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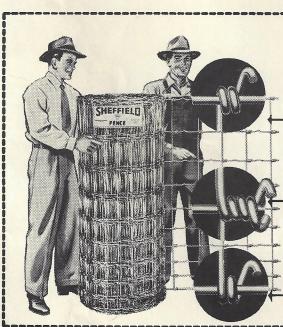
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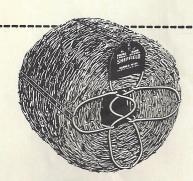




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July 2-4; Texas Cowboy Reunion, Stamford July 4-6; Brady July Jubilee, Brady

July 17-19; Texas FFA Convention, Fort Worth

July 31-Aug. 2; Texas Home Dem. Assn. meeting, Houston

Aug. 1-3; Texas Angora Goat Raisers show, Fredericksburg

Aug. 4-7; Texas Farm Bureau Leader Training Institute, Austin

Aug. 5-10; Top O'Texas Fair, Pampa

Aug. 9-10; Blanco County Fair, Johnson City

Aug. 12; Lubbock Session, American Cotton Congress

Cotton Bills Don't Have a Chance

NONE OF SIX cotton bills have a chance to get through this Congress but several may get AHEAD by 1958. A 2-price bill by Rep. W. R. Poage of Texas is gaining. It would peg cotton supports at 75 percent of parity, pay farmers the difference between that and 90 percent. A later version by Rep. Whitten (Miss.) and Sen Russell (Ga.) would end acreage allotments and give each grower a domestic marketing quota, with certificates for high level price supports on his quota only.

Lid on Land Prices Talked

BECAUSE FURTHER INCREASES may be AHEAD for farm land prices, there's talk in Washington of curbs to slow down the continuing inflation. In the 4 months ending March 1, all of the United States except in the Rocky Mountains and Nebraska showed gains averaging 7 percent. Florida was tops with 17 percent but Texas land went up 9 percent. With the drouth broken, gains here could be even greater. What's AHEAD?

Four New Varieties to Boost Sesame

PROSPECTS ARE THAT sesame will make new gains as a crop for Texas with release of 4 new varieties developed by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the USDA plant scientists. Blanco, the only one with seed enough for commercial plantings this year, produces white seed, high oil content, slightly bitter. Objections are it shatters and heavy set of seed may cause plant to "goose-neck", losing part of crop. Margo and Dulce are other shattering types and Delco is a non-shattering type, adapted to mechanical production. Only seed available was put out for foundation seed stocks this year.

Cotton Loan Rate Set at 28.15 Cents

LOAN RATE for 1957-crop upland cotton will be 28.15c for middling 7/8s. Middling 1-inch will be 3.5c higher. If support rate is above loan rate on early-harvested cotton, difference will be paid producers by CCC.

Texas Weather in July

Warmer than Normal:

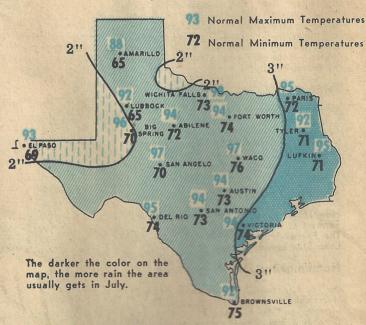
July 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31

Cooler than Normal:

No important cool weather expected.

Stormy and Unsettled:

July 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30



By Dr. Irving P. Krick and Associate Meteorologists

TEMPERATURES: The northern part of the Panhandle region is the only spot in Texas where temperatures will not be above normal in July. The remainder of Texas will have averages during this month of one to 2 degrees warmer than usual. Even up in the Panhandle, however, cold weather is not expected. Temperatures will only be down slightly. Considerable hot weather is expected. During the warmest intervals, between the fifth and tenth and again between the twenty-first and twentysixth, temperatures are likely to soar above 100 degrees in the west and the nineties in the east.

PRECIPITATION: Most of Texas will receive more than normal July rainfall for crops this year and to help maintain that all important reservoir in the ground. Ordinarily, July is a month when tremendous evaporation takes place, depleting both surface supplies and underground moisture. With more than normal precipitation expected, evaporation should be cut down considerably.

A New Farm Lineup Looms Up

THREE MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS face a struggle to retain their power in Washington. A new organization called the National Conference of Commodity Organizations (NCCO) is building AHEAD for the next meeting in Washington in August. It will tackle the same problems the Farm Bureau, Grange and Farmers Union have failed to agree

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"IRRIGATION PAYS best in wet years", say experienced irrigators. In Texas, 1957 has surely been wet. Record amounts of water are stored above and below ground, ready to be pumped to crops at those critical times that occur every summer. It's a good feeling to know you have both the water and the means to use it. Cover photo by Ernest Shiner.

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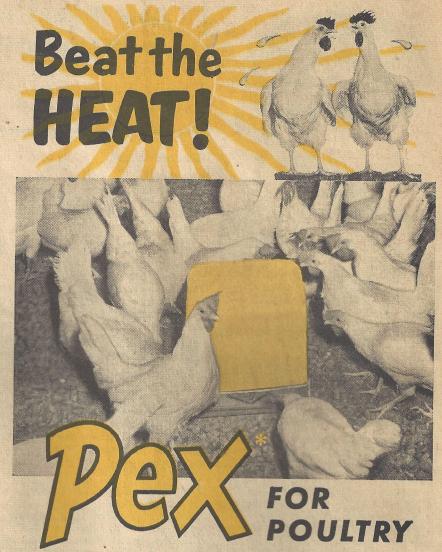
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How Things Look in Washington

Written from the Nation's Capitol

By Fred O. Bailey

Washington Correspondent, The Farmer-Stockman



Changes Ahead

RIGHT NOW about all you can be sure of is that the 1958 farm program will be different. The only question is: How will the changes affect your farming operations?

There is absolutely no support for continuing the present program, unchanged, for another year. Dozens of proposals, all different, are being advanced by congressmen, the Department of Agriculture, and farm groups.

There is general agreement only on one thing: The present program isn't getting farmers out of the price-cost-income mess they've been in for a long time. Few see any prospect that it would, if continued.

There is no prospect whatsoever that Congress or Secretary Benson will make important changes in the program this year. There is very little chance that they will agree, either now or later, on what changes to make.

Here Are the Issues

THE FARM ISSUES getting top consideration are these:

Should mandatory price supports be continued, and if so at what level?

Should production controls be continued on an acreage allotment basis, or changed to bushel and pound quotas?

Should the soil bank be abandoned, or continued on a modified basis?

Should we continue to rely on an over-all farm program, or begin to develop individual commodity legislation?

Should export subsidies be continued? There is no easy, simple or quick answer to any of those questions. You'll hear all of them debated, pro and con, for the next several months.

How Much Support?

HOTTEST ARGUMENT will be over the level of price supports. Price supports are certain to be a part of any farm program adopted, but the trend is toward developing programs that place less reliance on price props.

There are 3 general views held on price support legislation in Washington. High, rigid, supports at 90 percent, and sometimes 100 percent of parity, are favored by the Farmers Union and some congressmen. These involve oppressive government controls.

The second involves variable supports, set either by a formula in the law, as at present, or set from year to year at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture at anywhere from zero to 90 percent of parity, or higher.

The third includes several variations of

2-price and domestic parity plans, generally providing a higher price for that portion consumed domestically than for commodities grown for export.

Commodity Groups Gain

THE CURRENT TREND in Washington is against a return to 90 percent of parity rigid supports for the basic crops. Although passed by Congress only a year ago, and vetoed, few here think this will get serious consideration next year.

Agriculture Secretary Benson and the Farm Bureau are allied in favor of legislation which would permit supports for the basics at less than the present 75 percent of parity minimum. Both favor gradual and eventual elimination of price supports as a permanent crutch for agriculture.

Some sort of a 2-price system for the major export crops has growing support in Congress and among the farm organizations, other than the Farm Bureau and the Farmers Union. The Grange has for many years been a chief proponent for this approach.

The latest, and fastest growing group, is that favoring the commodity-by-commodity approach. The group of 11 commodity organizations which met here in May will meet again August 6 and 7 to develop specific programs for each of the major commodities, including dairy, wheat, cotton, wool, rice, potatoes, poultry, vegetables and fruits.

NCCO Is New Power

THE FARM GROUP to watch as Washington squares away for debate on new farm legislation is one to be called the National Conference of Commodity Organizations. Although only 11 organizations attended the first meeting, others are expected to join by August.

The NCCO is the outgrowth of (1) collapse of the Farm Bloc in Congress, (2) failure of the general farm organizations to work closely with the commodity groups, and (3) the belief that by pooling their strength each of the commodity groups can get the kind of a program that meets their particular needs.

The commodity organizations, with a combined membership of somewhere near 4,000,000, could over-shadow the 3 general organizations now badly split over farm policy. They could become the dominant farm force in Washington,

A hint as to direction in which the NCCO may move is given in a decision to work for development of a program under which producers would finance their own industry-wide plans for farmer-control over production, research, advertising and market development.

Farmers at the State Capitol

This column written from the State Capitol, Austin

By Raymond Brooks
Correspondent, The Farmer-Stockman

A \$200 MILLION state bond issue for aid to local water conservation projects was submitted by the Texas Legislature to voters, at an election next November.

It represents the major phase of the program of Governor Price Daniel and the Texas Water Resources Committee,

Will Call Legislature

GOV. DANIEL immediately announced he will reconvene the Legislature in special session "probably in October," to act on the remaining feature of the water program, plus 3 other of his proposals which failed at the regular session.

Legislative Achievements

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS of the 136-day session were submission of the water aid amendment, reorganization of the Insurance Commission, a plan for state aid in highway right-of-way costs, a \$399-a-year pay raise for school teachers, a 15 percent raise for college teachers, a pay raise averaging about \$240 a year for all state employes, and a salary increase for judges. No new taxes were levied. College tuition was doubled, \$12 million was diverted from the permanent fund, and auto license fees were raised 10 percent.

Water Loans Have Limits

THE \$200 MILLION water bond issue to be voted on this year will finance over \$600 million of new water development, since state loans are limited to one-third the cost of the projects.

It Was "Filibustered"

A PROPOSAL to buy conservation storage space in federal or state reservoirs was brought out by Gov. Daniel as a substitute for a direct tax levy recommended by the Water Resources Committee. It failed to muster sufficient votes in the House, and was "filibustered" to defeat in the Senate after the amount was cut to \$100 million.

