

Experimental "Short Straw" Rice



Dr. Charles N. Craig, resident director at the Texas A&M University Center near Beaumont, check heads on experimental "short straw" rice. Although scientists at the Center have helped rice farmers quadruple their yields, improved the quality and reduced the time from 180 days to 100 days to produce a crop, farmers are eagerly awaiting this new variety which can withstand inclement weather associated with Gulf Coast hurricanes. Bellic said the first releases of the new variety should be in the hands of commercial seed growers within two years.

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Hay Production, Management Is Important

The hay crop is a very important part of most livestock operations. It is used to provide food when other forage isn't available, usually in winter. Hay must be of adequate quality in order to meet livestock protein needs. Fertility controls both the quality and quantity of the hay crop. Fertility needs can be determined from a soil analysis. Crude protein content of hay can be checked by means of a protein analysis.

A rule of thumb method of figuring fertilizer needs of hay is as follows: grass uses nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash in about a 4-1-2 ratio respectively. A ton of 12% crude protein dry hay uses 40 pounds of nitrogen, 10 pounds of phosphorus and 20 pounds of potash. Therefore, if four tons of hay per acre is the desired production then 40 x 4 or 160 pounds of nitrogen is needed, 40 pounds of phosphorus, and 80 pounds of potash.

Hay quality usually refers to the protein content of the hay and its digestibility. Hay with a high crude protein content will be higher in digestibility, have less fiber, less stem, and more leaf than low crude protein hay.

Digestion speed is also related to hay quality. Low protein, low digestible hay passes through the digestive tract of an animal slowly. The digestive system requires more time to break the forage down. Hay that is very low in protein (4-5%) passes through so slowly that the animal cannot eat enough to maintain itself.

Quality of hay is also affected by the cutting schedule. For example coastal bermudagrass hay should be cut in the early boot stage or when 14"-16" in height and cut each 28-32 days for quality hay.

For further information concerning hayland planting and management, contact the Soil Conservation Service at 316 Spring Street in Columbus.

Crop, Livestock Reports Needed

During late May and June, many Texas farmers and ranchers will receive a crop or livestock questionnaire from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service or will be personally interviewed by the Service's field staff. The information gathered through the questionnaires and interviews provides the basis for determining

County Agent's NOTEBOOK

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2, 4, 5-T Use Permissible

We have received reports that landowners cannot purchase 2,4,5-T for woody plant control on rangelands because the dealers indicate they received a letter from the Texas Department of Agriculture stating that 2,4,5-T uses were suspended. The TDA letter stated that 2,4,5-T use was suspended on forestlands, rights-of-way and pastures, but 2,4,5-T could be used on rangelands and rice.

Herbicide 2,4,5-T alone or Banvel 2 plus 2 mixture or Tordon-2255 mixture can be used to control woody plants on all grazing lands west of the Pineywoods area of Texas. These herbicides cannot be used in the

Pineywoods since 2,4,5-T is suspended for all uses in forest areas. Because of EPA definition of a pasture, Texas now has about 20 million more acres of rangeland than we had before the suspension order was issued March 1, 1979.

We believe that this information should be given to the dealers who sell 2,4,5-T. Also, much land that was referred to as pasture is to be referred to as rangeland because of the new definitions. The information released should be that we spray our rangelands instead of spraying pastures. Landowners should indicate to the dealers that the 2,4,5-T is to be used on rangeland.

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Speakers, Films On Energy Are Available

One of the more popular topics of conversation in recent months has been energy, how we have known it in the past and what can we expect in the coming years. What does the future hold?

The Houston Association of Petroleum Landmen, the national association's largest local chapter, is making an effort to improve the communication gap between the public and the energy industry by offering its resources to Gulf Coast area civic clubs, organizations and high schools through its Speakers' Bureau.

For information, contact Hugh L. Scott, Chairman - HAPL Speakers Bureau, c/o Exxon Co. U.S.A., P. O. Box 2180 Houston, Texas 77001 phone 713/680-5568.

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Top Raider Bandsmen For 1978-79



Floyd Spengrath, Rice High School Band Director, at right, and Jesus Gonzales, assistant director, not shown, selected the top band member in each class for the 1978-79 year and the recipients shown above were

announced at the band's concert at the Rice High School last Thursday. They are, left to right, senior Peggy Leopold, tenor sax; junior Robert Moss, baritone; sophomore Carol Crabb, clarinet; and freshman Michaelanne Hefner, alto saxophone.

Raider Band Presents Outstanding Concert

Letters Presented, Outstanding Bandsmen Are Named

The Rice High School Raider Band presented an outstanding concert in their final performance of the 1978-79 year in the Rice High School Commons last Thursday evening, May 17th; and at that time outstanding bandsmen and lettermen were named by director Floyd Spengrath and assistant director Jesus Gonzales.

The band opened the

program with the "Star Spangled Banner" and the Rice Raider School Song.

Following selections were: "Concerto For Prime Time", a medley of favorite television show themes; "Bill Bailey's Combo" featuring Stephen Spanihel on the trombone, Philip Leopold on the trumpet, Arnold Rodriguez on the trumpet and Robert Moss on the baritone.

Next the band played "Festival Prelude", one of the selections played in concert competition; "Saturday Night Fever", a medley of four songs; the popular "Beer Barrel Polka" during which twirlers Judy Bunge, DeLynn Valenta, Carolyn Pavlu and Luann Brown performed on the stage while drum major Lori Mahalite directed the band.

