Make Soil Test Next Week

Colorado County's annual Soil Testing Week will be held next week, Jan. 22-28 and farmers and ranchers in the area are urged to participate in the joint effort sponsored by the fertilizer dealers of the county and the County Extension Service. The annual soil test week is a project of the Colorado County Program Building Committee, Bill Youens, of Columbus, chairman.

Chairman Youens stated "Agriculture is an over 50 million dollar business in Colorado County. This county, in addition to being an agricultural leader in this area, is also one of the leading users of commercial fertilizers. Through the use of commercial fertilizer farmers and ranchers are able to make otherwise non-productive land into land producing economic returns from its productivity."

Soil sample boxes and information sheets have been distributed to the cooperating fertilizer dealers according to Leroy J. Hajdik, Colorado County Extension Agent. Farmers Co-op Association and Garwood Agricultural Service Supply in Garwood, Zatopek's Feed Store and Heffley's Mill in Columbus, H&S Grocery in Bernardo and Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg have soil sample kits.

Weimar dealers having kits are MG Farm Center, Beken Feed Store and New Bielau Farmers Co-operative. In Eagle Lake producers should contact Farmers Supply Company or Wintermann Warehouse.

An Economic Necessity

Agricultural producers, according to Hajdik, are not currently in a financial position where they can haphazardly apply fertilizer to their crops or pastures. Out of economic necessity they must use fertilizer to stay in business. At the same time they can not afford to apply not-needed fertilizer nutrients. The necessity to add limestone in addition to fertilizer is becoming an increasingly more common finding. Producers are finding that the addition of lime, if needed, greatly improves the efficiency of the fertilizer and enhances the productivity.

The only way one can accurately determine your soil fertilizer needs is through a current soil test. Producers are urged to obtain kits from a fertilizer dealer or the county extension office, collect the soil and return it to the cooperating dealer during soil test week. The cost is $2.00 per sample. The county extension agent will pick up the samples from the dealers and deliver them to either the Wharton County Junior College or Texas A&M University laboratories as directed by the producer. Submitting the sample during the special week will save the producer the cost of mailing the sample and he will have his laboratory analysis in ample time for the 1978 fertilizer use year.

Hazards Of Smoking Told To Rotarians

Eagle Lake Rotarians and guests heard a discussion of the hazards and inconveniences created by smokers when Gardner C. Duncan presented his own program at the meeting last Wednesday.

Duncan pointed out that smoking not only is harmful to your health but can be obnoxious to your friends and associates.

He commented that statistics show that more women will die next year of lung cancer caused from smoking than from breast cancer.

He discussed the controls being imposed on smokers in today's modes of transportation, but recounted the inconveniences caused by smokers in other countries, such as Japan where there are no areas restricted for non-smokers.

He said that the effects of tobacco can become a definite handicap to a person who is allergic to smoke, either by direct contact or even through the odors left in clothing, etc.

Plans were completed during the business meeting for the club's annual hot cake supper to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tues., Feb. 7th in the Eagle Lake Community Center. L. J. (Sonny) Spaniel is general chairman of the event and he announced committemen to function for the fund-raising event. Lloyd Spallinger, ticket chairman, reported that tickets to the event will go on sale with all Rotarians next week.

Lt. Gov. Hobby To Speak To Wharton CC

Tickets are now available to the public for the Wharton Chamber of Commerce annual banquet to be held Tuesday, January 24th featuring an address by Lieutenant Governor William P. (Bill) Hobby.

Tickets are priced at $7.50 and are on sale at both Wharton banks and the Wharton CC office. January 20th is the deadline to purchase tickets for the event which will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Wharton High School Cafeteria.

Lieutenant Governor Hobby will be introduced by Dr. Theodore Nickisch, Jr., president of Wharton County Junior College and president of the Texas Public Community/Junior College Association.

Dr. Nickisch will also present Hobby with a plaque from the TPCJCA "in recognition of his leadership and efforts in behalf of junior college education" during the past legislative session.