The final conference report proposed that instead of issuing the full amount of bonds, that efforts be made to secure federal credit. This would have the effect of permitting the additional storage space on the same interest rates the federal government can get. Gov. Daniel said he is considering a plan of a statewide water district, with taxing power and authority to issue bonds, which could be set up by statute. Such a plan was rejected by 2 previous Legislatures, and abandoned this year, on Gov. Daniel's own recommendation in favor of the state bond plan patterned on veterans' land bonds.

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Texans Take It as It Comes

IN RECENT WEEKS, I have made 3 trips over parts of Texas. One was to the South Plains area after the spring blizzard, another trip was to the Austin area during the spring floods, and more recently I visited several counties in East Texas. Other Farmer-Stockman staff editors have been in the Panhandle, West Texas and Lower Rio Grande Valley. We have lately been in nearly every section of this great state.

Everywhere farmers and stockmen have been hard hit by the weather—drouth, freeze, floods. Yet nowhere did we encounter discouragement. Folks have tightened their belts and most are staying. Perhaps the ones who are easily whipped moved out years ago. Those left figure things are bound to get better sometime—maybe it'll be soon.

Everywhere farmers are happy over the moisture they have in the ground, in wells, in ponds, lakes and streams. Floods are terrible but prolonged drouth is awful. Now that we have water, we can grow something and keep our livestock gaining. Farmers and stockmen are counting on that.

Farm land prices are staying up, improvements are being made, new homes are being built, and in many places irrigation equipment is being installed to beat the dry weather—when it comes back. These are indications of stability and permanence. In a good year, they'll do more, but progress can't be stopped by drouth, flood or crop failure in Texas.

The spirit of rural Texas is still good, as our editors found in many counties. Crops are late, some won't be planted and the harvest was lost on others. Farm organizations and politicians were busy capitalizing on the disasters by urging various kinds of aid for the distressed. Most farm people themselves, in the true American spirit of free enterprise and self-reliance, were going ahead to clear out the damage and replant for the future.

Editor

Who Wants Budget Cut?

FARMERS ARE NOT the main cause of I

FARMERS ARE NOT the main cause of high taxes, many notions to the contrary. Defense spending is much larger and interest on the national debt takes more tax money than all of the agricultural appropriations combined. In a recent comment, Secretary of Agriculture Benson said:

"The total agricultural budget submitted for the coming fiscal year exceeds \$5 billion. This is a lot of money. It is an amount equal to nearly half the total net income of all the farmers in the nation. It is an expenditure of over \$1,000 per farm. The facts are, of course, that much of this huge budget does not go to the farmer at all."

He pointed out that over a billion dollars goes for sale for foreign currencies, foreign-aid programs and the international wheat agreement. About a third of a billion goes for food distribution and school lunch programs. Half a billion goes for FHA and REA loans, which are repayable with interest. About two-thirds of a billion dollars goes for agricultural research, education, market development and services, and disease and pest control.

The truth is that if all agricultural expenses of the federal government were to be eliminated, including price support and subsidy plans, the average taxpayer wouldn't notice the difference on his tax bill.

Farm People Chase the Dollar

WHERE DO TEXAS farmers and stockmen get all the money they are spending for new homes, bigger farms, modern improvements and up-to-date equipment?

Well, thousands of farm families, perhaps more than half of them, have non-farm jobs. They commute considerable distances sometimes to bring back paychecks from Texas' growing industrial economy. Others have royalties from oil and gas wells on their land, and some have other businesses. After all, if a town business man can operate a farm as a sideline, why not the farmer operate a town business as a sideline?

No longer is agriculture limited to rural areas. Neither is all that is rural agricultural. In fact, city folks now get 61c of the consumers' food dollar, leaving only 39c for the man who produced the food in the first place. That's why agriculture is going to town. Farmers have to catch the dollar where it roosts, and they're bringing the cash home to build better farms and better places to live.

We'll Need the Water Later

NEVER BEFORE IN HISTORY has so much water been stored in the thousands of lakes and farm ponds in Texas and it is doubtful if the soil was ever more soaked.

Conservation is much like safety. When you avoid an accident, it usually goes unreported, but when a dozen people are killed, we read the headlines and shudder. Likewise, when damaging floods are prevented, we take it for granted; when a farm washes away, livestock are drowned and homes lost, we demand that something ought to be done.

Texas is doing something. Thousands of farmers have applied conservation to their fields, they've built ponds and terraces and they're tilling the soil to stop erosion, and upstream flood control projects are gaining support as folks see what they can do.



Dairying is one of Gafford Chapel's important income sources. Hopkins County Agents Brooks Emmons and Miss Adell Hale, Lynn Gibson, Mrs. Raymond Black, sec.-treas. and Gafford Chapel Neighborhood Chairman Billie Anderson inspect Gibson's milk room.



Croquet is one of the many outdoor games enjoyed by young people in the Gafford Chapel neighborhood.

FROM 205 RURAL communities that entered the 1956-57 Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest, Gafford Chapel of Hopkins county has emerged the first place winner. It barely nosed out Black of Parmer county in the Panhandle with Tennessee Colony of Anderson county running a very strong third.

In this, the 10th year of the contest, the 205 neighborhoods were entered from 87 counties in all sections of Texas. It was by far the largest enrollment in the history of the program, which is sponsored annually by The Farmer-Stockman, in co-operation with the Texas A&M College Extension Service.

These winners proved again that people make a community, not its natural resources. Gafford Chapel is an old community in Northeast Texas. Black is a young and vigorous community in the Panhandle, while Tennessee Colony was a pioneer community in East Central Texas. Regardless of the locations, the good neighbors were not satisfied to just coast along. They set their aims on progress, and they have achieved remarkable success.

Gafford Chapel and Tennessee Colony earned high state honors for the first time, but the Black community hit the big time for the second year in a row. They also earned second place honors in the state contest last year.

Crowding these 3 communities for high state recognition were district prize winners Newburg in Comanche county and Belmont in Gonzales county.

I visited all 5 of these top Texas communities—Gafford Chapel, Black, Tennessee Colony, Newburg and Belmont. And what I saw convinced me

Report on the 1956-57 Texas Rural Neighborhood **Progress Contest**

Gefford Chapel

Is Texas' Top Neighborhood

By Sam Whitlow Texas Editor, The Farmer-Stockman

beyond any doubt that rural community progress can be as abundant as the neighbors in the community want to make it.

Gafford Chapel developed a varied and intensive program to win first place. The neighbors in the community are afire with enthusiasm, and their accomplishments justify their pride in their home neighborhood.

Space here will not allow a full recount of the Gafford Chapel accomplishments, but let's look

briefly at some of the outstanding gains.

Forty-one families live in Gafford Chapel.

Thirty-eight families planned and carried out family recreation; 39 families took part in a farmstead clean-up program, and 39 families took part in a campaign to provide a safe water supply; 22 families added purebred breeding animals to their livestock herds; 27 families co-operated in landscaping the church grounds, along with many other activities.

Gafford Chapel neighbors emphasized their youth program, especially recreation. There are over 60 children in the community.

And the Gafford Chapel folks practically wore out their community center-they used it for various events for a total of 102 times during the year.

Gafford Chapel men, women and children participated widely in activities in Sulphur Springs

and over Hopkins county.

One thing is certain, Gafford Chapel neighbors are 100 percent serious about their progress program. Men, women and children all participate—actively and vigorously. The community is simply "bursting out all over" with progress.

Out in the Panhandle, the good neighbors of

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Black Neighborhood, Parmer county, developed a scouting program as part of their progress contest work.



Tennessee Colony followed the lead of Hollis Hudson, HDA Mrs. Ione Resch, Co. Agt. W. T. LaRue, Sec. Mrs. B. G. Woolverton and Chmn. Jack Williams to win third prize in Texas.

State Prize Winners

Gafford Chapel Hopkins county

Texas First Prize \$500.00 District 5 First Prize \$100.00

BICICK Parmer county

Texas Second Prize \$400.00 District | First Prize \$100.00

Tennessee Colony Anderson county

Texas Third Prize \$300.00 District 9 First Prize \$100.00

See Page 32 for District Winners



Where flood irrigation stops because of sloping terrain, Donald Schwab is prepared to use a sprinkler system. He irrigates 300 acres of Hockley county land.



Schwab and Co. Agt. Bill Taylor check operation of pump and motor.

I SAW IRRIGATED farms every direction I looked in Hockley county. They grow some 180,000 acres of cotton, most of which is irrigated.

As the farmers in this area set their aims toward high efficiency of operation, they are devising ways and means to avoid water waste and to increase yields per acre. Pipes are being used on more and more farms, instead of open ditches. The average yield of irrigated cotton has risen to 1¼ bales.

Some of the higher yields range up to 134 bales. In some cases where irrigated cotton followed alfalfa, yields approached 3 bales.

I visited on the Donald Schwab farm near Levelland and saw both flood and sprinkler irrigation. Schwab uses the sprinkler system where the lay of the land is not adapted to flooding. He uses

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Sprinkler or Ditch Which Is Best?

This story written from Hockley county, Texas Southern High Plains

By Sam Whitlow
Texas Editor, The Farmer-Stockman



Gated pipe delivers water to parts of Schwab's acreage level enough for flooding. Here he observes the movement of water across a field.

Good Grass Comes Before Good Calves

This story written from McCulloch county, Edwards Plateau, Texas

By Sam Whitlow Texas Editor, The Farmer-Stockman

PRODUCING HEREFORD calves for the feeder market is the main job on the H. D. Winters ranch near Brady in McCulloch county in the Texas Hill Country.

This colorful Hill Country region produces some of Texas' outstanding

beef cattle.

I traveled over part of the Winters spread with Winters and County Agent Cusenbary. We saw calves that will go to the feeder market in August and September. Winters has a big herd of commercial Herefords, with which he uses registered bulls.

Ranching in this country has been bugh going in recent dry years—in fact, about the last 7 years. "That was the worst drouth period I can remember," Winters said.

As we drove over parts of the expansive range, Winters pointed to some areas that have lush vegetation for the first time in several years.

Good cattle and good range land go together in this area, so the cattlemen have adjusted their operations to the available grazing. Winters showed me some land he had chisel-



Rancher H. D. Winters found the grass springing up along the chisel furrows and spreading out between rows. Chisel-plowing helped hold the rain that fell.