Civil War songs were played in "The Blue and The Gray", followed by "Barry Manilow on Tour";

and the program closed with the school's fight song, "Go, Raiders, Go."

Each selection was appropriately announced by one of the band members.

Lettermen Announced Director Spengrath in announcing the 1978-79 lettermen praised the band for its accomplishments during the year stating, "this is an excellent young band and it's going to get better."

In order for letters to be awarded the band must have made at least one Division I overall. During the year it was noted that the band won Division I in Marching Contest, Division II in Sight Reading, Division III at the Six Flags Invitational; had 22 members in the district band, 10 in the region band, one in the area band, 52 bandsmen rated Division I in solo-ensemble contests, and 31 qualified for state solo-ensemble competition.

Outstanding Bandsmen The directors selected the top bandsmen in each class including: freshman Michaelanne Hefner, sophomore Carol Crabb, junior Robert Moss and senior Peggy Leopold.

The band members elected their 1978-79 band and sweetheart, Cheryl Crabb and Stephen Spanihel.

The band presented plaques to the sponsors who accompanied the band on the trip to Six Flags, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Berger, Mr.

in other activities) were: Freshmen: Pat Bradshaw, Jerri Clipson, Ronnie Fry, Michaelanne Hefner, Renee Hunt, Robert Klekar, Greg Leopold, Charlene McGrew, Jimmy Moss, Kevin Pellerin, Patty Perry, Jeffery Psenick, Cindy Rodriguez, Paula Sawyer, Mark Ruethe, David Sosa, Kitty Thomas, Sherry Walker, Susan Weston and Lerna Yanez.

Sophomores: Mary Ann Becak, Bridgett Beyette, Leigh Ann Bryant, Judy Bunge, Janie Clipson, Gilbert Correll, Carol Crabb, Vickie Eberhart, James English, David Kersh, Yolanda McTear, Carol Montemayor, Claudette Parker, Butler Quinney, Keith Rabel, Victor Reyes, Craig Rohwer, Michael Schorlemmer, Michele Sibley, John Stephens, DeLynn Valenta, Bobby Williamson and Mary Jane Yanez.

Juniors: Becky Anderson, Elizabeth Berger, Cliff Bradshaw, Jay Bunge, Julie Clipson, John Delgado, Luann Brown, Michael Duarte, Rich Farris, Patsy Gutierrez, Madonna Hamilton, Russell Johnson, Philip Leopold, Lana Mahalite, Lori Mahalite, Robert Moss, Carolyn Pavlu, Kathy Perry, Sam Pirle, Arnold Rodriguez, Brenda Rucka, Veronica Salinas, Gay Lynn Thomas, Dianne Van Nort, Mike Walker, Russell Wick, Lulu Yanez, Mary Young and Lupe Morales.

Seniors: Frankie Becak, Theresa Becak, Cheryl Crabb, Angel Farrow, Debbie Fudge, Pete Garcia, Peggy Leopold, Robert Morgan, Stephen Spanihel and Curt Wegenhoft.

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Miss Laurel A. Anderson To Wed Carl A. Milentz August 17



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dexter Anderson, Jr. of Eagle Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurel Annette, to Carl A. Milentz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robert Milentz of Liberty, Texas. The wedding will take place Friday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake.

Miss Anderson is a senior at the University of Houston. Mr. Milentz has attended Texas Technological University and is presently engaged in ranching in Rock Island.

and Mrs. Bill Thomas, Jr., Mrs. Frank Becak and Mrs. Jim Clipson, Jr.; and the ten senior band members presented a gift of a digital clock to the director in appreciation for his leadership during the year.

The program carried words of appreciation from the band members and directors, noting that "The Rice Raider Band wishes to thank each and everyone of you for your support. This has been the most successful year the Raider Band has experienced."

Going To State

Band members who will be going to the state solo-ensemble competition this summer include: flutists Michele Sibley, Cheryl Crabb, Lulu Yanez, Brenda Rucka and Carolyn Pavlu; clarinet, Luann Brown; alto saxophone, Michaelanne Hefner; tenor sax, Peggy Leopold, Judy Bunge and Cindy Rodriguez; trumpet, Arnold Rodriguez, Kevin Pellerin, Philip Leopold, David Kersh, Mary Young and DeLynn Valenta; trombone, Stephen Spanihel and John Stephens; baritone, Robert Moss; sousaphone, Russell Johnson; and percussion, Scott Holden.

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Deed, Charlie Amos and Laura Amos Turner to Jesse Amos 0.081 acre James Earl Survey, 4-6-79
Deed, Calvin K. Roensch et ux to Lee Roy Wensche et ux S. 1/2 Lot 14 Legion Addition E. Tumlinson League, 4-6-79
Deed, Brazos Investment Co. to Charlie A. Novosad et ux 0.081 acres S. M. Williams Survey, 8-16-79
Gift Deed, Gladys Semora to Bobby Joe

Semora undivided interest 19.077 acres Joseph Semora Survey, 3-28-79
Gift Deed, Gladys Semora to Bobby Joe Semora Lot 6 Bk. 5 G. W. White Survey, 3-28-79
Deed, Sylvester Polk et ux to S. L. Moses et ux 88 acres Whiting & Osborne League, 3-28-79
Deed, Mary Louise Millican to Richard James Tucker 27.81 acres James Nelson Survey, 1979

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