

Western Rice Belt Field Day, Tour This Thurs.

State Representative J. A. Hahnke of Rosenberg, who has served as chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock for the past six years, will be the featured speaker at the Western Rice Belt Field Day and Tour at Katy Thursday, June 23.

The field day will begin with registration at 9 a.m. at the Katy High School, Tours of field demonstrations dealing with various phases of rice and soybean production will follow. Hahnke will address the field day crowd at 1 p.m. program following a noon luncheon. He will be introduced by Dr. Daniel C. Plannoff, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Rice Demonstration Studies. Hand and stem rot are the two major disease problems in rice, and work is underway in the Katy area to find the best methods for dealing with these ailments. A field demonstration using 25 different fungicide treatments is to be conducted on the Hal Cardiff farm about two miles south of Katy to study control of the two diseases. The work is under the direction of Dr. Walter Walls, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Information on this demonstration will be presented at

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Irrigation Pipeline Saves Money

(By Connie Fisher, District Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service) An extensive study involving some 27 different herbicide treatments on soybeans is underway on the A. E. Thompson farm near Katy. The study is designed to provide soybean growers with a firsthand look at weed control results during the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The herbicide study on the Thompson farm is located south of Katy on Martin Road, points out Don Fortin, Harris County Extension agent. All treatments were applied pre-emergence on May 25 and are replicated three times. The soybean variety, McNair, is planted on the study plots.

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Senior Citizens Make Tour Of Galveston

Tuesday morning, June 13th, a group of Senior Citizens from the Eagle Lake and Linnie areas enjoyed a wonderful trip to Galveston via a bus furnished by the Wharton County Junior College.

Mrs. Warren Briggs, the chairwoman of Tours for the AARP, Chapter of the AARP, planned and arranged the trip.

After touring the entire city on a very informative trip, the group enjoyed a meal at Wyndham Hotel. Afternoon they visited Seawall for a few hours.

It was reported that the weather was cool and pleasant and the entire event will hold many pleasant and interesting memories for those attending.

A properly installed pipeline is almost maintenance free and is out of the way of farming operations. Water loss by evaporation and seepage is eliminated from the delivery system. More water is delivered directly to the crop, thereby increasing irrigation efficiency. A money making crop planted over the pipeline replaces the problem of maintenance and break down which causes

The pipe used for irrigation pipelines is made of polyvinyl chloride. This pipe is referred to as PVC pipe. It is used because of its resistance to corrosion, ease of handling, and long life expectancy when placed underground. A properly designed irrigation pipeline is protected by air and pressure relief valves that release air and water pressure if the pump is accidentally left running with all of the outlet valves closed. Outlet valves are placed along the pipeline to provide irrigation water in all parts of the irrigation system. Although the pipe is easy to handle, it must be carefully installed. The trench is dug with a uniform shape and grade. Joints must be able to withstand the same pressure as the pipe without leaking. Backfilling over the pipe must be done in a way that will not deform the pipe. The backfill and must protect the pipe from freezing and the weight of farm machinery.

An irrigation pipeline is a good investment. It will conserve water, reduce labor, and allow more land to be used for the production of cash crops. Water will be where it is needed as soon as the pump is started. For information and technical assistance with setting up an irrigation system, contact the Soil Conservation Service at the Columbus Field Office. The Columbus Field Office is located in the Colorado County Agriculture Building in Columbus, phone 732-2773.

At Hancock Field. Now serving at Hancock Field, N. Y., with an Army Reserve Detachment unit in Air Force Master Sergeant William L. Gray. His wife, Sharon, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Gray of Sheridan.

Sergeant Gray, an aircraft control and warning superintendent, was previously assigned at Pal Gong San, Republic of Korea.

annually for the past five years at various locations in the western rice-growing area of Texas to focus on production problems of rice and soybeans.

The guide has the theme "The Future is South Texas" and includes the latest information on taxes, financing, start-up, training, labor, two-plant operation, cost of living, climate, livestock and other pertinent industrial relocation information. Copies of the guide may be

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Smothers Marker Dedicated

Descendants of William Smothers gathered together Sunday afternoon, June 12 to conduct a memorial service for their reposed ancestor.

The services were held in the fellowship area of the Methodist Church at Hallettsville.

He was referred to as "Bill Smothers" and a third time when life was hard and men had to be tough, but there was a gentle side to his nature in his love of his family, and his deep respect for his friends.

Another Smothers descendant, Andrew Jackson Pope, of the Texas Supreme Court, spoke of his line of the family, that being the Smothers who married John Berry. Three Smothers grandsons, Andrew Jackson Berry, John Rate Berry, and John Berry, were great defenders of Texas. They were at San Jacinto, Battle of Plum Creek, Mir Expedition, and in Ranger service at various times.

These talks were followed by a series of appropriate songs by Cheryl Rieve and Kenny, children of Leon Smothers.

Following the program, time was spent in looking over a collection of old pictures, and old records which had been collected. Refreshments consisting of coffee, cake, banana bread, cookies, sandwiches and fruit punch were served.

