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TRUCK AND FARM CROPS IN SOUTH TEXAS :: Country—Good Fall Oats

(From The Progressive Farmer)

We are located on a tract of prairie land that until not very long ago was considered worthless as farming land and used entirely as a cattle range. During our four years' experience here, we have been successful in growing quite a variety of crops on this "no-count" land.

Our main crop here is figs; the growing of the Magnolia fig being our specialty. We now have over 100 acres of trees set out ranging from one to four years old. They begin to bear the second year and the fourth year will net something like \$100 per acre. The figs are preserved and packed in glass jars, ready for the market, in our own preserving plant, the same day that they are picked off the trees.

We believe the Magnolia fig is going to be the best paying fruit of the coast country.

We are also raising some truck and berries, though not as yet on a very large scale. Experiments with cabbage, strawberries and dewberries have been very successful. We shipped two cars of cabbage this spring but the market was decidedly off and we did not realize much from the crop. Dewberries did well and we sold all we raised, locally, for \$3 per crate. We do not understand why more dewberries

are not raised in this country, as they are easy to grow, there is always a good demand for them at good prices, and for home use, there is not a better berry grown.

Our best berry here is the McDonald, which is a cross between a dewberry and a blackberry. We have also set out quite a few Haupt berries and the few vines we had bear this year proved them to be an excellent berry and we will plant largely of them next year.

Strawberries have been pretty hard to carry through hot, dry summers here, and we have only been able to save our plants from burning up by mulching. We cultivate thoroughly, but shallow until middle of June and then mulch them heavily with prairie hay. We fill the middles first, leaving the plant as long as possible to allow the runners to root, then cover the rows with a light er mulch later. The short hay soon settles down between the plants and we then put on more hay until the ground is completely covered with a good layer, from six inches or more in the middles to three inches on top of row.

However, we have not confined ourselves entirely to fruit farming, but are raising many of the general farm crops that are ad-

mirably adapted to this section: corn, cotton, oats, cowpeas, sorghum, kafir corn and peanuts.

We sowed a small experimental patch of oats year before last and they turned out so well that we put in 20 acres last fall and are very well pleased with this year's crop, although the rust did some damage this season, owing to unfavorable weather.

We sowed these oats last November, broadcast, using one and one-half bushels Texas Red Rust-Proof oats. Disked them in with disk harrow and harrowed-off with spike-tooth harrow. The stand was generally too thick and we believe one bushel to the acre would have been better, as we noticed that where the stand was thin the rust did not attack the oats as badly as where the stand was thicker. We shall drill our oats in after this, as there is no question but that the drilled oats will not rust as easily as

We believe the failure of farmers to raise oats in South Texas can be laid to their sowing their oats in the spring instead of the fall.

Oats here should always be sown in the fall and our section is far enough south so that we are in very little danger of loss from winter killing. They should of course be sown early enough to be fairly well established before killing frosts. The last week in October is about the right time here at Eagle Lake, or not later than the middle of November.

Every farmer should plant a patch of oats for feed to supplement the corn ration for stock. It can be grown at a time when nothing else is occupying the land and the beauty of it is that the oat crop does not require any attention during the spring rush.

A few hundred bushels of oats comes in mighty nice to feed our mules during the hot summer, and especially as our corn has a very bad habit of playing out about in May. Usually our corn crop is late in this section this year and is suffering at this writing for lack of rain. Some of our neighbors' corn is looking

mighty sick and we have seen some fields that are past all hope of making anything like a crop. Our fields are still looking good, in spite of the fact that we have had hardly any rain to speak of since they were planted. But we might mention that the ground was prepared thoroughly before planting, and it has been cultivated frequently and shallow—for we are good readers of The Progressive Farmer. We are a little bit curious to see if the corn under these methods will make a crop without rain—but still we hope way down in our hearts that it will—rain.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL HAPPENINGS OF THE

PAST WEEK

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A courtesy you owe your guests

Mr. Harry Terrell spent several days at Palacios this week.

Miss Beth Wright returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives and friends in Wharton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Daily and guest, Miss Lizzie Rabinowitz, were visitors to Houston Sunday.

Mr. H. Nussbaum left Tuesday for Marlin where he will take the baths for a couple of weeks.

Editor Chas. Mrazek of Garwood was in the city Sunday en route to Schulenburg on a business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kotzebue visited former home folks at Bernardo Monday and attended the dance at that place that night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts and children and Misses Fannie and Mary Williamson returned Tuesday from a week's visit to Palacios.

Mrs. W. K. Wilson had as her guest the past week, her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Hales, of Honey Grove, who returned to her home Thursday.

Messrs. A. M. McDow, J. F. Beard, John York and Ed Wolney were visitors to Wharton Tuesday, making the trip in Mr. McDow's Cadillac.

Mrs. R. H. Hart and little daughter left Sunday for their home in Palestine after a pleasant visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nathan.

Four more arrests were made by the city authorities during the past week for vagrancy and in three cases a plea of guilty was made while the fourth member stood trial and was found guilty. The officers are to be commended for their efforts in ridding the city of this class of negroes who loaf about the city continually and make no effort to find employment. Possibly with a few more arrests the city will be free from such class of people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson will leave about the first of the month for Victoria where they will make their future home. The local law firm of Putney & Wilson will open an office in that city with Mr. Wilson in charge and he will also be connected with the Victoria Fire Insurance Agency, in which he has purchased a half interest. The many friends of this popular young couple regret very much to see them leave but wish them well in their new home.

