

McGuinness' fort was designed to show the power company he would fight to keep them out.

## BUILDS FORT AS WALL OF DEFENSE

# Rancher Tells Power Company "Keep Out"

By Greg Henderson

Kansas rancher Don McGuinness, of Garrett, built a "fort" as a wall of defense against the construction of a power line across the ranch. It worked!

In what could become a far reaching decision, District Court Judge James Smith granted an injunction against the Kansas City Power and Light Company in its effort to construct a high voltage power line across the OK Ranch in Anderson County, northeast of Garnett.

Ranch owner McGinnis had asked for a permanent injunction against the construction and the court ruled in his favor.

Judge Smith ruled a 1979 law said in effect that a siting permit must be obtained before eminent domain condemnation can be secured unless the company is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The "fort" which McGinnis and his hired hands built gave the impression they were prepared to forcibly defend against the onslaught of the power company's trucks and equipment.

"It will be after my funeral that they build that power line through here,"

McGinnis has maintained. "I won't sell a strip 250 feet wide across my land to anybody."

McGinnis was pleased with the court's decision but knows that the fight is not over.

"It's going to hurt them to leave this thing on the books," he said.

"As I see it, if this decision stands, then everybody they've condemned since 1979 can come back and sue for damages."

McGinnis says he is ready to do battle in court again if an appeal comes up.

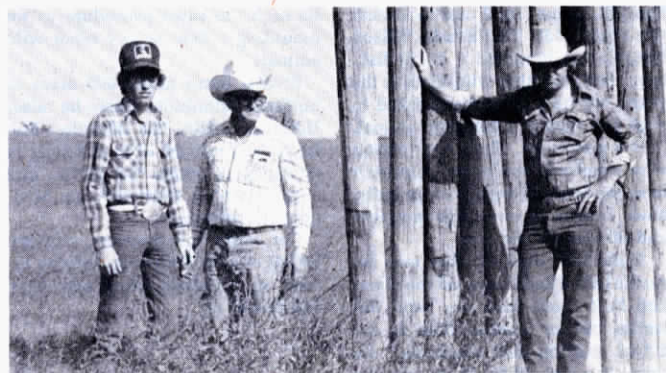
"We're going to beat them again, cause I'm going to get the best lawyers and we're going after them with great guns."

"He's convinced he's right," says his lawyer Orville Cole, "and he doesn't want his farm cluttered up with one of those high voltage lines."

"He just has enough money and enough brass that he's going to fight them all the way."

KCP&L spokesman Turner White said the company will appeal the decision to the courts, but would give no further comment.

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A permanent court injunction was granted against the Kansas City Power and Light Company late last fall. As a result, Rod, Lee and Don McGinnis (from left) have since pulled their barricade down.

## BREATHES THROUGH ALL FOUR NOSTRILS

# Two-Nosed Calf

South Dakota rancher Bernard Noldner, of Murdo, was more than a little surprised last March when one of his eight-year old Hereford cows delivered this 2-nosed calf!

"The calf has two noses and breathes through all four nostrils," reports Bernard's wife, Cheryl. "There is just one mouth opening, but two tongues which are connected in the center. She's alive and well although she has some problems with vision and coordination," Cheryl told FARM SHOW.

The calf, named Super Sniffer, can't eat grain or hay because her two tongues extend only to the end of her mouth and can't pick up solid food. With four meals of milk replacer a day, though, she has grown from 40 lbs. at birth to about 145 lbs. now, Cheryl points out.

Cheryl adds that Super Sniffer romps about the pasture with the other calves and her mother seems to be very proud of her unusual calf. "I could never give her to a circus," Cheryl notes, referring to suggestions from several people. "I'd be afraid she would be taken care of improperly."



Photo courtesy The Murdo Coyote, Murdo, S.D.

Super Sniffer's owner refused to sell her to a circus.

Editor's note: As this issue was going to press, Cheryl reported that "Super Sniffer" was put to rest. "Over a 1½ week period, she started losing a very noticeable amount of weight and her 'zest for life'. She needed solid foods but was unable to consume them because of her cleft palate. I tried feeding hay and grain to her, but she just couldn't manage it. After what seemed like a long ordeal, we decided to do what was best for her," Cheryl told FARM SHOW.

## "Future Fuels" Race Draws Little Attention

If everything would have gone right, the Future Fuels Challenge Rally, run last fall, would have been one of the most widely publicized, closely watched events of the decade. As it was, 38 cars, powered by everything from sunflower oil to wood to alcohol, "raced" 3,226 miles — from Los Angeles, Calif., to Rochester, N.Y. — and almost nobody noticed.

The entrants were attracted by the lure of a \$25,000 grand prize and the prospect of a continuous, seven day barrage of publicity as the caravan of alternative fuel vehicles made its way across America. Unfortunately, things went wrong from the very beginning.

Some of the cars scheduled to run in the race, which was based on fuel efficiency rather than speed, were to run on unusual types of fuel, including prunes, wood chips, solar cells, alcohols and artichokes. One entry ran on used cooking oil from a fried chicken franchise.

The primary sponsor for the race was Joe Shepard, president of Shepard Electronics, Rochester, N.Y. Shepard says he didn't plan the rally with the idea of making a profit but to find and promote alternative fuel vehicles.

Unfortunately, nothing went right for the race promoters. First, they had plans for some 200 entries but ended up with only the final 38. Then, after renting a large exhibition hall in Los Angeles for a sum of \$5,000 to kick off the race, only 18 spectators showed

up. But by far the worst problem was that soon after the race got underway, the man in charge of all the details of the race, coordinator David Carmichael, was critically injured in a car accident in Phoenix and many of the details of the race went unattended.

Carmichael, still recuperating in a hospital when FARM SHOW talked to him shortly before this issue went to press, says it was unfortunate that so many things went wrong but that he has a second race planned for next September.

Entrants who competed included Archer Daniels Midland with an alcohol-powered Ford Fiesta and a sunflower-powered Volkswagen Rabbit diesel, Conoco, Ford Motor Co., B.F. Goodrich, Mother Earth News, Real People and many individuals and small companies.

The winner of the race, determined by dividing the weight of the vehicle into the number of btu's used, was difficult to determine because of the wide variety of fuels, and the difficulty in measuring them. As this issue went to press, race officials had decided to divide the prize money evenly among all contestants who finished the race.

For information on next year's race, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, David Carmichael, Future Fuels Challenge Rally, 165 Gibbs St., Rochester, N.Y. 14605 (ph 716 232-7485).