

42,000 Cattlemen Register To Vote

Registration figures in the nation's first Beef Referendum are in and it appears that over 42,000 cattlemen registered in Texas. In the U.S., over 200,000 producers have registered. These figures were released last week by the Texas Beef Development Trust (TBDT).

"We're extremely pleased with the interest and turnout," says J. D. Sartwell, TBDT chairman of the Texas Beef Referendum. "More than 1,900 cattlemen on the Texas BEFT have worked to inform cattlemen about the merits of the program and pushed for a high registration rate."

"This dedicated work and widespread news coverage by the Texas media are responsible for the large registration turnout," he adds.

Only cattlemen who registered during the June 1-31 registration period are qualified to vote July 5-15.

With the passage of the Beef Referendum, the cattle industry will have means of stabilizing our industry and increasing profits for cattlemen," Sartwell concludes. "He points out that the Beef Referendum, if approved by two-thirds of the producers

AGRICULTURE IS KEY TO THIS NATION'S SURVIVAL

Rep. Hubenk is Speaker at Katy Field Day Thurs.

"The survival of this nation depends on agriculture. Destroy agriculture and you will destroy this country," State Rep. Joe A. Hubenk said at the opening of the Katy field day and soybean producers in Katy last Thursday, June 23.

Hubenk called on all present at the annual Western Rice Belt Field Day and Soybean Service and to speak out in support of agriculture so that farmers will have the economic incentives to produce. He also urged producers to continue to use the work of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in their agricultural operations.

"Agriculture is the only essential industry in America," Hubenk said. "It is the last enterprise family-based business."

As far as feeding a hungry world, Hubenk stressed that we have a moral obligation to do this but we cannot give our products away. Agriculture is the only enterprise whereby a farmer buys in a seller's market and sells in a buyer's market, he added.

"What does the future hold?" "Agriculture will continue to change due to the changing political picture," noted Hubenk, who serves as chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock. "Those who represent agriculture are now a minority in the legislature. Politicians from the big cities now control legislation, so you

must make your voices heard. Food and fiber will continue to help maintain the value of the American dollar abroad. However, we will need expanded markets for our agricultural products if agriculture is to remain strong and if we are to reach our goal of becoming the No. 1 state in agricultural income by 1980.

Hubenk also lambasted the federal government for assuming too much control over agriculture and made particular reference to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). "It is time that the policies of agriculture are taken out of the hands of the states where they belong," he emphasized.

Hubenk was introduced by Dr. Daniel C. Pfanzagl, director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. During the field day program, a special plaque was presented to Arthur Robb, chairman of the field day steering committee.

On the field tour, producers saw numerous field demonstrations including various phases of the rice and soybean production, including varieties, disease control, water use, and fertilizer rates.

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WCJC Soybean Demonstration



Soybeans can be harvested before October or November show David Bada, manager of the Wharton County Junior College Hutzhus Research and Experimental Farm located two miles south of Wharton. An Open House Field Day this Thursday, June 30 at 9 a.m. will display early maturing soybeans from Groups II and III.

WCJC Soybean Field Day Today, Thurs.

Results of crop research on growing early maturity soybeans will highlight an Open House Field Day scheduled Thursday, June 30 at the Wharton County Junior College Hutzhus Research and Experimental Farm located two miles south of Wharton City Limits on Highway 69 (Ray City Highway).

Farm manager David Bada plans Maturity Groups II and III in March instead of the usual May planting time for Groups VII and VIII which local farmers normally grow.

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New Cotton Varieties Hold Key To Cotton's Future

The Gulf Coast area of Texas has a tremendous potential for growing cotton, and with the use of newly developed varieties, this potential can be realized, said a cotton breeder with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Wharton June 22.

Addressing some 450 producers at a Tri-County Cotton and Grain Field Day, Dr. Luther Bird pointed out that cotton has the potential for becoming a more than \$2 billion crop in Texas. He based his projection on a crop of 5.5 million acres, lint yields of 700 pounds per acre, and a price of 50 cents per pound.

