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PACKING SILAGE — Dairy workers are busy packing the chopped corn to feed to the cows through out the winter months.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



Putting up the feed

Wednesday was a clear, cool, completed by Friday. windy day, but the wind did not silage at the Bird City Dairy. Hereford Ranch and Custom trucks that raced down the dusty tires. roads to the dairy. Once there to the field for another load. The harvesters were in their second day of harvesting and worked until 11 at night when the rain came and shut them down. After getting almost .75 inch of rain, it was so wet, they had to wait until late afternoon on Thursday to get the cross choppers running and have it a day, they feed them very well.

stop the choppers and trucks dairy workers drive three tractors from cutting and hauling corn over and over and around the cows are fed a mixture of corn stack of silage to pack it down. silage, Total Mixed Ration 🏵 The Garcias from Goodland and After they are through cutting the North Brothers from Rogers and packing the approximately 16-17,000 tons of corn silage Harvesting in McCracken were down, the dairy workers will adding corn dust to the air as then cover it with a double layer they ran two choppers and seven of plastic, and seal it with old

It will take about three months the cows on a regular schedule. they dumped it and returned back for the silage to ferment then

On top of the corn silage which Once the loads are dumped they raise, the dairy has to buy 90 percent of their feed. These (TMA), alfalfa, cotton seed, canola meal, flaked corn, dried distillers grain, soy, hull grains, minerals and a little bit of sugar. This mix is delivered fresh four times a day and monitored daily to ensure the proper nutrition of

Mr. McCarty says they work they will feed it to the dairy together with all the other "We want consistency, in how

CUSTOM HARVESTERS are cutting corn for silage to use at the dairy.

Susan.

prove it.

Man finishes steak quest

It was the last steak on a quest to eat a steak in each of the 105 counties in Kansas.

Bill Bunyan, a Dodge City resident and a member of the Kansas Explorers Club, chose Big Ed's Steak House in Bird City for his final steak, a Big Ed's fillet special. During the seven years it took to complete the feat of covering the counties, Mr. Bunyan said the biggest steak was a 16-ounce KC strip at the Branding Iron in Liberal, Seward County. One of the best steaks he had was a T-bone at Crazy R's in Goodland, Sherman County.

Completing the "steak quest," was his third quest. The other two quests were taking a picture of the courthouse in each of the Kansas Counties. He has also eaten a hamburger in every county and has a "Wimpy" T-shirt to commemorate it.

Eating the hamburgers won him fame and he was featured in newspapers across the United States and abroad. He was offered \$200 to eat a giant hamburger and a mountain of French fries in Lawrence. He said he ate his Cheyenne County hamburger at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant in St. Francis.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

cows. This will be enough to farmers who produce the grains feed the 2,300 dairy cattle for and minerals needed. 10 months. This year's harvest is more of a typical yield and is off we milk, feed and grow," he just a little from last year's yield said. which was 2,500 tons.

In order to get these cows to strives to be the place with produce 17,000 gallons of milk happy cows, happy people and

Everyday the Bird City Dairy great milk.

Members do well in last two contests

By Darci Schields

Cheylin FFA members competed in two contests this past month and placed high at both contests.

"The kids did a good job," said Max Keltz, FFA sponsor. "It's always fun to do well against other schools."

The Cheylin members, along with 11 other schools, participated in the Northwest District FFA Land and Home Site Evaluation Contest on Wednesday, Sept. 15, in Ellis. Judging took place in a pasture south of the Ellis High School.

Due to less-than-ideal weather conditions from the evening before, where Ellis received 3-4 inches of rainfall, participants had to stand in holes with several inches of water in order to test the different soils.

Cheylin ended the day with very high marks. The Cheylin senior division team, which consisted of Caleb Keltz, senior, Mitchel Jensen, senior, Wil Orten, junior, and Joshua Keltz, sophomore, took first place.

team, which consisted of Heath Palco, 11th place. Churchwell, sophomore, Eddie

Frisbie, Ty Carmichael and Shayla Hubbard, all freshmen, took third place.

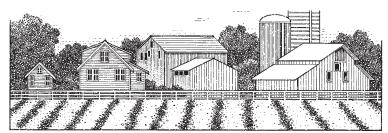
Senior division individuals placing were Mitchel Jensen, third overall, Wil Orten, seventh overall. Eddie Frisbie was fifth place overall in the Greenhand Division.

Norton

Cheylin participants traveled to Norton on Wednesday, Sept. 22, to compete in the Land and Home Site Evaluation against 10 other area schools. Cheylin placed second as a team, behind Norton who placed first.

The Cheylin team included Caleb Keltz, Craig Busse, Mitchel Jensen, Wil Orten, Joshua Keltz and Eddie Frisbie. Individual participants who placed were: Craig Busse with third and Wil Orten with sixth.

Other school team results include Hays with third place, Ellis, fourth place, WaKeeney, fifth place, Oakley, sixth place, Russell, seventh place, Smith Center, eighth place, Atwood. The Cheylin Greenhand division ninth place, Hoxie, 10th place and



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quest, then celebrated his birthday the state of Kansas for the last 10 with a cake and cookies decorated years. At 72, he doesn't have plans as hamburgers. He has a book of for another quest. photos and newspaper articles to

WHERE'S THE BEEF? Bill Bunyan (center) can tell you as he ends his 105 county quest for

steak in Cheyenne County. Joining him (l to r) are friends Phyllis and Tom Gregg and wife

The Kansas Explorers Club is a part of the Kansas Sampler Tom and Phyllis Gregg of Wray, Mr. Bunyan and his wife, Susan, Foundation. He said Marci and local residents, Stan and Dee are retired teachers. Since they Penner, who is responsible for Dorsch, and Dave and Marcia had no children, they were free starting the club, was not able to Hickert.

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He ate his last hamburger on the to travel and have been exploring attend the final feast on Monday. However, he and Susan were joined by friends, Dick and Mary Beth Boyd of Norton, Rusty and Sharon Addleman of Oberlin,