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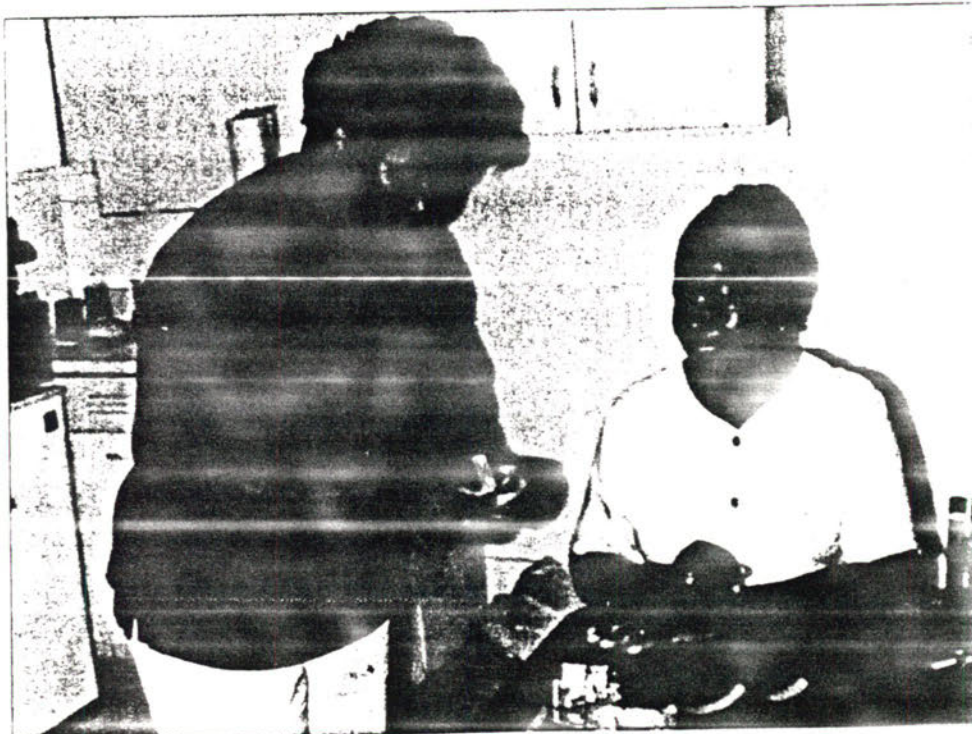
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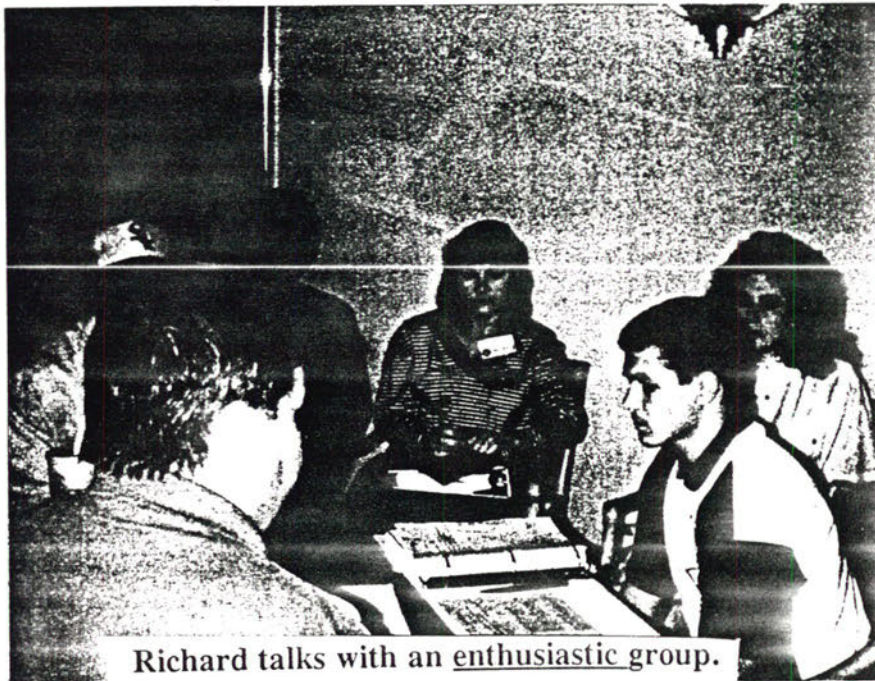
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RURAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT





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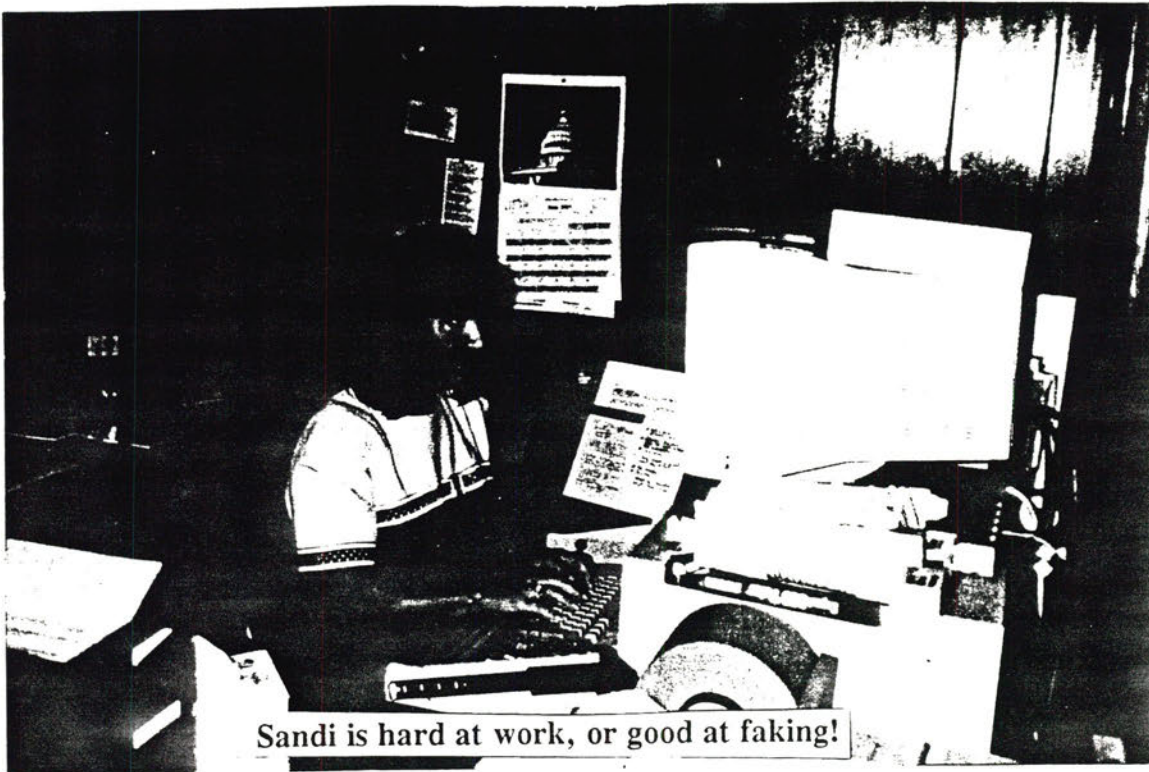
Richard talks with an enthusiastic group.



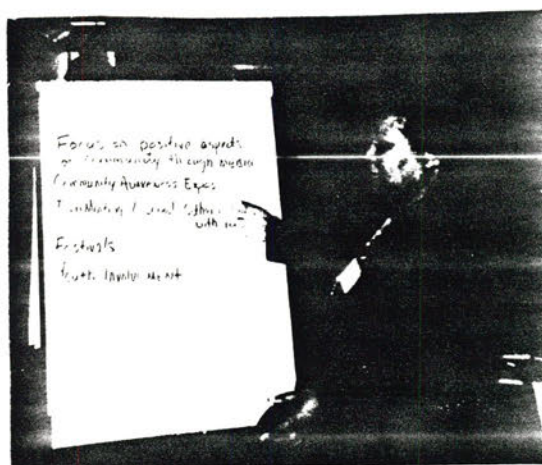
Clean up your desk, Zelma!



Wooldridge with a 504 Grant Applicant and Joel



Sandi is hard at work, or good at faking!

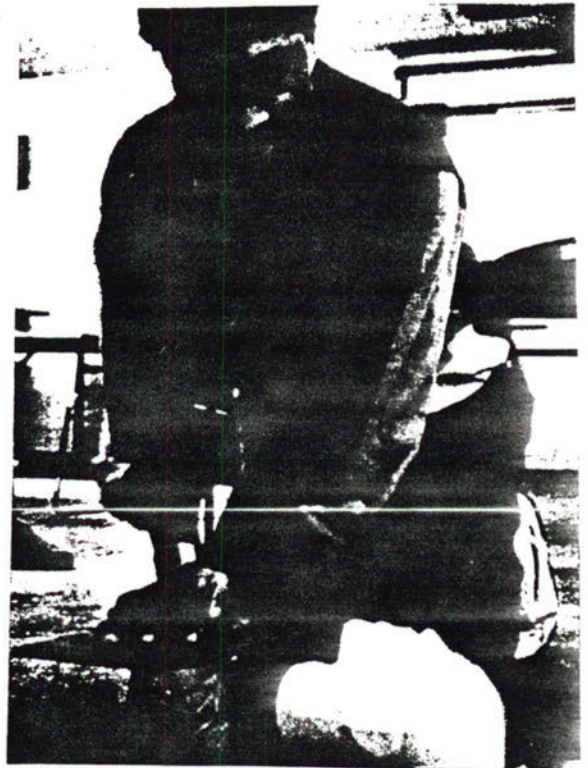


Naomi Boley points out her ideas for communities.



Bobbie Ignont with the Council on Aging.

