



Pictured here is the prize-winning Grand Champion steer of the Fatstock Show held in Elizabeth City last week. The steer was the entry of Lloyd Ray Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Morgan. It was sold at a top price of 52 cents, at auction following the show.



Hot dry summer weather will soon be with us again and I wish to emphasize the fact that plenty of water is essential to good quality in vegetables, especially the fast-growing leafy crops. If they lack sufficient water for just a few days they will become stunted, fibrous and tough. During hot weather vegetables require about one inch of water each week, whether it is supplied artificially or by rain. Of course they will survive without that much water but they will be of much lower quality because of the stunted growth.

It is a lot of trouble to stake tomatoes but it pays. You can control disease better and you will have less sun scald. Prune the plants to two main stems and tie them to the stakes with soft twine or "twistems". A mulch will help prevent blossom-end

rot and will usually increase yields of early fruit.

If you like summer greens you should try New Zealand spinach. There is still time to plant it and make a good summer crop. It is not related to common spinach and most people who have tried it like it. The seeds are large, hard fruits. They should be soaked in water for a day before planting. Drop two seeds per hill with hills a foot apart. The plant is large and spreading. The part harvested is the tender growing tip—about three inches of the stem with the young leaves.

Don't neglect insect and disease control for a single day. The bugs don't go fishing even on Sundays. Nobody likes to eat wormy cabbage or greens that are full of aphids.

Army's 'Finger' In U. S. Dikes Saves Lives And Property

The U. S. Army's flood-control program has prevented billions of dollars in property damage during the past 75 years, but each year the battle of the levees must be fought all over again.

When rain-swollen rivers rise above flood stage, lowland dwellers look to the Army's Corps of Engineers for fast, effective protection.

Army Engineers proved themselves again last May when continued downpours caused floods along the Sabine River in eastern Texas and in Louisiana along the Red, Black, Calcasieu and Cane Rivers. Areas affected were Weweyville and Orange, Texas, and Alexandria, Jena, Jonesville, Cloutierville, Camp Beauregard and Lake Charles, La.

In Orange, the Sabine River broke its previous record. That city is an important port and the home of oil refineries and the largest U.S. Navy mothball fleet in the country.

By spending \$200,000, flood damages estimated at \$5,000,000 (M) were prevented.

As the Sabine River rose, the Engineers kept a watchful eye on the approaching crest and used the information to prepare for the flood

fight. They also supervised construction of a 12,000-foot-long levee built in 48 hours of round-the-clock work by volunteer laborers.

Twenty hours after the levee was finished, the river reached its crest and for days pounded against the sturdy emergency structure without crashing through.

The Army also furnished many of the 400,000 sandbags used to reinforce the levee and the Corps' radio facilities helped provide communication when many telephone lines were out of service.

In Louisiana, Army assault boats and pontoon bridge sections equipped with outboard motors served as present-day Noah's arks to evacuate 200 persons and 150 cattle from flood areas.

Equipment from Fourth Army Quartermaster depots and from Camp Polk, La., and Fort Hood, Texas, furnished temporary shelter and relief for the majority of persons forced out of their homes by the floods. The equipment included 4,300 blankets, 3,743 cots, 1,370 tents and 40 trucks and trailers.

As streets and highways were transformed into torrential canals, Army helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft became the only speedy systems of transportation for state and flood officials. Army aviation pilots also helped anxious flood victims search for persons and livestock marooned by rapidly rising waters.

As usual in flooded areas, there was "water, water, everywhere but not a drop to drink"—at least in some sections. Fort Hood furnished two water

purification and two chlorination units, 50 water sterilizing bags, eight water heaters and eight field ranges for use in the Lake Umaries area. When the flood finally reached its crest and rivers returned to normal

chemicals. Army personnel maintained their regular posts with excellent performance to their credit. In another major disaster they had helped save lives and millions of dollars worth of valuable property.



