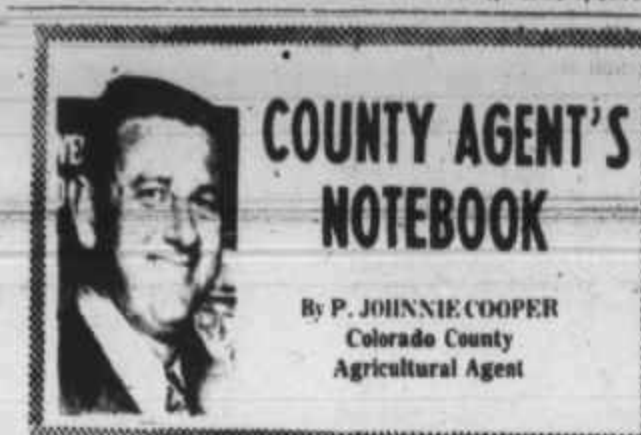




COUNTY AGENT'S NOTEBOOK

By P. JOHNNIE COOPER
Colorado County
Agricultural Agent

Texas Brucellosis Agreement May Be Cancelled

Since intensified co-operation of federal-state effort to protect both human and animal health from brucellosis or Bang's disease has not been fully accepted by Texas, the nation's leading cattle-producing state may suffer several consequences.

The Texas Animal Health Commission recently rejected certain proposed changes in rules which would require branding of cattle exposed to infected animals and a negative brucellosis test of cattle moving into certified brucellosis free areas in the state.

The rules changes were recommended by industry representatives and veterinary officials of all 50 states and approved by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Because of the state's refusal to tighten brucellosis regulations, the USDA has informed the Texas Animal Health Commission that federal funds to fight brucellosis in cattle may be withdrawn.

In addition, Texas cattle may be placed under federal quarantine to prevent the spread of the disease to other states.

Texas counties also would lose Modified-Certified and Certified Brucellosis-Free status. Additional testing would be required in order to ship cattle interstate.

The action to remove federal brucellosis status would become effective January 1, 1976, when a cooperative agreement with Texas for brucellosis eradication would be terminated unless remedial steps were taken by the state.

As a result of the brucellosis eradication program begun in 1954, more than 99 per cent of the nation's cattle are now free of brucellosis. However, the one per cent still infected causes millions of dollars in losses to the livestock industry through abortions, breeding problems, weakened offspring and reduced milk production. The disease may be passed from animals to humans as undulant fever.

Currently the annual federal

expenditures to eradicate brucellosis in Texas amount to \$3.7 million, \$2 million of which is for indemnities paid to owners of infected cattle and \$650,000 for cooperative agreements for herd testing.

According to USDA figures, Texas has 3,083 cattle herds under quarantine on August 31. This is about one-third of the 9,452 infected herds identified nationally.

The new drive for final eradication was prompted by recent increases in the number of brucellosis-affected herds, primarily in the Southwest. As a result, the USDA has given priority to the program and has committed the necessary resources.

Farm Machinery Safety Tips

Farm machinery must be respected and operated with care to get optimum benefits. The best way to prevent accidents is to spot and correct potential trouble situations before they happen.

A few precautions to take when working with farm machinery are:

1. Make sure all farm machinery is operated and cared for according to the instruction manuals and that everyone in the family is instructed in safe operation.
2. Keep children and guards in place when operating machinery, turn off the engine before refueling, adjusting or servicing a machine, and always replace defective parts as soon as possible.
3. Keep all children and pets away from operating machinery.
4. Always hitch drawbar loads to a drawbar in the proper towing position, not to the tractor's axle or frame.
5. Equip tractors with protective caps, fire extinguishers and first aid kits.
6. Make sure lighting on machinery is adequate. When using a public road, have slow moving vehicle emblems mounted on machinery.
7. Have spray operators wear protective clothing, such as long rubber gloves and goggles, change clothes daily and wash before eating or smoking and immediately after operating.
8. Equip operators with noise

John I. Marik Laid To Rest In East B.

John I. Marik, prominent East Bernard businessman, died November 17, 1975. He was born at Walli, five miles east of East Bernard on December 27, 1899, the fourth child of Ignac and Anna Marik.

Mr. Marik was in the first graduating class from the East Bernard High School in 1916 and afterwards attended St. Mary's College in La Porte.

In addition to his bookkeeping and insurance business, he was Justice of the Peace for approximately thirty years and the Selective Service registrar for twenty-five years. Included in civic duties were: secretary of the Independent School District, charter member of the Lions Club, Fire Department treasurer for many years beginning in 1940, charter member of the Chamber of Commerce receiving their Civic Appreciation Award in 1963, member of the Wharton County Historical Survey Committee and a trustee of the Wharton County Museum Association.

John I. Marik and Josephine Spack were married in the Holy Cross Church of East Bernard by Magr. J. C. Runc. Their children are: Eugene Marik of East Bernard, Clarence Frank Marik of Houston, Clarence O'Hare of Houston, and Inez Porter of Wharton. Two children preceded him in death, Mark Marion in 1939 and Marc John in 1971.

He is also survived by his wife, Josephine, fifteen grandchildren, a great grandson and numerous nieces and nephews. Surviving brothers and sister are: Mrs. Mary Bory of El Campo; J. Marik of El Campo; Albert A. and Edmund Marik, all of East Bernard; and Charles J. Marik of Bellville.

Funeral services will be held on November 19, 10 a.m., at the Holy Cross Church.

Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, East Bernard.

In response to requests from friends, the family of the late John I. Marik has established a fund in commemoration of his numerous interests in civic, historical and religious matters in the East Bernard community. The fund will be used for a memorial to be chosen at a future date. Anyone wishing to contribute may do so to the John I. Marik Memorial Fund, United States Bank, East Bernard, Texas 77439.

REFLECTIONS ON International Sunday School Lesson

(Matthew 9:9-13; 12:17, 42:23)

The story of Jesus has been termed "one of the best documented facts of human history." The four Gospels of the New Testament provide the fullest account of the life of Christ. Each of the Gospels gives an accurate historical account. Their purpose in writing is what makes the difference.

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One day Jesus called him to leave his business and become one of the disciples of Christ. Without delay Matthew answered this call. He invited his friends to a banquet to hear Jesus teach and apparently many of them also became followers of Christ.

The tax collectors were generally hated and considered to be traitors to their country. At first appearance it might seem strange that Jesus would call such a man to become his disciple. Allowing him to become the key writer of such a history might seem even more strange.

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County 4-H Club News

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Dist. Gov. Picone To Visit Noon Lions Today

Joe Al Picone, Governor of District 2-33, Lions International, will speak to the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club at its regular meeting at 12:00 noon today, Thursday, Dec. 4.

Lion Picone, a member of the Brenham Evening Lions, has over 35 years service to Lions. He held many offices in his club, and served as president in 1971-72, during which the Brenham Lions Club was organized. Lion Picone has also served as Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor, L.I. Governor, and is a charter director of the Lions Eye Bank of District 2-33. He was instrumental in forming the Washington County and Somerville Lions Clubs.

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RICE DISTRICT SCHOOL MENUS

Thurs., Dec. 4: Fried Chicken, Rice with Gravy, Spinach, French Cabbage, Hot Rolls and Bread.

Fri., Dec. 5: Tuna Croquettes, Buttered Corn, Green Beans, Waldorf Salad, Baked Bread.

Sat., Dec. 6: Beef Stroganoff and Rice, Pickled Beets, Green Beans, Cabbage, Noodles, Peas and Carrots, Fruit Cobbler, Hot Rolls and Butter.

Sun., Dec. 7: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Mustard Green, Strawberry Jello, Baked Bread.

Mon., Dec. 8: Meat and Cheese, Pizza, Pinto Beans, Lettuce Wedge with Dressing, Pineapple Upside Down Cake.

Tues., Dec. 9: Beef Stroganoff and Rice, Pickled Beets, Green Beans, Cabbage, Noodles, Peas and Carrots, Fruit Cobbler, Hot Rolls and Butter.

Wed., Dec. 10: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Mustard Green, Strawberry Jello, Baked Bread.

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Fri., Dec. 12: Meat and Cheese, Pizza, Pinto Beans, Lettuce Wedge with Dressing, Pineapple Upside Down Cake.

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Fri., Dec. 19: Meat and Cheese, Pizza, Pinto Beans, Lettuce Wedge with Dressing, Pineapple Upside Down Cake.

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Sun., Dec. 21: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Mustard Green, Strawberry Jello, Baked Bread.

First Alley Family Reunion Held Here

The first Alley Reunion was held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, at the First Alley Hall with 31 present.

Those attending out of town from Houston were: Mrs. A. H. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Perry, J. D. Alley, Mr. and Mrs. John Currie and children, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Glock, and Mrs. Elizabeth Brasher and children.

Others attending from Eagle Lake and the surrounding area were: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Maura and children, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Owens and children, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Alley and children, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Marsalis, Mrs. Jessie Mahon and Shae Mahon, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stogdon, Mr. and Mrs. Wyle Alley, Miss Jessie Alley, Joe Thomas Alley, Gary Alley, Michael Alley, Misses Connie and Bonnie Alley, Misses Bonnie and Martha Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Guthman and Mrs. Edna Novakiz.

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Free Car Wash

Frank Sherrer, this is your ticket for a free car wash. At Johnny's Kwik Kut Wash located near the 56th and 60th in Eagle Lake, Clippy this out and present at Johnny's for a free car wash effective thru Dec. 1, 1975.

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The Rice High School Raiders football team placed two men on All-District 18AAA, West Zone, teams. It was announced last week following a meeting of coaches of the six teams in the zone.

Kenneth Witte, 175 pound senior guard, was named to the first offensive team, and James Frazer, 180 pound senior, was named to the second defensive unit's backfield.

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SWT Bobcat Cagers, 3-0, Meet Aggies Wed. Nite

The Southwest Texas State University Bobcats basketball team won its third game of the season Monday night by the score of 89 to 66 and the Bobcats got their toughest test of the young season on Wednesday night of this week when they travel to College Station to meet Texas A&M University Aggies.

In Monday night's game, Richard Bryant led the Bobcats scores with 36 points. Jeff Franks of Eagle Lake was next leading scorer with eleven points. Jeff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Franks of this city, has averaged over ten points per game in the first three outings and turned in some clutch shooting in the first two victories over Texas Lutheran and Southwestern of Georgetown to aid the Bobcats' offense.

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This week-end Coach Jack Grammer takes the Raiders to the Victoria high school tournament and the Raiders will be the only Class 3A school in the tournament. Other competitors will be 4A schools from Victoria, San Antonio, Houston and Austin. It should be a real test for the Raiders against some of the best 4A contenders in the state.