

Private Applicator Pesticide Certifications In May

Training Program
In Garwood May 17, 18
Here May 18th

(By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Ext. Agent)
Colorado County producers are reminded that certain pesticides will be restricted only by or under the supervision of certified applicators. The classification of certain pesticides as restricted use pesticides and the requirement for certification are each requirements of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, which is scheduled to be fully implemented on October 21, 1977. The law, administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was to have been fully implemented in 1976, however, a 1975 amendment delayed the full implementation.

The Texas Pesticide Control Act, although not requiring certification of private applicators, authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a program to certify private applicators, on a voluntary basis, who wish to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides in compliance with federal law.

The term "private applicator" means a certified applicator who uses or supervises the use of any pesticide which is classified for restricted use for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by him or his employer or, if applied without compensation other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities, on the property of another person.

The program, established by the Texas Department of Agriculture provides three options for certification of private applicators to include:

- (1) Completion of an approved training program conducted by a qualified institution or training group.
- (2) Submission of a completed questionnaire to the Texas Department of Agriculture following review of self-study material.
- (3) For emergency situations, a single-product, single-use certification available through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Private applicator certification training programs are being scheduled as a means by which Colorado County producers may qualify for certification as private applicators. Dates, locations, and times of the training program sessions are as follows: Monday, May 16, Columbus High School Cafeteria; Tuesday, May 17, Garwood School; Wednesday, May 18, Eagle Lake Community Center; and Thursday, May 19, Weimar City Hall. All meetings start at 8:00 p.m.

Tentative dates for the national Ref Referendum, in which all cattlemen will have an opportunity to vote on a self-help program, have just been announced by the USDA. The dates are June 6-17 for registration and July 5-15 for voting.

"Cattle industry leaders have been waiting three years for these dates," says J. D. Sartwell of Houston, who is chairman of the Texas Beef Development Taskforce. "That's how long we have been working to get a self-help program aimed at stabilizing and improving the beef market."

The program, known as the Beef Research and Information Act, was put together by cattle industry leaders and approved by Congress last year. If approved by two-thirds of the cattlemen voting, it will authorize a uniform collection of 3-10% of the value on each animal sold.

This rate will raise \$30 million to \$40 million a year for beef research, promotion, consumer education and foreign market development, according to Sartwell. The funds will be administered by a 68-member Beef Board, comprised of cattlemen nominated by existing cattlemen's organizations.

To vote in the Beef Referendum, producers must first register at the local ASCS office and certify that they have owned cattle at some time during the past 12 months. Then they may return, after a two-week waiting period, to vote at the ASCS office. Absentee forms will be available, upon request, for producers who prefer to register and vote by mail.

CORN TESTS ON MAHALITC FARM

A twenty variety corn test demonstration and a ninety-two variety corn disease test demonstration have been established on the Arthur Mahalitc farm in the Matheus community of Colorado County. Reports Charles Glueck, chairman of the Colorado County Program Building Committee crops subcommittee.

Glueck further stated that a corn fertilizer rate test has also been established on the adjacent Kenneth Mahalitc farm.

These tests were established with the assistance of the cooperating farmers, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the local county extension agent. Details of the demonstration progress will be released as the tests progress.

SCS Has Slide Talk On Soil Basics

How builders can avoid the problems of flooding homes is one of the principles covered in a slide talk available from the Soil Conservation Service, according to Connie Fair, district conservationist with the Columbus Field Office.

This presentation, "Soil Basics for Builders," informs people of some of the hazards of construction caused by soil conditions. In addition to flooding soils, the 12-minute presentation covers erosion, soil selection, shrinking and swelling soils, corrosive soils and sliding soils.

All of these problems are present in Colorado County. According to the Soil Conservation Service soil scientists, the location of these conditions can be identified by using maps. Building plans can be adjusted to avoid flooding, cracking houses, underground damage by corrosion, and other soil related difficulties.

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MARKET REPORT

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Columbus Livestock Market handled 465 head of cattle at the sale Thursday, April 28th with the market very strong for all classes of cattle. There were a lot of buyers on hand for the sale.

