

Gerald Swaggart is Flying Cowboy

Takes Calves From Idaho to Taiwan



Of his recent trip to take cattle to Taiwan, Gerald Swaggart says "Now the people over there think that every American Cowboy wears blue and white striped overalls."

The airlift of 217 head of cattle was the first of three flights put together by Fulkeron and Associates. Members are Merv Fulkeron of Aloha, Don Norden of Kimberly, Ore. rancher and son-in-law of the Swaggarts, Claire Stratton, Boise, formerly of Pendleton who operates an airplane sales & service business and Wayne Baldwin, Boise. Mrs. Fulkeron is a daughter of a retired officer of the Taiwan Navy.

Gerald went along on the first flight with Frank Phillips because they both knew cattle. However Gerald says "Never again that's a job for a young man."

the same piece of land in a year. Temperatures were 60 to 85 degrees.

He was flown to Seoul for more questions by KAL. This was a first for them and they wanted to learn all the problems of this first trip and how to overcome them for future cattle trips.

He went shopping to buy his wife a double knit white silk suit and jade rings for his three daughters and Bonnie Buschke. Mr. Buschke helped with the chores at the Swaggart ranch while he was gone.

He Came Faster Than He Went
He arrived at LA International Airport after a brief stop at Honolulu and returned home that evening. He was gone just under a week.

The heifers will provide milk and later a calf and meat for the people of Taiwan. Since Gerald's return, the other two trips have been completed.

Arrive at Taiwan

Through a slip-up, customs didn't know the calves were coming and they didn't want them to unload and the cattle had to wait an hour.

Albert Lee, related to Mrs. Fulkeron was their interpreter. Very soon trucks of every description were on hand to haul the calves 35 miles to a brand new quarantine station. Tailgates were a bamboo pole or two. Gerald rode out with their head veterinarian. "Traffic was terrific. There's bicycles, ox carts, water buffalo and people in the road." At one time traffic moved to one side to let a train go by.

The new installation was brand new for these calves. They had shaded areas, cement troughs for feed bunks. They had taken enough medication for the calves' water for five days and for pink eye.

While he was explaining how to use the medication, he was told that a calf had been lost enroute. "Pitch dark in a rice paddy is no place to catch one scared calf". Gerald asked for a

