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SPEAKINGRice Consumption
and Prices Zoom

\$266 Million

Crop In Texas

(Editor's Note: The following article by Nelson Anderson, Houston Chronicle Editor, appeared in the Sunday, Jan. 20 edition of the Chronicle and is of interest in this rice-producing area.)

Rice was a \$266 million crop in Texas in 1973, preliminary figures show, a record attributed largely to a hungry world population and an increased use of rice by housewives in an effort to stretch food dollars.

The tiny white grains brought an average of 10 cents a pound in 1973, more than double the previous year, according to the calculations of a Houston-based rice marketing cooperative.

The price was about \$1 per 100 pounds and the state's production was about 19 million hundredweight, estimates Ralph Newman, manager of American Rice, Inc. This compares with the seasonal average of \$0.50 per 100 pounds in 1972.

Thus the lowest per-acre yields in years were more than compensated for by the higher price. "We had an unfavorable planting and growing weather and a horrible harvest season, but by most criteria it was the best year the farmers have ever had -- some better than others, depending upon how much they were able to get out of the fields," Newman says. The \$266 million farm in-

crease in value would compare with \$187 million in 1972, \$300 million in 1971, and \$141 million in 1970.

In Texas, rice is planted in a relatively small geographic area stretching along the coast from near El Paso to the Louisiana border. The number of rice farmers is estimated between 300 and 500. Historically, rice has been grown in Texas since 1863 but didn't reach commercial significance until 1928. Today it ranks third in crop income, exceeded only by cotton and grain sorghum (milo). Growers are greatly dependent upon foreign buyers because traditionally about 60 percent of the rice is exported.

But up to Dec. 1 of 1973 domestic consumer purchases were running about 7 percent ahead of 1972, according to Ben A. Baldwin of Houston, president of the Rice Millers Assn.

In a normal year the industry experiences about 1.5 percent growth at the retail level, he adds. This is despite the fact that the retail selling price went up 80 to 100 percent in the past six months.

One of the reasons that rice continues to be a good buy in comparison to other staples is that it is purchased at only 12 percent moisture, compared to 80 or 90 percent for potatoes. It swells to three or four times the original size when cooked. "We have had fantastic response on the part of consumers to the new emphasis we have placed on rice," Newman says.

Cash export sales ranked the Arab countries in third position behind Europe and South Africa in 1973, according to Baldwin. The Middle East had been in second position as a cash market for U.S. growers but there have been some purchases from Pakistan and Thailand, he says. Asia is now harvesting one of its largest crops. There are reports that Thailand may have as much as 1.8 million tons of exportable rice, according to R. L. Wells of P. & S. Rice Mills, Inc.

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"If it hadn't been for the price there would have been a lot of better farmers up and down the coast," comments P. E. Galtie of Dayton, president of the American Rice Growers Co-op Assn.

The "Chapelwood Singers" is a select group of 25 Wesley choir (high school). They provide music for the regular worship services at the Chapelwood United Methodist Church in Houston, as well as special programs, secular and sacred, in the church and around the city of Houston.

The director is Mrs. Charles Low, Music Assistant, and the accompanist is Mrs. Ernest Wilpits, Church Organist. Ray Evans is the Director.

Monday, January 28th

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The project is about two years old at this point and has been set up in 32 states and three provinces. Of the 1,200,000 motel rooms in the United States, 200,000 have had Reach Out placed in them.

Practically, the aim of the project is to have transients take the New Testament with them, and to encourage Bible reading in this way. One month this summer 100,000 copies of the modern English New Testaments were taken by tourists. Printed on most hotel Bibles are the words: "Please Leave in Good Faith."

By the end of 1974, DeVries says the league plans to have contacted all the U.S. motels. An annual turnover of more than three million New Testaments is anticipated.

Inserts in each copy of Reach Out invite tourists to take the New Testament with them and to enroll in an interdenominational Bible correspondence course. The course is run by the local church which distributes the Bibles. Over 100,000 people enrolled in the Bible course in that month.