1978 Upland Cotton; Corn & Grain Sorghum Programs Set

The Colorado County office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service announces these facts about the 1978 Upland Cotton and Corn and Grain Sorghum Programs:

1978 Upland Cotton

1. National Program acreage of 10,248,000 acres.
2. No set-aside acreages required.
3. No limitation on planted acreage.
4. Producers who voluntarily reduce their 1978 upland cotton acreages from that planted in 1977 by at least 20 percent are eligible to receive total deficiency payments on entire acreages if deficiency payments are necessary.
5. Producers who do not make the voluntary 20 percent reduction as stated above will receive deficiency payments subject to the national allocation factor times the planted acreages in 1978.
6. National average loan rate of 44c per pound.
7. Target Price of 52c per pound provides that if the national average price received by farmers for upland cotton during the 1978 calendar year falls below the target price, producers will receive a deficiency payment equal to the difference between the higher of the average market price for 1978 calendar year, or the loan level of 44c.
8. Disaster Payment rate is 17.3c per pound. (a) Prevented planting: Payments made on 75 percent of the established farm payment yield on the smaller of the intended or the 1977 planted acreages. (b) Low yield payments made on any production loss below 75 percent of the farm payment yield multiplied by the acreages of cotton planted for harvest in 1978.
9. If wheat, corn, grain sorghum or barley acreages are planted on the farm in 1978, participating producers must comply with the set-aside requirements for these commodities and, in addition, must limit the total acreage planted in 1978 to all crops included in the normal crop acreage (NCA) to the established NCA for the farm minus the acres set-aside. Failure to comply with these provisions will make producers on the farm ineligible for loans, deficiency (target price) payments and disaster payments on all crops included in the NCA.
10. Payments under the 1978 upland cotton, feed grain, and wheat programs will be limited to a combined total of $40,000 per person. Disaster payments are excluded from the payment limitation by the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977. Loans have never been subject to the limitation.

Corn and Grain Sorghum

Set-Aside: Tentatively set at 10 percent depending on market price in January.

Deficiency Payments: Must reduce 5 percent from planted acreage in 1977 and set-aside an acreage equal to 10 percent (10% in conditional) of the 1978 planted acreage in order to be eligible for 100 percent of the deficiency payments.

Disaster Payments: Must meet the set-aside requirements only on all farms and remain within the normal crop acreage on all farms to be eligible.

Loans: Must meet the set-aside requirement and remain with the normal crop acreage on all farms to be eligible.

Adjustments In Acreages

The County Committee is required to establish a normal crop acreage on each farm in Colorado County in accordance with the provisions of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977. The normal crop acreages will be used to determine the amount of set-aside acreages required on a farm if a set-aside type of program is in effect for any of the years 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981.

The crops that count toward establishing NCA are upland cotton, grain sorghum, field corn, soybeans, sunflowers, barley, rice, wheat, oats, rye, and dry edible beans.

"If for any reason the amount of NCA you planted for harvest in 1977 was low in comparison with prior years plantings you can request an upward adjustment of NCA. Also, upward adjustments of NCA can be made based solely on new changes in farming practices since 1977. All of these requests must be in writing and received in the county ASCS office prior to the beginning of the annual sign-up (anticipated to begin on February 20, 1978)," said Daniel C. Streckfus, County Executive Director.

Columbus Livestock Co.

Columbus Livestock Co. handled 927 head of cattle at the sale last Thursday with the market very active and fully steady on all stocker calves. There were a lot of buyers on hand. Packer cows and bulls were $1.00 to $2.00 lower but well in line with the major markets.

Good to choice butcher calves and yearlings sold 35 to 38, heifers81 packer cows brought 28 to 30, commercial packer bulls 32 to 35. Heavy Hereford and Angus steer calves went 35 to 50 and heifers 35 to 38 while the crossbred steer calves sold 35 to 52 and heifers 35 to 38. Good stocker cows and heifers went $200 to $250 per head.

No. 1 hogs sold 41 to 43.5 and lambs 30 to 40.

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County Agent's NOTEBOOK

By LEROY J. HAJDIK
County Extension Agent
Colorado County

Adequate Fertilization Important

Adequate fertility is essential for profitable crop production when commodity prices are low.

