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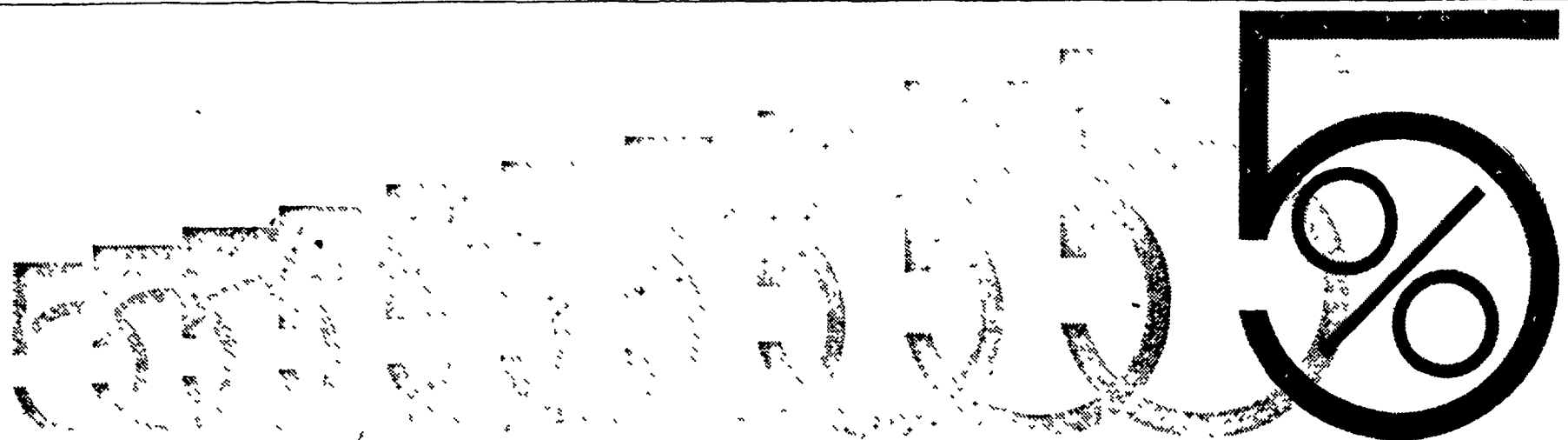


Amos Hively Writes

Dear Editor:

A few days ago I received a letter from a friend in Oklahoma who had read my letters in the LANCASTER FARMING paper, so I will try again. This is the middle of winter here, but so far it hasn't been at all "hard to take." The days usually always get up to 60 degrees and the night temperature 40 degrees to 45 degrees. The only disagreeable days are when the westerly winds blow, which is rather rare. Most of the winter grain crops have been planted. We had good rains during May which gave adequate moisture to start these grain crops, in most areas. In some of the larger paddocks (fields) I have seen three large drills being pulled with one tractor covering at least 50 feet. It is quite common to see paddocks of 200 to 500 acres. Because of the drought last summer, hay prices are very high. Good lucerne (alfalfa) is \$70-\$80 a ton. There has been considerable sorghum stubble, and dry corn stalks baled for cattle feed, and sold for 50¢ a bale. In spite of the drought, cattle numbers in Queensland have increased about 6% during the last year. A report of a few days ago stated the cattle population at 7.4 million and the sheep population at 20 million. Queensland is also the biggest pig raising state in Australia with about 1/2 million. The prices of cattle are holding at least steady with the best bullocks selling for 28¢ dressed weight. The price of ba-

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