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EDITORIAL SPEAKING

Farm, Ranch Safety Week July 25-31

Governor Dolph Briscoe has proclaimed the week of July 25-31 Farm and Ranch Safety Week in Texas.

"Although the farm and ranch environment contains many hazards," the governor said in his proclamation, "experience has shown that education, common sense, skill and protective equipment can counter these hazards and prevent accidents and injuries to a minimum."

Texas farmers and ranchers, their families and employees need to dedicate themselves to the task of safely producing the commodities needed by an entire nation.

The proclamation is part of a statewide farm and ranch accident prevention campaign being conducted by the Texas Safety Association, Texas Future Farmers and Future Homemakers of America and Young Farmers of Texas. The

week also concurs with National Farm Safety Week under the co-sponsorship of the National Safety Council and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

State Health Department figures show that there were 214 fatal accidents on Texas farms during 1973. That number is up 16.9 percent over 1972. The highest ranking fatal farm accidents in 1973 were those involving firearms (42 deaths), drownings (41 deaths), tractors (26 deaths), fires and burns (24 deaths) and falls (20 deaths).

This year's national campaign is focusing in the fall with the theme, "ABC's of Avoiding Falls—Alarms, Barriers, Care."

Joe Smeltzer, TSA vice president for farm and ranch safety, offered some basic suggestions for preventing falls:

- Watch your step. Survey your path to spot slipping, tripping hazards.
- Wear shoes and boots with slip-resistant soles and heels. Clean them before climbing, mounting farm equipment, or walking on hard, smooth surfaces.
- Keep walking surfaces free of ice, snow, manure,

24 YEARS AGO Let's Look Back

(Friday, June 23, 1950)
Eagle Lake's annual Clean-Up Week is set for the week of July 3rd. As a spraying or dusting program is also being planned, the "insects are downed," J. T. "Doc" Melander is retiring at the end of next Friday's work after 25 years as a clerk in the local Post Office. . . . Somebody in Eagle Lake is interfering with the displaying of the American flag. Pretty serious offense, but maybe they haven't thought of it that way. . . . Eagle Lake shows the biggest population gain in 1973 and is only 27 from being the biggest town in the county Colorado County in the last ten years, according to census figures received in the Headlight office this morning after half the papers were printed and in the mail. The population of Eagle Lake is 1,440. Mr. and Mrs. . . .

louse train, etc.

—Never permit children to ride on farm equipment. Establish a "no riders" rule—no one should be on farm equipment other than those necessary for work operation or for instructional purposes.

—Use hand holds or rails when climbing off and on machinery. Use handrails on stairs.

—Inspect ladders before each use. Repair or replace if unstable or faulty. Set ladders on firm footing. Set straight ladder base out one foot for each four feet up. Don't overreach. Stay off tall ladders on gusty days.

—Keep buildings maintained. Fix broken flooring, steps, etc.

—Have a storage place for everything; put things away when finished. "Good housekeeping is a fall prevention must."

—Don't block your view when carrying large items. Look for hidden hazards when walking in weeds, tall grass, etc.

—Provide plenty of light so you can see where you're going and what you're doing.

—Fatigue, illness, excessive alcohol, poor vision, anger, medications which make you drowsy, etc. make you less alert. More prone to fall.

—Take time to be safe.

Krenek And Rosprim To Be Honored By Voc. Ag. Assn.

Troy Krenek of Garwood and Lewis J. Rosprim of Eagle Lake, Vocational Agriculture teachers, Rice Consolidated High School, will be honored by the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas in Houston on Tuesday, July 30, according to Coy R. Jagers of Dallas, president of the organization.

Krenek is being recognized for his 25 years of service to the vocational agriculture program in Texas. He graduated from Lovely High, served three years in the U. S. Navy and attended Rice Consolidated High School and the University of Houston.

Rosprim will be recognized for his 30 years of service to the vocational agriculture program in Texas. He graduated from Ennis High School and received his

degree in education from the University of Texas at Austin.

Both teachers will be presented with a plaque and a certificate of appreciation.

The association is a national organization of vocational agriculture teachers. It was founded in 1917 and has over 10,000 members in 48 states.

The association's purpose is to improve the vocational agriculture program in the United States. It does this by providing its members with information, resources and support.

The association also sponsors a variety of programs and activities for its members. These include conferences, workshops, and seminars.

The association is a non-profit organization. All funds raised are used to support its programs and activities.

The association is a member of the National Education Association (NEA) and the National Teachers Association (NTA).

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CPL Has Two New Helpful Booklets

Two new booklets explaining how to use and understand electricity are now being made available by Central Power and Light Company, according to CPL manager Frank Scherrer.

The booklets, "Saving Money on Your Air Conditioning From CPL" and "How to Read Your Electric Meter" can be obtained at the local CPE office.

He also noted that over 40 percent of the average electric bill in South Texas for June, 1974, could be attributed to air conditioning use.

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