

Martin County Farm-Ranch Report

THAT D.D.T. BAN

Too rapid action on environmental matters without evaluation of the consequences is dangerous in the extreme. Consider the matter of DDT. Used worldwide to control such things as mosquitoes in malarial swamps, insect pests plaguing humans and animals and food crops alike, this chemical very likely did more than any other single agent in the history of the world to improve human life.

Though no accurate estimate is possible, it probably saved hundreds of millions of lives that would otherwise have been lost to disease and starvation.

What the ultimate consequences of this action may be cannot yet be assessed, but one of them has cropped up in the northwestern part of the United States. In Eastern Oregon and Washington, 400,000 acres of timberland is being threatened by an infestation of the Douglas fir tussock moth. The only man-made cure now known for the problem is a light application of DDT, amounting to only three quarters of a pound to the acre.

Destruction of such a volume of timber would be an economic disaster, and there is every reason to expect that the tussock moth will, if not controlled, expand its area of operation even further. To what extent the destruction

will spread, no one knows. The federal government may be asked to lift its ban on the use of DDT for this emergency.

Technology provides the tools to tip the scales in the balance of nature to man's favor. It is foolhardy to discard these tools before we have any effective substitutes for them.

POLLUTION

In its continuing effort to control air pollution, the State Health Department's Air Pollution Control Services has gone into the trailer business.

The trailers actually are portable air monitoring stations, which will monitor all major air pollutants in the urban areas of the state.

The first of the stations, designed to detect dangerous pollution buildups, went into operation in April at an elementary school in Jacinto City near the Houston Ship Channel.

Super sophisticated instruments in the movable trailer-like station measure about a dozen different pollutants continuously and automatically. The station teletypes instant pollution readings to the State Health Department's Air Pollution Control Services headquarters in Austin during periods of air stagnation.

Cotton—Talk

LUBBOCK — The Texas High Plains is well on its way to planting what is expected to be the highest acreage seeded to cotton in the last 20 years.

According to Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., which covers 25 Plains counties, estimates of total acres planted to cotton for 1973 run from a minimum of 2.7 million to as high as 3 million, "and planting is expected to reach the 90 percent completion mark during the week of May 20."

In 1952 the area put a whopping 3.9 million acres in cotton. The next highest acreage was seen last year when an estimated 2.6 million acres were planted. The huge acreage of 1952 resulted in a harvest of only a little over 1.5 million bales, and the production record for the Plains was set in 1961 with 2,443,900 bales gathered from 2,593,440 planted acres.

"So 1973 acreage is almost a cinch to be above any crop since 1952," Johnson figures, "and with our good underground moisture and a little bit of luck there is reason to speculate on setting a new all-time production record for the Plains."

Only Texas, Oklahoma, California, Arizona and North Carolina are expected to equal or exceed last year's plantings.

Nationwide the figures from NCC's survey indicate 1973 plantings may be from 12,388,000 to 13,070,000 acres, down 6.6 to 11.5 percent from last year.

Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baugh of Richardson are the proud parents of a boy, Steven Craig, born May 15, weighing 5 lbs. and 14 oz. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baugh of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Stevens of Midland.



PICTURED ABOVE is Leonard Mitchell with the new line of 1973 Hot Point Appliances — Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators and Dish Washers.

Farmer's Co-op Store Adds Hot Point Appliance Line

A brand new line of Hot Point appliances has been added at Farmer's Coop Store in Stanton, it was announced this week by Bob Aisup, the Coop's General Manager.

"The inventory is a large one," said Leonard Mitchell, the store's manager. He estimates it to be approximately \$1,500 in dollar value. "We invite our customers and the public to come by the coop store and have a cup of coffee with us and see this new line," Mitchell said.

The line consists of 73 models of Hot Point's dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, and electric kitchen ranges.

Most notable of these appliances are the Hot Point Dishwashers, Mitchell believes. The dishwashers are equipped with a cutting board top, for the kitchen gourmet in the family. They have easy roll casters, enabling the dishwasher to roll easily from place to place, and each is equipped with an automatic water level control and automatic detergent cup.