Good to choice butcher calves sold 36 to 40, heavier feeder calves sold 29 to 31, commercial feeder calves sold 34 to 37, Heavy Hereford and Angus stocker and feeder steer calves sold 38 to 41 and heifers 34 to 36, while crossbred calves brought 38 to 41 and heifers 34 to 36. Good stocker cows and heifers sold \$180 to \$225 per head.

Number 1 hogs brought 36 to 38 and lambs 20 to 40c per pound.

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Presents Plants Lesson At Primary



Mrs. Al Courtemanche is pictured presenting a Science Lesson on plants to Mrs. Shorter's first grade class. The children were taught how to pot plants and care for them. Mrs. Courtemanche, a new parent volunteer at the Primary School, read about the volunteer program in the Principal's Board report excerpts printed in the Headlight earlier in the month and decided to assist on Thursdays in some of the first grade classes.

RICE FERTILIZATION KEYED TO DAILY TEMPERATURES

Thanks to agricultural research, rice farmers have a new method for determining the best time to apply nitrogen fertilizer and fungicide to their crop.

The method, called Degree Day 50, is based on the average daily temperature each day after the crop emerges, using the base temperature of 50 degrees F. By subtracting the average daily temperature from 50 degrees and keeping a total of the differences until 1,130 degree units are accumulated, the time can be calculated for applying mid-season nitrogen as well as foliar fungicide if needed. Rice should be at the panicle differentiation stage at about the time the 1,130 degree units are accumulated.

This new method based on daily temperatures is a joint project involving Dr. James Stansel with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Eagle Lake and James Yates with the National Weather Service's Environmental Studies Service Center at Texas A&M University.

According to Stansel and Yates, the daily temperature calculations will be tabulated from several locations in the Texas Rice Belt. As the accumulated degree units approach the 1,130 mark, the information will be made available to farmers through radio news announcements by the National Weather Service. Daily weather reports are issued Monday through Friday by teletype on the South Texas Weather Wire that is made available to all radio and television stations in the area. Farmers may want to contact their local broadcast stations to determine if and when the reports are aired.

Stansel and Yates emphasize that farmers must have precise knowledge of the emergence dates of their crop to use this new weather information. The time of total degree days of 50 degree mark. In addition to using this technique for determining the time of fertilizer and fungicide applications, other benefits are also being studied.

White Collar Workers Fewer

What changes have taken place in the makeup of Colorado County's labor force in recent years?

To what extent has automation caused a shifting in jobs? What is the distribution now, as between white collar and blue collar employment?

Government figures indicate that automation has not caused the amount of readjustment in the local area that it has in many parts of the country, where blue collar jobs have been disappearing at a rapid rate.

Production activity in the local area has been sufficient to maintain a high proportion of jobs for blue collar workers despite the trend toward mechanization.

At the same time, there has been a growing need for men and women in clerical, sales and management occupations.

The facts and figures on job distribution, covering communities throughout the country, are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and were released by the Department of Commerce.

Since 1960, they show, the

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change in Colorado County in the proportions of white collar and blue collar workers has been relatively small.

At that time, the count showed a total of 4,281 local residents employed, of whom 27.6 percent were in white collar jobs. The rest were in various blue collar or service occupations or were working on farms.

Now, according to the latest tabulations, despite the readjustments that have occurred during the last 16 years or so, the white collar ratio stands at approximately 25.4 percent.

Under the heading "blue collar" in the reports, are craftsmen, mariners, foremen, farmers and others engaged in the production of goods or in their transport, maintenance, operation and repair.

Classified as "white collar" are occupations ranging from sales clerk, clerical worker, bank employee and business executive to school teacher.

Colorado County's white collar compares with 25.4 percent in the United States.

FM 155 Bids To Be Opened This Week

Bids for the reconstruction of 0.7 miles of Farm to Market Road 155 in Weimar are expected to be received at the April 26-27 letting of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The project, which extends 0.7 miles northward from North Street, will replace the present narrow roadway bounded by steep ditches and no shoulders with a 44 foot curb and gutter section having two lanes of traffic and two parking lanes.