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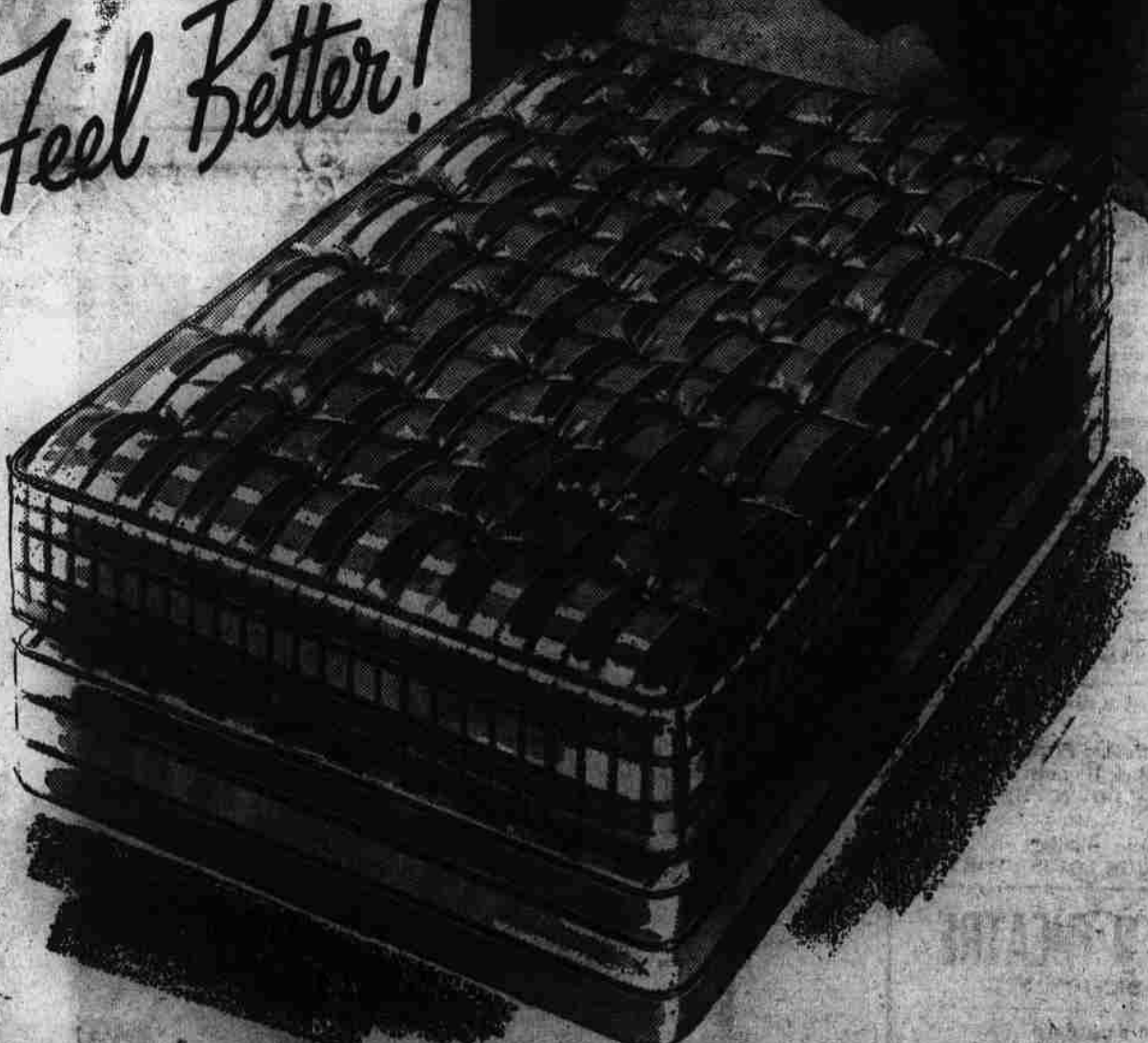
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