"This appliance line is something we've wanted to handle for a long time," Mitchell explained, "but we wanted to find a line where we could offer service to our customers." Mitchell stressed that each Hot Point appliance sold would be serviced by a trained Hot Point service technician.

Under the Coop Plan, whereby their farmer customers earn six per cent on the dollar annually, the Farmers Coop Store at Stanton also offers feed, seed and fertilizer, gas and oil, tires, batteries and accessories.

"The Coffee Pot is always on here at the store," Mitchell said, in welcoming his customers to the store. Store hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Faye Fleckenstein is secretary and Vale Flores is the service station attendant. The store is located on West Hwy. 80 and I.S. 20 in Stanton.

WATCH PUMP

AUSTIN — With predictions of fuel shortage becoming a reality, consumers should be on guard to get the most out of their gasoline dollars, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White cautioned.

"The first thing a driver can do is to make sure that the pump has a Texas Department of Agriculture inspection seal on it," Commissioner White stated.

The weights and measures inspectors of the Texas Department of Agriculture are responsible for making unannounced checks on gasoline pumps to encourage pump owners to keep them in proper working order. "But there are several precautions the consumer should take," Commissioner White said.

A good way to check the accuracy of the pump price and gallon computer is to note the price when the pump has dispensed 10 gallons of gas. If the price is 36.9 cents per gallon, the computer should register \$3.69 when the 10-gallon mark rolls around.



By BILL BOYKIN
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN, Tex. — The first overall revision of the Texas penal code in more than a century is nearing final passage as the legislature plows through its last full week of regular session duties.

House members promptly went to work on the bill after the Senate passed it last week.

The revision is the product of a seven-year study ramrodded by the State Bar of Texas.

Generally, the code pulls together the thousands of criminal laws scattered through the statute books. It groups felonies and misdemeanors into classes, ranging from most severe to minor offenses and fixes a range of punishment for each.

Many separate statutes are consolidated into comprehensive sections, and laws covering a variety of attempted crimes are grouped under a general attempt provision.

The new code increases maximum penalties for certain crimes of violence. Murder without malice, for example, could carry a maximum term of 20 years compared to five under present law.

Penalties for some other crimes were lowered. Minimum, as well as maximum, punishment is provided in each category of felony.

One of the major changes in existing law is the definition of insanity as applied to defense in criminal cases. The new definition terms insanity as a mental disorder or defect that prevents one from conforming his conduct to requirements of the law. The old "M'Naghten rule" terms a person insane who does not know right from wrong or understand the nature and consequences of his acts.

Lawmakers went into Friday and Saturday sessions in an effort to reduce the tremendous pile of unfinished legislation. Much of it will remain unacted on.

OPEN RECORDS BILL PASSED — The Senate passed its version of open records legislation, returning it (HB 6) to the House for consideration of amendments.

The bill would require most records to be available for public inspection and that copies be provided promptly at cost.

An amendment would allow agencies to require payment for copying records of many pages.

Exceptions are provided for private correspondence and communications of elected officials and information related entirely to personnel matters within the agency.

OIL ALLOWABLE RETAIN. To be humble to superiors is duty, to equals courtesy, to inferiors nobleness. — Benjamin Franklin.

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

Greetings: The soil and water resources of Texas are God given resources and are of basic importance to the welfare of all citizens of this state.

It is the concern of all Texans that these resources be used wisely in order that all Texans may enjoy a richer life.

The contributions being made by Soil and Water Conservation Districts throughout Texas continue to improve our environment and make Texas a better place to live.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts are sponsoring Soil Stewardship Week in an effort to impress upon all Texans the importance of caring for God's earth.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas do hereby designate the week of May 27-June

3, 1973, as SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK in Texas.
Dolph Briscoe
Governor of Texas