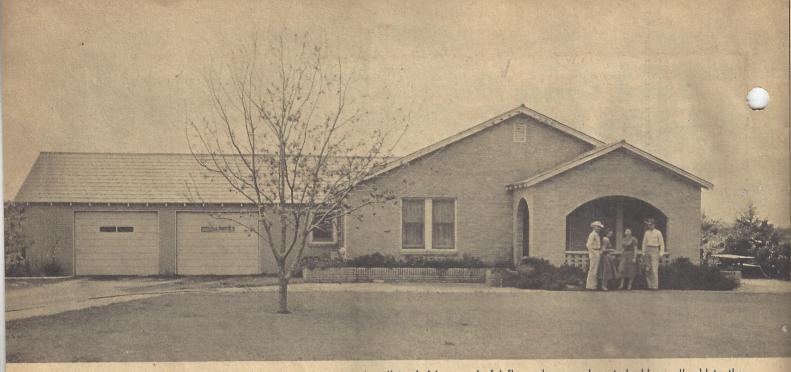
Winters uses a registered bull with his grade Hereford cows. This one and her calf benefit from the careful stocking Winters does on his range.

ed, and vegetation in this area was making good growth for the Herefords.

"I took up this chiseling practice a desperation measure," he said. as a desperation measure, "We had to do something to rough up the land so it would catch and hold some moisture.'

Cusenbary pointed out that Winters did the chiseling with a farmtype tractor, using chisel plows that penetrated the soil 6 to 8 in. "We tried to get 8 in. depth everywhere, but this was not possible in some of the rocky land," he said.

On the chiseled area, moisture penetration was to a depth of 13 to 15 in., while on unchiseled land, the moisture penetrated only 21/2 to 3 in. This depth of penetration means the soil is holding more moisture that can be translated into grass for graz-Please turn to Page 36



A well tended lawn, colorful flower boxes and neat shrubbery all add to the appearance of the Ward McKee home in San Saba county. It's attractive inside, too.

A Well Planned Farm Home Is Nice to Come Home to

This story written from San Saba county, Edwards Plateau, Texas

By Sam Whitlow
Texas Editor, The Farmer-Stockman

IF I EVER BUILD a new house, I am going to copy the den of the Ward McKee farm home in San Saba county. It is attractive, comfortable and highly functional at the same time.

I like the big side window, and the

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roominess of the den. And the built-ins make good sense. For instance, a desk in one corner has plenty of work space, plus a file cabinet above the desk for keeping farm records. In another corner, there is a built-in small closet from which the sewing machine is easily accessible.

The McKee home, to my way of thinking, was planned and built for comfort. And it was built with income from the McKee farm. McKee started out with 115 acres.

You'd be interested to know, too, that the principal source of income on this farm is from producing turkey (Broad White) hatching eggs. Usually, McKee keeps from 3,000 to 4,000 turkeys. There are also 50 head of cattle and the McKees have had as many as 300 Suffolk sheep.

Feed crops, too. I looked over one 40-acre field that produced 2,000 bales of hay year before last. "I'm just now using up the last of that hay," McKee told me when I visited his farm.

But let's get back to the McKee farm home. It's a comfortable place. And like many other Texas farm homes it has many of the conveniences you are likely to find in any city home—air conditioning, home freezer, electric refrigerator,

Handy sewing center in corner of den is concealed when not in use.



Mrs. McKee shows HDA Mrs. Bernice Murray the desk and record files.

television and many small appliances.

And when I build, I want to borrow the kitchen plan in the McKee home. It is well arranged and functional—everything in easy reach.

In other rooms of the house, I like the use of attractive draperies that sort of say "welcome" when you walk into the room.

And I like the front yard and the flower arrangements. Mrs. McKee, by the way, is active in home demonstration club work (The Live Oak Club) and has served as a yard demonstrator.

I visited this farm home with Mrs. Bernice Murray and Sterling Lindsey, San Saba extension agents. We had no sooner entered the house than the den caught my eye—it was just what I wanted.

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REPORTS



from All Over Texas

Which Do You Like: Too Wet or Too Dry?

FARMERS WOULD HAVE LAUGHED a year ago if you had asked them: "Would you rather have too much or too little rain?"

Lately they've been thinking about that. Texas jumped from a searing drouth to flooding rains so suddenly that a story made the rounds about the Texas farmer who borrowed a boat to go to town after his drouth relief check.

Most farmers around the state seemed in better shape following long weeks of wet weather; there was more optimism than pessimism among them. But, in June Texas farmers were anxious for some dry weather to start planting, to re-plant crops that have been washed out and to harvest overdue small grains. Turbulent weather, recurrent showers and torrential rains kept them guessing.

Combining of wheat started in the Low Rolling Plains several weeks late, but rains halted many of the harvesting operations. High Plains wheat prospects continued favorable at press time. Estimate for June was still above 36 million bushels.

In many fields, oats were down with yields below expectations. A sharply reduced corn acreage in the Blacklands and parts of East Texas reflected unfavorable planting conditions. Many farmers were looking for short season catch-crops to plant.

The USDA reported early in June that "for the state as a whole, it has been too wet and too cool for cotton." However, cotton prospects in South Texas are very good.

Despite the heavy rains, you could find farmers all over Texas who feel pretty good about the subsoil moisture they've so badly needed since 1950.

Cattlemen were obviously happy with the abundant range and pasture feed, and plenty of stock water. Excessive moisture and cool temperature extended the grazing season of cool-season grasses, and the prospects for good summer grazing is best in years.

Sheep shearing was delayed by rains out spring and yearling lambs went to market at seasonally heavy volume about as usual.

The Farmer-Stockman editors and correspondents talked with farmers all over Texas about the rains. Farmers in South Texas were jubilant over the moisture, even though field work was JULY 1957

delayed and weeds became a real problem.

Dave Wright, a Bexar county dairyman, said, "We were so far behind it will take lots of moisture to catch up." He added that erosion this year has perhaps been greater because during the dry years organic matter disappeared from the soil, leaving nothing on the surface to help hold the water.

From the Houston area, Dewey Compton says he has heard few complaints pertaining to the rains, although planting has been seriously retarded. He added that in talks with cotton and rice farmers, the detriment they will suffer because of the rains is lateness in planting. Early in June Compton estimated that 95 percent of the rice had been

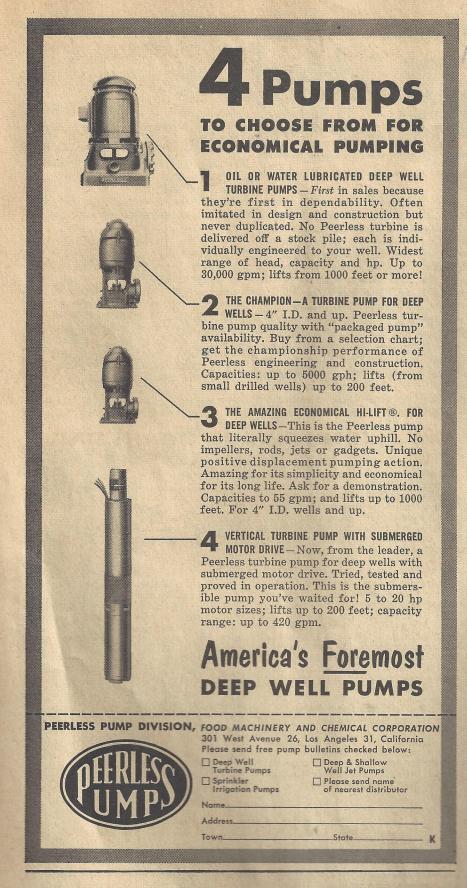
planted in the Gulf Coast area.

"Farmers generally are optimistic," Compton said. "Their attitude has changed completely. It is amazing how the rains have brightened the farmers' outlook."

From Waco, Clark Bolt puts it this way: "Farmers in this area generally feel the excessive rainfall is better than the excessive lack of rain they've been putting up with for the past 8 years." Bolt said crop plantings have been delayed and that erosion has been "pretty bad." Cropland damage in McLennan county was estimated at more than \$5 million.

From the Beaumont region in deep southeast Texas, farmers seem to feel that heavy rains have been helpful rather than harmful, on the whole. Crop planting was delayed. Alfred Crocker, Jefferson county agent, reported late rains changed the plans of rice farmers considerably. Late maturing varieties originally in the planting program were eliminated for early and mid-season varieties. From Hardin county, B. E. Rea, county agent, says rains upset the spring truck crop program and "we are late with our vegetables." Even so, the qual-

Like most Texans, Calvin Buice and L. E. Buice benefitted more than they lost from the rains. They're shown near a flooded field in McLennan county.



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ity is fair to good and "we will have a lot of truck crops for marketing locally."

From Newton county, reports indicate pastures are in good shape and there is plenty of forage for good livestock returns this year. Field crop plantings suffered some; other plantings were late.

In the South Plains, farmers felt if they could get their cotton in by June 10, they'd have a pretty good outlook with favorable weather during the growing season. Dryland farmers are in the best shape, moisture-wise, than at any time since the 1949 crop year. However, plantings have been delayed.

Wilmer Smith, a Lynn county dryland farmer in the New Home area, said his cotton land is in the best shape since the bumper crop he produced in 1949.

Many farmers in the High Plains remember from past experience that a wet year is usually a bad insect year. With good insect control and a warm, dry summer, High Plains farmers still can have another bumper crop on the plains in 1957.

Conrad Lohoefer reported, "Erosion hasn't been too significant a factor up through mid June in the High Plains."

In the Lower Valley, Harry Foehner reports heavy rains have been "spotted." Cotton and tomatoes were the principal crops delayed. The late May rains helped the citrus trees.

"Valley farmers generally felt very good about the rains," Foehner said.

Troy Kight, associate editor of The Farmer-Stockman, late in May made a swing deep into South Texas. "Down that way, the hardest thing to find was a farmer who would gripe about anything. They were too happy about the rains." Ivan Antosh of Fayette county described the rains as "just wonderful." Herbert Holmes of Gonzales county said the rains had been a great beth, and that advantages far outweighed the damages.

From Brazos county, Wallace Kimbrough, county agent, reported, "We've got a chance with moisture, but with drouth we haven't but very little chance, unless irrigation is available."

Late in May, bottomlands in parts of Houston county were covered with water, while the upland farmers felt they could use a good shower.

One Anderson county crop farmer, whose fields were flooded, said he had about decided it was better to be too dry than too wet.

From East Texas, Ben Browning, Smith county agent, said tremendous amounts of plant foods had been literally washed out of the soil.

In adding up all the reports from over Texas, it's obvious this state suffered heavily in some areas from floods and high water. Crop plantings are late. Even so, the general feeling seems to be that Texas—moisture-wise—is better off than at any time since 1950.

The erosion picture is more serious. Texas lost lots of good topsoil. Conservation practices, carried out on a wider scale, can help prevent such losses in the future. Upstream conservation looks more necessary than ever.