Plant nutrient requirements can be supplied from native soil reserves, residual fertility or applied fertilizers. Once the decision is made to grow the crop, an attempt to reduce production costs by keeping fertilization below that needed for the most profitable level can eliminate profits.

Seed, land preparation, harvesting and most other production costs remain constant so that plant nutrients, at today's cost must be used at the most profitable rate.

A more difficult decision is determining what nutrients are needed and the most profitable rate. A costly error is to add, in the fertilizer, a nutrient that does not add to yield and profit. This only adds to production costs.

Producers must carefully evaluate conditions to decide what nutrients are needed. A reliable soil test on a good sample will help in this decision.

Now is an ideal time to sample your soil and participate in the annual Colorado County Soil Test Week which will be observed Jan. 22-28. Sample kits may be obtained from the participating Colorado County fertilizer dealers. Return the samples to the dealers and a check for $2.00 per sample. This agent will deliver the samples to the Wharton and A&M soil testing labs thereby saving the mailing expense.

When native and residual fertility has resulted in a medium or high level of soil phosphorus, a row or band application is effective in meeting early seedling requirements. From 20 to 30 pounds of phosphorus per acre is adequate for most row crops. However, no more than 10 pounds of nitrogen should be applied with the seed.

Efficient fertilization includes determining if the nutrient is needed, the most profitable rate, and the best time and method of application. With fertilizer in good supply and the relatively favorable price, farmers will want to apply sufficient nutrients for a profitable level of production.

If reducing fertilization to an inadequate level is the only way production costs can be met, farmers should reconsider the advisability of planting the crop. Investing in those nutrients deficient in the soil and needed by the crop is essential under present economic conditions.

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Friday Is Arbor Day

January 20 is Arbor Day, a day dedicated to the recognition and appreciation of the contributions trees make to our environment and our daily lives.

Trees are important to us in many ways. They enhance our world by adding natural beauty and texture to our environment. No matter what the condition of a home or building, some well-placed and carefully chosen trees can make the entire environment much more attractive.

Trees cleanse and condition our air. Adequate numbers of trees can reduce smog, noise and other air pollution problems. Trees cool the air by evaporating water in their leaves. According to John Stine, district forester with the Texas Forest Service in La Grange, a large shade tree has a cooling capacity equal to four or five room-size air conditioners.

Windbreaks lower wind velocities. Wind protection can reduce soil and soil moisture losses from croplands and help save on heating costs for homes and offices.

Green plants are necessary for life. They use an animal waste product-carbon dioxide-and convert it, through the process of photosynthesis, into an absolutely essential product-oxygen. An acre of healthy, fast-growing pine trees produces enough oxygen in a year to meet the annual needs of eighteen people.

Trees provide us with many types of food, including nuts, berries apples, and oranges,to name but a few. Birds and other animals eat these and other parts of the tree, such as seeds, leaves, and bark.

Trees supply the raw material for a wide variety of products and industries. Lumber, plywood, furniture, pencils, paper, synthetic fibers, chemicals-all are products derived from trees. Hundreds of thousands of persons in the United States depend, either directly or indirectly, upon trees for their livelihood.

Given our dependence on trees, it is comforting to realize that trees, unlike other raw materials, are a renewable resource. The Texas Forest Service hopes that this Arbor Day you will take a few moments to reflect on what this nation's trees and forests mean to you.

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At times, it seems like today's travel counselors may be overwhelmed by success. At the busiest tourist bureau on IH 10 near Orange, counselors served a tourist in every 36 seconds during 1977. On the average at all 11 bureaus, each travel counselor served a visitor every 2.3 minutes. (nine hours a day, seven days a week, 361 days a year (they were closed four days for Christmas.)

But actually, it's not really quite so hectic. Counselors talk mainly to the head of a travel party, although there's always a friendly word for others in the group. Travel parties these days average about 2.4 people, so during 1977, the average state travel counselor spent about 5-½ minutes with each travel party.

