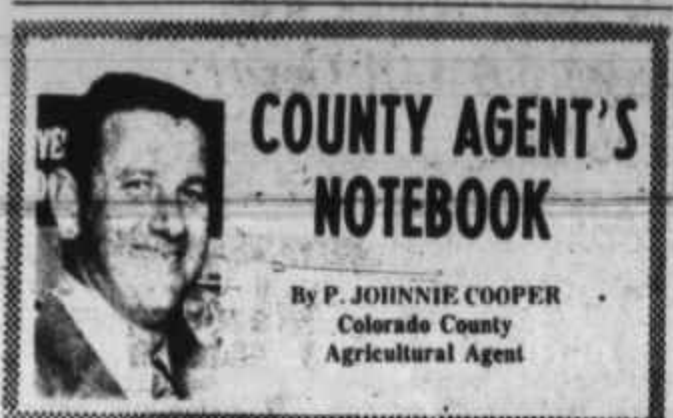




COUNTY AGENT'S NOTEBOOK

By P. JOHNNIE COOPER
Colorado County
Agricultural Agent

Fall Armyworms Present Threat To Pastures

Numerous cases of fall armyworms have been reported in Colorado County. The fall armyworm can build tremendous populations in a very short period of time, and has the capability of removing all of the leaf surface of a lush pasture in less than a week.

Pastures which have good grading should be checked regularly. Meadows which have been mowed are good candidates for armyworms. Armyworms build up usually occur about five to seven days after a rain. The rain produces lush tender growth. This year, the pest has destroyed pastures showing slower growth. The insect usually goes undetected the first four days until they approach one-half inch in length. If detected at this stage, the producer can take action.

If adequate hay has been made, and forage in more

maize pastures will carry the cattle later in the grazing season, the pasture can be grazed allowing the cattle to utilize the forage.

If the producer desires, he can spray to control the pest. An application of sevin will give excellent control. One thing to consider is the possibility of receiving a rain and another armyworm infestation within a week. The pest can continue to plague pastures until mid-November but cool nights usually end their activity in mid to late October.

Skunk Population Increases

A noted increase in the skunk population in Colorado County has been observed. Weather conditions have produced an abundance of feed and litter survival has been high.

The high population will soon be mobile and concentrating due to a more limited feed supply caused by hot weather.

This could result in a rabies issue which could pose a threat to humans.

Citizens are encouraged to have their pets vaccinated for rabies which is a good practice any year, but is of special concern when you consider the present situation.

Jerry Sparks Family Are New Residents In Eagle Lake Community



Marilyn and Jerry Sparks and Heidi

MR. and MRS. JERRY SPARKS and daughter, Heidi, are new residents of Eagle Lake and have become active in numerous community activities since coming to Eagle Lake three months ago. The family resides in the Eagle Lake Apartments at 306 Church Street.

Heidi is enrolled in the first grade at Eagle Lake Primary School. Mrs. Sparks, Marilyn, is a Registered Nurse and is employed at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. She is a graduate of Paris Junior College. Mr. Sparks has been in the sales and selling business for the past five years. He is now an active member of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club.

The Sparks family attends the Colly Memorial United Methodist Church and participates regularly in its activities. He is an active member of Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club. He is now and used car representative for Karl Johnston Chevrolet, Buick and Pontiac Agency in Seely, Texas. He invites citizens of this area to give him a call or to come by the Johnston Agency at the intersection of I-10 and Texas 36 in Seely to discuss their new and used car needs or just to become better acquainted.

"We're happy to be located in such a fine community as Eagle Lake and look forward to participation in community activities for all ages," said Mr. Sparks. "Take a nice drive out FM 3013 to Seely and come by for a visit."



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Mahalic Weighs Corn Production



Arthur Mahalic weighs corn varieties as corn varieties are weighed on scales provided by the Lower Colorado Farm and Ranch Improvement Council.

Mahalic Has Corn Variety Evaluation Plots

Thirteen corn varieties were planted on the Arthur Mahalic farm near Matthews, Texas, to evaluate them for the year.

ports County Agent P. Johnnie Cooper.

The plots were planted March 22 and harvested August 23. Each variety was replicated three times in the test to reduce soil variation effects.

Yields ranged from a low of over 136 bushels to a high of 92 bushels. Moisture ranged from 13.5 to 16.8 percent.

Yields with moisture adjusted to 14 percent for all varieties were as follows:

McIntire Y300, 136 bushels; PAG X520, 133 bushels; Taylor-Evans T. E. Blanco, 129 bushels; Ring Around RA 3002, 125 bushels; Grower's NS212, 119 bushels; Agrow RX125W, 119 bushels; Punks G4776, 118 bushels; Aco G5820, 116 bushels; Aco X19792, 107 bushels; Conlee Contas, 103 bushels; Kanch Whiteking, 97 bushels; and Harper Texas 42-5X, 92 bushels.

Three of the varieties were white corn. They were T. E. Blanco, RX-125W and Whiteking.

The thirteen varieties are by no means the only ones which can be grown in Colorado County. They constitute samples submitted by seed companies for testing, noted Cooper.

Producers should select major varieties they will plant on at least two and preferably three years of yield data, he added.

The contractor, Texas Road Boring Company of Louisiana, Mississippi, was represented by F. T. Jones, who stated that work will begin August 30, 1976 and should be completed by the end of November, 1976.

Family Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Frnk were hosts to a gathering of the families of the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Frnk at their pretty home in Quail Valley, Stafford, Texas, last Sunday. Attending were the Walter Frnk family, the families of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frnk and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Radack of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Mathis of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Frnk of Eagle Lake; and Miss Shirley Frnk and Miss Caramae Simmons of Galveston.

A bountiful and delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed followed by a wide assortment of desserts and drinks.

The afternoon was spent visiting around the Frnk's

backyard swimming pool and in taking pictures for remembrances of the happy occasion.

New Subscribers

Added to the Eagle Lake Headlight subscription list during the past week were:

Leonard Staff of El Campo, Herbert Hinz of Sheridan, Maurine Towley Anderson of Dayton, Elizabeth Towley Smith of Houston, David Brown of Lissie, Dennis Schroeder of La Grange, David Ellis of this city, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Burrow of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Christina Thomas of Bryan.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Former Residents Write:

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We feel particularly privileged to have had the opportunity to be associated with some of the greatest young people, particularly athletes, we have ever met - young people of whom everyone can and should be proud.

Eagle Lake is truly our kind of community - a community in which we could well have spent many years. In short, we hated to leave so many great folks, however, we had no other alternative. Life is too short to allow a few people, who could care less about the possibilities of ruining a young man's career, because in their opinion, he was "wrong" people, to make it a difficult and frustrating experience.

We want those who supported us to know that their concern, support, and friendship means more than anything else and we want to say "Thank you and May God bless you always." You are the greatest kind of friends.

Sincerely,
Butch and Karen Watson
309 Melissa Court
Schertz, Texas 78154

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MRS. J. F. STRUBKA - 758-3302

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