The need for good conservation prac-

tices became abundantly apparent as a result of the torrential rains that swept over wide regions of the state.—by the Editors.

from Lubbock county

Versatile Motor May Help Irrigate



Carl Starkey inspects variable speed electric motor. Crank regulates flow of irrigation water from pump.

ELECTRIC MOTORS may come into vider use for pulling irrigation pumps, since the recent introduction of a system for increasing or decreasing an electric motor's revolutions per minute to control the flow of water.

Texas Tech College's agricultural engineering department is pioneering the teaching of electrification in farm irrigation. Ira Williams, department head, says the absence of a way to control the speed of an electric motor running an irrigation pump has limited the use of this kind of power.

The variable speed drive which is expected to find favor with farmers has been used for several years in industry, but special adaptations were required for its use in irrigating. The new varidrive type motor meets constantly increasing demands for a versatile motor with the widest range of speeds. —by Conrad L. Lohoefer.

from the USDA

National Wheat Price Support Set at \$2

COUNTY SUPPORT rates for 1957-crop wheat ranged from \$2.29 to 98c (non-commercial), to provide a minimum national average support price of \$2 a bushel. The rates set by the United tates Department of Agriculture were adjusted up or down for grade and quality.

The discount schedule included 2c per bu. discount for hard yellow wheat. This subclass of hard red winter is considered to be of lower quality. It is produced

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Harper will start the cooler system operating at about 85 degrees F. At night he will keep the fans running, but will cut off the water in the pads, except in very warm weather.

In order to keep an accurate comparison on cost of production, Harper will operate another poultry house under the same conditions, except for the cooling system.

This system is one of 3 types of cooling now under test by producers in Texas (as explained in the April 1957 issue of The Farmer-Stockman). There are also the fogging system and the conventional home-type evaporative cooler, where the pad and fan are incorporated in the same unit.

The fogging system consists of a pipe with fog nozzles located on 8-ft. centers and 4 ft. above cages, or about 8 ft. above the floor in case of a floor operation. A time clock is used to start and stop the fog. It is usually set 12 seconds on and 48 seconds off. Since birds have no sweat glands, the wetting action of the fog on the birds helps to cool their bodies.

John Q. Gallaway, Brown county agent, said, "This experiment being developed by Harper will give us a lot of valuable information about the efficiency and cost of poultry house cooling."

He's Betting on Cool Hens for More Eggs

This story written from Brown county, Texas Cross Timbers

By Sam Whitlow Texas Editor, The Farmer-Stockman

BLAND HARPER JR., has an airconditioned laying house for his White Rock hens on his farm near Brownwood this summer. And he believes it will be a paying proposition in the business of producing hatching eggs.

Harper is using the evaporative filter pad and fan type of cooling system. Air is pulled through an evaporative pad at one end of the building by exhaust fans at the other end. This will produce a change of air every minute in the house.

Bob Jaska, agricultural engineer at Texas A&M College, says poultry producers report high summer temperatures can lower egg production 10 to 30 percent, and sometimes kill laying hens.

Harper explained that the system will be under trial this year, and he will compare production costs at the end of the summer.





Harper, left, shows Brown County Agent John Gallaway a converted milk can cooler he will use to lower temperature of drinking water for his laying flock.

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Autobiography of the Rambling Longhorn

Pioneers Were Rope Makers and Furniture Builders

By T. C. Richardson (1877-1956) Assoc. Editor, 1943-1956, The Farmer-Stockman

Chapter Five

MY FIRST MEMORY of my father goes back to the turning lathe—operated by a foot-pedal—and hair rope-twisting with a whirling gadget. Walking between the cabin and the lathe, which was set up in a grove, his "duckin" pants made a swishing sound that I vainly tried to emulate. The duds I wore (probably jeans) simply wouldn't swish; and my short legs couldn't step in his tracks.

I was fascinated by the process of turning chair legs on the lathe, and was an eager helper. He used various sizes and shapes of chisels to produce the carved patterns. In my eagerness to be helpful, I picked the chisels out of the rack, and almost busted with pride when I offered the right one at the right time. Much later I realized how patient Dad must have been, for I seldom picked the right chisel the first time.

Dad made chairs for the whole neighborhood, using native woods. I recall one special job, a chair with extra large legs and rockers built for a 200-pound lady. The frame was of tough pecan wood, and the fancy curved slat backs were of elm. We had no hickory "splits" for weaving chair seats, so ours were "bottomed" with rawhide, with or without the hair on.

Dad made a cradle for my little sister, and a small chair for me. It lasted through a family of 8, and the legs were worn off nearly to the first bottom "round" when I fell heir to it for my own first-born. It would be a priceless antique now; but it fell off the wagon in one of my moves and was wrecked by the hind wheel.

We were far from sources of manufactured merchandise, and ropes were as necessary to life as saddles. One way to make ropes was with plaited rawhide strips, the other was with twisted hair from cattle tails, and horse-hair. Beautiful bridles and reins were plaited with the long hairs from horses' tails, but ropes were made by twisting the strands together with a gadget on a stick as you walked backward. It took a lot of patience, but those pioneers had it. In fact they had no choice. I don't yet understand the rope-twister, but I

can still see Dad walking backward and whirling the thing as he fed small swatches of hair into the ever-lengthening strand.

We had horses, but plowing was done with oxen when I first remember. Buck and Berry were their names. When the cistern ran dry they hauled water in a barrel on a sled ("slizzard" was the facetious term) put together with augerholes and dowels of native oak. It still amazes me that the pioneers could do so much without nails—doors, hinges, gates, chairs and what-not created with only a saw, a set of auger bits, and a drawing knife. They were the original "do-it-yourself" exemplars, without benefit of electric or mechanic power.

The oxen were too slow, I suppose; or maybe Dad was smart enough to know that every time you handled corn fodder some of it was lost by shattering. So I recall seeing him and an uncle bringing in the corn fodder a shock at a time, by drawing a hair rope around it and lifting it over the shoulder. Matter of fact, I've learned that our ancestors knew a lot of good tricks that the scientists found out later after they got on the job.

Dad never was much of a talker, and boy like, I never appreciated his sterling qualities, nor understood the depth of his feeling for his family until after I was grown and on my own.

My strict parental training on matters of right and wrong had a lot to do with keeping me out of youthful mischief; or, maybe I was just too much afraid of getting caught to take a chance. Anyway, I never took part in raids on hen roosts or watermelon patches, which some boys looked upon as fun, not stealing.

On one occasion, however, I was accessory to the crime, as lawyers would say, because I did nothing to prevent it, even though I knew the actual perpetrators were planning it. It was like this:

Ed and Rufus were in charge of their father's herd of horses in a pasture which adjoined ours. Drouth and loco weed in Motley county had driven the owners to seek a new winter range, and

EDITOR'S NOTE: T. C. Richardson, associate editor of The Farmer-Stockman and one of the most colorful agricultural writers ever to live in the Southwest, died last November. He had just completed this autobiography and we think it is some of the most interesting of the countless articles he wrote and published. Some readers have asked whether it is available in book form. It is not at the present time. After the series has been published serially in The Farmer-Stockman, it might be made available in book form, if sufficient demand develops.



F. J. Deering, editor of The Farmer-Stockman, left, introducing T. C. Richardson before a TV camera.

they leased grass from Asa Bracken, the oldest settler in our neighborhood. Bracken's half-dugout was built in the west bank of the canyon near a spring, and the boys built a dugout 100 yards across the canyon, in the opposite bank.

Mr. Bracken made up several barrels of wine from the native grapes every year, and his product was popular among cowboys from the neighboring ranches. I don't suppose a license was necessary in those days, but in any case no "revenouers" ever bothered the old gentleman. He was a devout church member, sipped his own wine in moderation, gave it to his neighbors, and sold it to all comers.

His wine press was built with the huge limb of a tree as the top frame, and the full barrels sat around under other trees while the fermentation process was going on. When the wine was "ripe," the barrel was set aside, ready to be tapped. Several barrels of finished wine were on the yard at the time.

Tom Smith, Dad's hired hand, and I decided to spend Saturday night with Ed and Rufus. We took along a large supply of freshly-dug peanuts for roasting. The boys welcomed us with a liberal supply of black coffee, and we began roasting and eating peanuts, while we played "Seven-up." Having sated our appetites for peanuts, Tom and Rufus proposed that they steal some wine from Bracken's unguarded barrels.

'No, let's buy it," Ed and I argued. "We can get half a gallon for a quarter." "Oh but it will be so much more fun

to swipe it," they insisted. "We can tell Mr. Bracken and pay for it later.'

"I'll bet that you get caught," I told them. "Old Greely," Bracken's big shepherd dog, had keen ears and nothing happened about the place that he didn't know about and investigate.

In spite of our refusal to have any part in their scheme, Tom and Rufus carefully planned and rehearsed their procedure. Taking an empty bucket, they visited briefly in the Bracken dugout and told him they were going to the spring for water. Returning from the spring, they whistled loudly until well past the Bracken home, then slipped quietly back to the wine barrels, and tilted one of them to fill the bucket.

The bucket was about to overflow when Tom whispered "turn it up, turn it up!" Rufus thought the wine wasn't pouring and tilted the barrel still further, running the bucket over and spreading the winy aroma on the air. "Old Greely," who had been lying peacefully at the hearth, was aroused. Walking to the open door, he sniffed the air and gave out with a warning "woof," which his master never ignored.

They left the scene precipitately, Tom with the bucket of wine and Rufus with the wooden bung still in his hand. "The old man came to the door when Old Greely barked, but he didn't see us," they gloated gleefully. Ed and I kept our Seven-up game going as they related how they had tricked Bracken.

A minute later slow, deliberate foot-steps were heard and Rufus shoved the bucket of wine under the bed. Mr. Bracken calmly "howdied" as he entered the door, then backed up to the fireplace and said "I wish you boys would always put the bung back in the barrel; it might rain and spoil it.'

The crestfallen culprits went into a flutter. "I'll go put it in right now, Mr. Bracken," gulped Rufus. Tom, his blonde face flushed crimson, yelped "We got a half a gallon, Mr. Bracken; how much do we owe you?'

"Why, I wouldn't think of selling to my good neighbors," smiled the old gen-

tleman. "You're welcome to more when that's gone." This coals-of-fire treatment reduced the boys to abject silence.

After a few minutes, with the pungent odor of that potent grape juice permeating the entire room, the old gentleman remarked: "Well, if you boys aren't going to set 'em up, I'll be going."

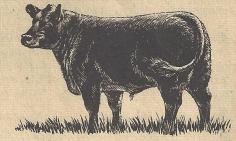
As if triggered by a spring, Tom reached under the bed for the wine and Rufus yelped, "Ed, where's the Rufus yelped, "Ed, where's the sugar?" Hastily he filled a glass and proffered sugar to tone it down, which Bracken accepted with a sly smile. Ed and I were enjoying the discomfiture of the guilty pair with hearty laughter.

