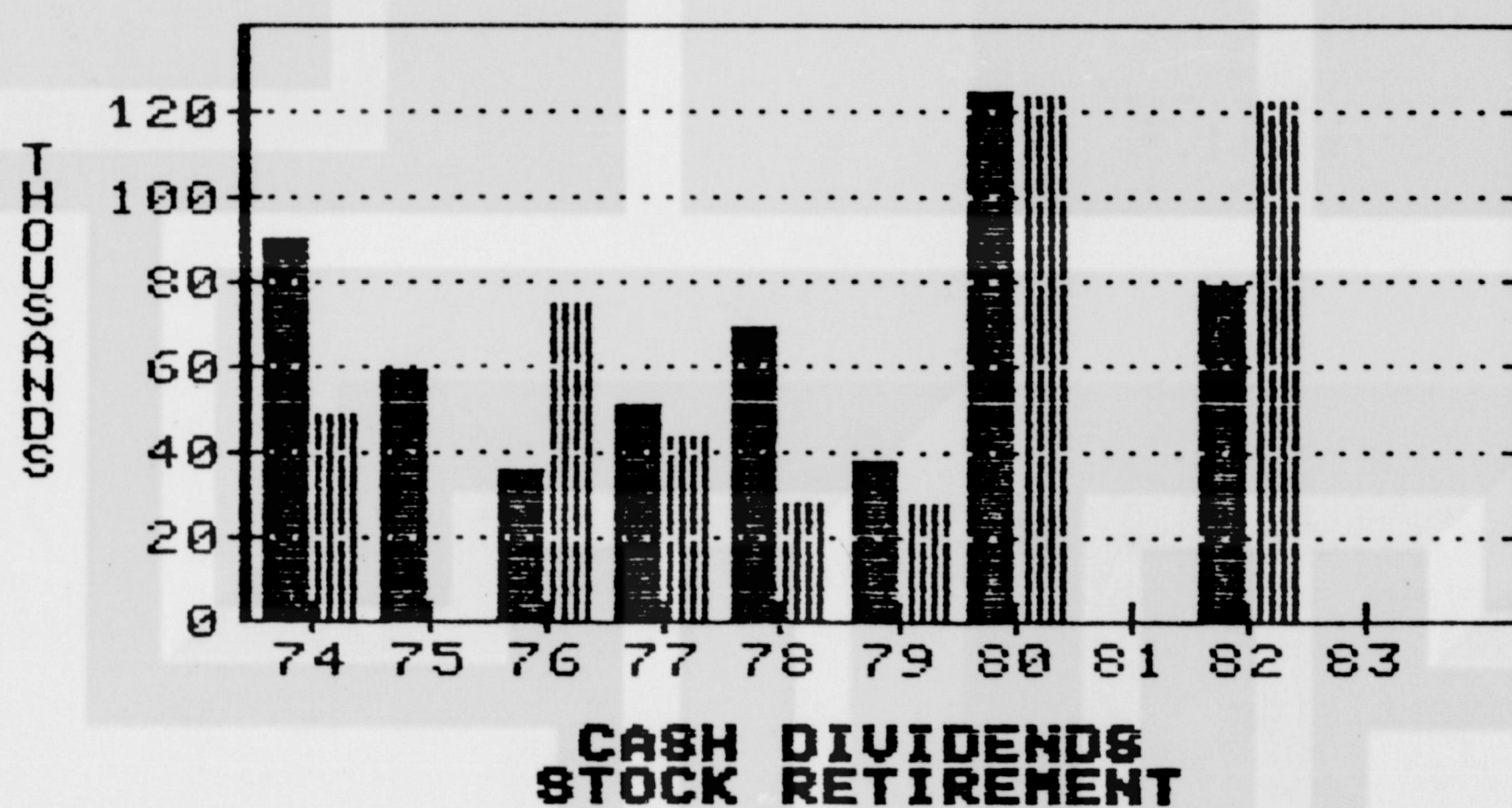
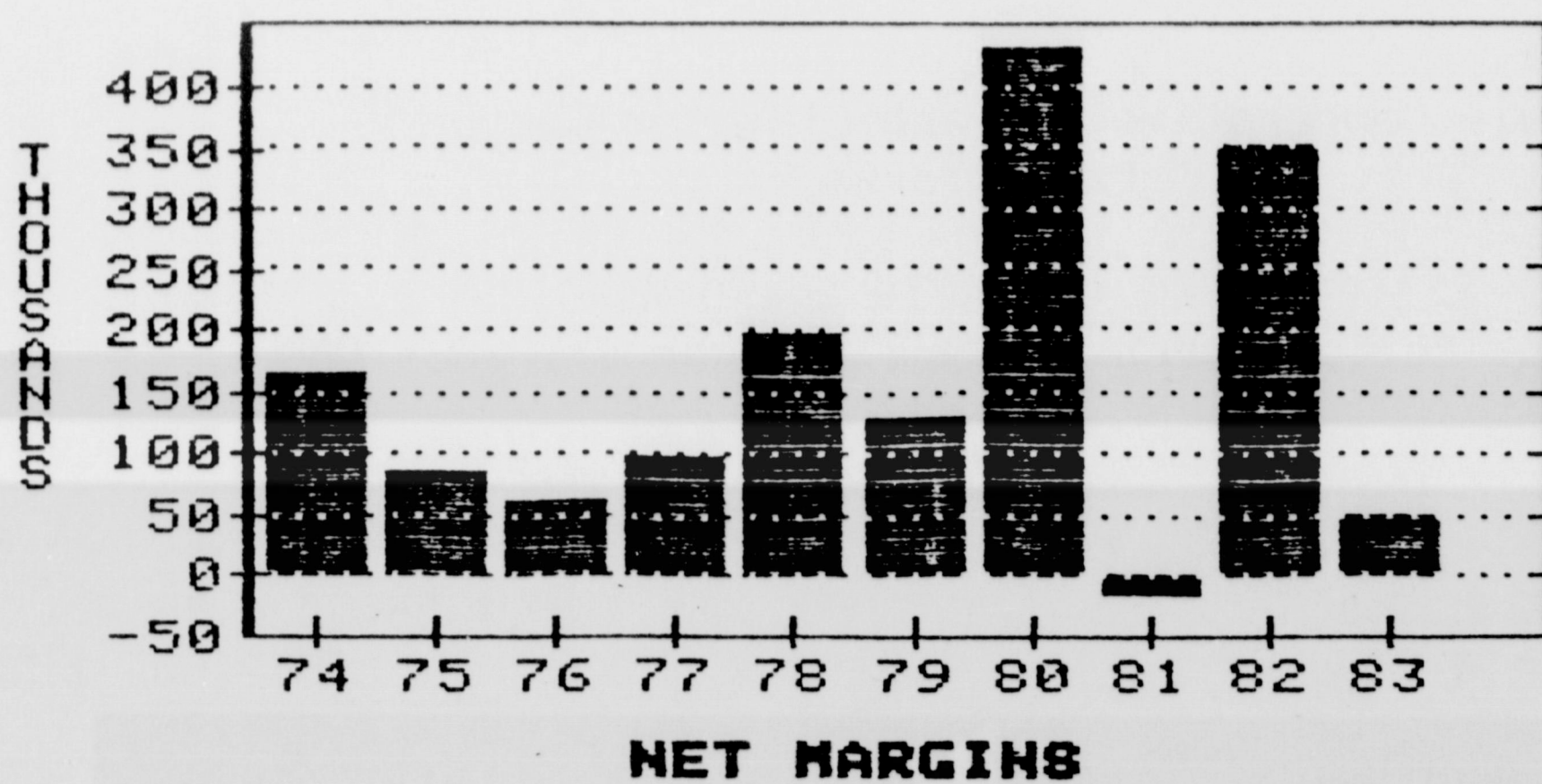
Ed Verner, J.d. toney, C.S. Adkins. Former gin managers present were Ernest Williams and A.D. May.

