

Rice Industry Faces Large 1978 Carryover

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farmers, cited statistics which developed and made a change in the rice situation and forced prices down.

He noted that in 1978 over nine million acres of rice were grown in the United States, compared to the pre-harvest prediction of 2.77 million acres. This was the largest rice crop ever produced in the United States, the speaker noted, the yields were the highest ever, and world production reached record levels, which resulted in a \$4.2 million hundred-weight U.S. carryover. Predictions last June had been that the carryover would be only 2.7 million, which Gerlow had described as a "pipeline" situation or "a logjam" to keep the flow of rice for domestic and export purposes.

In discussing the situation for 1979, he noted that the 1979 planting is expected to be around 2.9 million acres, "and that's a lot of rice acreage," said the speaker.

Gerlow pointed to the fact that in 1978 there was a 3 percent increase in world production and normally prominent users of U.S. rice, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Thailand all had high production and reduced imports from the U.S. by some five percent.

Iran Situation Is Key

One of the "ifly" situations noted by Gerlow was in Iran where relations are strained at this time. Iran was expected to increase its import of U.S. rice by 20% and has been taking one-fourth of the premium quality rice raised in the U.S. Gerlow commented that if Iran decides not to import U.S. rice, then the industry will lose a valuable market.

On the bright side, Gerlow noted that generally, the movement of U.S. rice is expected to be up by 7%. This, coupled with the facts that the 1978 crop was the highest ever, world production was the greatest, and the fact that domestic consumption continues to increase due to increases in population, the 1979 situation could change rapidly.

He concluded by stating that if the Iranian situation rights itself, and acreage figures hold the level predicted, prices received for 1979 rice

going to have to spend some time reading scientific data made available through the county extension agent's office and experiment stations, to determine the practices which are most feasible and productive for them," concluded.

Rice Diseases

Walls discussed three prominent rice diseases, stem smut, blast, and sheath blight. He predicted that with all the wet weather during the late winter months, conditions are right for major disease outbreaks, in particular for blast, and urged farmers to keep a constant vigil for signs of any diseases so that control measures can be started as soon as possible in order to be effective.

Walls told the group that the chemicals used today are not for elimination of the diseases, but rather are for control of the diseases.

Also appearing on the program were Dr. Arlen Klosterboer, extension agronomist who discussed weed control in rice; and County Agent Leroy Hajdik who told about the importance of record-keeping in the rice industry.

Hajdik noted a number of rice farmers in the county have been cooperating with the County Rice Committee and County Agent's office for the past four years and he passed out booklets in which this information has been compiled. "This information can prove to be very valuable to our farmers," said Hajdik as he praised those who have participated in the program. He also asked more farmers to take part in the program and

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Wed., Mar. 14: Barbecue-on-Bun, French Fries, Catsup, Lettuce Wedge, Carter Cookies, Apple Sauce.

Thurs., Mar. 15: Meat and Cheese Pizza, Pinto Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Orange Kiss Me Cake.

Fri., Mar. 16: Fish Squares, Macaroni and Cheese, Carrot and Raisin Salad, Sliced Peaches, Corn Meal Yeast Rolls.

Animal Show At ELPS



Ernest Goble and his trained animals entertained the Eagle Lake Primary School students this past Wednesday with performances by the pony and bear pictured here with Goble. Along with these two animals were monkeys, coyotes and dogs. The next assembly program will feature Bob Wood, a cartoonist.

Move To Victoria

Friends were sorry to learn Mr. and Mrs. John R. Davis moved from Eagle Lake to Victoria on Monday, Feb. 26. They located there to be near their daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ramirez purchased the Davis' home at 316 West Waverly.

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Rotary Serves Hot Cakes To Large Crowd

Members of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club served delicious hot cakes and sausage to a large gathering on Tuesday of last week at their annual **Cake Supper**.

The club president, Melburn Sibley, and the supper chairman, Arthur Anderson, extended thanks to all who attended and otherwise helped to make the event an outstanding success.

KC's Plan St. Patrick's Day Dance

The Eagle Lake Council of Columbus will stage its annual St. Patrick's Day Dance in the Eagle Lake Community Center on Saturday, March 17. J.C. and Moonshine will provide music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission will be \$4.00 per person which includes set-ups.

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Sheridan Fire Dept. Elects Taylor Pres.

The Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department held its annual membership drive and election of officers on February 20th at the Community Center.

Officers chosen to guide the department next calendar year are as follows: E. R. Taylor, president; Earl Cousins, chief; Franklin Walker and Oscar Tesch, assistant chiefs; W. C. Gohlke, secretary-treasurer.

Suit On Account Katy Farm Equipment, Inc. of Katy, Texas

Katy Farm Equipment, Inc. of Katy, Texas filed suit in district court in this county Mar. 6th against J.L. Rose, Jr. of Columbus seeking judgment for an allegedly unpaid account.

The firm says in the petition that certain goods in the amount of \$2,121.95 were sold to the plaintiff and that a credit for \$67.89 was issued, leaving a balance of \$2,054.26. The plaintiff asks judgment for the past due account, plus interest at the rate of 9%, attorney's fees of \$750 and costs of court.

Tool Company Asks Judgment Against Driller

NL Acme Tool/NL Industries, Inc. of New Jersey filed suit in District Court in this county, Mar. 1st against Frank Hill and Hill Drilling Corp. of Harris County seeking judgment for an unpaid account.

The plaintiff alleges that it delivered to the plaintiff equipment and services in the amount of \$14,022.24 for exploration on 1214.72 acres of land in this county. It was stated that the defendant paid \$4000 of that amount and has refused to pay the balance of \$10,022.24.

Grass Fire Threat Eagle Lake volunteer firemen

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were called to extinguish a grass fire in the Collyville Addition at 2:38 p.m. Tuesday.

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Drive-In Gro. At Garwood Burglarized

The Colorado County sheriff's department received a call at 7:20 a.m. Tues., Feb. 27th from Pat Wishart, day manager of Woody's Drive In Grocery in Garwood, that the store had been broken into.

Investigation by deputy "revealed" the "entry" was gained by prying the back door open with what is believed to be a screw driver. A cigar box with approximately \$327 in change was the only item missing from the store. Nothing else was disturbed, according to the officers. The investigation of the entry continues.

Autopsy Shows Man Shot 4 Times Near Rock Island

The Colorado County sheriff's office has received a partial report on an autopsy performed on the victim of the shooting, Michael C. Haynes. The report revealed that Haynes was shot twice in the head and twice in the chest with a small caliber weapon believed to be the 22 caliber rifle which the sheriff's office now has in its possession. A ballistic test is still expected to be performed on the weapon.

Cow Body Condition Key To Calving

Cattlemen should keep their cow herds in good body condition since delayed rebreeding costs money.

A cow has to be in good shape at calving time to become pregnant again within three months after calving. This is necessary to maintain a 12-month calving interval. Any delay in calving interval, when multiplied by every cow in the herd, can lead to large reductions in pounds of calf weaned per cow per year.

Gas Rationing Plans Unpopular In Texas

[By Cong. J. J. Pickle]

The news hit most Texans like two bricks thrown through the window—two gallons of gasoline per day per car. Immediately my office, as well as other congressional offices, received a steady stream of protest, outcry and even fears about stand-by gasoline rationing program submitted to Congress on March 1.

Pat Labay Catches Calf



Patrick J. Labay of Nada, Rice FFA member, was a winner in the Calf Scramble at the Feb. 26th Performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Patrick won a \$275 call purchase certificate donated by Coastal Plain Trading Co. and will use it toward the purchase of a registered calf. Shown together following the scramble are (left to right): Troy Krenek (Rice High School Ag Teacher), Patrick Labay (winner), J. D. Bundick (sponsor), and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Labay (parents). - Houston Show Photo.

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Several points must be made about the headlines and the resulting protests. First, the Energy Act passed in 1978 requires the President to develop a stand-by rationing program in case of an emergency. In other words, this proposal was not developed because of the Iranian situation, nor as a hastily designed, last minute plan to be put in place in the near future.

Secondly - and this is very important - before any stand-by rationing program is adopted, it must be approved by both Houses of Congress within 60 days after submission by the President. I expect that the specifics of the two-gallon-a-day program will be given the hardest review by the appropriate committees in Congress. This means that all groups will be able to present their views and suggestions for making the program more equitable.

Furthermore, even if a stand-by program is put into place, before it can actually be implemented in time of an emergency short-fall, both Houses of Congress must vote again to make the stand-by plan a reality.

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