When completed, the project will provide a modern urban type highway with good drainage and greater safety features approaching a school area.

Funds for curbs, gutters and storm sewers will be provided by the City of Weimar and Colorado County.

A. W. West of Columbus will be the department's engineer in charge of the work, while Yeakel District Engineer Carl V. Ramert will provide overall project supervision.

Cong. Pickle Reports On Energy Proposal

(By Cong. J. J. Pickle)

I do not agree with those people who think that President Carter's energy proposal should be totally disregarded as unworkable.

I strongly disagree with some of the proposals such as federal control of intrastate natural gas and the gasoline tax as proposed. However, this country must have an energy policy and I will work hard to help formulate a reasonable workable policy.

On the surface, it may appear that federal control of Texas gas prices may be desirable for lowering utility bills but the real price would be severe damage to our Texas economy which is based on natural gas. What we ought to do is require the northeast states to drill their own wells on shore and off shore.

Texas, more than any other state, has built its economic well-being on the availability of natural gas. The President's proposal would mean an abrupt cutback in the supply of natural gas for use in Texas. We must convert our generating plants and industry from gas to other sources of energy such as coal, lignite and nuclear, and Austin and the Lower Colorado River Authority have already made important steps to do that—but it cannot be done overnight.

I also oppose the gasoline tax that could go as high as 50 cents per gallon because it will impose undue hardships on the many people who must depend on the automobile for the bulk of their transportation needs.

I think that it is important for our nation to conserve energy and I wish that it could be accomplished without having to tax, regulate and penalize the people. But I realize that that may be the only effective way.

I don't think that the Congress will pass President Carter's package as presented because I don't think the people are willing to make the sacrifices that it calls for. Are you willing? That is the real question and I welcome hearing an answer from the people in my district on this question.

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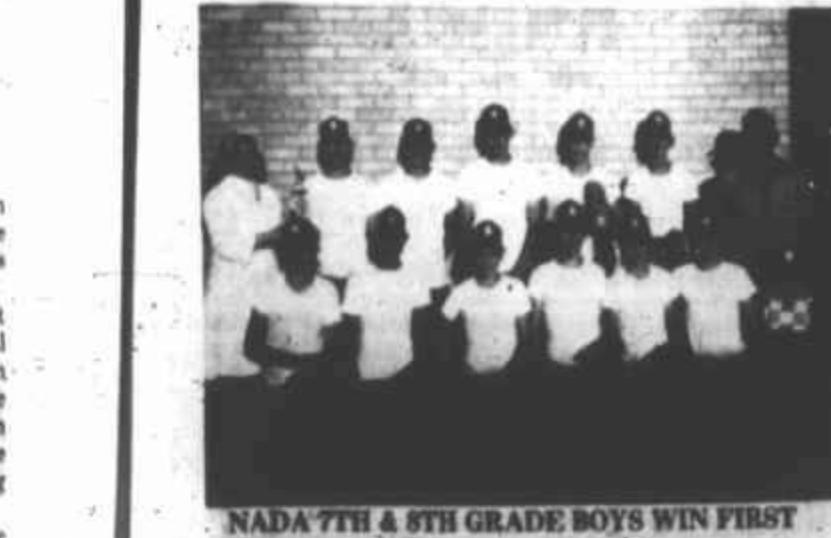
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St. Mary's PTC Holds Annual Field Day

The St. Mary's PTC held their Annual Field Day Sunday, April 24th. The day was a huge success and members would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a success.

The day was spent with lively football competition between all the participating teams. The games were divided into four divisions. These were fifth and sixth grade girls, fifth and sixth grade boys, seventh and eighth grade girls, and seventh and eighth grade boys. The representatives were from the following schools: Ray City, Weimar, Hallettsville, La Grange, Crosby, Yoakum, Nazareth Academy (Victorian) and Nada.