In 1916, the stockholders voted to change the charter so that the Co-op could buy and sell coal and other commodities. A Farmers Union Coal Co. was formed with the same manager as the gin had. In 1918, 1939, stockholders voted to change the name to Rule Co-operative Gin and in 1976, bought the elevator and added elevator Co. to it.

Quoting Mr. Mitchum from the farm journal, Mr. Anders said that without the co-op, competition would disappear and farmers would be the loser. The co-op has an obligation to supply the need of the producer also. We cannot become obsolete. We must update, modify and adjust in order to do the job and give the service that our customers deserve.

In concluding his talk, Mr. Anders felt that the Rule Co-op has one of the best plants in the area and extended an invitation to anyone to visit.

Double lint cleaning and another heater for drying have been installed at the Co-op. An obsolete 200 horse power of 2300 volt has been replaced with two 75 horse power motors with 440 volts. The



Total Cash Dividends Paid out in 10 years	\$ 545,078
Total Cash Paid in Stock Retirement in 10 years	467,737
Total Cash Dividend & Stock Retirement Paid in 10 years	<u>\$ 1,012,815</u>
Average per bale paid out in 10 years	<u><u>\$ 10.88</u></u>

CELEBRATING
70
SEVENTY
YEARS
OF
CONTINUOUS SERVICE

RULE

**Cooperative Gin & Elevator
Company**

ANNUAL MEETING

April 28, 1983

7:00 P.M.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

**J.D. Kupatt
R.D. May
R.C. Pool
Travis Townsend
John Pike**

**President
V President
Secretary
Director
Director**

MANAGER & EMPLOYEES

**Norris Anders
Novis Pittcock
Neil Williams
Allene Wilson
H.G. May
Seferino Nuniz**

**Manager
Bookkeeper
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Clerk
Ginner
Ginner**

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HURSDAY OCTOBER 5, 1978

October Is Co-op Month

RULE CO-OP OLDEST IN USA

Norris Anders, Manager of the Rule Co-op Gin and Grain Elevator has informed the news that their co-op is the oldest continuously operated one in the United States.

They are celebrating their 65th anniversary this year.

The co-op was formed in 1913 as the Farmers District Union Gin Association.

The name was changed in April 1939 to Rule Co-op Gin Association.

On August 8, 1976 the Rule Grain Co. was bought by the Co-op from W.T. Adkins and is now operated by the Rule Co-op.

Rufus Smith, A.T. Fouts, Ed Lewis, John Baugh, Joe Blake, W.R. Carothers, J. R. (Rip) Barbee and R.M. Smith were a few of the real old timers who saw a need for the farmers to have their own gin and worked to get it started and keep it going.

It has not always been easy. One year during hard times, the manager loaned the gin \$3000.00 so they could keep operating.

Originally steam was used for power with Eph Boyd firing and used burs mixed with coal for burning the boiler before converting to electricity.

In 1952 the co-op bought what is now the south gin from Forrest Hoch and have been operating both plants ever since.

In 1949 they built a new building over the north gin and in 1960 installed new machinery and have installed a new press this summer.

According to Anders, an accurate record of all the managers down through the years is incomplete but a few have been A.E. Fouts, Olin Carothers and R.C. Pool and these former managers could recall Mr. Armour, Ed Hatsfield, Warren Doyle, Lee Yarbrough, Bill Terry, Clyde Grice, Cotton Burton, Toby Collet, J. Sefcik, A.D. May, Ernest Will-

iams, Johnny Adkins, C.A. (Mutt) Grice and presently, Norris Anders.

Serving on the board of directors now are: J.D. Kupatt, President, Herb Williams, Vice-Pres. and R.C. Pool, Secretary with A.D. May and Travis Townsend as board members.

Kupatt has served on the board since April 1962. He was elected to the Board Of Directors of The Texas Co-operative Ginners Association in 1972 and is now serving as vice president

of the association.

May is presently serving as a member of the Cotton Board, T.A.C.P.O. and is the President of the Rolling Plains Cotton Producers Association.

Any profits made by the Co-op is returned to the stockholders in the form of dividends. Rule has done 1½ million dollars in business the past year.