It was too good a joke to let die on the vine, so the next day when all the young fellows in the community gathered at the schoolhouse for Sunday school, someone started a rumor that Tom Beall was looking for Tom and Rufus. Beall was deputy sheriff, and the boys made themselves scarce.

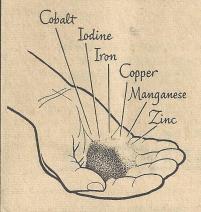
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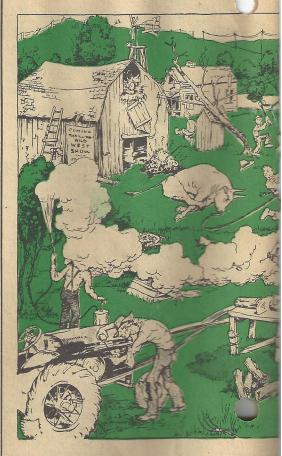


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DISORDER RANKS SECOND only to poor judgment as the cause of accidents, says the National Safety Council. A recent study of hospitalized home accident cases showed that one out of every 5 was put there by disorder. Cluttered, untidy surroundings seem to be favorite spots for accidents to happen.

Fire often starts in paper, rags or rubbish. Fuels, paints and cleaners, also stairways, unsafe ladders, loose wires and poor lighting cause many accidents.

Poison often claims children as victims, frequently because unlabeled or nearly-empty bottles have accumulated. Foot injuries to people and livestock are caused by broken glass, junk and boards left lying with nails sticking up. Tools left carelessly around sometimes become the cause of cutting and stabbing injuries.

Rats don't like clean farmsteads, even if there's plenty of grain around for nibbling.

Operating machinery without guards in place over danger spots is inviting injury.

Don't neglect highway safety during National Safety Week or any other week. Safe driving is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family.

In the illustration above, there are 62 accidents just waiting to happen. Can you find them all? Complete list is given on Page 25 of this issue, but don't look until you've made one of your own.

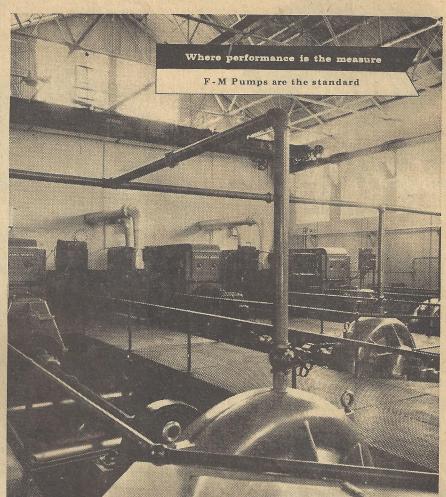
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OUR STANDARD yearly argument 'bout where vacation should be spent has not become a knock-down fight because we're in a diff'rent plight. Our problem now is not just "where?", but how much can the budget bear? With prices down and costs so high and liquid assets almost dry, the smartest thing to do, perhaps, would be to fold up all our maps and recognize that it's a joke to talk vacation when we're broke. But even though it's common sense to skip such frivolous expense, it's hard to stay at home instead of packing up to roam.

AND SO Mirandy Jane and me for once in our whole lives agree that we should sell a cow or 2 and take off like we always do. Of course, we'll have to stretch each cent, we'll eat from cans and pitch a tent, but we can tour 2 weeks or 3 and look at mountains and the sea; our aching bones will get a rest, we'll get our troubles off our chest, our brains will get a chance to clear and we'll get back with lots more cheer. So even though we have to scratch and give our clothes another patch, we figure we'll be miles ahead of tightwads who stay home instead.



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Proper washing methods reduce ironing of modern fabrics to a minimum. Both blouses here were dryer-dried; one on left washed in hot water, the other in cold water.

Do You Launder Like an Expert?

By Katharine Randall Home Editor, The Farmer-Stockman

"IN ORDER TO BE clean we must know we're dirty and why," stated one laundry specialist. "Purchase of the best equipment doesn't absolve you from using your God-given intelligence. The washer is still an inanimate object. It does not have your brain."

The point is-in doing the washing, brains count more than brawn in most households today. Home laundering, once the heaviest chore in farm homes, has yielded to technology and calls for knowledge of machines and chemicals.

Practically all farm families still do all their own laundering. Their first and most important question is the kind of washing machine to choose. And next, how to use it to best advantage.

Fortunately, manufacturers have kept up with individual needs and with tex-tile developments. There's great flexibility to meet every requirement. With some washers you can select water temperature for both washing and rinsing, amount of water for each, and controlled speed of agitation.

Most machines, agitating, tumbling, and spinning types, have at least 2-speed controls; the conventional agitator speed is 72 cycles per minute for sheets and other regular laundry, and for the delicate cycle, 46 per minute. Regular setting for spin-dry washer is 500 revolutions per minute, and for delicate wash,

Although the old rule "the hotter the water, the cleaner the wash" still holds true for much of the laundry, it does not apply to all fabrics today. Hot rinse is best for cottons, but cold is best for many synthetics. Here's where temperature control counts. Some washers have warm, medium and hot wash with warm, cool and cold rinse; and one model has cold water washing and rinsing, claiming less wrinkling of synthetic fabrics.

Where water supply is limited, the suds-saver type of washer is an ac vantage. Soapy wash water is saved for second use on colored clothes.

Water consumption varies from 7 to 17 gal. of water for most regular settings. Some use less on warm water setting. Amount of detergent required varies from one to 134 cupfuls per load.

There's an increase in number of washers with controls permitting cycles of differing amounts and temperatures for delicate fabrics or smaller loads.

A completely automatic washer is one which, with one setting, fills itself at set temperature, washes, rinses, extracts water and stops-all without further attention on the part of the operator. A semi-automatic washer is one which fills, washes, rinses and extracts water without fabric being removed, but which requires that one or more of the operations be controlled by setting controls during the processes.

Wringer-washer type is equipped with a power-driven wringer. In spinnerwasher machines, clothes are washed in one container and removed to another for rinsing and water extraction.

Combination washer-dryer, upon one setting of controls, combines automatic washer and dryer functions in one continuous operation.

You have your choice of water-filtered, over-flowed, conditioned, hot warm or cold. Manufacturers have given you the responsibility, but if you don't know washing principles, how your washer uses them, and if you don't apply them, you'll never get good results. Here's where brains count more than brawn, regardless of which washer you

Here's What's Wrong With Picture on Page 22

- 1. Failure to stop tractor when oiling.
- 2. Sloppy sleeves around machinery.
- 3. Unguarded saw.
- 4. Careless handling of log, endangering thumb.
- 5. Unbuttoned sleeves near saw.
- Broken legs and supports on saw table.
- 7. Man at saw carrying sharp tools in
- pocket. 8. Double blade axe left unguarded.
- 9. Axe with broken handle.
- Sharp pointed hay fork on ground.
 Boy playing around water tank.
- Unsanitary mudhole around tank—leaky water trough.
- 13. Unsanitary condition of well.
- 14. Working in front of mower.15. Horses unprotected from flies.16. Pick left sticking in ground.
- Broken handle on pick.
- 18. Man overlifting.19. Shovel presents tripping hazard.20. Boy riding on tractor.
- 21. Turning sharply at high speed with tractor.
- 22. Harrowing with tractor rear wheels in narrow position. 23. Tractor driver not watching where he
- is going.

 24. Child riding on harrow.

 25. Failure to lead bull with a staff.

- 26. Broken fence.27. Trees create blind entrance to highwav.
- way.

 28. Dangling electric wire over driveway.

 29. Tree chopper let tree fall wrong way.

 30. Tree chopper's axe caught in tree because he is standing incorrectly.

 31. Unsafe windmill could fall on someone.

 32. Pail resting on platform of windmill may fall off.

- 33. Stovepipe in window of home.

- 34. Upturned rake near house.
- Smoking in haymow.
 Door of haymow may fall on someone.
- Faulty electric wiring near barn. Nails in board on ground.
- Broken ladder.
- Broken wheel on ground is tripping hazard.
- Spraying against the wind.
- Chimney on house too low. Rickety barn—roof sagging and whole barn in disrepair.
- Barn stall in disrepair.
- Ladder leaning against rotten barn roof.
- 46. Man in haymow too near openingmay fall out.
- Manure pile poorly placed in front of barn.
- 48. No safety blocks on saw-tractor wheels.
- 49. Smooth patch on outside of tractor tire-tread.
- 50. Pump not braced.
- 51. No platform around pump.
- 52. Hose of fruit spray between man's legs liable to trip him.53. Spraying trees after they have borne
- fruit.
- 54. No guard rail on windmill.
- 55. No braces on power plant of windmill. 56. No lightning rods on farm buildings.

- 57. No guards on wheels of tractor.
 58. Seat missing from tractor.
 59. Seat support on mower broken and inadequately repaired with wire.
- 60. Doubletree kingpin about to come out
- No guards on gears of mower.
- 62. Reins dropped between horses attached to mower.

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If a farmer has some of his own grain stored in farm bins or local warehouses, under price support loans, he may be able to obtain it at the same price he would pay for CCC-owned grain at a binsite or warehouse.

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Mrs. Bob Raines, Smith county, reviews social security rules with L. M. Copeland, Social Security Administration.



Katharine Randall, Home Editor



SOCIAL SECURITY IS still a comparatively new term among many farm folks, although they have been included in the federal program for 2 years. In spite of much chatter about it, Smith county, Texas farm women confessed they didn't understand too much about the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program. To bone-up on its benefits, leaders from each of the home demonstration clubs met at the court house to have District Manager Loye Copeland, Social Security Adm., explain the program and its major implications as it applies to farm families and farm workers.

Now these homemakers are explaining to their club members some of the high points they learned.

Basically, social security is an insurance program which has improved financial security of the family. It provides for death benefits to children under 18, disabled children at any age, widow at age 62 (or any age if she has entitled children in her care), and dependent parents under certain conditions.

Amount of monthly benefits depends on insured individual's average earnings. It varies from a retirement minimum of \$30 to \$108.50 per month for a single beneficiary at age 65 to a maximum of \$200 per month for an entire family group.

When a farmer dies, leaving no dependents, his widow receives monthly benefits after she is 62, amounting to

three-fourths of husband's retirement. This is based on 2 best years since 1950. At time of his death, she receives a small lump sum, depending on circumstances; amount ranges from \$90 to \$225. Disability payments are paid only to the worker himself.

