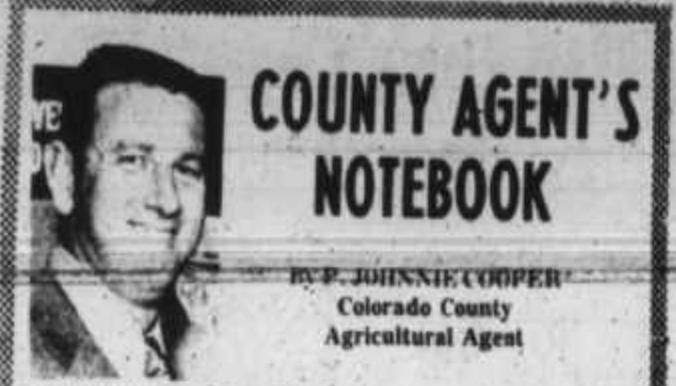


**COUNTY AGENT'S NOTEBOOK**



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**ARI Offers To Purchase Blue Ribbon Rice Mill Badges to R.A.'s**

David R. Wintermann was program chairman for the 1974 meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week and he reviewed the history of the Blue Ribbon Rice Mill in Houston, now owned by the American Rice Grower Co-operators.

Mr. Wintermann was president of the American Rice Grower Co-operators for a number of years at the time the association purchased the Blue Ribbon Mill. He told the Rotarians and guests of the trying times under this ownership and of the later ownership, and of the later ownership of the mill to the Texas co-operators. Under the ownership of the Texas co-operators and through wise planning and good management the mill has flourished and is now one of the most modern in the country and further improvements are underway.

The mill in addition to the rice milling operation, has added par-hall facilities and a plant to manufacture its own bags and also trucks to make its own deliveries.

Mr. Wintermann is a director and pastor of the Blue Ribbon board. He is a member of the A.R.I. Inc., an upcoming rice marketing organization with a membership of 17 at this time of some 2800 rice producers in this state, has made an offer to purchase the Blue Ribbon Mill.

It is anticipated that the directors of Blue Ribbon will call an election in which each of the members of the A.R.I. will have a vote to determine if the sale of the mill should be made to the A.R.I. organization.

If you are concerned about the future of cattle, the cost of feed and fertilizer, the cost of capital and of operating or the effects that the world economy may have upon your operation, you may obtain the most current information in these areas at the Annual Agricultural Conference, Sessions will be held in the J. Earl Budger Center.

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The development of a food raising society, rather than a food gathering society, depends on scientists who know plants and soils.

In many developing countries, there is a real need for trained agriculturists.

The Peace Corps is trying to place them in a country where their expertise and skills can be put to good use, and where the people who may be interested in Peace Corps has to offer.

Vegetable farming and fruit production often offer the best possibilities for a family to deepening profit losses will want to consider enrolling for the second annual Texas Annual Agriculture Conference, April 10 and 11, at Texas A&M University.

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