The World Home Bible League is an interdenominational Bible distribution agency with headquarters in South Holland, Ill. It was founded in 1928. Today its annual budget is more than three million dollars, and the league is working in 50 countries around the world.

The World Home Bible League, in cooperation with the New York Bible Society, is responsible for the publication of 95 percent of the translations produced by Wycliffe translators.

During the next five years the World Home Bible League is undertaking a campaign to have a gospel portion of every literate person in India. The organization is a service agency which works through existing churches and mission points.

Reach Out is a paraphrase of the original New Testament translated by Dr. Kenneth Taylor, who heads Tyndale House Publishers which produces this version and the modern English New Testaments.

Taylor spent 14 years in paraphrasing his Living Bible, which now has 12 million copies on the market.

The effectiveness of the Bible distribution ministry is seen in this true story:

A rather discouraged and lonely young serviceman was spending his last night in the U.S. in a motel room in southern California. He noticed an unusual looking Reach Out in the motel.

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24 YEARS AGO
Let's Look
Back

January 6, 1950

Another indication of progress in Eagle Lake is the announcement this week that "Central Power & Light Company" distribution crew, working on the distribution system for the south district of the Rice Belt, will be headquartered in Eagle Lake.

The automatic transmission will make its first appearance on Saturday, January 7, with the induction of 1950 Chevrolts. "Newcomers to town are Mr. and Mrs. F. Coffey, Jr., Bacilio G. Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Rodriguez of Eagle Lake, is serving with the famed 51st Infantry, or the "American Legion," of the 7th Division. Coach Arnold Payne's Eagle Lake Eagles and the Garwood Cars did the unusual on the courts Tuesday night when they played a tie ball game but only through an error in the scorers' records.

Welcome to Judith Marie, born December 26th to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Oberhaus. A new 54-passenger school bus has been put on the Calhoun run this week and the driver is Frank Ripper.

For example, the council distributed 3.8 million copies of one cookbook alone during the year. Requests for the several other types of brochures were estimated near a million. The council even printed a cookbook available for distribution in the Middle East.

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White carnation corsages tied with lavender polka dot ribbon were presented to the honoree and Mrs. Stephens. Guests were registered by Mrs. Seaholm and greeted by the honoree; Mrs. Draper Stephens, the groom's mother, and the hostesses.

A lovely arrangement of lavender daisies, purple statice, Scottish heather, and chocolate "French silk" tarts, nuts, coffee and spiced tea were enjoyed. Mrs. Frank Higgins poured.

After the wedding and Mr. Stephens will be married Saturday, January 26 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at six o'clock in the evening.

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Survey Taken Of Sophs And Jrs

By Debbie Sommerlatte

A recent vocational survey was taken among Rice High School sophomores and juniors to determine student attitudes toward the community.

The survey was held on January 19, 20 and 21, 1974. The survey was held by a group of students and a teacher. The survey was held in the school cafeteria. The survey was held in the school cafeteria.

Garden Club Members Have Busy Sessions

The Eagle Lake Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Tommie Neiswander on November 14, with Mrs. Havel Schomberg, County Home Demonstration Agent, and Mrs. Schindler of Columbus brought various artificial arrangements, mostly for Christmas.

The Christmas party was planned and held on December 12th at the home of Mrs. Geraldine Cason. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Mrs. Edith Duty gave a reading and Mrs. Ida Causey gave a book review on "Two from Gallilee." Christmas gifts were exchanged from the lovely Christmas tree. The covered dish lunch was delicious with baked ham as the main course. Hostesses were Mrs. Cecil Austin, Mrs. Violet Mooney and Mrs. Eunice Phillips.

The January 9th meeting was held in Mrs. Hattie Carter's home with Mrs. Elma Longmire as cohostess.

Pot plants were the subject of discussion. Many beautiful and unusual ones were shown. There were three visitors, Mrs. Helene Dromgole and children. Mrs. Tommie Neiswander gave an article on poisonous plants, both flowers and weeds. Mrs. Ravens had a discussion about pests on begonia plants.

The hostesses served a delicious meal.