The farm operator, as a self-employed person, pays his social security along with his federal income tax. The amount depends upon his average monthly earnings at the rate of 2¼ percent.

Even if he owes no income tax, a return should be filed and the self-employment tax paid if net earnings from self-employment are \$400 per year or more. These returns are due by April 15 of each year for the preceding year.

Farmers who have failed to file timely returns for either 1955 or 1956 should contact Director of Internal Revenue about filing delinquent returns. For additional information about the program, write to the social security office serving your area or send there for the free booklet "Your Social Security."

Roasts May Be Bargains

QUICK-COOKING or ready-cooked foods have most appeal to food shoppers on hot summer days. When the mercury soars, roasts and meat cuts that call for long cooking go begging at the market.

Here's where the smart shopper with extra freezer space steps in. Plentiful supplies plus seasonal lag in demand often adds up to bargain prices. Many markets at this time will be selling blade, chuck or rib roast at prices inviting even to the farmer's wife. She can supplement her own supply of farm produced meat. It pays her to purchase for freezer storage the very items most shoppers pass up.

Tags Tell What's Best

SUCCESS OF STORE products depends upon the shopper. This is reason we so often hear "Never underestimate the power of a woman." After all, she spends 85 percent of the family income.

As chief purchasing agent, she wants the products to be successful. She looks for tested recipes, correct methods on package goods and mixes, weights and ingredients, labels on fabrics and furnishings, tips on care, instructions and guarantee tags on equipment.

Homemakers who demand to see and study labels and tags are the most successful purchasing agents for the family.

Plan a Practical Wardrobe

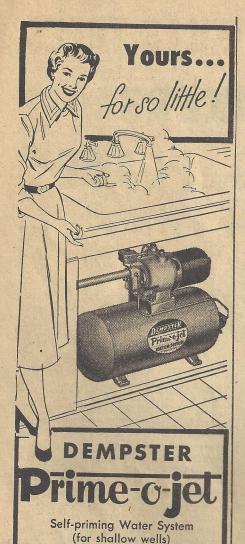
FALL FASHION LEADERS are the tweedy, textured cottons treated to shed wrinkles. Which put you right in the front row of style and comfort for state home demonstration meetings listed on the calendar for late summer. Clothes you take to meeting will carry you right up to winter months—and in many places, straight through the year.

Such convertible clothes as shortsleeved or sleeveless dresses with matching jackets or sweaters extend your wardrobe in this air-conditioned age. So pack both parts of your costume for meeting, even though you now think you won't cool off until Christmas.

Comfortably clothed, you'll be able to relax and enjoy fully your HDA president's speech and concentrate on workshop lessons to take back home.

Texas Home Demonstration Assn. meeting is being held July 31, August 1 and 2, Rice hotel, Houston.

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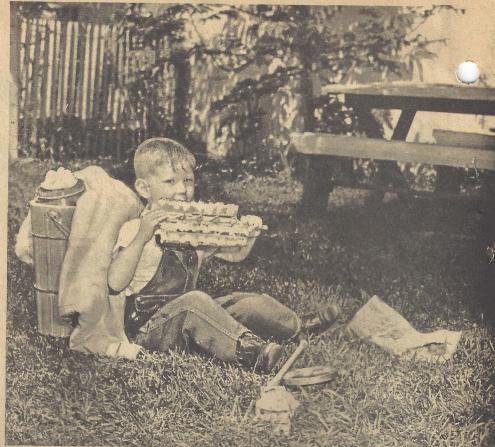


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Many frozen desserts are mis-named ice cream. To be ice cream, it must be made of a sweetened, flavored cream or custard mixture. Sweetened fruit juices combined with water, milk or cream form the base for ices, sherbets and frappes. Ices and sherbets are frozen until firm like ice cream, but frappes are frozen only to a mush. Mousses and parfaits are frozen whipped cream desserts.

Ingredients used, way in which they are combined, and method of freezing varies with type of dessert.

For freezing in crank-type freezer, finely chopped ice makes turning easier and helps freeze mixture more evenly.

Proportion of salt to ice is important since it affects freezing, smoothness and volume. Large amount of salt quickens freezing, but produces coarse-grained texture. One part salt to 5 or 6 parts ice is a good proportion.

Freezer-can with dasher inserted should be filled only two-thirds full to allow for expansion of mixture. Freezerpail should be filled with alternate layers of measured ice and salt, and well packed to top of can. Make certain, of course, that no salt water can get in.



Vanilla Ice Cream

7/8	C	sugar	3	eggs	
		salt		t vanilla	
		flour		C heavy	
3	C	milk			

MIX SUGAR, SALT, and flour. Add 2 C scalded milk; cook in double boiler 10 or 15 minutes.

Beat egg yolks until light and fluffy; over them gradually pour part of milk mixture; return all to double boiler and cook 5 minutes longer. Remove from heat and add the other cup of milk.

When cool, add vanilla. Then fold custard into beaten egg whites and whipped cream. Freeze. Yields 2 qts.

Ice Cream Sandwich

CHILL A LOAF sponge cake in refrigerator or freezer. Cut cake into ½ in. slices. Place 1/2 in. slice ice cream between 2 slices of cake. Top with whipped

Mmmm-Ice Cream!

By Katharine Randall Home Editor, The Farmer-Stockman



cream. Decorate with fresh fruit or chocolate sauce. Serve immediately.

Ice Cream Meringue Pie

11/3	C graham cracker	1/4	C butter
	crumbs		qt. ice cream
	C sugar	3	egg whites
1/2	t nutmeg	6	T sugar
1/8	t salt		

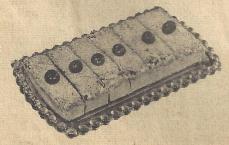
BLEND GRAHAM cracker crumbs with sugar, nutmeg and salt. Blend in melted butter. Firmly line a 9 in. pie pan with mixture. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) about 8 min. Cool.

Pack ice cream firmly in cooled pastry shell. Beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Add sugar, a tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition. Pile meringue lightly over ice cream, sealing edges. Bake in a hot oven (450° F.) for 3 min. or until meringue is a delicate brown. Serve immediately.

Burnt Sugar Ice Cream

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2 C sugar	1/4 t salt	
1 qt. milk	1 t vanilla	
4 eggs or 8 volks	2 C heavy cream	

CARMELIZE ONE CUP of the sugar and add to scalded milk. Beat eggs and add remaining sugar. To this add scalded milk mixture, then return to double boiler and cook to custard consistency (when it coats the spoon). Cool. Add salt, vanilla and cream.



Pour into ice cream freezer, pack and crank. When frozen, wipe and take off cover of can; remove dasher. Allow cream to ripen for several hours before serving.

Fresh Peach Ice Cream

2 C march mula

z c peach pulp	74 5011	
1-C. light corn syrup	1/4 C sugar	
1 lemon	1/2 t almond flavoring	10
		-

2 eggs 11/2 C heavy cream

SELECT SOFT PEACHES. Mash thoroughly. Add corn syrup and juice of lemon. Beat egg yolks and add to peach

Beat egg whites until fluffy; add salt and sugar. Fold into peach mixture. Add almond flavoring and cream. Freeze. Allow to ripen 2 hours.

Chocolate Chip Ice Cream

1	qt. cream	1/4 t salt
3/4	C sugar	1 T vanilla
2	C. chinned	semi-sweet chocolate

SCALD CREAM; add sugar and salt. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Chill. Add vanilla.

Pour into freezer, pack and churn. When partially frozen, add chocolate chips, then continue freezing until firm. Remove dasher and pack for 2 hours. Yields 11/2 qts.

Apricot Sherbet

1	C apricot juice	2 T lemon juice
	C water	2 egg whites
1/4	C sugar	1/8 t salt
1	C apricot pulp	1 C heavy cream

COOK APRICOT juice, water and sugar one minute. Cool and add apricot pulp and lemon juice. Chill.

Beat egg whites until fluffy. Add salt and cream. Fold into fruit mixture. Pack and freeze. Allow to ripen 2 hours.

Fruit Sherbet

4	oranges	3 C sugar
2	lemons	1/8 t salt
2	C bananas	2 qts. milk

MIX ORANGE and lemon juice and mashed bananas with sugar; add salt. Let stand for an hour or 2. Crushed pineapple or strained apricots can be used instead of bananas. When ready to freeze add enough milk to fill the freezer 2/3's full. Freeze and pack. (Mixture will curdle when fruit and milk are first combined but will make a smooth creamy sherbet when frozen).

Buttermilk Sherbet

1/4	C powdered sugar	1 large can crushed pineapple
	t vanilla qt. buttermilk	1 egg white

ADD SUGAR, SALT, vanilla and buttermilk to pineapple. Mix well. Fold in stiffly beaten egg white. Pour into freezercan, freeze and pack. Yields 13/4 qts. sherbet.

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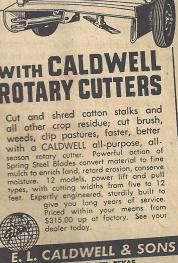
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Sugar Preserves Beauty of Buds

By Dorothea H. Ice

AN OLD RECIPE still popular today is this one for crystallized flowers:

- 1 C hot water
- 2 C granulated sugar
- 2 C fresh small rose buds

Wash, drain and stem tiny rose buds, violets or other small flowers. Avoid bruising petals.

Dissolve sugar thoroughly in hot water. Add flowers. Let syrup simmer on low heat until syrup reaches soft ball stage in cold water. Stir flowers very gently with wooden spoon.

Remove from heat and continue to stir until syrup begins to granulate and reaches consistency of coarse meal. Empty over a wire rack or colander and shake off extra sugar.

Cool, pack into jars, and seal. Crystallized flowers will keep indefinitely. Use them to decorate cakes, to garnish fruit salads, tea plates, or store them in fancy glass jars and give them for Christmas or birthday remembrances.

Gafford Chapel

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Black are a remarkable lot. It would be worth anyone's time to visit this ommunity, where Texas hospitality is at its best and where progress has been made that will amaze you. I had visited the neighborhood last year, and could hardly believe what I saw this yearthe most widespread and effective neighborhood clean-up program I have ever witnessed

The Black Community, with its abundant irrigation water, has made tremendous production gains. Their up-todate farm homes would turn most city folks green with envy. And their community meetings are alive with good fellowship and progress planning. This good neighborliness at Black is contagious-you'll catch it for sure if you visit with these people. Their community center, by the way, was originally a hotel on the historic XIT Ranch.