Winners Named
The winners in the fifth and sixth grade girls division were: first, La Grange; second, Ray City; and third, Nada. The fifth and sixth grade boys' winners were: first, La Grange; second, Yoakum; and third, Hallettsville. In the seventh and eighth grade girls division, the winners were: first, Nada; second, Crosby; and third, Yoakum. The sportsmanship plaque was awarded to the teams from Crosby.

Once again, the PTC would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the fun and games and look forward to seeing everyone next year.

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ROCK ISLAND NEWS

MRS. M. I. NICKLANDER

Mrs. Winnie Hand and Mrs. Laura Starkey returned to their home in Houston Saturday after spending a few days here.

Mrs. Oscar Baker and Mrs. A. T. McMillan will spend Wednesday in Aransas Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Christian returned to their home in Missouri last week after spending the winter here. Mrs. Christian is the former Bertha Hooper.

Mrs. L. M. Girndt spent last week in Cleveland with her brother and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Girndt, who returned home with her for a few days, Mrs. Roy Lee Girndt and son Chad of Houston joined them here for the weekend.

Mrs. Fern Jones' guests here last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Chester McMillan, Mrs. Nora Young of Victoria, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brock from Humble.

Mrs. Hertha Mayes was in Weimar Sunday to attend the annual decoration day and family reunion with home folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Waits and three daughters, Tammy, Marie and Erlene, from New Iberia, La. were weekend guests here with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Waits and family.

Economy Program
The business meeting closed and Charlotte Reed

NEWS FROM HERITAGE HOUSE

By Mrs. Patricia Vise

Sunday church services were conducted by the Rev. Olen Kennell of the First Presbyterian Church of EL. We want to sincerely thank him for the lovely Bible study and the Sunday church services.

Wednesday afternoon was a lovely afternoon for playing bingo. The residents enjoyed playing for fruit prizes and the winner for the draw prize was Mrs. Willie Capps. She won a useful box of Kleenex and reported being so pleased with the prize.

8th Grade Choir Visits
Also, the eighth grade choir visited the Heritage House with a delightful program Wednesday afternoon at 1:00. The entertaining program was conducted by their music teacher, Mrs. Eugene Polnick. They sang various religious songs for the residents in the dining room and recreational area of Heritage House. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the group of students and we hope to have them out again soon to entertain us.

Arts and Crafts Session
Mrs. Helen Ball and Mrs. Elbet Niewander of Rock Island were Thursday volunteers for the Arts and Crafts session that is held weekly. The ladies and a few residents were busy for the afternoon painting ceramics for our Activity Fund Showcase. We want to thank Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Niewander for coming out each week and volunteering their time to help the residents of Heritage House with arts and crafts.

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ELMS Eighth Grade Choir



Members of the eighth grade choir at Eagle Lake Middle School include: top row, left to right, Ernest Fields, Ricky Oliver, Michael Powell, Linda Shorter, Tish Henderson, Patricia Banks; middle row, left to right, Victor Davis, Justino Moreno, Julia Gonzales, Truls Brown, Michele Sibley (accompanist), Mrs. Polnick (director); bottom row, left to right, Steven Navar, Ruben Leal, Michael Cordova, Diana Rodriguez, Melinda Fernandez and Rosemary Cordova. Not pictured is Alice Maturra.

The choir performed excellent programs for the members of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club and for the residents and staff of the Heritage House.

ed by Phillip R. Hart, has scheduled a variety of styles to please all musical tastes. Admission for the concert is only \$1 and tickets will be on sale at the door.

8th Grade Choir Performs For Rotary, HH

The Eagle Lake Middle School eighth grade choir, directed by Jennifer Polnick, sang two programs Wednesday, April 28th in preparation for their participation in the Blinn College Area Music Meet next Friday.

The choir sang the following songs: "The Water is Wide," traditional folk song; "Oh, Freedom," traditional spiritual; "Sunshine on My Shoulders," John Denver; "Going to be a Mighty Day," traditional spiritual; and "Canon of Praise," Natalie Sleet.

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