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Prospects For Major Tax Cut Are Clouded

[By Cong. J. J. Pickle]

Two major economic statistics were announced this past week, and their announcement quickly clouded the prospects of President Carter's getting a major tax cut through Congress this year.

For the past three months, the Administration has been telling the press and the American people that a big tax cut was needed next year to lower unemployment. In response to the critics who say that the tax cut would lead to a bigger Federal budget deficit and thus more inflation, Administration spokesmen emphasized that inflation was not the major problem at this time.

With the announcement that unemployment had dropped to its lowest level in three years, and that the wholesale price index went up nearly 1% in December, many people commented that perhaps our government should be more worried about inflation and less about unemployment. If that is done, and the shift is to fighting inflation, the Congress would not be passing a big tax cut.

Shortly after the publishing of these new figures on unemployment and inflation, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Al Ullman of Oregon, gave an interview to the Washington newspapers saying he favored a smaller tax cut than the one supposedly to be proposed by the President in his State of the Union message.

Since I serve on the Ways and Means Committee, I will certainly give my Chairman's views serious consideration, as I will the President's and the witnesses he will send up to talk to us on the Committee.

The economy is so interrelated that no one area can be ignored. The value of the dollar, the stock market prices, the energy policy or lack of one, our trade deficits and many other areas have to be examined as well as the raw statistics. So it is impossible to chisel in stone where our economy will be in six months.

At this time, however, it does look like the winds for a big tax cut next year are blowing a little softer.

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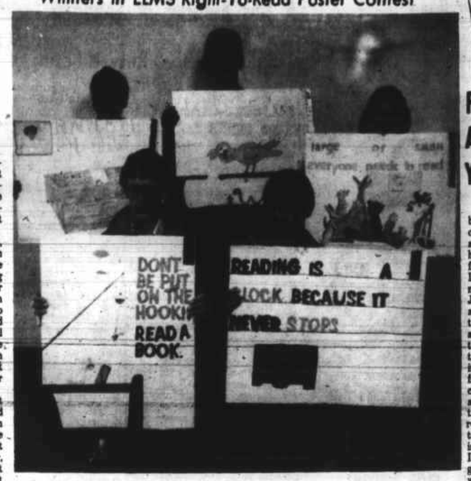

Pictured above are the five winners of the Eagle Lake Middle School Right to Read Poster contest sponsored by Miss Burke's art classes. Standing are Sandy Hill, who won second place; Ronald Dawson, third place; and Suzanne Fajkus, who won first place. Honorable mention was won by the two boys who are kneeling are David Cardenas and Roger Meinecke.

Free Tony's Dinner

Bill Farris, this is a ticket for a free Tony's Deluxe Mexican Dinner at Taco Tony's on Highway 90A just west of the city. You'll find delicious foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at Tony's not later than January 24, 1978.

Former Wharton Sheriff's Deputy Indicted In Kaiser Murder

WHARTON — Max Shiflet, 41, former deputy with the Wharton County Sheriff's Department, was indicted on a charge of murder in the death of 21-year-old Diana Kaiser of Foakum.

The indictment by the Wharton County Grand Jury came a few days over one year since Miss Kaiser had been reported missing Jan. 6, 1977.

Chief Deputy Earl Weinbrenner said Shiflet's attorney, whom he declined to name, has agreed to Shiflet's bond which has been set by 130th District Court Judge G. P. Hardy Jr. at $50,000.

Shiflet was a member of the Wharton County Sheriff's department for several years, and was assigned to night patrol at the time of the disappearance of Miss Kaiser.

He resigned Oct. 1 and a week later was arrested by members of the sheriff's department on suspicion in the Kaiser murder. He later was released on personal recognizance bond with no charges filed against him.

At the time, Flournoy said Shiflet had taken a polygraph test Sept. 29, and the results were such that he had been asked to take another. He did so, and failed this one too, Flournoy said.

Miss Kaiser's body was found Sept. 6 between East Bernard and Kendleton. Identification was made the following day from dental records.

The search for Miss Kaiser was one of the most intensive ever held in South Texas. Her abandoned pickup was found eight miles north of Wharton on U.S. Highway 59 near Hungerford.