Seventy families live in the Black community on over 33,000 acres of land. In their irrigation operations, they installed 33,416 ft. of natural gas line, and 24,240 ft. of underground pipe, plus 3,904 ft. of aluminum gated pipe. Fiftyseven families planted certified seed, and 60 families took part in a farmstead clean-up. Seventy families participated in a mosquito control program. Sixty families checked safety hazards about the farm and home, and 52 families carried out regular family recreation pro-

Tennessee Colony, beautifully located in the rolling hills of Anderson county near Palestine, has up a big head of steam for aggressive neighborhood development. The community center and church is used more often than most chamber of commerce meeting rooms.

Tennessee Colony neighbors enjoy working together. W. H. DuPuy pretty well summed up this attitude when he said, "This past year has been one of

the happiest of my life."

At Tennessee Colony I saw irrigation farming and upland farming. I visited in as modern homes as you will find anywhere. I saw wonderful crops and fine livestock.

But best of all, I saw people who, as one neighbor put it, "have learned to work together and play together." In addition, these good neighbors have developed a youth program that gives the Tennessee Colony youngsters plenty to do right at home.

Thirty-seven families live in the Tennessee Colony community. And they have made accomplishments galore. I was particularly impressed in this neighborhood by the thorough manner in which the folks pointed to the good work

being done by their neighbors.

The Rural Neighborhood Progress
Contest is gaining speed. Looks like the 1957-58 contest year will be the biggest and best ever. Your community can still enroll. See your county agent or home demonstration agent for information, or write to The Editor, The Farmer-Stockman, 4321 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas.



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By Allan E. Korpela

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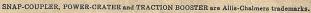
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FOR THE TENTH YEAR The Farmer-Stockman has awarded cash prizes to outstanding communities in the Texas Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest, conducted in co-operation with Texas A&M College Extension Service. This year 64 neighborhoods won prizes, the largest winning list to date. The awards were presented at local meetings by Extension Service and The Farmer-Stockman representatives in late May and in June. The story about the top prize winning communities begins on Page 10 in this issue of The Farmer-Stockman.

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5. Chamberlain, Donley county	\$50

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		-Fairview, Wid		\$50
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5.	Fouke, Wood county	\$50

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3 in. and 4 in. wells in irrigating some 300 acres. He has 500 acres under cultivation, but his water supply limits his irrigated acreage.

"I lost lots of water in open ditches," he said. So he installed the pipe system that puts all the water to the field. Aluminum pipes are to be found widely over his farm where he is watering.

Schwab showed me one 4 in. well that cost him about \$4,000 by the time it was ready to pump. Other wells in the county range from \$4,000 to \$8,000, depending upon depth and size.

Schwab said that 2 of the biggest problems in growing irrigated cotton on his farm are that small wells are expensive to operate, and that machinery maintenance is a big job.

For Hockley county as a whole, Bill R. Taylor, county agent, said that some 260,000 acres are under irrigation. Depth of irrigation wells range from 150 to 250 ft. The 4 in. well on the Schwab farm was 160 ft.

Farmers in the county are concentrating on lowering the unit cost of production. Generally, farmers follow a practice of hiring labor to pull cotton the first time over, and later harvests are made with machinery.

Some farmers are aiming toward total machine harvesting to lower their costs. The experiment station says farmers can save about \$18 a bale where the total harvesting operation is by mechanical equipment. However, other farmers feel mechanical stripping lowers quality.

I talked with several farmers about the cost of planting an acre of cotton and taking it up to harvest time. They indicated the cost is about \$45 to \$50 an acre (not including harvesting costs). However, this figure does not include the farmer's labor, depreciation on equipment and interest on his investment.

In figuring costs, Taylor pointed to the value of the use of fertilizer where needed. "If a farmer can spend \$10 on fertilizer and get a \$30 return, the fertilizer is a good investment. We had some farmers who realized such returns from the use of fertilizer."

Hockley county has made a decided swing toward cotton. As recently as 1951, there were 33 Grade A dairies in the county. Today there are less than 10. Grain sorghum is an important crop in the county, but cotton gets top billing. One farmer said, "We use what irrigation water we have left over from cotton on our sorghum crops." Even so, sorghums are important and the farmers are going to plant a sizeable acreage of the hybrid sorghums this year.

Schwab's principal crop is cotton, but he also has some other income sources. There are some fine Poland China hogs on his place. The hogs were started on the farm by the 2 Schwab children—Irwin and Karen—who had hogs as a part of the Sears swine program. These 4-H youngsters have made a good showing with the hogs.

REPORTS

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mostly by farmers in the Midwest.

The discount of 20c a bu. for 23 undesirable varieties of wheat is being continued. No change is being made in the premiums for protein and for No. 1 heavy hard red spring wheat. The 1956 price support on hard red winter wheat (the kind grown in Texas and Oklahoma) Grade No. 2 was scaled \$2.30 per bushel at Chicago and Kansas City and \$2.45 at Galveston. The 1957 rate was \$2.31 at Chicago and Kansas City and \$2.48 at Galveston.

A marketing quota penalty rate of \$1.12 per bushel on "Excess wheat" of the 1957 crop was set, being 45 percent of the parity price as of May 1, 1957.

from Atascosa county

Farmers Specialize To Get Ahead

SPECIALIZED FARMING is the "new look" in Atascosa county, "Our farmers are getting away from the one crop and row crop ideas. They are turning to dairying, egg production, vegetables, irrigation farming, hogs and sheep,' County Agent Dale Freiberger said.

The change toward a new kind of farming began several years ago, but has been slowed down by drouth. Now it is getting into high gear again. Freiberger said farmers are trying to find crops to give them a greater cash return on their investments.

Fred Krause, Pleasanton businessman. said the change will "help our entire economy." Jourdanton Banker Nolan Brown believes "We have only scratched the surface. I don't think there is a county anywhere that has the potential of Atascosa county."—by Ralph Gee.

from El Paso countu

Asparagus Growers Aim for More Sales

A NEW TYPE of pack for their green asparagus has been put into use by the El Paso Valley Asparagus Growers Assn. The growers are offering trimmed. no-waste, shorter spears in pliofilm bags, in addition to the regular one-lb. packages of asparagus. Customer reaction has been mixed, but the producers think housewives will come to prefer the new pack, just as they now prefer topless carrots to bundles with the tops left on.

The aggressive growers group was organized only this year. It is made up of 14 members, with about 100 acres of 3-year-old asparagus.-by W. S. Foster.

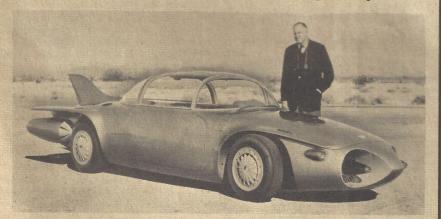
from Lubbock county

Research Agronomist **Joins Experiment Station**

DR. J. D. BILBRO has joined the staff of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock. He will do cotton improvement research for USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Dr. Bilbro is a native of Beaver county, Okla., and took his Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University.-by Conrad L. Lohoefer.

from the Oklahoma Semi-Centennial Exposition

Firebird II Is Built for the Wide Open Spaces



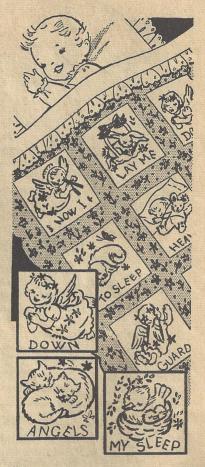
This new gas turbine passenger car, General Motors Firebird II, has a body made of titanium, air-oil suspension, all metal brakes. The car's designer, GM Vice President Harley J. Earl is shown with the speedster.

AMONG THE sensational exhibits at the Oklahoma Semi-Centennial Exposition (Oklahoma City June 14-July 7) are previews of cars of the future. General Motors has 6 of its experimental dream cars in an exhibit that also features a demonstration of an electronically controlled highway,

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Good Grass

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Winters is a strong believer in the value of chiseling. It's easy to see why, because the chiseled land was making grass and weed growth right along the chiseled area, and grass runners were spreading out between the chiseled rows, which were 4 ft. apart.

On some areas of the Winters ranch, I noticed range land that had been terraced several years ago. Grass was growing where the moisture had collected behind the terraces. Terraces are much wider apart than chiseled furrows, so the chiseling practice appears to give a wider and better distribution of grass.

The chiseling appears to be doing a fine job for getting more moisture (when any is available) for the range grasses. The best native grasses in this area are curly mesquite, buffalo and some sideoat grama.

Winters has always grown Herefords. I went into a group of 3-year-old cows to get pictures of the cows and calves, and they're fine looking animals. This rancher usually keeps his cows from 7 to 8 years.

In addition to the beef cattle on this ranch, Winters also has sheep and goats. He produces fine wool sheep and Angora goats. The combination of cattle, sheep and goats is a common practice in McCulloch county.

Winters culls his breeding livestock

"If we are going to get good grazing, and cut down on supplemental feeding, we are going to have to use all the good range management practices that will work in this area," Cusenbary said.

Winters, a co-operator in the San Saba-Brady Soil Conservation District, agreed.

In general, the carrying capacity or rangeland in the McCulloch county area is about one animal unit for each 15 to 20 acres.

When I visited in McCulloch county this spring, ranchers wore big grins because, as one said, "That's the greenest I have seen these pastures in several years."

But 2 points were emphasized, even when ranges were lush with good green grazing. First, more and continued moisture will be needed; and Second, the range land is going to have to be given good care to recover from long dry years.

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Every Melon Has Its Place

By J. F. Rosborough Horticultural Marketing Specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service

WATERMELONS ARE no longer just watermelons. Today there are many to choose from. There is Black Diamond, which is a large, oval, green rind melon that may weigh 30-45 lbs. This variety is a favorite for picnics. Even though the melons are large, the thick rind does not crack easily. The red flesh is sweet, but not quite so tender as some other varieties. Charleston Gray is a medium sized, long, grey rind melon. The flesh is a deep red color, tender and sweet. Small families may prefer this melon which weighs from 20-30 lbs.

Still another type of watermelon is the "ice box" watermelon. The melons have fairly thin rinds, red flesh, and weigh from 10-20 lbs. Most people prefer the Peacock variety. The melons are oblong with light green rind and very sweet tender flesh. Each of these varieties has a place in market channels. Before the watermelon season is over, you might conduct some "eating tests" on your own to determine which type is preferred by your family.

Selecting Good Cantaloupes

WHEN YOU BUY a cantaloupe, how do you select it? Most of us look at the greyish brown netting over the surface of the rind and we assume that the cantaloupe is ripe if the netting is a uniform brown color. There are many varieties of cantaloupes where skin color does not serve as a guide to maturity. The most fool-proof method of determining maturity is to look at the stem scar where the cantaloupe was attached to the vine. If the stem scar is smooth with no short, threadlike vine filaments attached, you can be sure that the melon reached full maturity on the vine. If, however, there are threadlike filaments over the stem scar, it's probable that the melon was pulled before reaching full maturity.