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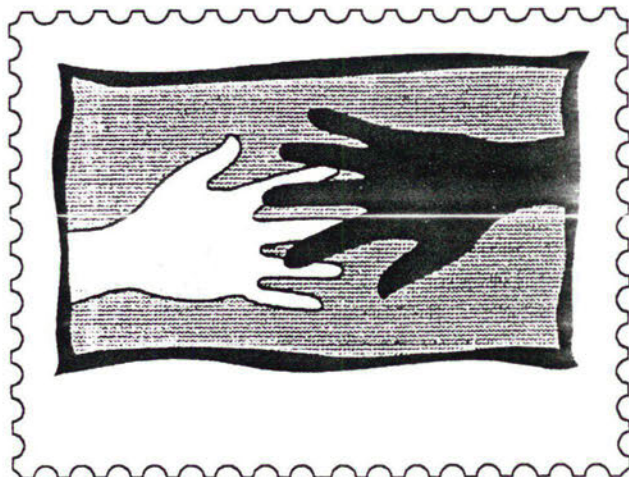


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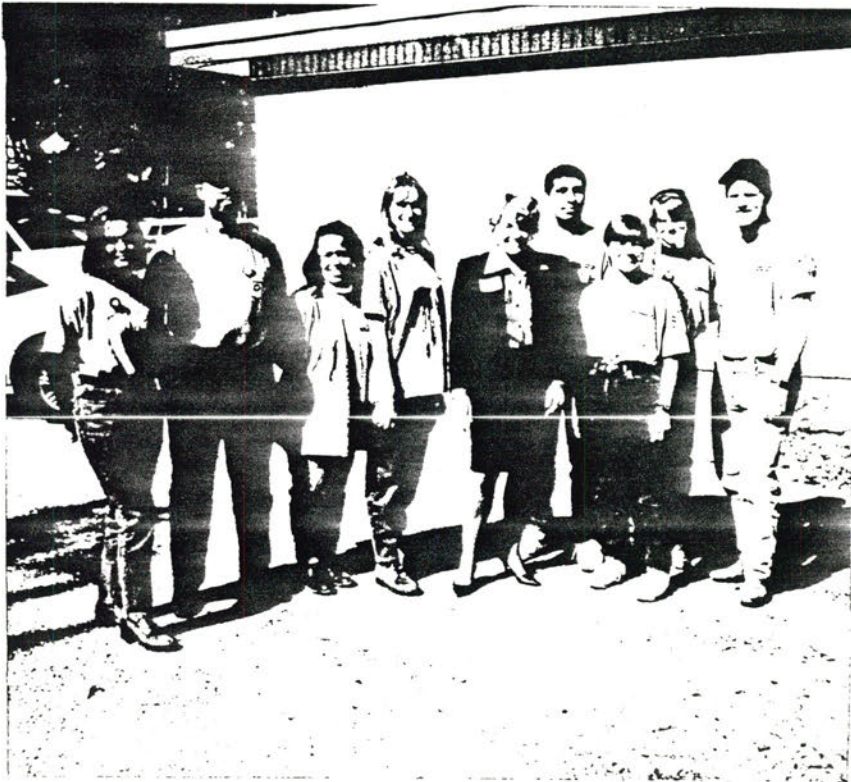
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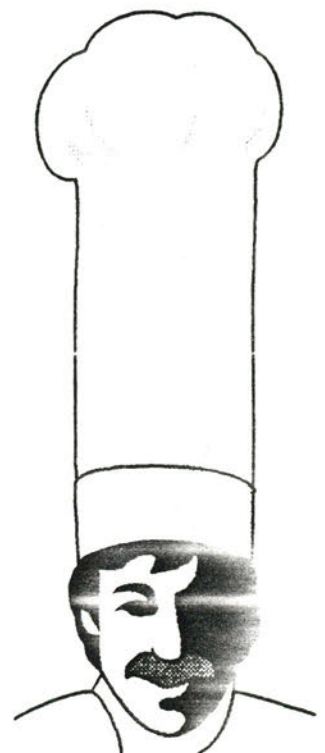
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GRAND OPENING HOPE YOUTH RANCH



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Lt. Governor Melinda Schwegmann, Aminul Mahfuz, Alicia
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February 21
Organized by Angela Norsworthy





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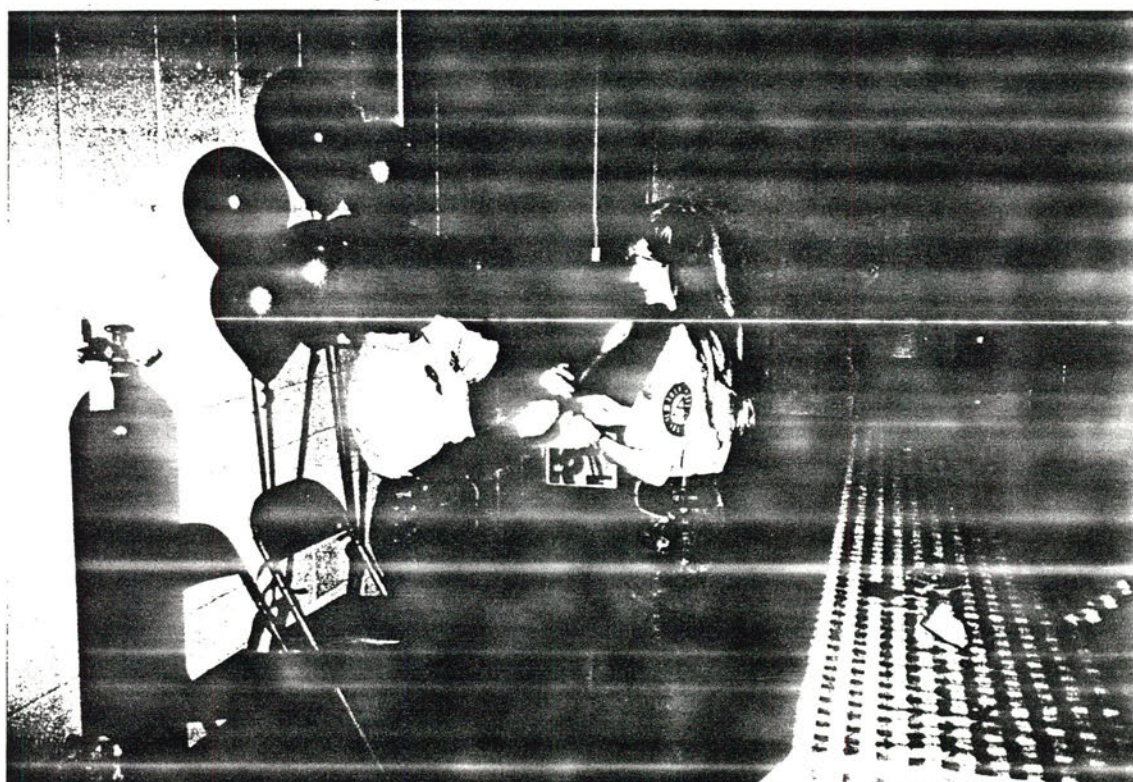
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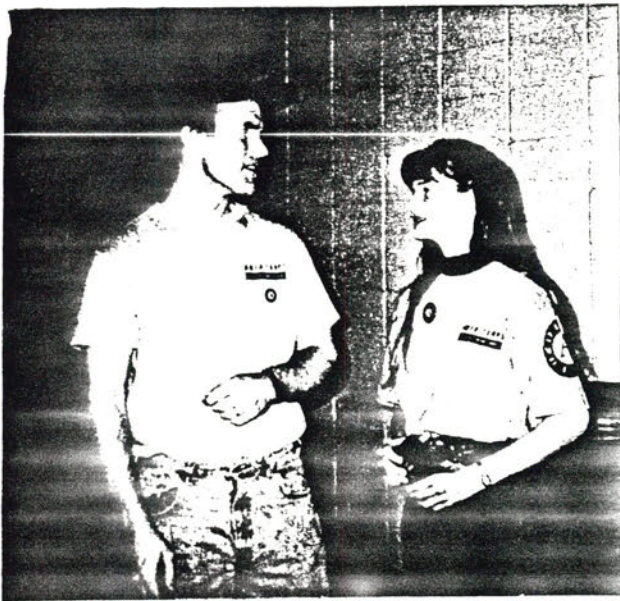
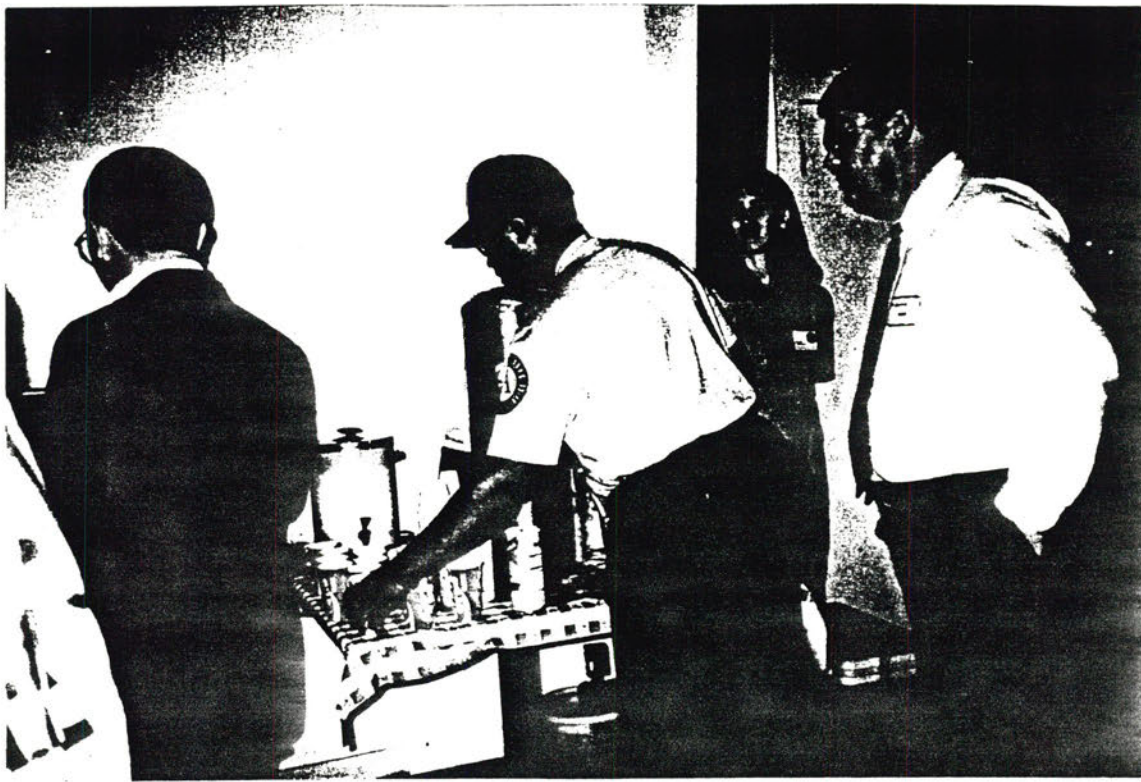
*For I know the plans I have for you,
"declares the Lord," Plans to prosper
you and not to harm you. Plans to give
you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

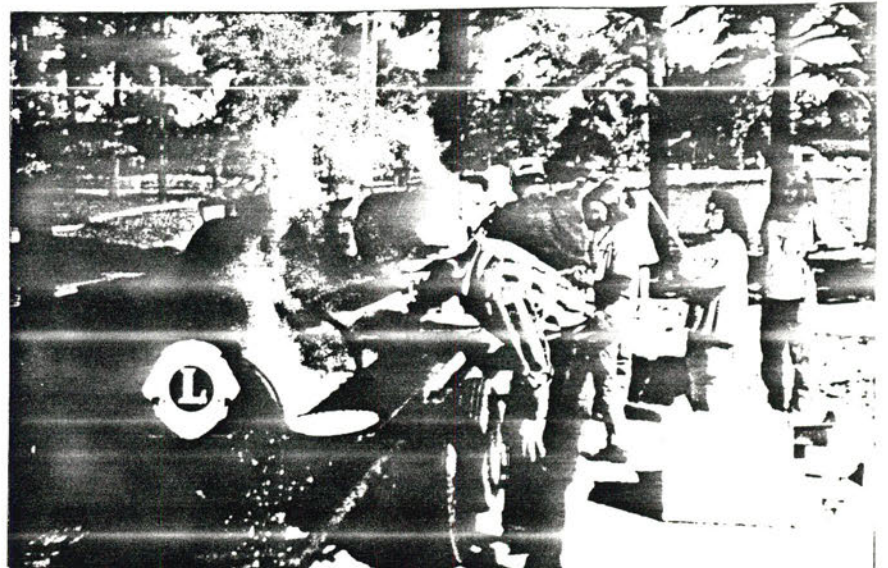
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AmeriCorps members volunteer their services at the opening of the Hope Youth Ranch near Minden. Duties include decorating, greeting guests, preparing & serving lunch, and leading tours of the facilities.