Ernest Maxey, colored, caused considerable excitement in the negro section of the city Monday night by striking his wife on the head with a hatchet. The woman was not seriously injured and in the turmoil Maxey made his escape for the time being but was picked up the following morning by City Marshal N. W. Callison. Not satisfied with the notoriety gained the night before, Maxey again gained further publicity by falling down the stairs in the Norris building and was picked up for dead, but upon the arrival of a physician was soon revived, no injuries resulting from his fall.

Mr. M. E. Guynn was a business visitor to Houston Saturday.

Miss Mary Perry of Columbus was the guest of the Misses Chew the first of the week.

Mr. J. G. Thomas returned Sunday from a week's visit to friends in Corpus Christi.

Miss Willie Goodie of Houston is visiting in the city, a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Thatcher.

Misses Bertha Bunyard and Hazel Pones have returned to their homes in Houston after a pleasant visit in this city at the home of the Misses Chew.

Mr. W. A. Green left Saturday for Willis Point to pay a visit to his brother at that place. He expects to be absent about a month and will likely visit other North Texas and Oklahoma points before returning.

About fifty Eagle Lake citizens were in attendance at the fair and barbecue held in Rock Island last Friday. The Eagle Lake Municipal Band furnished music for the occasion while the Eagle Lake Orchestra played for the dance that night.

The first bale of 1913 cotton grown in the Eagle Lake section reached this city Wednesday. The cotton was grown by John Sutton, a negro tenant on the old Sluttter farm, now operated by the Pecan Valley Farm Co. The bale weighed 588 pounds and was purchased by Mr. W. E. Welford at twelve cents per pound.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. True and daughter and Mr. E. C. True of Ryan, Oklahoma, were guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Bruce several days this week.

The party had been spending some time at Palacios and stopped over here to inspect our wonderful farming country, which has made a good impression upon both gentlemen. They are out on a prospecting tour and it is possible that both gentlemen may decide to locate in this section. Mr. J. R. True stated that his wife and daughter would probably remain here in order to give his daughter the benefit of our splendid school system.

Three negroes broke jail here Saturday night and up to this time have not been located. Owing to the crowded condition at the city lock-up they were placed in the run-around and they made their escape by breaking the hinges on the door. Before making their get-away they attempted to liberate two white men who were confined in the cage, one of them a soldier who is being held on a desertion charge and the other a wanderer picked up for riding a train. The "soldier boy" was carried to Columbus Sunday and lodged in the county jail to await further developments, while his companion was given a fine of \$20 and as he was shy the necessary coin of the realm to secure his release was carried to the county farm to work it out.

Mr. Vance Moore was a visitor to Columbus Sunday.

Mrs. M. G. Calvert and two children have returned from a visit to relatives at Simonton.

Miss Nell Green is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. O. Green, and sister, Miss Cora Green, at Palacios.

Rev. J. A. Stephen and family are expected home today from Palacios where they have spent some time at the B. Y. P. U. encampment.

Miss Rebecca Watson of San Antonio arrived in the city Saturday for a visit to friends and relatives, being the guest of Miss Pansy Green.

Miss Hertha Jordan, a member of the office force of the Sealy News was a pleasant caller at the Headlight office on Monday. Miss Jordan was en route to Sealy from Schulenburg where she had spent a week visiting friends.

The Philathea Class of the Baptist Sunday School, met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Utery, in her new home in the Hanly addition. After a very pleasant afternoon spent in guessing the names of supposed paintings, the hostess served a delicious lunch of fried chicken, tomato salad, sandwiches, cheese blocks and iced tea.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Welford and little daughter, "Bill" and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Balhorn returned Sunday from Marlin where they have been sojourning for the past three weeks. The trip was made in Mr. Welford's Cadillac touring car and was entirely free from the usual auto trouble, as out of a total mileage of about twelve hundred miles they had not even as much as a blow-out or a puncture.

Mr. G. A. Derigo of Eldridge was in the city Saturday and while here stated that the report that he would put in one thousand acres in potatoes next year was entirely erroneous. Mr. Derigo will put in some acreage but a smaller amount than the report indicated. He is one of the most progressive farmers in the Eagle Lake section and is a strong booster for the organization of a potato growers' association.

The election held in this city on last Saturday to determine whether or not the Eagle Lake Municipal Independent school district should be dissolved and the Eagle Lake Independent school district formed was carried by an overwhelming majority, the vote being 95 for and 7 against. The dissolving of the old district abolished the school tax and an election has been called for Wednesday, August 27th to re-levy same. In order to have school next year it will be necessary for this election to carry as the per capita tax received from the state will not be sufficient to run the schools for over three months, and furthermore it would be impossible to secure teachers to come here for such a short term. All property tax payers should go to the polls on Wednesday, August 27th and vote for the tax.

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A number of small boys of this city went to Columbus Tuesday to play a game of ball with a team of youngsters of that city. The local team was defeated by a score of 22 to 19.

Mr. Paul Brown is assisting Mr. Joe Utery at the store of F. S. Utery & Son during the absence of Miss Nell Green.

Master Earl Terry has accepted a position as apprentice at the Headlight office, and we must say that as a "devil" Earl is right there with the goods.

Mrs. C. W. Bentley of Simonton arrived Sunday for a visit to friends and relatives, being a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Davidson.

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