

Editor to Head Rainmaking Parley

Ferdie J. Deering, editor of The Farmer Stockman, was named Thursday by Gov. Hall to head Oklahoma's delegation to an eight-state rainmaking meeting April 7 in Oklahoma City.

Deering is chairman of Hall's advisory committee on weather modification. Two other delegates will be named later, the governor said. Hall said the April 7 meeting is designed to lay groundwork for an interstate compact for weather modification.

"We are seeking cloud seeding assistance from the Office of Emergency Preparedness based on research needs," the governor said.

Hall said advisers are forecasting another dry season for the state. Rainfall during the first quarter of the year has been below normal, he said.

Hall also said transportation of eastern Oklahoma water surpluses to dry areas of the west "appears feasible and necessary" in seeking long-rang solutions to water problems.

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