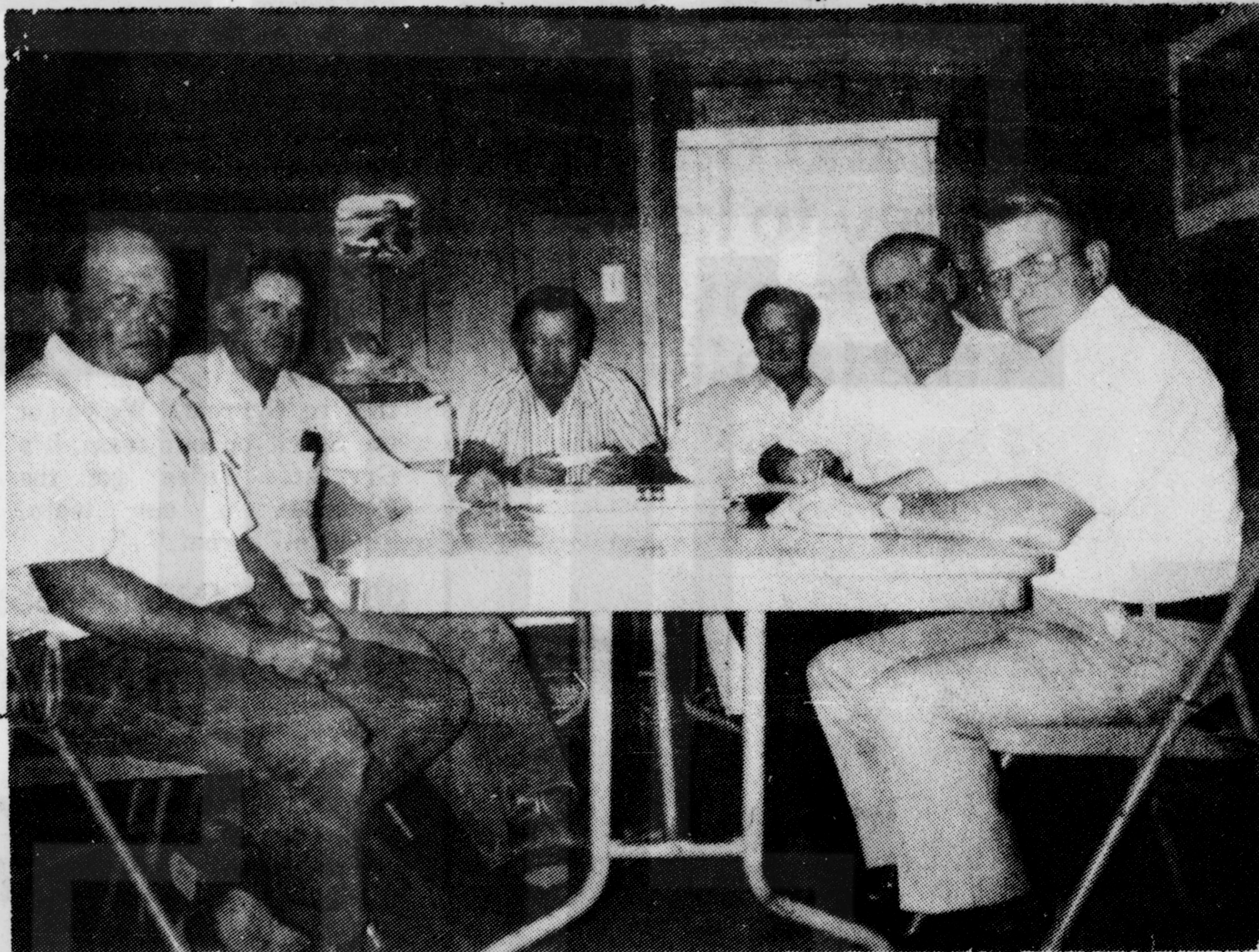
The co-op's best year was in 1974 when they ginned 12,546 bales of cotton and in 1977 when 12,474 bales

were ginned.

During ginning season the co-op employs about 55 local residents to help the local economy.

The co-op has an annual supper with approximately 400 in attendance each year.

They purchase a beef and a hog from the FFA Show in January, contribute to Little League, Pony League and help with various other civic projects.



RULE CO-OP BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Travis Townsend, Herb Williams, J.D. Kupatt,
Norris Anders, R.C. Pool and A.D. May.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 1978

FIRST BALE OF COTTON
Pictured with the first bale
of cotton ginned in Rule are:
l to r Alfred Valerio, Jr.,
W.G. May, Sonny Pitcock, Bill
Boles and Seferino Nunez.

RULE CO-OP GINS FIRST BALE

The first bale of cotton ginned at the Rule Co-op was brought into the gin by Bill Bowles of Rule, on Tuesday, October 17th. For having the first bale, Bowles received free ginning and received \$50 from the Rule Chamber of Commerce and also \$50 from the Farmer Congress.

Taken off of one acre of irrigated cotton, the bale weighed 430 pounds of seed cotton and 80 pounds of lint. The lint is owned by Melvin Norman of Hattiesburg.