The truck, a 1976 Chevrolet Luv, was owned by Daily Truck Line of Victoria. Miss Kaiser, an employee of the firm, was returning to Victoria after making a delivery to Beaumont.—East Bernard Tribune

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News From Wintermann Library

by Dottie Ford, Librarian

Film Catalog Available At YOUR Library

I'd like for everyone who belongs to a club or organization to pay close attention to what the library has for you. The Film Catalog for the Houston Public Library's Film Collection is now available for check-out. Just look through the alphabetical listing of film titles or use the index to find a film on a certain subject, then let me know the name of the movie and when you want it, and I'll order it for you from Houston. The film will come to the library by mail, and you will have plenty of time to show the film and return it to me to mail it back to Houston before the movie is due back. This is a service I'll be glad to perform for any group who is interested, but we cannot do so for an individual. So the next time you have to give a program, try also showing a short film to illustrate your talk; or you may want to show an hour-long movie to entertain the group.

Movies Sat., Tues.

This is your final notice for the movies we will show at the library for this month. On Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. we will show "The Cricket on the Hearth" for school age children. It will last 45 minutes. Then Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. we will show a Laurel and Hardy comedy film to the adults. You will all enjoy watching "Our Relations" as the two zanies go through their usual crazy routines. This film will last one hour.

Pre-School Story Hour

This morning Linda Wiese was in charge of the Story Hour for pre-school children, and next week Luanne Zacek will bring the program. The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Be sure to bring your little ones by to

Reflections On International Sunday School Lesson

[Daniel 6:3-7; 10-11; 16-23]

An elderly man sat by the hospital bed of his sick wife. For three weeks he had waited for some sign of improvement. "I just couldn't make it if I were not so sure that God is here with me," he tells his friends. His comment has been voiced repeatedly thousands of times by people who have experienced God's presence in difficult and lonely circumstances.

Many incidents in scripture declare that God has been present with his people in times of crisis. The prophecy of Daniel contains several of these. There is the familiar story of the presence of a fourth person in the fiery furnace when the three Hebrew youths were thrown into it. Perhaps the most familiar account is that of Daniel in the den of lions. Daniel had provided capable leadership in the Medo-Persian empire for many years. He was a governor and an executive leader of the other governors in the empire. He was the favorite of all of the assistants to the emperor. This made the other leaders jealous.

The other governors decided that they would trap Daniel. They could not find any reason to criticize the work or the morality of Daniel. They appealed to the vanity of the king by suggesting that no one be allowed to pray to anyone except the ruler for a period of a month. They knew that Daniel would continue his daily habit of praying three times a day. They included the penality in their original suggestion.—Anyone breaking the law would be placed in a den of hungry lions. During the time of prayer Daniel was arrested. The king could not alter the law to save his friend. He suggested Daniel depend on the power of his God. At the end of the night the emperor returned to find that God had saved Daniel.

The annals of missionary history tell outstanding stories of God's presence and protection of those who have gone out to distant places to preach the Gospel. People have learned through experience that God's presence is everywhere. They know that people with strong faith in Christ will be able to depend on God to sustain them in times of need. They have also learned that God's presence empowers them to face the worst of circumstances in life.

Daniel's history reminds us of incidences in which God delivered his people. In the case of the deliverance of the three young people from the fire, you find an interesting insight. They declared that whether God saved them or not was unimportant. They declared that their responsibility was to be faithful to God. Then they knew that God would either sustain them or deliver them. They could accept either. Daniel's experience did not find a similar announcement. You do learn that he was not frightened by either the law or the consequences of it. He felt that disobedience to God was far worse than death. God's presence does not depend on whether a person is rescued. God can be just as present when a person suffers or dies. He does offer deliverance and health. That is not the only evidence of his presence though. Those who know God are assured that he is present and concerned for them no matter what circumstances life sends to us.

Miss Barbara Ann Slovacek, Reggie Brisco Plan March Nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Slovacek of Columbus announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Reggie Jon Brisco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isam Brisco, Jr. of Sheridan. A March 4 wedding is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus.

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