

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An ode to a pond ...

The chance for any successful defense against large hog farms in the Texas Panhandle is more remote than ever. The proponents include special interest groups who are also politicians and individuals in the pork producing arena. The Texas Natural Resource conservation commission, the State of Texas ruling body as to whether permits for hog farms will be issued, will be responsive to politicians and those others who have interests in CAFO installations.

The will of the people in Gray county has been silenced on the subject of allowing hog farms in the county and therefore subjugated. This in itself is more damaging long range than the advent of hog farms.

Pampa is replete with talented individuals who would be able to write and stage an operetta based on the coming of the hog farms. Should such a production ensue, the following is available for inclusion in such a project. With apologies to the creators of the stage play "Oklahoma" and apologies to all Oklahoma residents who live in the area of Oklahoma hog farms, the melody of "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top" could be utilized as follows:

"The Slurry with Film on Top"

I always drive past that farm in a hurry,
that humongous pond full of slurry,
that humongous pond full of slurry
with the film on top.

The skies are brown
all over town
and the water is tasting furry
The birds are down, there's not a sound,
'tis said they were drinking slurry!

The folks at the farm said there wasn't any harm
in that humongous pond full of slurry
that humongous pond full of slurry
with the film on top.

The folks next door ain't there no more
You should have seen them scurry.
They said the flies got in their eyes
and their vision was a gittin' blurry.

That big lagoon is the hogs' restroom
in case you're ever queried.
The boars and sows all that's how
they are often wearied.
I hurry on by that pond full of slurry
with the film on top.

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