The next meeting will be a workshop on February 13 at Mrs. Esther Sunderman's home. Valentine plates for shut-ins will be prepared. Mrs. Ravens was elected the new reporter.

ATTEND WEDDING
Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Franks were in Odessa Friday and Saturday. They went especially to attend the rehearsal dinner on Friday evening and the wedding of their nephew John E. Goode and Miss Delora Box at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

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Buddy and
John Seaholm
On Deans List

Buddy and John Seaholm, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Seaholm, made the Dean's List at San Houston State University at Huntsville for the past fall semester. A 3.0 average or better is required of a student in achieving this honor.

Both young men will be practicing teaching during the upcoming spring semester. Buddy is majoring in Agricultural Education and John's major is Physical Education and his minor is History. They will be graduated in May.

Races At Columbus Sat., Sun.

Second Lieutenant Chris W. Shaw, son of Mrs. Maudie L. Shaw of Garwood, has been awarded his silver wings at Williams AFB, Ariz., upon graduation from U. S. Air Force pilot training.

Lieutenant Shaw will remain at Williams for flying duty in the F-4E Phantom II unit of the Air Training Command.

A 1967 graduate of Columbus (Tex.) High School, Lieutenant Shaw received his B. S. and M. S. degrees in civil engineering from Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and a member of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Pretty Tea Compliments Donna Black

A tea honoring Miss Donna Black, bride-elect of Charles Martin Stephens, was held at the Edinburg Hall, Saturday, January 19, 1974 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Courses of purple chrysanthemums were presented to the honoree; her mother, Mrs. Bob Merritt; the groom-elect's grandmother, Mrs. Charles Stephens and Mrs. Clarence Martin.

The refreshment table was covered with a white lace and net cloth over a white tulle cloth. One end of the table held the crystal punch bowl containing grape fruit ring; at the other end of the table was a silver service for hot coffee and spiced tea.

Dainty finger sandwiches and delicious home-made cookies on silver trays, nuts and mints were placed on the table. The center of the table held a beautiful arrangement of poppies, lilacs and carnations in various shades of purple, the bride's chosen color, in a cupid holder.

Tables for seating of four, were placed at different points of the room. They were covered with white cloths and centered with an arrangement of greenery and lavender ribbon and flowers with bayberry candles burning in crystal holders.

Mrs. Stiles' book for registering the guests was on a table at the entrance of the hall. Those pouring punch were Mrs. Willie Emmel, Mrs. V. J. Kana, Miss Betty Kana, Pouring coffee and tea were Mrs. Louis Grigar and Mrs. Louis Stiles, Jr.

Guests from Wharton, El Campo, Garwood and Eagle Lake called during the hour. Hostesses were: Mrs. Frank Broesche, Mrs. Henry Dostal, Mrs. Willie Emmel, Mrs. Nolan Grashoff, Mrs. Louis Grigar, Mrs. Adol Hollas, Mrs. V. J. Kana, Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, Mrs. Joe Koudelka, Mrs. Bob Meitens, Mrs. Albert Pusztovszky, Mrs. F. F. Spitzel, Mrs. Louis Stiles, Jr., Mrs. Bill Wilkerson.

Assisting in hostess duties were Misses Trudy and Patty Stiles.

The hostesses' gift to the bride-to-be was an electric Singer iron.

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GARWOOD AND NADA
COMMUNITY NEWS

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BRIDGE

The Monday Night Bridge Club met with Mrs. Harold Beatty. A lovely refreshment plate was served preceding the games.

Mrs. R. A. Shoop received the high score; Mrs. Gladys Schurring was second high; Mrs. B. F. Turner was low and Mrs. Ben Waligura received the traveling prize.

Mrs. R. A. Shoop was a guest of Mrs. and Mrs. George Koenig and daughters in Garwood Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. L. V. Crank, Sr., were playing bridge with Mrs. Wilam Prause in Frisburg last Monday.

FAMILY REUNION

Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Von Heeder and daughter, Kay, attended the Von Heeder family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Small in Baytown. Eight of the nine Von Heeder children were present. Approximately fifty people were in attendance. Turkey and ham with all the trimmings were served at the noon meal.