A year ago, October 17, 1977, the Rule Co-op ginned 3,000 bales of cotton, receiving the first bale on September 15, 1977.

Attends Cotton Meeting

Norris Anders and Sam Turner of Rule and R.A. (Cockie) Shaver III of Rochester, attended a Cotton Incorporation Educational Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina on October 16, 17th and 18th. While in Raleigh, the group toured a miniature mill showing the spinning and weaving of material. The Cotton organization hopes to develop better cotton material for the

community in the future. The group also attended a meeting with the cotton industry and the government. The group will be back in Rule on October 20th.



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MRS. HELEN HENRY
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

January 5, 1978

Dear Mrs. Lisle,

This is a nice picture
and article!

Thought you might enjoy
having a clipping for
your scrapbook.

Cordially,
Helen Henry

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At 76, Rule's lady ginner can't rest

By Oleta Cornelius
Times Correspondent

RULE, Texas (Special) — This past ginning season was the 50th for the Lisle Cotton Gin in Rule.

This in itself is remarkable, but the operator of the gin, Mrs. J.A. Lisle, 76, is even more remarkable.

At 76 she doesn't have time to sit and rock and she certainly isn't considering retiring.

A long time resident of Rule, Mrs. Lisle was widowed in 1927 when her husband was killed in an accident and she was left with four children, ranging in age from six months to six years.

She held onto the gin, even though she knew little about the business. Then the depression hit.

"We just had to cut down and make do," she explained. "We didn't let any debts build up and I had to do a lot of outside work like feeding hens, gardening and canning."

As her children grew older, they began helping at the gin. In fact, her son James and his wife, and her daughter, Mrs. L.W. Pinkard, still work at the gin.

"If it wasn't for my children, I could not have made it," she said.

Mrs. Lisle has watched the

Farm

cotton industry change from hand-picked fields to the modern machine harvesters.

She and her late husband ran their first gin in Benjamin, Texas in 1919. At that time the price of cotton was five cents a pound. They moved to Rule in 1921, where they rebuilt a gin that had burned. Cotton prices were rising then, but in the following decades have bounced up and down regularly.

Mrs. Lisle told how she expects the cotton industry to pick up steadily in the next few years because the now unstable oil industry is putting hardships on the manufacturers of synthetic fibers. "Cotton is cooler in the summer and warmer in winter. It just feels better when you're wearing cotton clothing," said the lady ginner.



RULE'S LADY GINNER STILL ACTIVE
...Mrs. J.A. Lisle has ginned for 50 years (Special Photo)

She feels close to the cotton industry and claims to be able to feel raw cotton and come close to knowing its quality.

In operating the gin for 50 years, Mrs. Lisle said, "I've never had to fire a man, and have had very little disagreement with men in the operation of the gin. If a woman does a good job, why men really respect her."

She added that she has worked hard, but added, "I enjoy work. I've always been so busy I haven't had time to wonder if I ever wanted anything else. I've given the gin all I've got."

She does have spare time and often attends football games, track meets, basketball and other sporting events that her grandchildren participate in over the years.

The people of Rule showed their appreciation of her support of school sports. In 1974, she was given a plaque, recognizing her continual support of the Rule Bobcat's athletic teams. The plaque was given by the students participating in the sports.

She also received recognition as an Honorary Chapter Farmer by the Rule FFA chapter. In 1967 Mrs. Lisle was named the outstanding woman of the year by the Rule Chamber of Commerce. She is also actively involved in her church work at the First Baptist Church and is a member of the Order of Eastern

Star, garden club, Philadelphia Club and enjoys playing dominoes once a week with a group of ladies in the community.

What else could be left for her to do? If you're interested in the history of Rule, its people and its growth, Mrs. Lisle can tell you. She doesn't claim to be the town historian, but she has compiled several scrapbooks of historical moments in Rule dating back scores of years.

J. A. Lisle
Amity Avenue
Rule, Texas
79547

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Dear Ola Mae,

Always I am ~~the~~ clipping news items about friends I know but it seems I just keep them instead of sending them, and congratulating the honored!

Even now, may I tell you how much I enjoyed this lovely account of your accomplishments, it is something to be proud of and grateful that the Lord had you in His Plan to achieve in this field.

Best wishes,

Karen Logsdon

Mrs. Charles W. Logsdon
1302 Cedar St.
Abilene, Texas 79601

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Todd on his bicycle in back