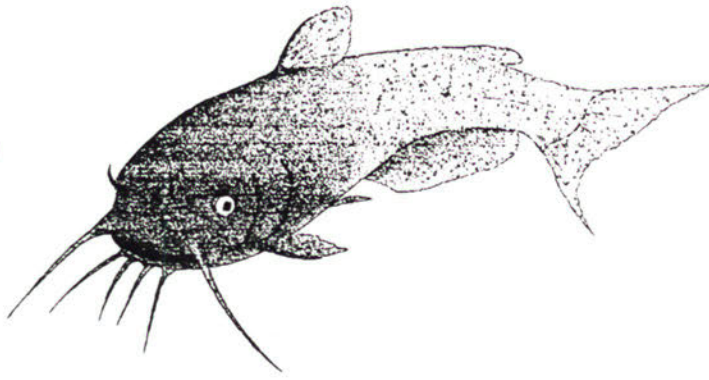


● TREE PLANTING IN TALLULAH

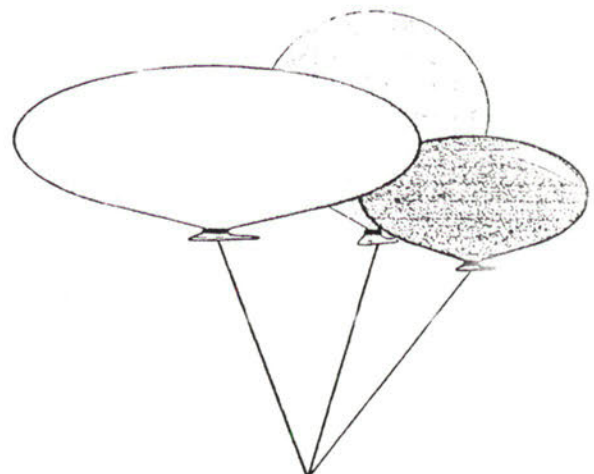
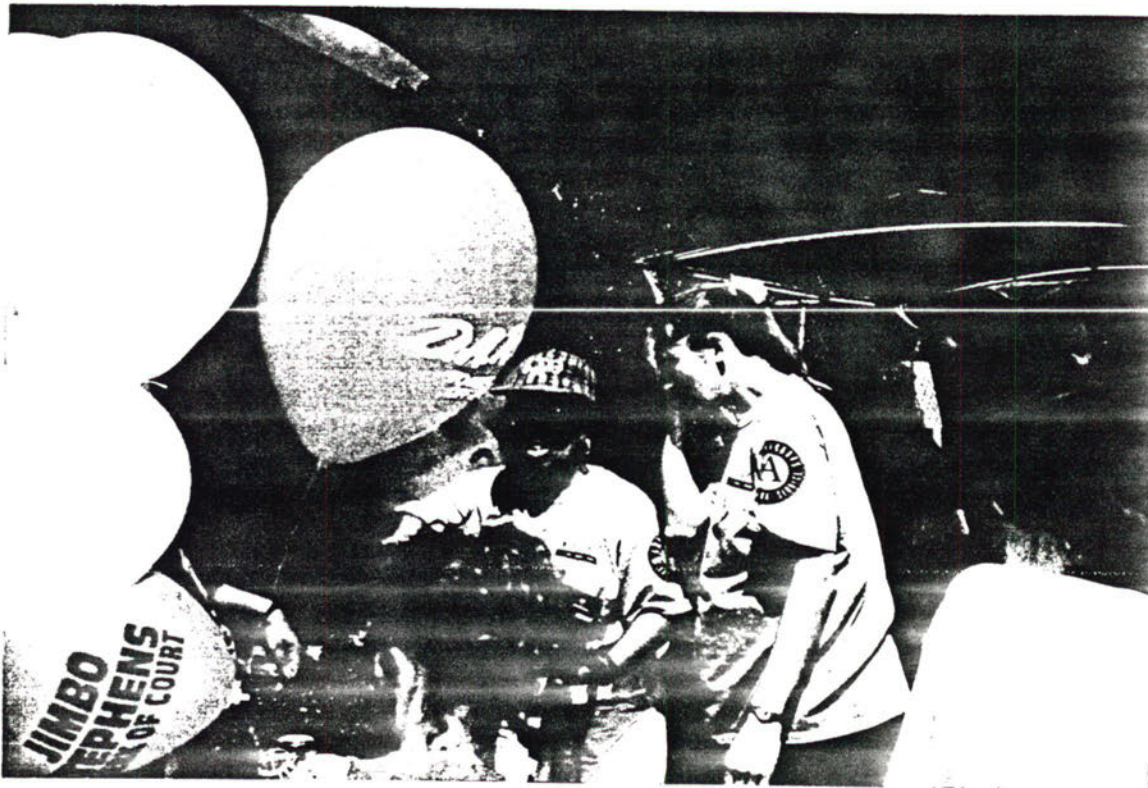


Carl Collins, Alicia Trissler, and Anthony Bridgewater (District Conservationist, Tallulah).

March 3
Organized by Carl Collins



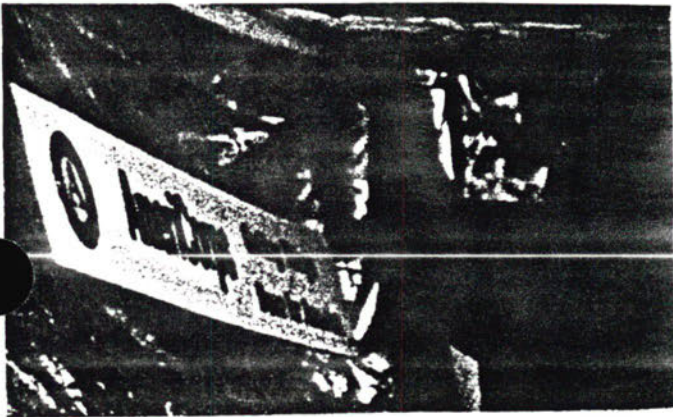
FRANKLIN PARISH CATFISH FESTIVAL



April 8

Organized by:

Judy Ned & Sandi Eley





APRIL 25 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

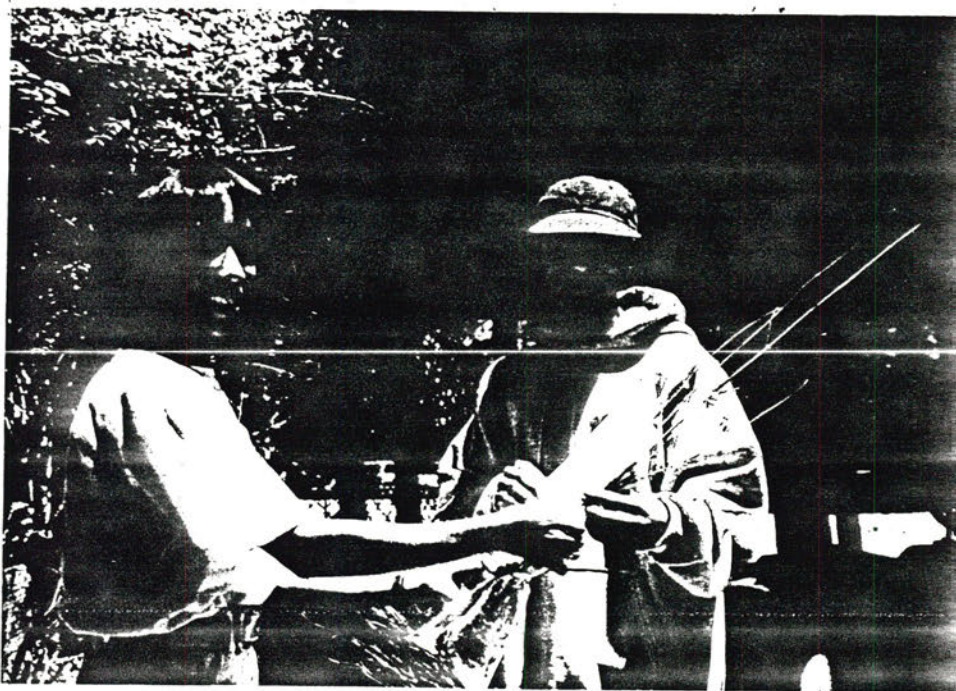


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**ALLEN PARISH FOR
AWARENESS WEEK**

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Allen Parish Electric Co.	J&K Electric Co.	KNOX Martin
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DRY HYDRANTS KICK-OFF

The Statewide Dry Hydrants Program

April 28, 1995

Winnfield, LA.

Alexandria Daily Town Talk

Briefs

Dry hydrant field day

WINNFIELD — The kick off meeting for the statewide Dry Hydrants Program will be next Friday, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The field day will be held in the Forestry Building located at the Winn Parish Fairgrounds.

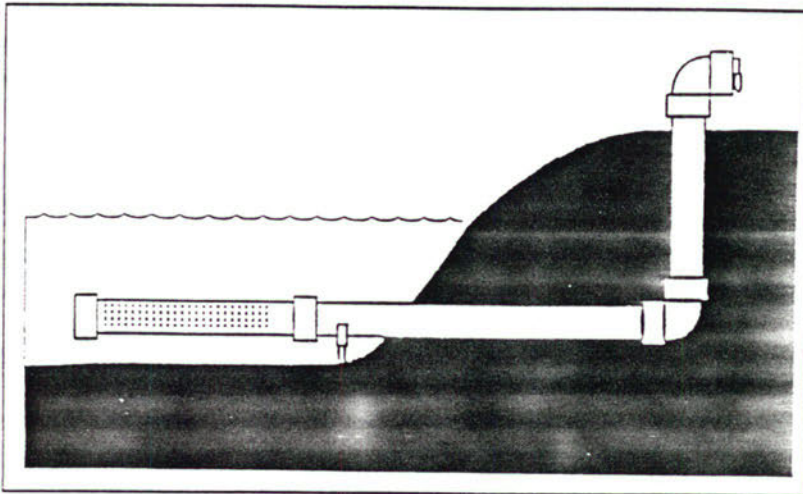
The field day is a chance for local officials to gain a better understanding about the installation and importance of dry hydrants in rural Louisiana.