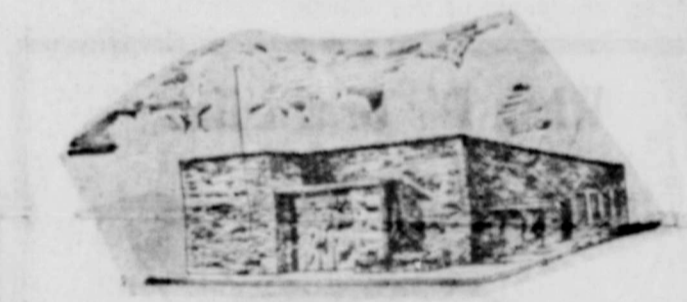
Grazing Coastal Bermuda

The more Coastal bermudagrass is grazed, the better it performs, says an agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Coastal bermuda has a high yield potential so it requires adequate fertilization and close grazing. The quality of the grass declines after it reaches a height of about six inches. It can provide enough forage to support two to three cows per acre during certain seasons. Cross fencing will allow more efficient utilization.

COW POKES By Ace Reid



"Boys, if the saddle horn don't pull out, I think he's got em rode!"



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The Stanton Jaycee-Ettes held their regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, May 15, in the Texas Electric Reddy Room. The meeting was called to order by Peggy Sorley. Twelve members were present.

Reports were given by Sandra Pinkerton on the State Convention and Patricia Wilson on the Clean-Up Drive to be held on May 26. Mary Sale passed out the year books for the coming year. The Jaycee-Ettes were asked to furnish and serve lunch for the Clean-Up Drive. They will also be in charge of the concession stand at the softball games sponsored by the Stanton Jaycees.

The Jaycee By-Laws amendments were presented, voted, and approved.

Zoila Hernandez was elected to serve as the new vice-president for the coming year.

On June 17, a Father's Day Party is being planned for all Stanton Jaycees and their families.

Refreshments were served by Jonie Gonzales to the following: Jerri Atchison, Mary Barnhill, Lois Jenkins, Janice Kelly, Sandra Pinkerton, Mary Sale, Peggy Sorley, Patricia Wilson, Zoila Hernandez, Kay Lynn Brown, Lauraine Vinson, Mary Jane Gonzales, a new member, and Linda Taylor, a guest.

Classified Ads Gets Results

Perceptor Mu met in the Reddy Room of Texas Electric on May 17 for a Hodgepodge Salad Supper. This is a party that celebrates all the holidays at once. For decorations any party paraphernalia is acceptable. The serving table had a small Christmas tree with statues representing each month of the year. Individual tables were decorated to represent the seasons favor were gayly decorated recipe books.

4-H Council News

By Leslie Welch
There was a 4-H leadership meeting Monday, May 7, in the County Agent's Office. Those who attended were Sharon Airhart, Lillian Holcomb, Peggy James, Mrs. W. T. Wells, Gracie Hanson, and Patsy Jones.

There was also a 4-H Council meeting. Those attending were Lanny Hanson, Sharolyn Holcomb, Dianita Wells, Jody Yates, J. C. Tunnell, Lesa Angel, Karla James, Teresa Krause, Danna Pinkerton, Dawn Kelly, Faye Welch, Nan Elmore, Christie Christon, and Leslie Welch.

Miss Hughes met at both meetings. She announced that her last day in office would be May 15 and that she would be married June 8, at Fort Stockton.

Also, today was Shelby Airhart's birthday. She was 2 years old. Happy Birthday, Shelby!

When you put off work until tomorrow, you put off profits until next week.

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Sammye Lewis won the hand painted plate Era Burns gave the chapter last month. The new president gave each a "Wildflower Window Garden" from the Applewood Seed Co. in Golden, Colorado. The containers were made of native trees of the state.

Irene Long conducted the business meeting. She thanked the members for their cooperation and support during the last year. She presented each member with a book-marker. Mary Kathryn Bristow reported for the Scholarship Committee. A recipient was chosen to be revealed on the night of graduation. Mary Kathryn reported the two bathrooms at the hospital had been tiled. June Reid gave the City Council report. Irene Long installed these officers for the ensuing year: President, Jendo Turner; Vice-President, Edith Chenault; Secretary, Sammye Laws; and Treasurer, Mamie Roten.