Know Your Peaches

MANY HOUSEWIVES wait for the "Elberta season" to "put up" the year's supply of canned and frozen peaches. Elbertas are excellent for canning but do not produce a good product when frozen. For freezing, the Halehaven or the Burbank Elberta varieties are preferable. These ripen 10 days ahead of Elbertas. The advantage of these 2 varieties for freezing is that they are less stringy and do not turn brown quickly in thawing. Be sure that the peaches that are to be frozen are fully ripe. It may be advisable to let the peaches ripen in the basket for one to 2 days until they are soft enough to yield to finger pressure. Firm mature peaches may be held in cold storage at 40-50 degrees F. You can also fill the hydrator compartment in your refrigerator with peaches and they will keep 2 weeks.





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West Texas Angus Association Doesn't Stop at State Lines

This story written from Lubbock county, Texas Southern High Plains

By Conrad L. Lohoefer
Correspondent, The Farmer-Stockman

THE WEST TEXAS Aberdeen-Angus Assn. was formed with 44 charter members in February 1951 in Lubbock. Since that time, the organization has grown to more than 100 members in 6 Southwestern states.

A. C. Chesher of Littlefield was the first president of WTAAA. Clyde Bradford of Happy was the first vice president, and K. L. Riggs was the initial secretary-treasurer.

Headquarters for the association is in Lubbock and Stanley Anderson, professor of animal husbandry at Texas Tech, is sec.-treas. T. D. Lyle of Ralls is president, and Lloyd Gambel of Ralls is vice-president.

Directors include Bud Kenyon, Por-

tales, N. M.; Mrs. Bonnie Haberer, Muleshoe; Roy Adams, Ackerly; Earl Stevenson, Bovina; Dean Wall, Floydada; Douglas Babs, Muleshoe; Clyde Bradford, Happy; Bill Bradley, Memphis; Billy Joe Evans, Shallowater, and John Quillam, Silverton.

At its first field day and sale July 20, 1951 at Texas Tech, the organization decided that although it is called the West Texas Aberdeen-Angus Assn., there would be no boundaries on its membership.

Today members live in Texas, New Mexico, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Kansas.

A field day and sale, usually early in July, have been held most of the years.

A short course and field day staged in July 1955 proved very successful. So the short course was continued in 1956, and will be held again this year. A sale is planned for July at Texas Tech.

Since the organization of the association, the members have seen the in clusion of an Angus classification in the South Plains Fair Livestock Show held annually in September-October, and the South Plains Junior Livestock Show held annually in March, both at Lubbock.

The organization is also active in the Panhandle Fair and Livestock Show staged each fall in Amarillo, and at other livestock shows.

Initial directors of the WTAAA included Bradford; O'Neal Rockey, Bailey county; Lacy Turner, Scurry county; Lewis Cumings, Hale county; Earl Stevenson, Parmer county; Mrs. Frank Norris, Castro county; Wayne Burford, Texico, N. M.; Roger Pierce, Ochiltree county; Dean Walls, Floyd county, and Charlie Bird, Dickens county.

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THE MILLS COUNTY Livestock Breeders Assn., started at Goldthwaite in 1936, has as one of its main functions the boosting of 4-H and FFA activities in the county.

R. L. Steen of Goldthwaite has been president of the association every year since it was organized. Other officers this year are Willis Horton, vice-president; Carl Casbeer, secretary, and Glen Collier, treasurer. Besides these, J. R. Horton and Willis Hill were among early members.

Originally the association membership included only beef cattlemen. But sheep, goats and hogs were later included in the activities of the organization.

The association sponsors the Mills County Livestock Show at Goldthwaite each January. This is largely a youth show, although there is an adult division.

All Goldthwaite merchants close their stores from 1 p.m. until the judging and sale are completed. The association sells memberships at \$1 each, proceeds helping to pay for the show.

The Goldthwaite Lions Club gives a barbecue for 4-H and FFA members and provides awards to winning exhibitors. Louis Hudson is president of the Lions Club this year.

The 4-H'ers have sold \$343,000 worth of prize steers at all the shows where they have had winnings since 1947, \$73,-600 at Houston alone as grand champions and reserve champions.

For Mills county as a whole, the income from livestock is the backbone of the county's agricultural economy, says Mills County Agent George Reese. Improving livestock in the county, as promoted by the local breeders association, looks like the pathway to greater livestock profits in the years ahead.

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Lone Star Roundup



By Sam Whitlow Texas Editor, The Farmer-Stockman

SHERIFF BELBE BEAN took the lead in his car as we traveled through the livewire Newburg community in Comanche county recently. At the outset, we started from a big and attractive sign that listed all Newburg neighbors.

IT'S AMAZING what good neighbors can do when they decide to get together and plan progress. The Newburg community the past year was one of the leading communities in Texas in the Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest, sponsored by The Farmer-Stockman, in co-operation with the Texas A&M College Extension Service. This high position as a district winner takes on added significance when you consider 205 communities in Texas entered.

THE NEWBURG NEIGHBORS took tips from the Soda Springs, Stag Creek and Amity communities in Comanche county and decided to work to improve their community. They've enjoyed outstanding success. As Gayle McCullough of Newburg said, "We know our neighbors a lot better." And Bill Lane added that "Our land value has increased because this community is a better place to live."

WITH THE BENEFIT of recent rains, the Newburg community is a beautiful sight to see. It's a diversified community, too. I saw many types of agriculture, including a visit to see the bulk tank equipment on the R. J. Adcock dairy farm.

I ALSO VISITED in Gonzales county with the good neighbors at Belmont. The attractive community center there is a busy place, beng used 2 or 3 times each week. The 4-H members put screens on the windows of this community building, and also constructed a tennis court nearby.

L. H. KRONIG, president of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that the "Belmont folks are real live wires." And their progress proves him correct. And Burke Elwood of the Citizens National Bank, Gonzales, added that "Belmont folks are doing a fine job."

ELLIS TATUM of the Black community in Parmer county, in the Texas Panhandle, told me recently that his com-

munity would probably have 50 percent or more of the grain sorghum acreage in hybrid varieties this year. These hybrid sorghums are getting lots of attention in many parts of Texas.

THE GOOD NEIGHBORS in the Black community have developed a community spirit that is difficult to believe, unless you visit in this rural neighborhood. In this big irrigated region, they've built productive power of their soil to an amazing degree. They're expert at building agriculture, and also top hands in community building.

YOU'RE NOT LIKELY to find any more attractive and comfortable farm homes anywhere in Texas than in this Black community.

ROSS GARRETT, Madison county agent at Madisonville, says that about 20 percent of the dairy cattle in the county are Brown Swiss and Brown Swiss crosses. The county has 28 Grade A dairies.

HAD A NICE VISIT recently with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Singleton of Perico of Dallam county in the northwest corner of the Texas Panhandle. Folks in this area are considering taking part in the Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest. Singleton is area vice-president of the Texas Assn. of Soil Conservation Districts.

RESEEDING CRIMSON CLOVER is going great guns in parts of Anderson county where it is a valuable grazing crop. And I saw a fine field of this clover in Hopkins county that has reseeded itself for 6 years.

IN ANDERSON COUNTY, Frank Carroll says he considers White Dutch the best all-around clover for low wet lands in the Tennessee Colony area.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG time since I have seen so many stock tanks brim full in many parts of Texas where I have traveled.

CROSS FENCING is a paying proposition to obtain proper distribution of livestock for grazing. Erie Sultemeier of the Pedernales SCD recently completed a cross fence in a large pasture, and

can rotate his livestock and practice deferred grazing.

T. A. CARROLL tells us that the Tennessee Colony post office in Anderson county was established in 1852.

WHILE VISITING IN Houston county, I learned that most of the bottomland alfalfa was lost this year due to high water. Phil Nix, county agent, told me that many of the bottomland farmers hoped to follow the high water with millet or Sudan to try to compensate for the alfalfa loss.

RANDOLPH HOLLAND of the Armstrong community in Bell county recently reported good growth of the Coastal Bermuda he planted in February. He thinks elimination of weeds by mowing will help speed growth of the grass, according to Don Decker, Bell county agent.

THE ZION HILL community in Parker county has one of the finest rural community centers I have seen in Texas. Dave Hudson, community chairman, showed me through this fine building. It is located on land donated by F. L. Cogburn. The building is 32 by 60 ft., and strictly modern. It has a giant fire place and all knotted pine interior walls

ZION HILL may well be the pattern that many rural communities in Texas will follow in the future. These people are combination city workers and farmers. While in Zion Hill I learned they listed as residents a real estate man, aircraft plant workers, a printer, a man in the tire business, a post office worker, carpenters, a painter, a plumber, a wholesale grocer, and people in other types of occupation. But they live in the rural community of Zion Hill.

JAMES DENTON, Parker county agent, says the use of bulk tanks in dairying is making a steady increase in the county. Parker county has some 300 Grade A dairies. Dairying is the big farm income producer in the county, followed closely by beef cattle.

R. T. BIGELOW of Hunter, near San Marcos, has seeded King Ranch bluestem in 2 waterways. He says the biggest problem this year has been weeds and that he has taken special precautions to start out with a clean seedbed.

TROY KIGHT, associate editor of The Farmer-Stockman, recently made a swing through deep South Texas to visit communities in the Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest. Troy came back afire with enthusiasm about the good neighboring he saw. At New Bielau in Colorado county, near Columbus, he said the folks used home-grown produce—cabbage, onions, potatoes, grapes, tomatoes, etc.—for a tempting table decoration at a community meeting. It was a joint meeting between the good neighbors of Zimmerscheidt and New Bielau



From photographs taken in Yugoslavia by Jack Jackson, director of agriculture, KCMO Radio, Kansas City, Mo. Jack conducted 22 American farm folks on a globe-circling farm study tour. One of the party, Mr. Truman Otto, Kingston, Mo., is pictured here.

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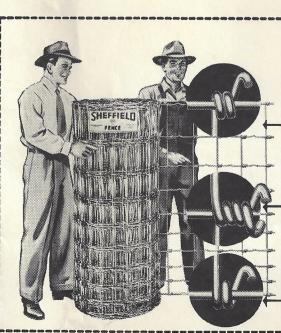
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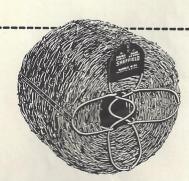




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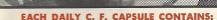
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