To meet this potential, Bird mentioned several key factors:

- Use of the new MAR (Multi-Adversity Resistant) varieties: short-season, production management, more effective control of diseases and insects; minimization of environmental influences; and earliness of the crop as a result of the MAR varieties.
- Bird, widely known in the cotton industry for his work in developing varieties that are resistant to many of nature's calamities, stressed that the new MAR varieties have many advantages that point to more efficient production. In particular, these varieties allow farmers to reduce inputs, such as insecticides, fungicides and fertilizer, while at the same time taking away the threat of many adversities, such as

GARWOOD AND NADA COMMUNITY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Schilling spent last weekend in Welch, Louisiana where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hebert and family. Mrs. Hebert is Mrs. Schilling's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Nawara of Needville visited Mrs. Ella Struka Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fakus of Danawag, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Labay, Jr. and sons of Columbus; Colleen and Shirley Krohath of Houston; and the Rev. Henry Roll of Natchitoches.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Nawara of Needville visited Mrs. Ella Struka Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Dancy Family Has Reunion

The Dancy family celebrated their first reunion June 19th at the old home place at Fox Populi under the leadership of their son, standing there. There were approximately 200 people who came to enjoy the day.

Delicious menus of barbecue beef, sausage and chicken was served along with bread, peas, cakes, corn, zucchini and punch.

Relatives came from far and near to enjoy the day. Family members are hoping that next year will be even better.

Kenneth Dornaks Welcome Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dornak of Garwood announce the arrival of their first child, a baby girl, born June 18 at the Valley Memorial Hospital in Wharton. She weighed eight pounds and six ounces at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Gross and Mrs. Jessie Mae Dornak are the grandparents. Great grandparents are Mrs. Ruby L. Rateliff of Farris and Mrs. Camille J. Gross of Merry Zerkow, Louisiana. The new mother is the former Donna Gross.

On Dear's List: Dorey Huter son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Huter, and Byron Wadley, son of Mrs. Matzine Wadley of Columbus, were among 204 students named to the dean's honor list at Abilene Christian College for the 1977 spring semester.

Rice HS Band Names Twirlers, Drum Major

Nina Zeranek and Carolyn Pavia, both of Garwood students at Rice High School, have been elected as twirlers to lead the Rice High School Band for the new school year.

Nina, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zeranek, and Carolyn, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pavia.

Others elected were Shiran Hoffman, drum major, and twirlers Lori Mahalite and Kathleen Hamilton of Eagle Lake.

A speedy recovery to Otto Danklefs who is in the Columbus Hospital at this time.

Harry Buzeks Celebrate 35th Wedding Anniv.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buzek of Nada celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a barbecue beef dinner and all the trimmings at their home Sunday, June 18.

Guests coming to help them celebrate the day were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buzek, Jr. and son Gilbert, Jr. of Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buzek and children, Jimmie and Jodie, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Buzek of Tule; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Buzek of El Campo; Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Mican and family of El Campo; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pichard, Ed Buzek, and Mrs. Betty Shink of Nada; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Labay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Waligorski and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Zhanek, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Casaleas and daughter, Michael Waligorski, and Chif Wallera, all of Garwood; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Juranek and family of El Campo; Mr. and Mrs. Don Harvill of Somerville; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kaffman and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Masch and family, and Mrs. Jerry Shink and son of Wharton; Mr. Bob Karal and daughter of El Campo; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Thurnall and daughter of

ROCK ISLAND NEWS

First Birthday: Mrs. Robert Hooper entertained a group of little friends at her home Saturday afternoon, June 25th honoring her small son Daniel on his first birthday. His sister Jennifer assisted him in opening his gifts. Birthday cake and ice cream were enjoyed by the group.

That Surgery: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Waits returned home Friday from spending six days in Houston. Mrs. Waits underwent surgery at Park Plaza Hospital. He is back home and doing fine.

Mrs. Tommy Hunt returned to her home in Aransas Pass Sunday afternoon after a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Oscar Waits.

Mrs. Dan Niewander, Mrs. Janie Dale and daughter Dana of Naples were visitors here last week. Jolie Dale, who had spent several days here in the Niewander home, returned home with them.

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OUTLAW BLUES

WCJC Taking Applications For CETA Training

Applications for training in Office Education, Data Processing, Auto Mechanics, Dressmaking, Machine Sewing are now being accepted by the CETA Program (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) in Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

Under the federally funded program, training will be provided for less than 100 students.

Applicants must be economically and educationally disadvantaged to be eligible for training.

Applications are being taken at the Texas Agency

"Iffy" Situation For Rice In '77

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take advantage of the good market expected early in the season," he added. But he noted that the condition of the Asia crop is such that it cannot be readily predicted until long after the rice harvest begins in the United States.