Members present were: Mamie Roten, Margaret Roueche, Gerry Gates, Jendo Turner, Heler Dawson, Sammye Laws, Mary Kathryn Bristow, Irene Long, Edith Chenault, June Reid, Helen Ruth Louder, Mary Prudie Brown, and Pauline Wood.

Rho Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Marilyn Newman on May 17 for the final chapter meeting of the year.

President, Marilyn Newman, presided over the business meeting held. A reminder letter was received from the State Convention to be held at McAllen. A notice concerning the West-Texas Area Convention at Sweetwater on October 19, 20 and 21 was received. A treasurer's report was given by Beverly North. A City Council report was given by Mary Sale.

Mary Sale reported that plans were final for the end-of-the-year social to be held May 25. The yard stick was completed and we received a Three-Star rating.

Membership pins were presented to Mary Barnhill, Judy Brandenberger, Paulette Hahn, Sue Smith and Patricia Wilson. Perfect attendance charms were presented to Mary Deitiker, Paulette Hahn, Marilyn Newman, Sue Smith and Clara Stewart. Beverly North presented the President's gavel to Marilyn Newman.

Clara Stewart presented the program, substance for the Art of Life: The Beautiful. The Garden, presented by Bonnie Yater, was selected as program of the year. Officers for 1973-74 were installed. Phi Pals were revealed and new Phi Pals were drawn for the coming year.

A salad supper was enjoyed by the following: Mary Barnhill, Beth Black, Judy Brandenberger, Mary Deitiker, Bonnie Franklin, Becky Graham, Paulette Hahn, Beverly North, Brenda Robertson, Mary Sale, Sue Smith, Clara Stewart, Carolyn Stone, Patricia Wilson, Bonnie Yater, Marsha Todd, guest, Nona Cain, and hostess, Marilyn Newman.

POSSIBLE TAX HIKE
The President's top economic adviser, Herbert F. Stein, says the Nixon administration may consider raising some taxes if the country's booming economy can't be brought under control in other ways.

DEFINED
Fishing — An uninhabited body of water surrounded by liars in old clothes. — Leader, St. Louis.

The Stanton Jaycee-Ettes were host to a tea honoring Rose Bell, Area I-B Vice-President from El Paso, Saturday, May 19, at the Texas Electric Reddy Room. She serves the Stanton area as supervisor of the various state Jaycee-Ette activities.

She conducts informative clinics on Jaycee-Ette activities at summer, area, and winter district meetings. She also conducts clinics at Summer Board Meetings on various Jaycee-Ette topics assigned by the State Jaycee-Ette President.

Mrs. Bell discussed the State Constitution and by-

laws that were recently revised at the State convention and how they would affect the local chapter. Several money making projects and clinic projects were discussed and helpful hints given that her local club at El Paso had done. She encouraged the Stanton members to attend the Summer Board Meeting in Victoria June 28, 29 and 30.

Those present at the meeting included Mary Jane Gonzales, Kay Lynn Brown, Zoila Hernandez, Janice Kelly, Jerri Atchison, Mary Sale, Lauraine Vinson, Peggy Sorley, Sandra Pinkerton and the honoree, Rose Bell.

Glenna Mims was the hostess Monday night when the Mu Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their last regular meeting for the summer. Opening Ritual was given in union.

Billie Jean Morgan presided when Mabel Atchison was named Historian; Jami Rhodes and Glenna Mims were appointed City Council delegates. Nettie Byrd gave the sorority study. Secret Pals were revealed and a drawing for new ones was held. The group wore the clothes from the Brown Sack Sale held at

the last meeting. Polly Atchison received the "It" gift. Cake, ice cream, nuts and drinks were served to Jendo Turner, director; Carol Anderson, Mabel Atchison, Polly Atchison, Nettie Byrd, Mickey Lander, Clairese Hale, Glenna Mims, Billie Morgan, Lora Springer, Maxine Kelly, Billie Pinkerton, Billie Flanagan, Rhonda Patrick and Pauline Graves.

Correction: Billie Morgan was hostess at the May 7 meeting. Billie Flanagan was installed as treasurer for 1973-74 term.



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