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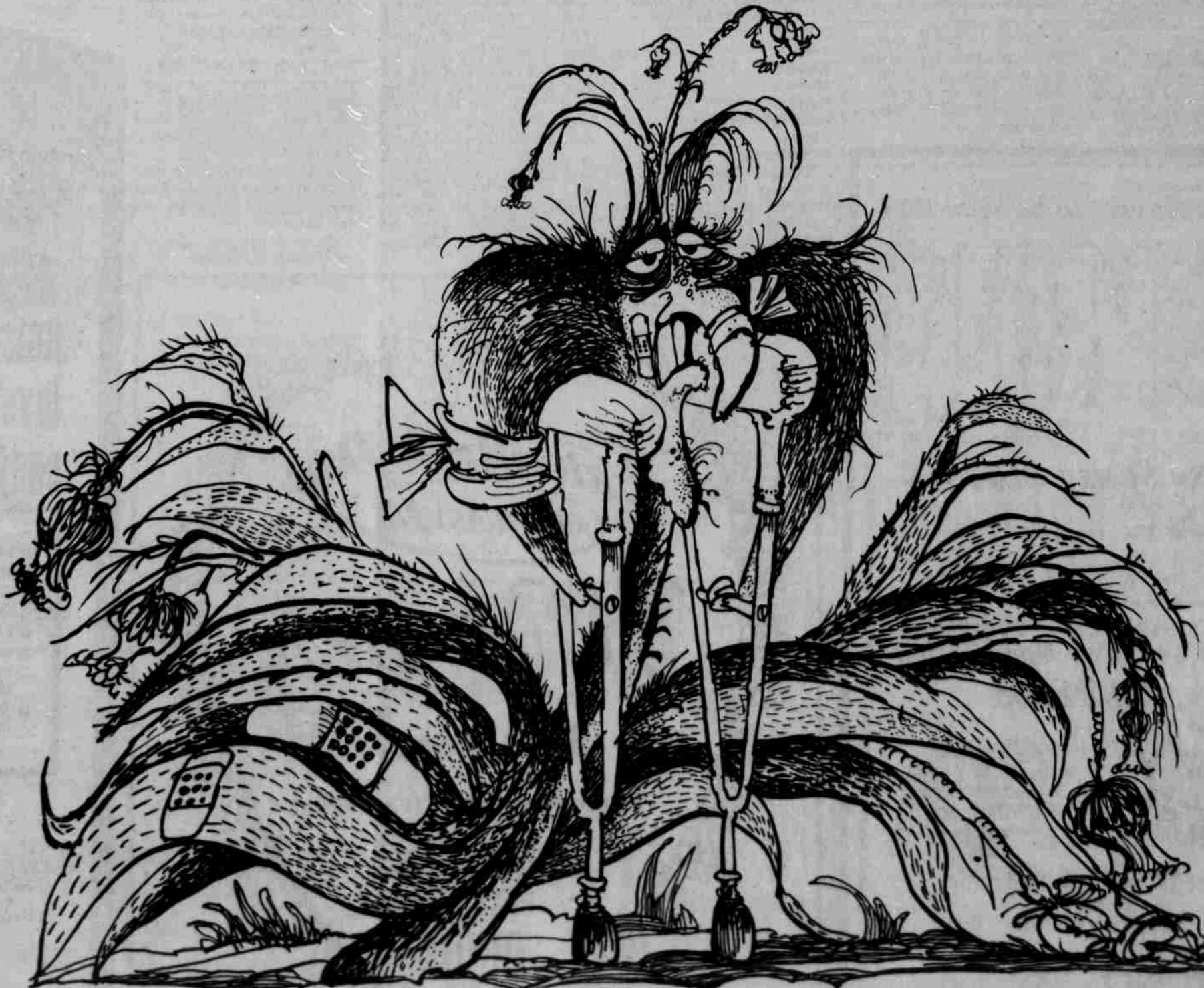
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Gerald Swaggart who says the people in Taiwan now think that all American Cowboys wear blue and white striped overalls.



They left Boise Saturday Jan. 20 about midnight on a Boeing 707 on a KAL (Korean Air Lines) plane and arrived at their destination 18 hours later. The heifer Hereford-Holstein cross calves were in plastic cargo containers contoured to the sides of the plane with 8 on the top deck and 10 on the lower deck.

Each container had two doors on each side. The men could not go between the containers to check the load. The loss from pile-up was less than 2 percent. Gerald said the calves were quiet. They received no feed or water enroute. The two men recommended that efforts be made to keep the temperature down in the plane. The men stayed on the plane with the cattle although the plane stopped at Anchorage, Tokyo and Seoul. The crew brought them food at each stop.

rope and they gave him a 5/8" worn out rope. The natives surrounded the calf and the calf ran into the rope and he caught it and put it in the truck. They were grand people. While they were trying to round up the calf, a native woman offered him a genuine chinese tea to drink. "It wasn't like ours. Just delicious, not as strong and was real sweet".

Cheap Lodging

That night they stayed at the Kingdom Hotel, better than the Imperial, for just \$9.00 a night. Breakfast was very American. He had ham and eggs. People were very friendly and were dressed the same as here. Young people were very clean and neat, no long hair.

Same Size as Oregon

Taiwan is about the same size as Oregon with 14,000 square miles. There's 15 million people. Every available space is farmed to provide food for their people. Now that they have heavy equipment, they are leveling the hills for rice. Their tractors are yellow Caterpillars.

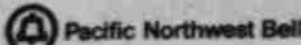
They can raise three crops of rice and one crop of barley on food at each stop.



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