He estimated that 90 percent of the 12,239 million cwt. of rice in government loan as of May 31, 1977, is in Arkansas and California. The rice in 1975 Commodity Credit Corp. stocks in Texas is 9,281,086 cwt. but only 1,266,611 cwt. in the Western Rice Belt area. "This rice must come out of loan at an average of \$10.74 cwt.," he noted. "Growth has led the rice men that of 41.9 million cwt. estimated carryover in the entire United States at the beginning of 1977, 19.2 million cwt. in 1976 loan stocks, 3.0 million cwt. in 1976 loan stocks, leaving only 19.7 million cwt. for marketing in 1977."

U. S. Producers "are to give emphasis to the importance of crop conditions in Asia and other countries. Gerow pointed out that in the North American continent has 1 percent of the total world acreage and the United States only 7.5 percent of the world acreage. South America had 5 percent, Europe 3 percent, Africa 3 percent, and Asia 80 percent. Of the total world production of rice 1973, 343.8 million cwt., only 5.3 million cwt. or 1.5 percent was grown in the United States. The United States exported 30 percent of the world export total with the greatest competition coming from Thailand, 15 percent of the world total.

Friendship Church Hayride, Picnic This Saturday

The Usher Board of Friendship Baptist Church will sponsor a hay ride to Stephen F. Austin Park near Sealy this Saturday, July 2nd. Those wishing to participate will leave the church at 12:30 p.m. and will enjoy a picnic at the park upon arrival. The approximate time of arrival back at Eagle Lake will be 7:00 p.m.

Donations for "The Ride" will be youth of age two to 16, 75 cents, and adults \$1.25. Drinks will be sold.

The Rev. James Moore notes that everyone is welcome to enjoy the day's activities.

George Krasuckys Welcome Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. George Krasucky of Louis are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Tara Elizabeth, born Thursday, June 16 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. At birth she weighed seven pounds, twelve ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Her mother is Mrs. Lorraine Bubela of Nada. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krasucky, Sr. of Hills, Grandmother is Mrs. Bertha Schneider of Nada. The new mother is the former Marcia Bubela.

Tara was baptized on Saturday evening, June 25 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Hills by Father Peter Higgins. Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bubela of East Bernard.

A supper of barbecued chicken, turkey and sausage, potato salad, beans, corn, pickles, sauce and tea was served.

Those present sharing the joyous occasion were Mrs. Corine Bubela, Monica and Greg, Lisa, Bill, Mrs. Bertha Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krasucky, Sr. and Diane; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bubela and Tommy; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Geaux, Daryl and Bead.

EGYPT NEWS

Messrs. and Mesdames Charles W. Boyd and Crawford F. Boyd of Houston visited with Egypt, Glen Flora and Wharton friends Sunday, the 19th.

Mrs. Paul E. Shwab and son, Jack N. Shwab, returned from a visit with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor Northington, last week.

Friends of Mrs. Rex Sanders are pleased that she is able to be home after stay in Casey Valley Hospital following surgery.

Mrs. Anita Williamson of Natchitoches is the guest of the family of her daughter, Mrs. George Northington III.

Mrs. A. J. Kallas spent this week with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Treving, Jr. and family in Houston.

Misses Mildred and Ruth Honeybaker and their friends Wednesday afternoon last week.

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Friendship Church Gospel Singing Program July 23

The Friendship Baptist Church will sponsor a gospel singing program at the Eagle Lake Primary School Saturday, July 23rd. The program will feature Kings of Harmony of San Antonio and the Soul Striver of Chicago, Illinois.

The Rev. J. Moore, pastor of the church, invites everyone to attend with pre-sale tickets available for \$2.50 per person or tickets may be obtained at the door for \$2.75 the night of the program.

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Miss Elisa Lynn Keeter To Wed Gayle Alan Gertson August 6th



Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lockier, Jr. of Eagle Lake announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elisa Lynn Keeter, to Gayle Alan Gertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson, Sr. also of Eagle Lake. Miss Keeter is a 1977 graduate of Rice High School. Mr. Gertson is a 1974 graduate of Rice High School, is presently attending Southern Texas State University, where he is an accounting major and a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. His wedding has been celebrated for August 6th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake.

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3 City Employees Attend Wastewater Operation Course

Three local city employees are attending a wastewater operation course taught by the Texas A&M University Extension Service. The school is being held in Columbus for two weeks and is being conducted at night to area utility operators.

Upon final completion, a test is given and certification is made to qualified students. Those attending from Eagle Lake are Utility Superintendent Paul Supak, operators Henry Cordova and Weldon Wolfe.