Relative of Jake Smothers William Smothers was the great, great grandfather of the late Jake Smothers, founder of the Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club. It is difficult to see the characteristics of William Smothers in his descendant Jake Smothers, in his love of the great outdoors, his estimate of what he held his family and many friends, and in his fine sense of humor. Caroline Smothers Epps and her husband,

settlers. In 1824 Mexico gave him a land grant; in 1826 he and two sons helped settle DeWitt's Colony; receiving land grants in the vicinity of this marker. Fearless, and a skilled guide, he often hunted with his friend Jim Bowie. Reputedly he tomahawked bears in hand combat. Married twice, he was an ancestor of many leading Texans. He died (1837) after seeing a son and three

grandsons help win the Texas War for Independence. Written by Elise Smothers, Wharton.

Clarence Epps of Eagle Lake attended the services.

The William Smothers marker has been placed one mile south of Hallettsville on Highway 77. This is the fourth marker to be erected in his honor, the first being on the Brazos near Richmond honoring the five men who built Ft. Bend in 1821. A second was placed at Owensboro, Kentucky titled "Bill Smothers Park" and a third at Hartford, Kentucky titled "Man of Courage". The text of the Laysana County marker reads as follows:

"William Smothers (1780-1837) A Veteran of the American Revolution. "A native of Virginia, William Smothers was orphaned at 12 when Indians killed his father, and his mother died of shock. In the American Revolution he fought at King's Mountain, Guilford Courthouse, Camden and Fort Mifflin. He moved to Kentucky in 1791; built two forts near present Hartford, originally called "Smothers Station," and in 1798, founded an Ohio river town that later became Owensboro. He was a leader in civil affairs in early Kentucky, was a militia captain, and commanded troops in the War of 1812.

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Rain Washes Out Softball

Titts; Grigar Still Undeclared

Rain played havoc with the Men's Slo-Pitch Softball schedule last week, raining out the Grigar Insurance plays on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Grigar Insurance, the only undeclared team in the league, met the Saints at 6 p.m. on Tuesday night, June 20th, in a crucial contest at 1300 Tuesday night and Grigar emerged as winners of the contest in a hard-fought 6 to 2 game.

On Monday night of last week the MAYC Hustlers upset their season record to 3-1 with a 9 to 0 win over the Aints while the Grigs team won its fourth game while leading the Over the Hill Gangs their fourth loss in a 25 to 4 runaway.

This Wed., June 22nd the Aints meet Southern Pacific at 7 p.m. and the Jayvees take on the MAYC Hustlers in another important contest where both teams have only one loss each.

This Thurs., June 23rd the Baptists take on the Over the Hill Gang at 7:00 and the Grigar Insurance plays the Warriors at 8:30. Next Mon., June 27th the Over the Hill Gang meets the Jack Rabbits in the opener and MAYC takes on the Saints at 8:30. On Tuesday night, June 28th, Jayvees meet the Baptist and Grigar Insurance plays Southern Pacific; Wed., June 29th, the Over the Hill Gang meets the Aints and MAYC meets the Warriors.

Remaining games on the schedule include Thurs., June 30; Jayvees vs. Jack Rabbits and Baptists vs. Saints; July 5, S.P. vs. Over the Hill and Grigar vs. MAYC; July 6, Aints vs. Jayvees; and July 7, Jack Rabbits vs. Saints and Warriors vs. Baptists.

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AGRICULTURAL OBSERVATIONS

From TEXAS A&M RESEARCH SITE EAGLE LAKE 4-Inch

Table with columns: Date, Air Temp, Soil Temp, Rain, Evap. Rows for June 14-20.

In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board.

Sheltered air temperatures. TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1977 8:00 AM AGRICULTURAL WEATHER OBSERVATIONS THRU 5 P.M.

Widely scattered daytime showers and thunderstorms are forecast for the Texas Rice Belt today and Wednesday, rainfall amounts should generally be less than 1/4 inch. Continued light showers and warm conditions are expected for Thursday thru Saturday.

FARM AND RANGE MANAGEMENT Field work may have to be scheduled around daytime showers this week. No long delays are expected. Fields in the Western Rice Belt should continue to dry.

PLANT DISEASES Grasses and home gardeners in the western sections of the Rice Belt should keep up with protective spray programs. Recent heavy rains may have produced wet conditions which are favorable for plant diseases. HAYING Hay curing outside of shelter areas should make progress today and Wednesday. The rest of the week should be generally favorable for haying. APPLICATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS Farmers planning to apply chemicals today and Wednesday should use caution. Moderate southeasterly winds may cause problems due to drift. The best time for applying sprays will be in the evening or morning hours. The chance of rain should be taken into consideration before application begins.

LEaguers Back In Action, Minors End Play June 29

Crucial Reds-Mets Tilt Next Wed. EL Stars Softball Team Wins 2nd In Freeport Tourney

Eagle Lake Major and Minor Little Leaguers resumed play this week after taking last week off for vacations, boy scout camp and other activities.