Parish project coordinators, fire protection personnel, police jurors, road supervisors and others have been invited to attend.

Trailblazer RC&D of Ruston was awarded a \$998,984 contract from the Department of Natural Resources to install 2,015 dry hydrants throughout the state. They are the primary contractor for the project, which is estimated to cost \$1.8 million. The additional money will come from in-kind donations.

Dry hydrants are non-pressurized pipe systems permanently installed in existing lakes, ponds or streams. They solve the problem of hauling water over long distances by providing natural, unprocessed water for use.

They may improve rural fire protection by reducing the time a water tanker would spend traveling. The reduction could reduce insurance rates in those areas.



Organized by Angela Norsworthy



Trailblazers head project

\$998,000 to fund dry hydrants in Louisiana

Staff Report

Louisiana's rural population and local government agencies have received good news about rural road maintenance and fire protection with the announcement of the approval of \$998,984 for the implementation of a statewide dry hydrant project.

The announcement came from Jack McClanahan, secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, for the funds which are oil overcharge money.

The dry hydrant project will be coordinated by Trailblazer Inc. of Ruston and will improve the state's rural fire

protection system through the installation of 2,000 dry hydrants all over the state.

As primary contractor for the project, Trailblazer brings three years of experience to the effort, following the organization's successful pilot program that was completed in 1992.

According to Trailblazer officials, approval for this current project came about through the combined efforts of Trailblazer, DNR, area RC&D councils as well as parish police juries.

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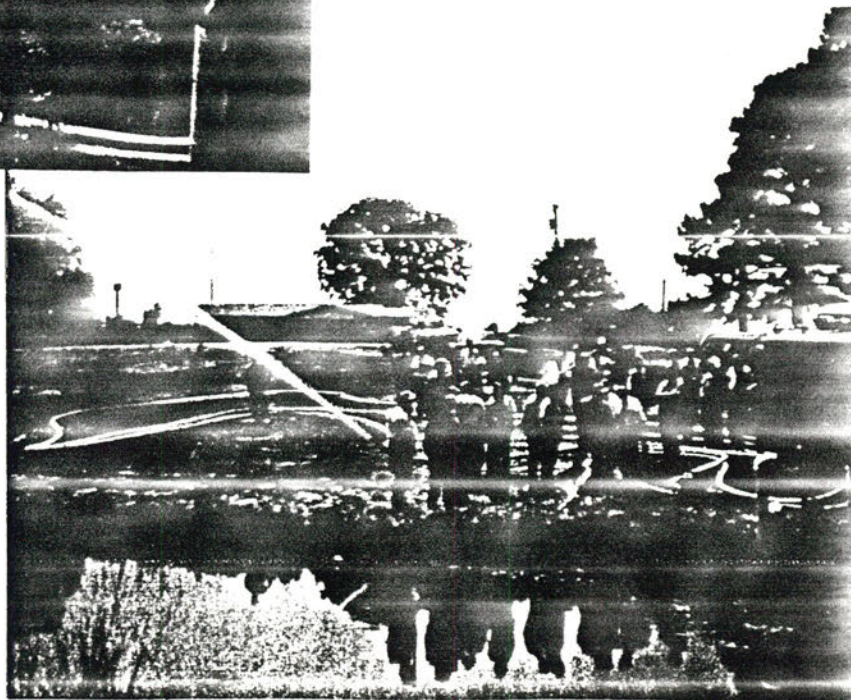
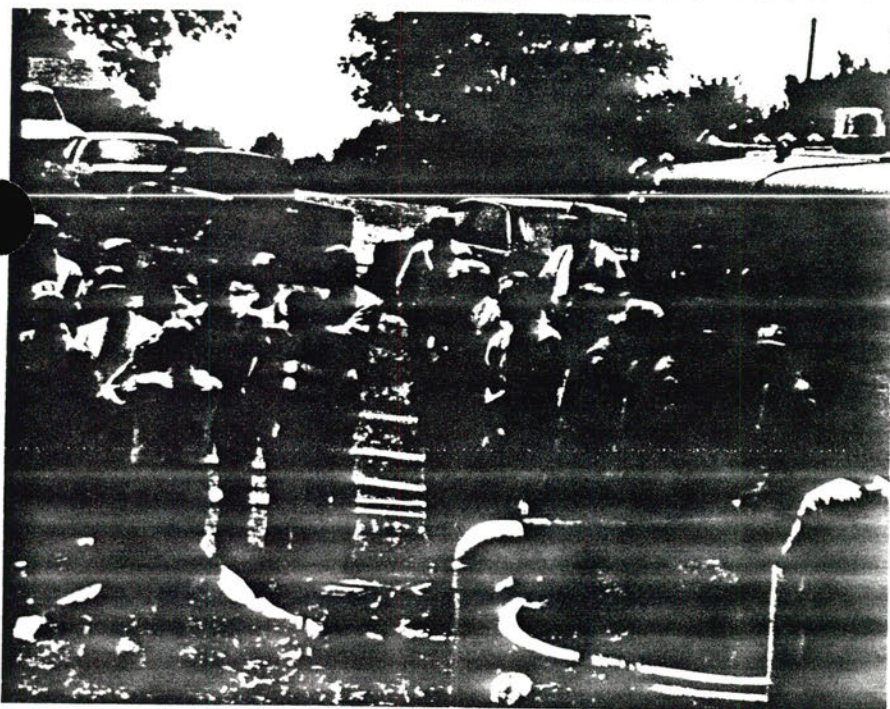
Properly installed, dry hydrants can

solve the problem of hauling water over long distances by providing natural, unprocessed water for use.

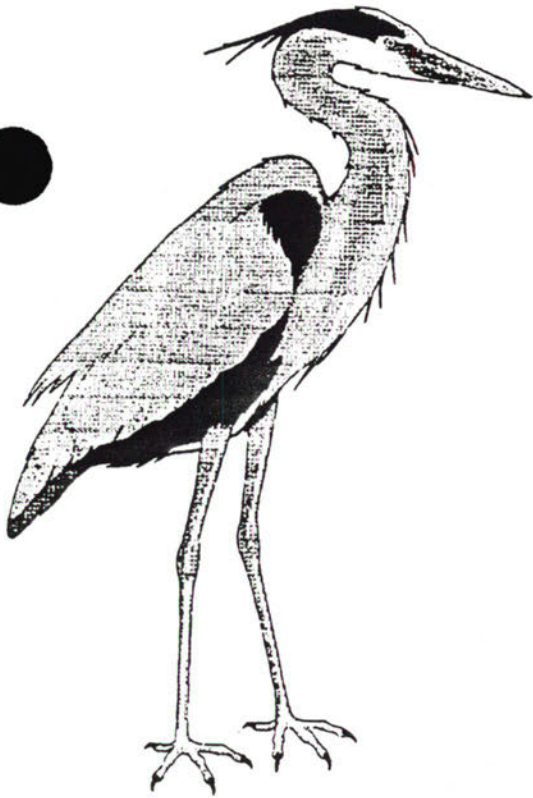
Trailblazer Coordinator P. Ellzey Simmons pointed out that the multiple benefits awarded by dry hydrants include energy savings to consumers and road maintenance departments and improving rural fire protection and lower of fire insurance ratings.

Tanker trucks can tap these water supplies to fight rural fires and reduce the amount of time to supply water for rural fire-fighting efforts.

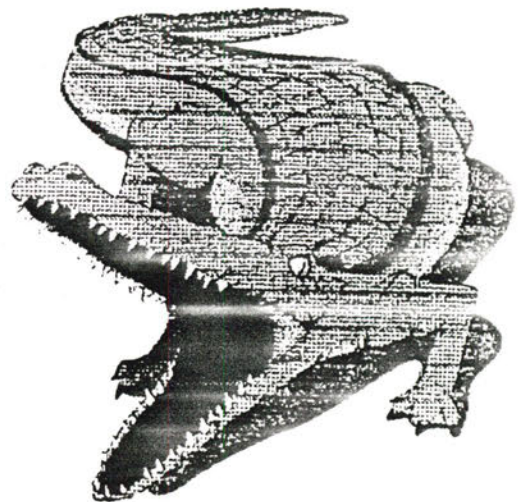
Water is also key to helping to maintain the numerous gravel roads in some rural parishes, Simmons said.