Other delegates will be arriving from colleges and universities in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Several noted speakers from industry and government will also be in attendance. SCORNA will be held in College Station, Texas February 19th through 21st.

Lisa has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harry for the past several days before returning to school.

Miss Virginia Tills has returned to S.W.T.S. University at San Marcos after a few days vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Tills.

An offering will be sent to the Conference for Mission needs.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

A speedy recovery to Henry Staff of Nada who is in Eagle Lake Hospital; to Mary Karlenka of Garwood who is at

Lt. Chris Shaw Gets AF Wings

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FAMILY REUNION

Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Von Heeder and daughter, Kay, attended the Von Heeder family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Small in Baytown. Eight of the nine Von Heeder children were present. Approximately fifty people were in attendance. Turkey and ham with all the trimmings were served at the noon meal.

Other delegates will be arriving from colleges and universities in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Several noted speakers from industry and government will also be in attendance. SCORNA will be held in College Station, Texas February 19th through 21st.

Lisa has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harry for the past several days before returning to school.

Miss Virginia Tills has returned to S.W.T.S. University at San Marcos after a few days vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Tills.

An offering will be sent to the Conference for Mission needs.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

A speedy recovery to Henry Staff of Nada who is in Eagle Lake Hospital; to Mary Karlenka of Garwood who is at

Lt. Chris Shaw Gets AF Wings

Second Lieutenant Chris W. Shaw, son of Mrs. Maudie L. Shaw of Garwood, has been awarded his silver wings at Williams AFB, Ariz., upon graduation from U. S. Air Force pilot training.

Lieutenant Shaw will remain at Williams for flying duty in the F-4E Phantom II unit of the Air Training Command.

A 1967 graduate of Columbus (Tex.) High School, Lieutenant Shaw received his B. S. and M. S. degrees in civil engineering from Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and a member of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

Pretty Tea Compliments Donna Black

A tea honoring Miss Donna Black, bride-elect of Charles Martin Stephens, was held at the Edinburg Hall, Saturday, January 19, 1974 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Courses of purple chrysanthemums were presented to the honoree; her mother, Mrs. Bob Merritt; the groom-elect's grandmother, Mrs. Charles Stephens and Mrs. Clarence Martin.

The refreshment table was covered with a white lace and net cloth over a white tulle cloth. One end of the table held the crystal punch bowl containing grape fruit ring; at the other end of the table was a silver service for hot coffee and spiced tea.

Dainty finger sandwiches and delicious home-made cookies on silver trays, nuts and mints were placed on the table. The center of the table held a beautiful arrangement of poppies, lilacs and carnations in various shades of purple, the bride's chosen color, in a cupid holder.

Tables for seating of four, were placed at different points of the room. They were covered with white cloths and centered with an arrangement of greenery and lavender ribbon and flowers with bayberry candles burning in crystal holders.

Mrs. Stiles' book for registering the guests was on a table at the entrance of the hall. Those pouring punch were Mrs. Willie Emmel, Mrs. V. J. Kana, Miss Betty Kana, Pouring coffee and tea were Mrs. Louis Grigar and Mrs. Louis Stiles, Jr.

Guests from Wharton, El Campo, Garwood and Eagle Lake called during the hour. Hostesses were: Mrs. Frank Broesche, Mrs. Henry Dostal, Mrs. Willie Emmel, Mrs. Nolan Grashoff, Mrs. Louis Grigar, Mrs. Adol Hollas, Mrs. V. J. Kana, Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, Mrs. Joe Koudelka, Mrs. Bob Meitens, Mrs. Albert Pusztovszky, Mrs. F. F. Spitzel, Mrs. Louis Stiles, Jr., Mrs. Bill Wilkerson.

Assisting in hostess duties were Misses Trudy and Patty Stiles.

The hostesses' gift to the bride-to-be was an electric Singer iron.

ATTEND DAR MEET

Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. Curtis McManahan, Miss Sally Fink, Miss Jones, Mrs. Travis Wagoner, Miss Kathryn Miller and Mrs. Gardner C. Duncan attended a