In the Minor League, the Tigers played the Rangers Monday night while the Glatts took on the Braves. This Wed., June 22, the Braves meet the Astros at 6 p.m. and the Mets play the Tigers at 8 p.m. This Thursday, June 23 the Rangers play the Mets at 6 and the Reds take on the Glatts at 8 p.m.

The minors complete their 1977 schedule next week with the Tigers due to meet the Glatts at 8 and the Reds play the Rangers at 1 p.m. On the final night of play the Mets get a shot at the league leading Mets. The second game on the final night of play Wed., June 23, will be the Astros vs. Mets at 7 p.m. and the Braves vs. Saints and Warriors vs. Baptists.

League standings at the beginning of play this week were as follows:

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, METS, REDS, ASTROS, BRAVES, RANGERS, GIANTS, TIGERS.

Dodgers Could Check Title The four major teams returned to action Tuesday night with the Pirates meeting the Dodgers and the Cubs taking on the Yankees. This Friday, the same teams play each other with the Yankees taking on the Cubs at 4 and the Dodgers and Pirates meeting at 8 p.m. Wins over the Pirates this week could clinch the league title for the Dodgers who held a five-point edge over the Cubs at 6 p.m. and the Dodgers and Yankees tangle at 8 p.m.

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10 Game Home Stand Opens In Dome Friday

Ten games, including a two-night double-header against the Glatts, a Sunday night contest with the Atlanta Braves, play tonight, Wednesday and free Tote Bags for all fans attending the Sunday night game against the Braves on July 3rd all feature the coming home stand of the Astros which gets underway Friday night, June 24th against San Francisco and concludes with the eight Sunday special against Atlanta.

Joe Althoff's vastly improved Giants raise the curtain on the stand with a four game-three day series. Alvin Dark will make his local debut as the skipper of the San Diego Padres when he brings his club to town for night games on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 27-29.

The final weekend of the home stand, July 1-3, should be a most entertaining one. The Astros will host the Atlanta Braves for three night games including the game to be played on Sunday, July 3rd. This will mark the first time that a night game will be played on a Sunday since the opening of the Astrodome.

HORSE RACING

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Kittens, CYO Win In Ladies Softball Loop

Competition At EL Rec., High School Courts Fri., Sat.

The Women's Big Pitch Softball League got underway again this past Friday night with four teams scheduled to play.

In the first game, the Rice Aero Kittens defeated the First National Bank's Greenbacks by a score of 12-0. This was a shut-out for Rice Aero's pitcher, Linda Anderson. Also contributing to the win was a triple by Elizabeth Miller and a bases-loaded homer for Mary Jo Spaulding.

The second game's action involved the CYO Angels in winning over the Farm & Ranch Co-Pilots by a score of 16-7. The CYO girls held the Co-Pilots to a 1-2 score until the last two innings when Delores Flores hit a triple with Wanda Center and Alvin Yanes coming in to score.

The Rice Aero Kittens are still undefeated in the league play and have a bye until next week. This Friday night the CYO 1st National Bank's Greenbacks have the first game at 7:00. The second game begins at 8:30 with the Farm & Ranch Co-Pilots vs. Rice Aero's playing.

The league standing through last Friday's action are:

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Rice Aero Kittens, CYO Angels, MARYC, F&R Co-Pilots, 1st Nat'l Greenbacks.

Father's Day Guests Father's Day guests with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Spanhel and their children and grandchildren. Miss Grace Spanhel of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Spanhel and Catherine of Orange, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Spanhel and family of Eagle Lake.

Undergoes Surgery Mrs. Carl Spanhel, Jr. underwent surgery Monday in Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton. Friends will be glad to hear that she was able to return home Tuesday.

Visit In Louisiana Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller spent Saturday through Monday in Lafayette, Louisiana with the family of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller who recently moved there from Ash Grove, Kentucky. Susan Miller, the Vernon Miller's daughter, returned with her grandparents for a visit.

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80 Entered in Tennis Tourney

CVLL Teams End Play This Friday

The Colorado Valley Little League is due to end the regular schedule this Friday, June 24th, except that some rain-outs remain to be played. On Tuesday of this week, East Bernard played in Wallis and Garwood in Sheridan; this Friday, June 24th, Wallis goes to East Bernard and Sheridan to Garwood.

All girls events will start from the Eagle Lake Recreation Center (soft course) and all boys events will be at Rice High School courts. All singles events, boys and girls, will begin at 9:00 a.m. Fri., June 24. All doubles events will begin at 9:00 a.m. Sat., June 25.

An attempt will be made to complete each bracket on its scheduled day. The finals in the longer draw stages may be held on Saturday afternoon at the discretion of the tournament directors. All events will be completed by Saturday afternoon. There will be no Sunday play. The tournament director is Linda Anderson and may be contacted for additional information at 234-5533 day, 234-3574 night.

Columbus Horse Races June 25-26; July 3-4

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