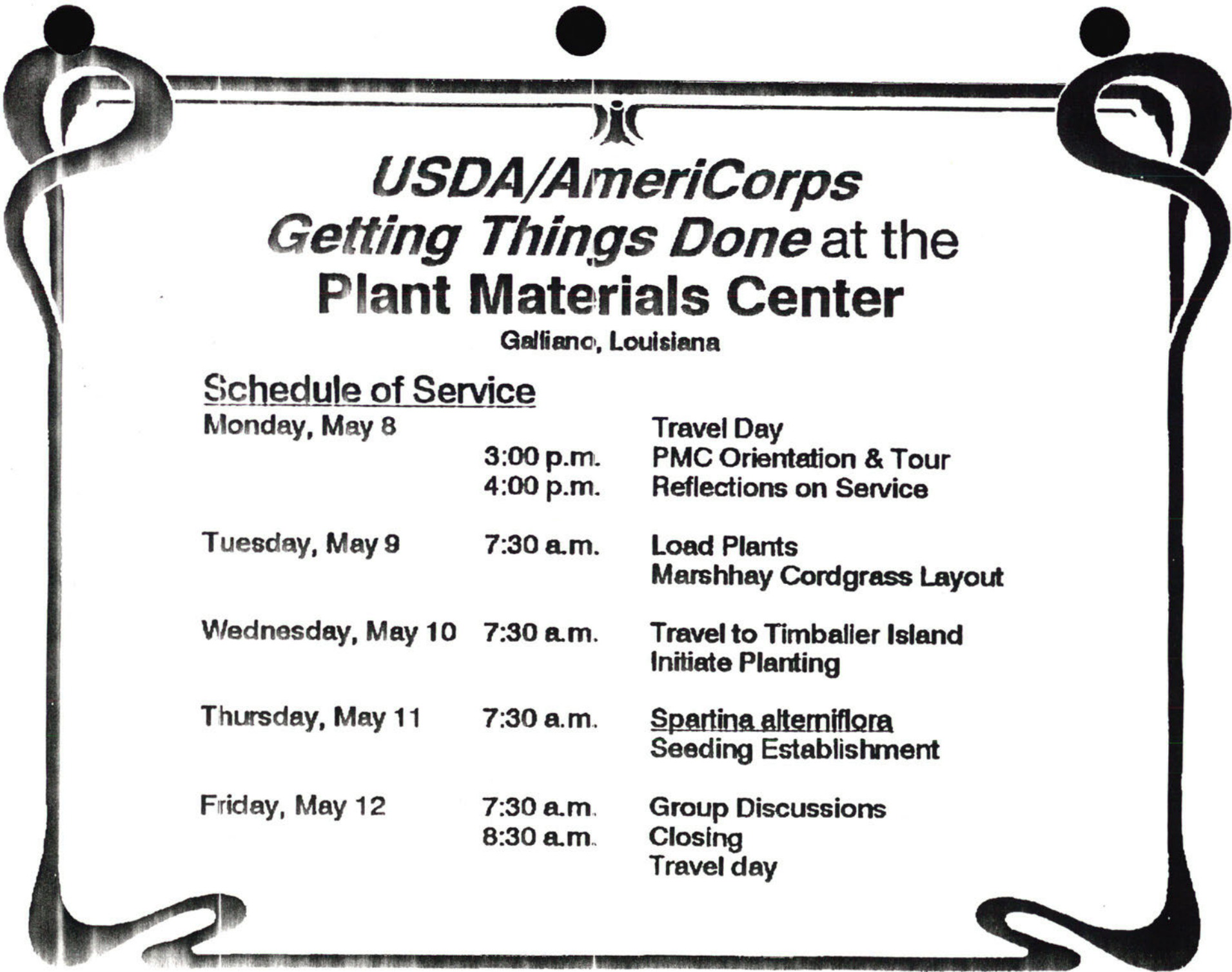


COASTAL RESTORATION IN GALLIANO



May 8 - 12





USDA/AmeriCorps ***Getting Things Done*** at the **Plant Materials Center**

Galliano, Louisiana

Schedule of Service

Monday, May 8

3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

Travel Day

PMC Orientation & Tour

Reflections on Service

Tuesday, May 9

7:30 a.m.

Load Plants

Marshhay Cordgrass Layout

Wednesday, May 10

7:30 a.m.

Travel to Timballer Island

Initiate Planting

Thursday, May 11

7:30 a.m.

Spartina alterniflora

Seeding Establishment

Friday, May 12

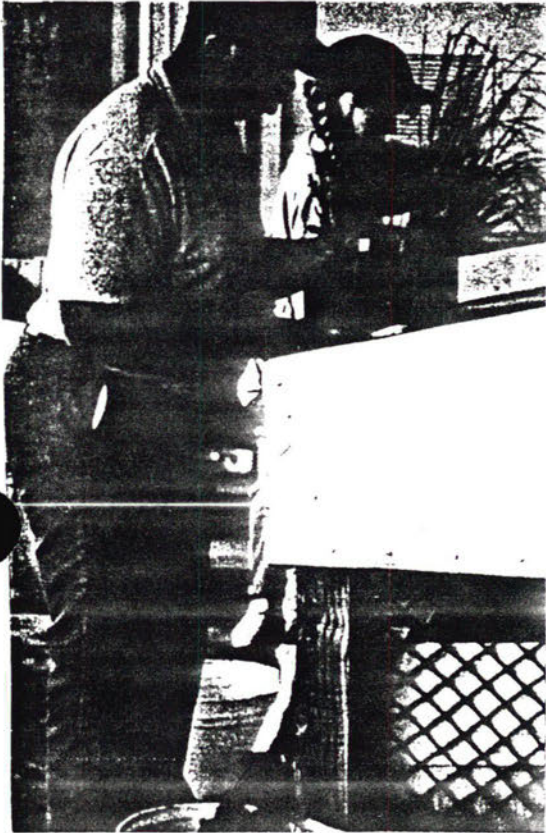
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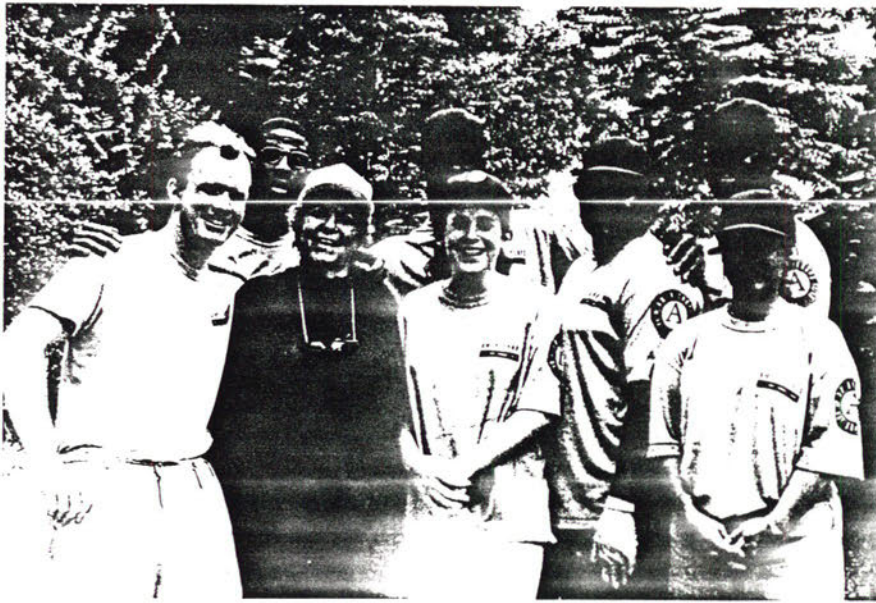
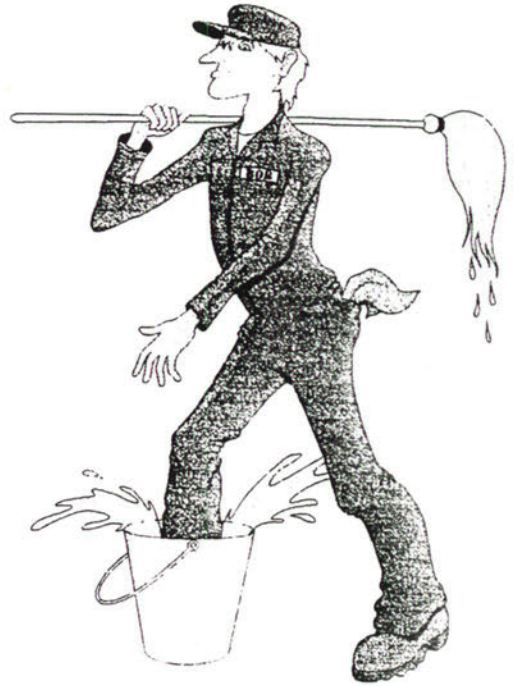
Closing

Travel day





FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS IN NEW ORLEANS



Front Row: Dominic Beggan, Mrs. LaChappelle (flood victim), Kim Kitterlin, Naomi Boley, Sandi Eley. Back Row: Henry Rosenthal, Wydette Williams, Carl Collins.

May 30 - June 2
Organized by Robin Torrence
Team Leader: Henry Rosenthal

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July 7, 1995

Mr. Richard B. Hoffpauir
RECD
3727 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302

Dear Mr. Hoffpauir:

On behalf of the Louisiana Serve Commission and AmeriCorps, I would like to extend my thanks for your assistance with helping the victims of floods in the New Orleans area. Your contribution to the flood recovery efforts was invaluable.

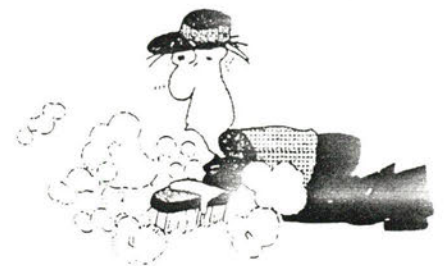
I trust your experience with helping all those in need was as rewarding for you as it was to the victims you assisted. You are truly an example of AmeriCorps' pledge of "getting things done."

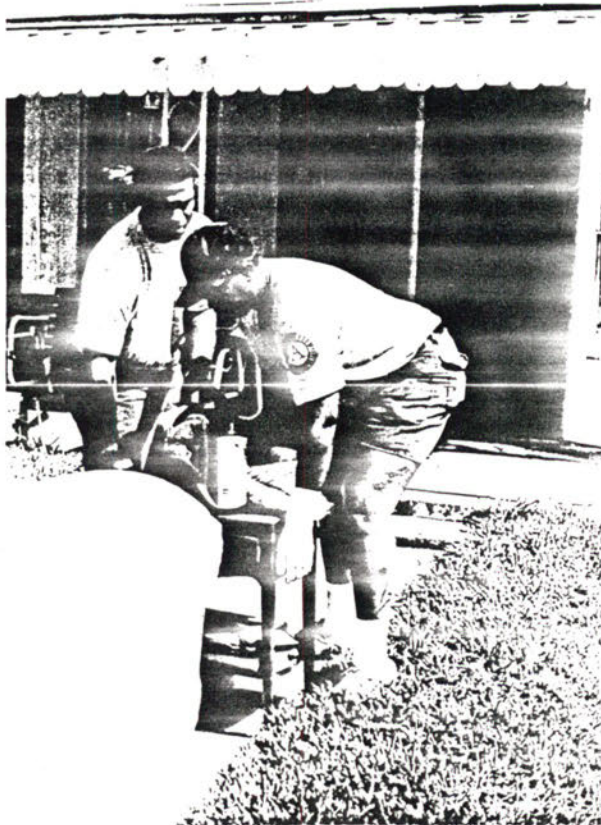
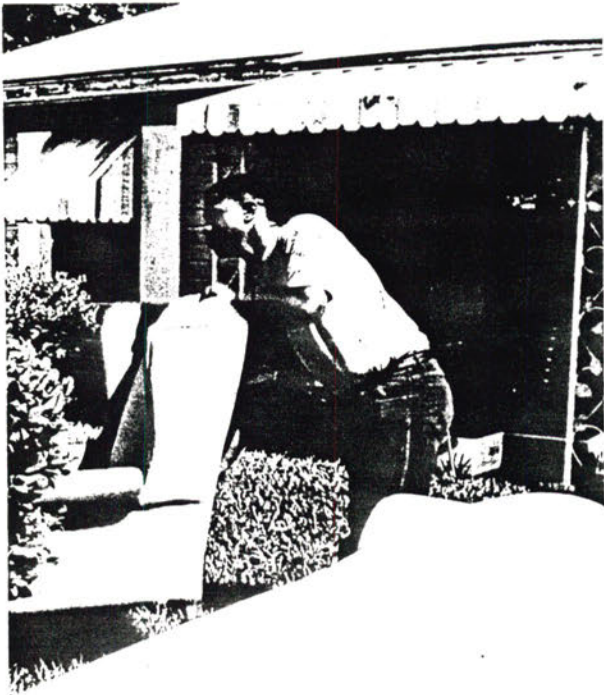
Thank you for your continued dedicated service to our country and state.

