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Travis County  
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L. J. Luedecke, Travis County 4-H leader, keeps a small, excellent flock of registered Rambouillet sheep. He says the principal reason why he keeps them is to supply good breeding and feeding animals to 4-H Club boys.

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This Plainsman milo produced nearly two tons of grain per acre for Jim T. Glass, farmer in the Colorado River valley below Austin. Glass was one of the Travis County farmers who cooperated closely with the county agent on cotton insect control in 1950.

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The Travis County 4-H Dairy Club, organized in July, now has 19 members owning more than 20 dairy animals. The September monthly meeting was held on Hillcrest Farms where the owner, Harry Peterson, gave a short course in judging Guernsey cattle.

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John Dale Weaver, Jr. is one of several Travis County 4-H boys who are developing registered beef heifers. This animal is one of two such that Jonny is planning to use for a foundation herd.

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Travis County 4-H boys see a club steer "taped" for weight during the annual 4-H beef tour in July. The steer was bred by Claude W. Voyles of Austin and is being fed for the county show next March by Charles Dye of the Open County Club.



Over 100 people attended the annual 4-H beef tour in July. One of the stops was to see the two steers on feed by Kermit Hees, outstanding 4-H boy of Travis County.

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Raymond McElroy, Fulmore 4-H member in Travis County, profited \$50.51 from 196 broilers in 1950. He received a red ribbon in the Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest.

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David Johnson, member of the UJH boys' 4-H club in Travis County, received 300 white leghorn baby chicks from Sears Roebuck Foundation on March 21, 1950. He now has 150 laying pullets which he developed from the 300 straight run chicks.

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David L. Johnson, member of the UJH boys' 4-H club in Travis County, scored 99 points on his Sears poultry in 1950. During 1950 he raised 150 laying pullets and 1,341 broilers at a profit of \$549.97.

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Alton Bauerle, member of the Open County boys' 4-H club in Travis County, scored 84 points on his Sears Turkeys in 1950.

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Kermit Hees, outstanding Travis County 4-H boy, produced 304 lbs. of lint cotton per acre, profit of \$116.81 per acre on his 4 contest acres in 1950.

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David Gault, President of the Austin D.H.I.A., insures steady milk production from his 50 cow herd in cold and dry months by feeding silage from his trench silo.

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Travis County 4-H boys made rapid progress in field crops in 1950, partly because of the 4-H crops contest sponsored by the local International Harvester dealer. Robert Lawrence Pfluger of Pflugerville, one of 33 field crops contestants, produced 4,115 lbs. of sweet sudan hay per acre at a profit of \$27.81. He harvested the crop from his 2 acres for feeding to his 4-H beef and dairy cattle.



Max Will Kretschmar was one of 21 Travis 4-H boys who entered a cotton contest sponsored by the county farm bureau and the South Texas Cottonoil Co. He planted 4 acres of Cliett cotton, produced 261 lbs. lint per acre at a profit of \$82.59 per acre. Here he shows the contest sponsors his crop during the annual tour.

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Outstanding results in producing grazing for dairy cows and building soils with a combination of grasses and legumes and phosphate fertilizer were shown Travis County dairymen on the David Gault Farm in April. The occasion was the annual meeting of the Austin D.H.I.A. where 100 dairymen were guests of the Association.

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The Conservation Department of the Lower Colorado River Authority is lending a big hand to the range improvement program in Travis and nine other Colorado River valley counties. Here Max Starcke, General Manager, L. C. R. A. examines little bluestem grass on land owned by the Authority where bursh eradication and re-grassing plots were conducted in 1950.

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Eradicating brush on cut-over and burned-over cedar land with a medium sized crawler tractor, equipped with a specially designed grubber was demonstrated to Travis County ranchers on a field trip in September. The equipment was designed and demonstrated by Basdall Gardner on his own ranch near Leander in Travis County.

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"Chaining" was one of the three methods of brush eradication demonstrated Travis County ranchers on a field trip in September, 1950. The Fitzsimmons Ranch in Llano County was the location for this stop on the tour.



Eradicating brush with a rotary brush cutter was one of the three methods demonstrated Travis County ranchers on a field trip in September. The Dr. H. J. Hoerster Ranch in Llano County was the location and the demonstration was worked out with the cooperation of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

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