Congratulations to these men giving their time to increase their knowledge so they may serve their community more efficiently.

Eagle Lake Float In Luling Parade

The Eagle Lake Community float was in the Luling Watermelon Thump Parade last Saturday. Weldon Wolfe drove the float and Miss Sharon Hoffman added beauty to the float.

Visitors Here: Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pustajovsky on a past several weeks were: Mrs. Johanna Payne and Mrs. George Jones of Houston; and Jean March and Jenecia of Sweethome who visited Sunday, June 19; Mrs. Frank Poeschel and Frank Poeschel, Jr. of Beasley who visited on Monday, June 20; Mrs. Lee Hellmann, Mrs. Wm. Poeschel, Mrs. Joe Kobelsky and Mrs. Wm. Kobias of East Bernard on Tuesday, June 21; Mrs. P. F. Krensek and Mrs. Henry Guntzberg of Hungerford on Wednesday, June 22; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tuley and Mrs. Frank Vreera of Sealy on Sunday, June 26th.

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Beef Referendum

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You can vote anytime from July 5 through 15, during normal business hours.

A "yes" vote means that cattle producers will have the research, promotion and foreign market development tools they need to make the beef business more profitable.

The program will be funded by an automatic collection of 30¢ on each \$100 of cattle sales. But you can get a prompt refund if you don't want to participate.

The future of the beef industry is in your hands. Vote "yes" in the beef referendum.

It could make things a whole lot better.

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\$13 Billion Funded For USDA Agencies

(By Rep. J. J. Pickle)

Last week the House of Representatives passed legislation that will fund the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the next fiscal year. Although there was \$13 billion in total obligation, much of this legislation, much of that money does not go to agriculture. It is related to other areas like the Food and Drug Administration, Commodity Credit Corporation, and certainly not all of this money goes to the American farmer.

Normally the debate over this bill does not draw attention compared to other similar appropriations, like defense and health, education and welfare. I think that it is extremely important, however, because agriculture is basic to everything else that this country does. We cannot retain our national security or improve our nutrition, unless we have a firm foundation based on food and fiber production.

There were a number of items in the bill of interest to the people of the 10th district. I was glad to see that \$1.3 billion is included for rural development assistance, including housing and other grant programs in small towns and rural areas.

Also, loan authorizations of nearly \$9 billion are provided for various loan programs of the Farmers Home and the Rural Electrification Administration.

Seachuck Amendment: The House also took a very important step in sending the Food and Drug Administration a message about its proposed ban on the security or substitute saccharin. I supported an amendment which prohibits the use of any FDA funds for the enforcement of any prohibition on the continued use of saccharin. A Senate committee eliminated this section in its version of the Agriculture appropriations so this matter will have to be ironed out in a conference committee. I think that the House action in response to the overwhelming protest of Americans who feel that the proposed saccharin elimination is based on flimsy evidence, at least.

Five Ant Funds: Taking note of the continuing problems caused by the dangerous fire-ant, the House approved more than \$4 million for the use of the chemical Mirex, a major insecticide at the present whether or not this money will be allocated since there is a continuing debate over the effectiveness of Mirex and DDT. Evidence proves to be ineffective, dangerous, it is my hope that these funds will be used for

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research to develop a means of destroying the fire ant, a pest so irritating which has caused millions of dollars in crop damage and untold human suffering.

Home From Hospital: Priests are pleased to learn Harold Thomas was able to return home Monday following a week's stay in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Mr. Thomas underwent emergency surgery Monday, June 20. He is reported to be getting along nicely.

Texas Office of Traffic Safety

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spending long hours on the road to success, Texans are also spending long hours on the road.

This big, booming state has more total street, highway and interstate mileage than any other state in the nation.

Some eight million Texas drivers are driving nine million motor vehicles over ninety billion miles a year.

Sadly, too many of these Texans don't finish their journeys.

In 1976, for example, while most Texans were busy making Texas productive, 3,250 of us didn't make it at all.

That's how many Texans lost their lives on Texas highways.

That's one person killed every 2 1/2 hours.

That's 3.5 deaths for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

That's a shame, although Texas traffic fatalities are at the lowest level in our history, Texas is still above the national average.

It's a shame that Texans aren't taking greater pride in their own worth and their own lives.

It's a shame that Texans aren't more careful.

Please. Be proud. Be careful. Help us keep the roads to success safe.

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