Very sincerely,

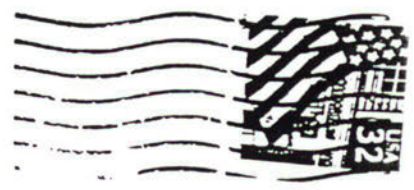


MELINDA SCHWEGMANN
Lieutenant Governor





Helen Allen
 223 Hickory Ave
 Hahnemann, La 70123



Mr. Austin J. Cormier
 State Director EMHA
 3727 Government St
 Alexandria, La. 71302

Dear Mr. Cormier,

No words can
 ever express how grateful
 I am for the wonderful
 help I received from
 Richard Hoffmann and his
 workers. I know that there
 are people ^{who} ~~that~~ care when
 others can not help themselves
 is something you can never
 forget. They were like
 Guardian Angels.

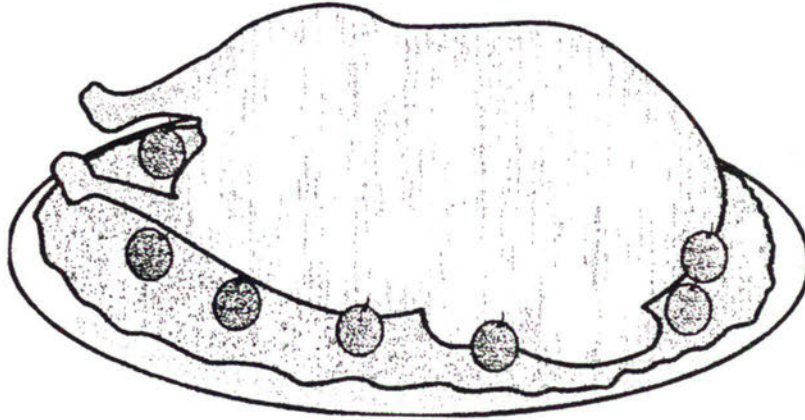
Again thank you from
 my heart and may God
 Bless each one of you

Thank you
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 Nancy Rosenthal
 Carl O. Collins
 Kimberly Ketterlie
 Dominac Beggar
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 Sandi L.
 Marie K.
 Richard

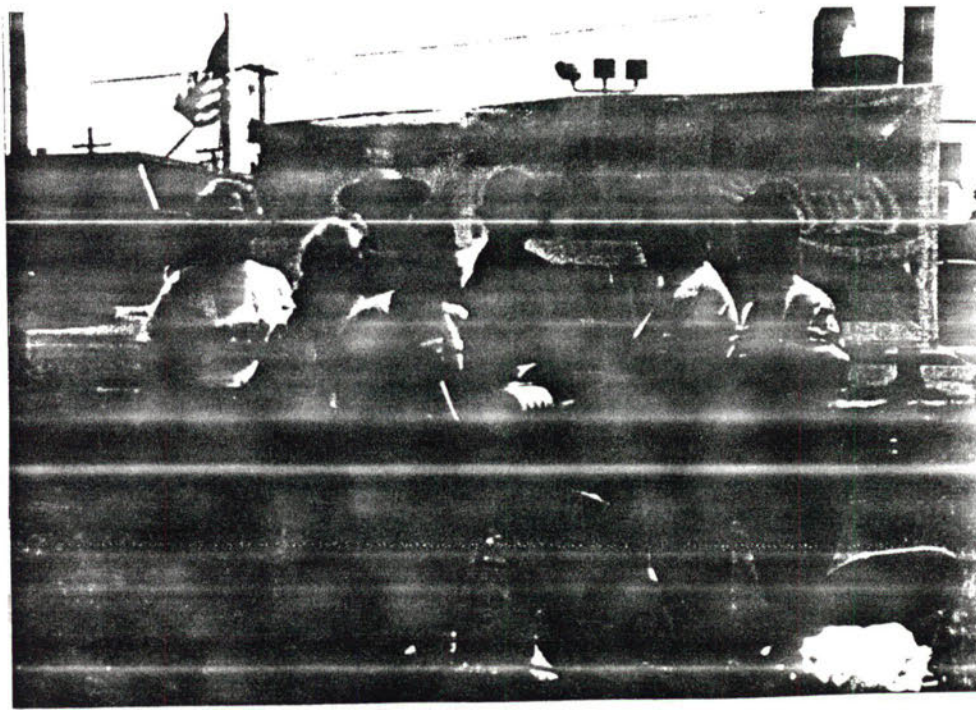
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Helen Allen

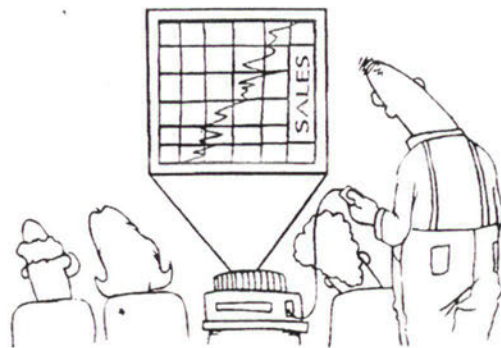
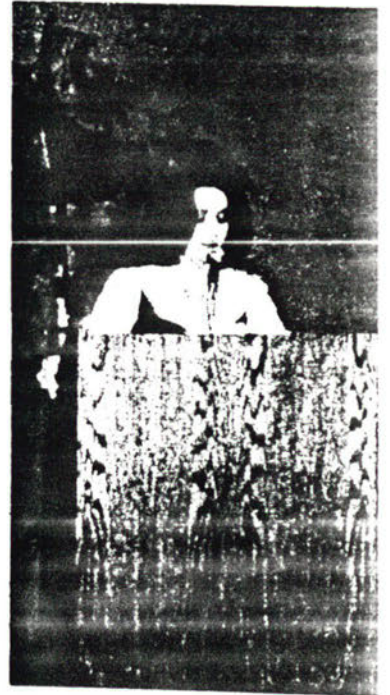
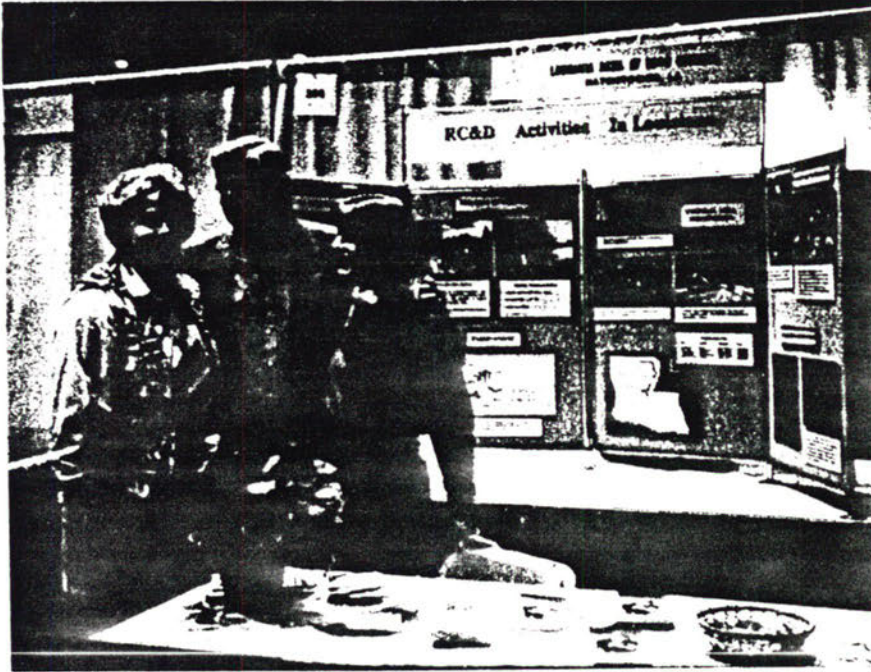
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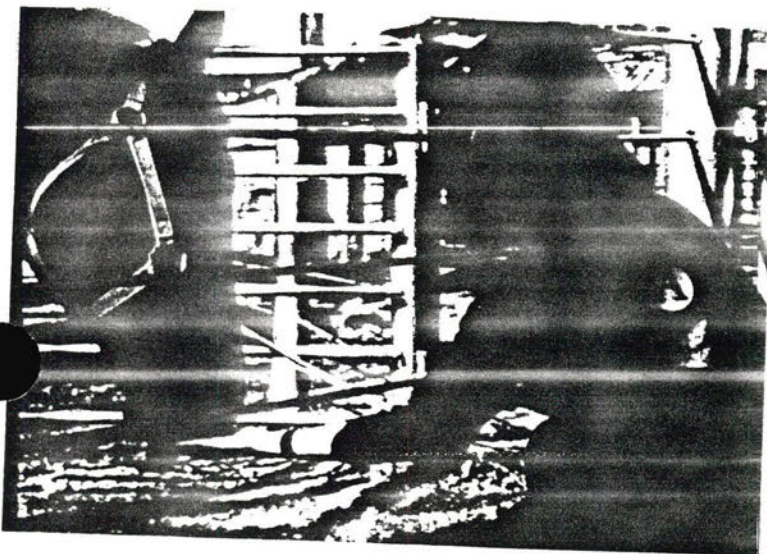
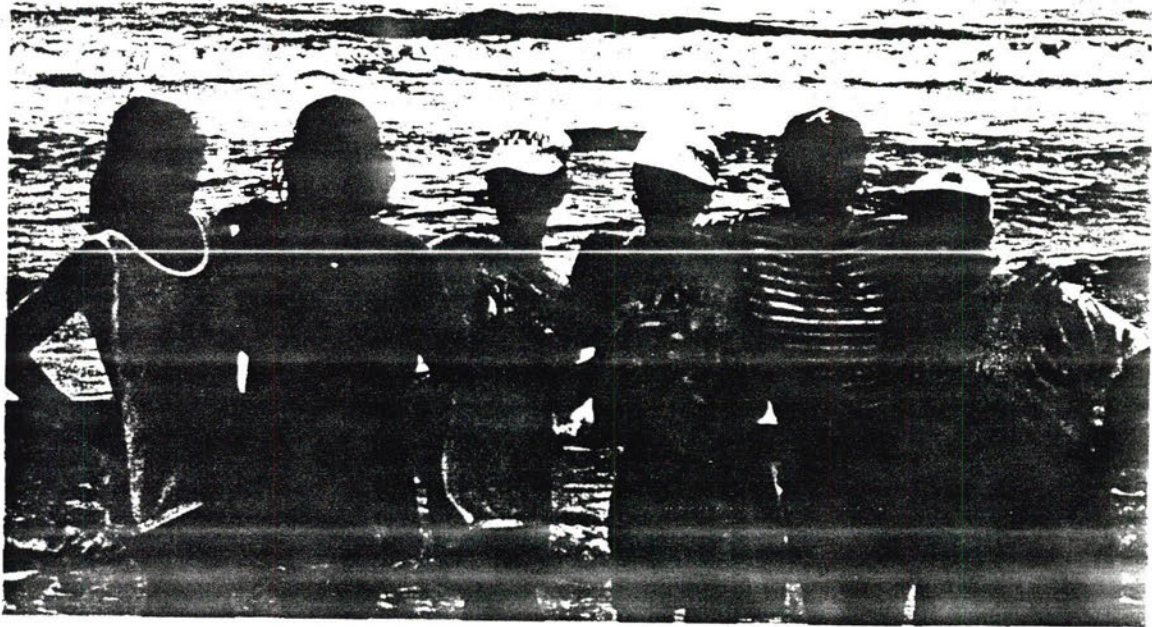
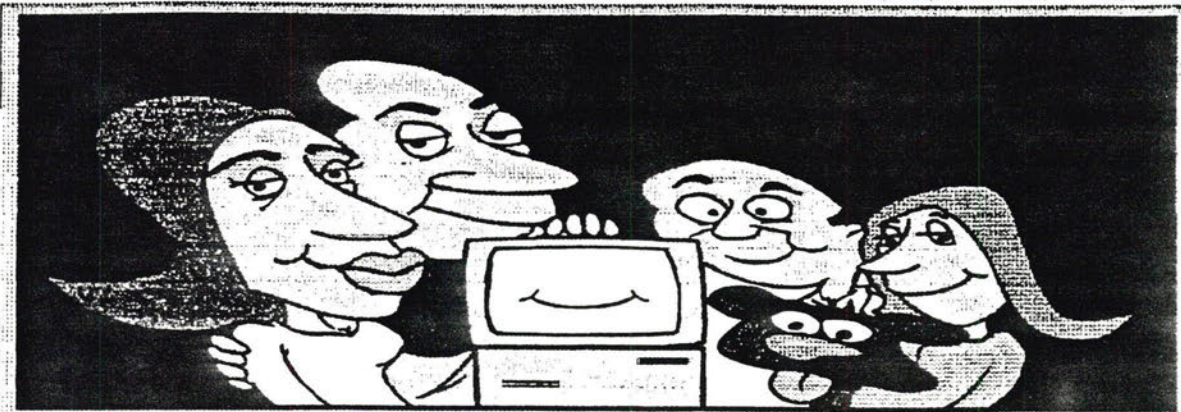
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Ferriday, Louisiana

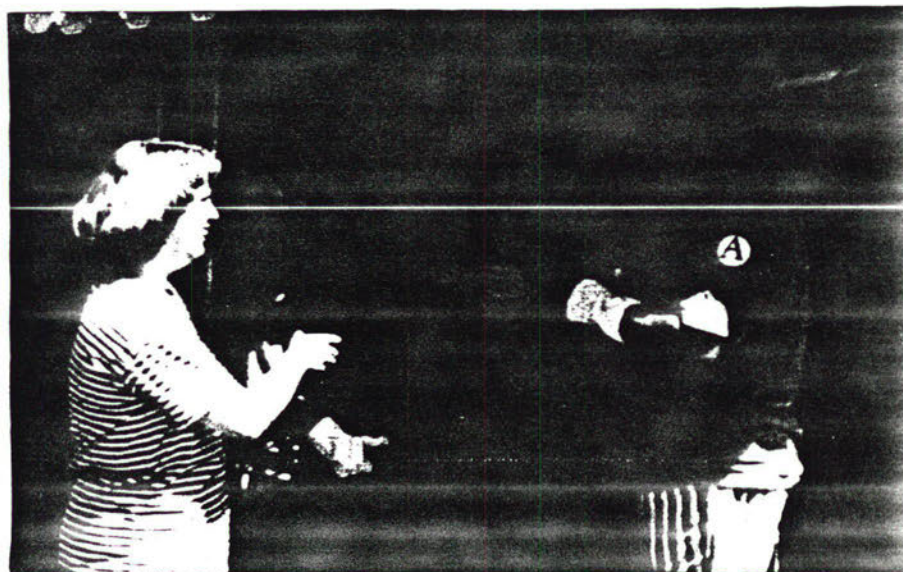


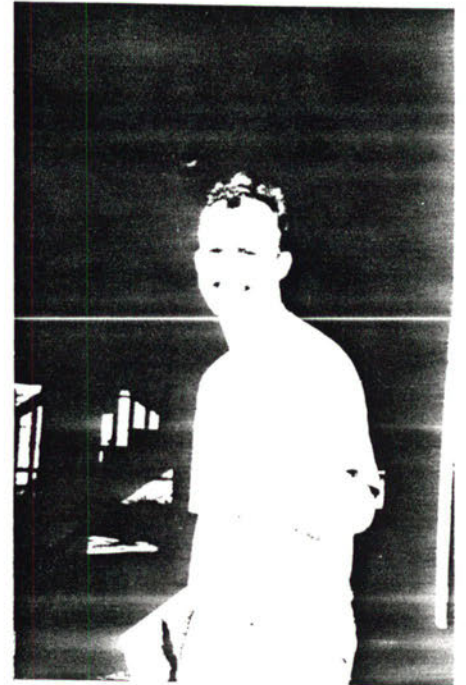
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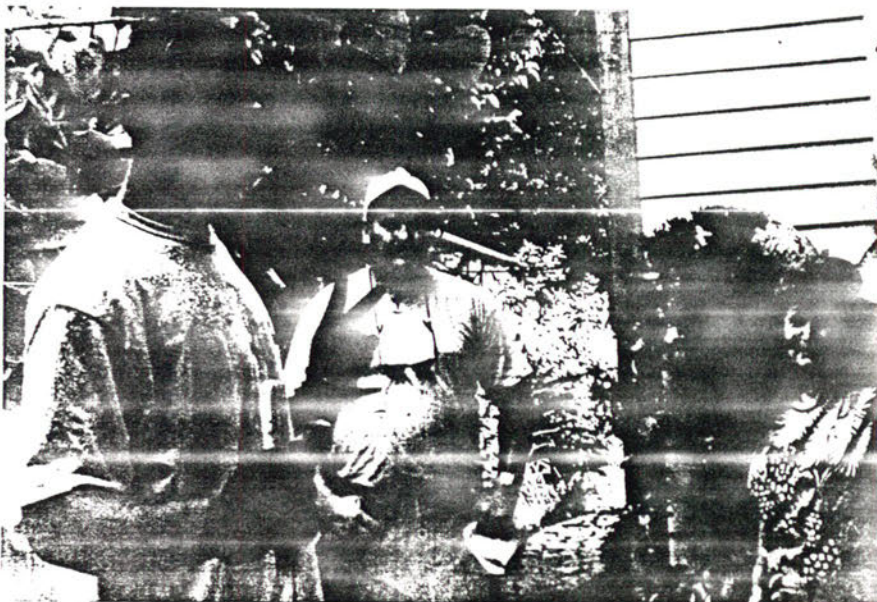


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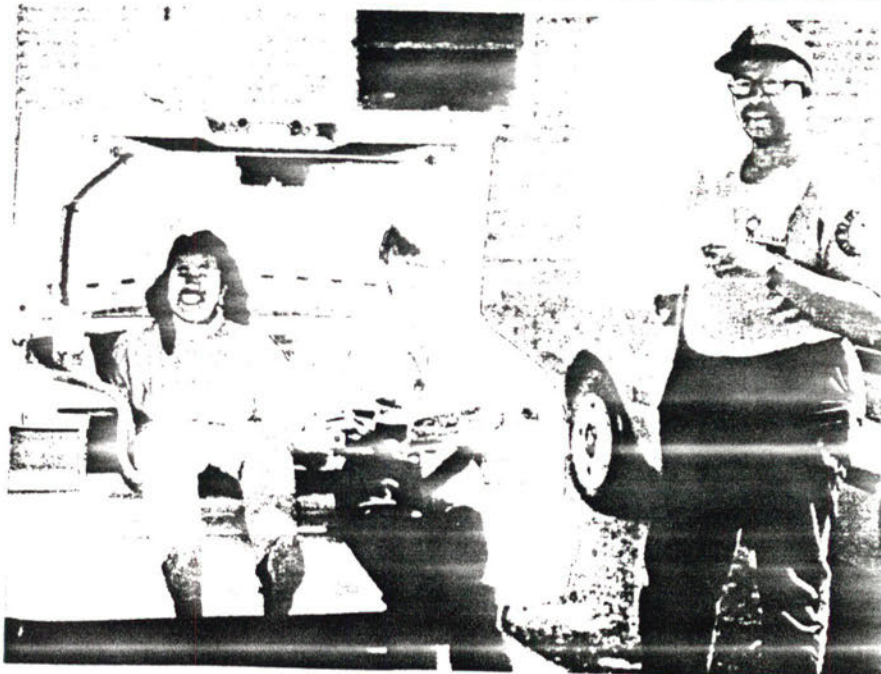












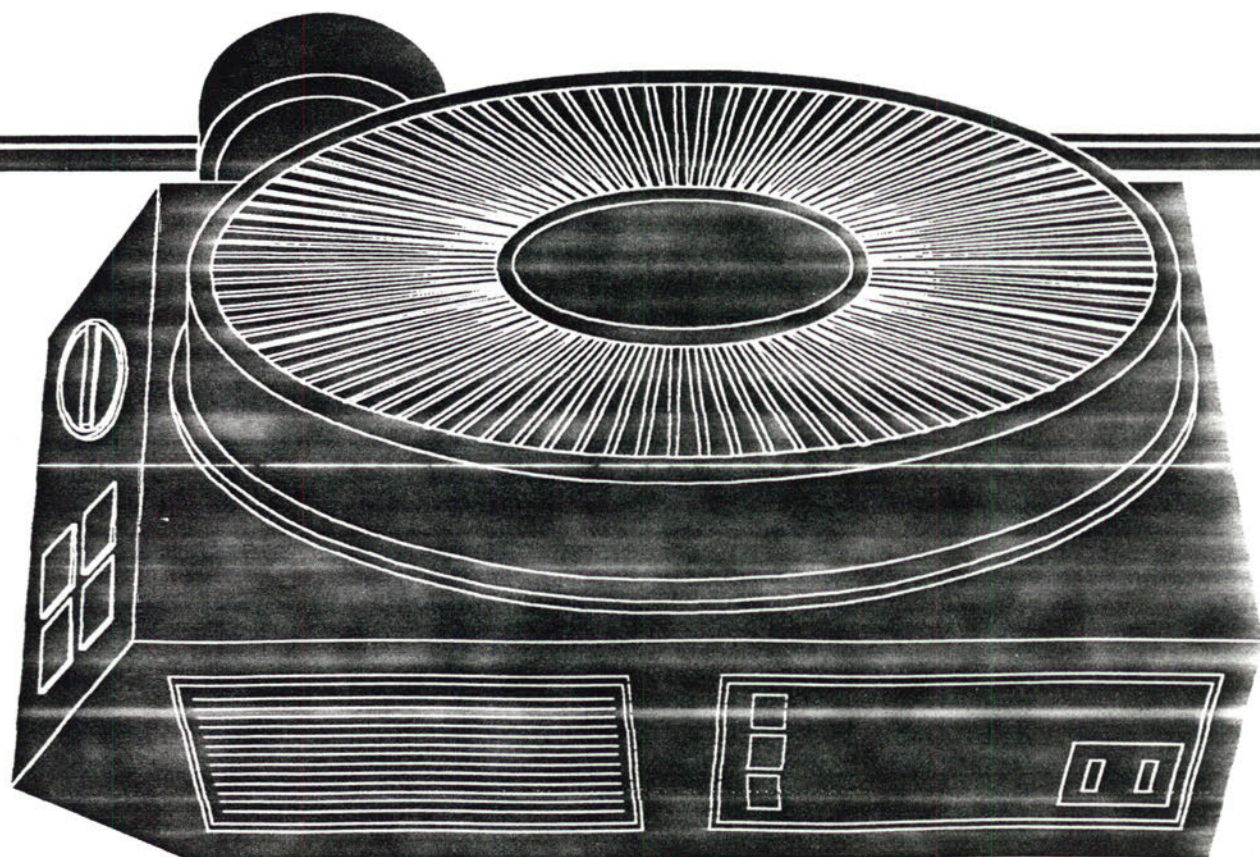
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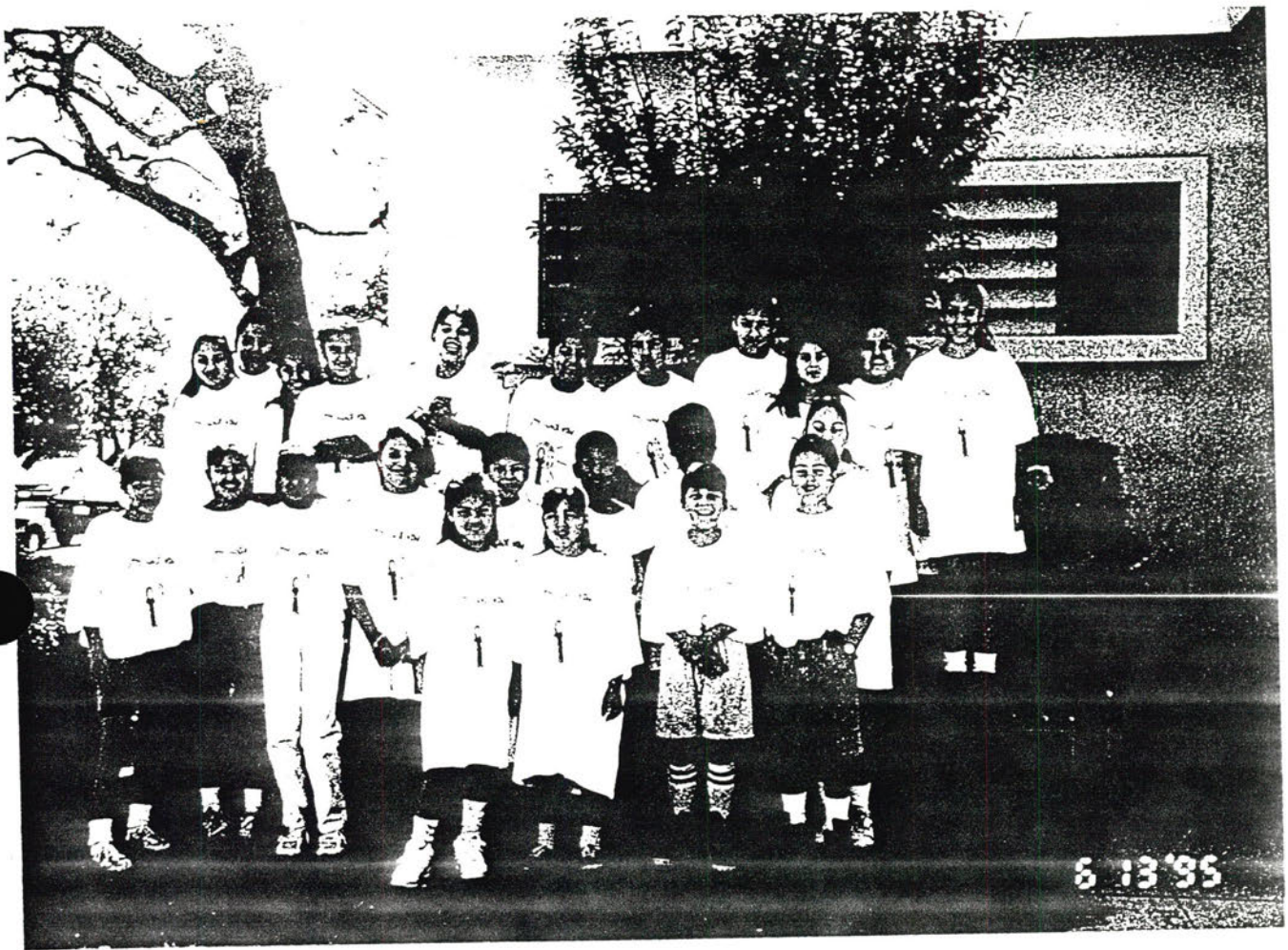
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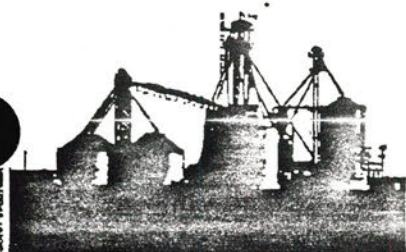
Farmers Can Assess Groundwater Threat

System Viewed As Valuable Tool to Reduce Contamination

By Robert J. Moreau and Jennifer B. Armand

FARMERS ACROSS LOUISIANA NOW HAVE THE opportunity to learn more about how their farming practices may affect drinking water supplies. They

can also help to determine the benefits of a federal program aimed at preventing pollution from agricultural activities.



The Farmstead Assessment System (Farm A Syst) has been accepted in many states as a valuable and welcomed tool to help farmers identify and reduce the risk of groundwater contamination. The program was developed and expanded nationally as part of a cooperative effort by three federal agencies: the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Cooperative Extension Service, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

As part of the Louisiana Farm A Syst pilot program, farmers in the nine Louisiana parishes of Acadia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Lafayette, Madison, Natchitoches, Sabine, Tensas, and Vermilion are now being given the opportunity to take a closer look at their farming practices from an environmental protection point of view.

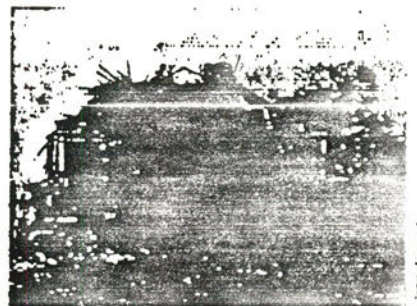
The program assists participating farmers in quantitatively evaluating groundwater contamination risk from their farming practices. It also helps to reduce this risk by providing guidance on actions, called best management practices, that can aid in pre-

venting pollution.

During the risk assessment process, the farmer, either alone or with the help of his parish agent, is asked to fill out a series of worksheets on various topics. These include the condition and location of wells, pesticide and fertilizer storage and handling, petroleum product storage, hazardous waste management, wastewater treatment, livestock waste management, the soil characteristics of the farm, and other subjects.

As part of the pilot implementation of Farm A Syst in Louisiana, Extension Associate Bill Carney and others from the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service will conduct farmer workshops held in conjunction with other agricultural meetings and will schedule one-on-one sessions with farmers to help them assess their farm.

The NRCS is offering support to the Farm A Syst implementation in Louisiana through its district conservationist agents. Meanwhile, three volunteers from AMERICORPS, President Clinton's national service program, who are also participating in the



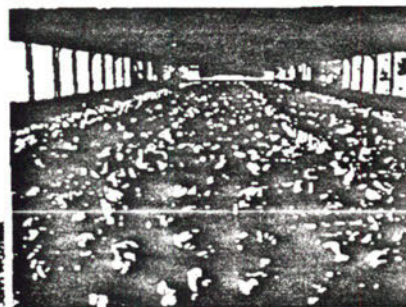
Louisiana Farm A Syst project have set a goal to conduct 30 personal visits each with farmers to assist them with the farmstead risk assessment.

Significantly, Louisiana's participation in the national risk assessment and farmstead pollution pre-

vention project has an interesting twist. In addition to identifying potential sources of groundwater contamination on farms, information gathered from participating Louisiana farmers will be used by researchers at the University of Wisconsin in Madison to provide an understanding of the benefits and costs associated with the Farm A Syst program.

One of the benefits that will be evaluated is the money spent by farmers to reduce pollution risks to groundwater once these risks are identified through the Farm A Syst worksheets. In other words, money spent to correct a potential environmental problem is viewed as a benefit to the farmer, since contaminated groundwater would be viewed as a liability. This may be thought of as a farmer's "willingness to pay" to reduce his risk of contaminating groundwater resources.

Other benefits that will be examined, but are not



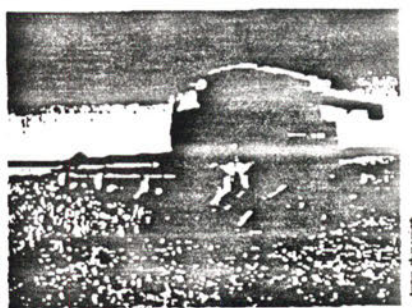
measured in economic terms, are increased knowledge of environmental protection and changes in perceptions of how farming activities can affect

groundwater supplies. To obtain this information, participating farmers will complete a set of surveys, issued before and after they assess the condition of their farm, that will determine how much they have learned about environmental issues by participating in the program.

The Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation has volunteered to serve as a third-party clearinghouse entity responsible for collecting the surveys and ensuring confidentiality.

Costs of the program will be measured in terms of the funds utilized by national, state, and local government agencies to develop, implement, and administer the program. These figures will be gathered from the participating agencies.

This benefit/cost study is the first of its kind for any Farm A Syst program in the country and will provide



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Louisiana with national recognition for its role in this important research. Other states may choose to use the study to evaluate the effectiveness of their Farm A Syst programs.

A final report on the results of the Louisiana Farm A Syst benefit/cost study is anticipated in August 1995.

Extension Service, NRCS, and AMERICORP's volunteers are currently distributing the Farm A Syst packets, including pollution risk assessment worksheets and evaluation surveys, and have a tentative goal to issue 1,300 of the packets by April 30, 1995.

Farmers interested in participating in the Louisiana Farm A Syst program are asked to contact Bill Carney of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service in Baton Rouge at (504) 388-6998, or Billy Moore of the NRCS in Alexandria at (318) 473-7768.

For more information on the benefit/cost study itself, individuals may contact Gary Jackson, National Farm A Syst Program Director, at (608) 265-2775, or Professor John Strasma of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Department of Agricultural Economics, at (608) 262-6974. ■

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