

Degree Day 50 Helps Rice Farmers Plan Operations

Agricultural research is "coming through" for rice farmers in the Texas Gulf Coast area.

With a new concept called "Degree Day 50," farmers can identify specific stages of plant development so that certain cultural practices such as nitrogen fertilizer and foliar fungicide applications can be timed properly.

The Degree Day 50 concept was developed by Dr. James Stansel of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's rice research unit at Eagle Lake in cooperation with scientists in Arkansas where the system is also being used.

"Degree Day 50 actually tells rice farmers when to do certain things to harvest a maximum yield," points out Stansel. "It all begins with the emergence of rice plants—that first morning when green is visible in the field, as you have your back to the sun."

That's the first day to begin the Degree Day 50 calculation, and here's what's involved. Take both the low and the high temperature readings for that day and divide by two to get the average," explains the research scientist. "Then deduct 50 from the average and record the remaining number of degrees. Do this daily until at least 1,130 degree units are accumulated."

Once this total number of degree units has been reached, the rice crop should be going into the



MUDDY CONDITIONS, common to rice harvesting, are part of a day's work for the International Harvester Axial-Flow combine. Available to farmers in two models, the 1460 and 1480, the Axial-Flow has several features ideally suited for rice harvesting. It's stated. Farmers also report that the combine is easily serviced with simplified, easy access to various machine components.

IH Combine Specifically Rice Designed

International Harvester's Axial-Flow Combine, featuring the field-proven, highly-efficient single rotor design, now comes specially equipped for rice harvesting.

Stansel foresees additional uses of the Degree Day 50 concept, such as helping to time irrigation, final drainage and insect control and to predict rice maturity.

A special presentation on the Degree Day 50 concept will be featured at the annual field day and open house at the Eagle Lake station June 28 at 5 p.m.

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25th Anniversary At Czech Home At Hillje Sun.

May Senior Citizens Month in Texas is busily being observed by many area citizens who are voluntarily preparing for the Sunday, June 3, twenty-fifth anniversary of the Czech Catholic Home for Aged in Hillje which was Texas' first non-profit, charitable and public nursing home for elderly.

His Excellency, John Morkovsky, Bishop of the Houston-Galveston Catholic Diocese, will

Texas State High School Rodeo

Deadline Fri.

The Texas State High School Rodeo Incorporated, incorporated June 13-14-15-16 is near. The deadline for entry has been extended from May 21st to June 1st.

The Texas State Championship High School Rodeo Incorporated, not affiliated with the National High School Rodeo Association, will hold the rodeo June 13, 14, 15 and 16th at the Alton Allen Arena in Hallettsville.

Any high school rodeo contestant can enter this rodeo.

Blaha Family Reunion Sat.

The descendants of John Blaha (born in Austria in 1826 and buried in Warrenton, Texas in 1889) and wife Maria will reunite at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Hall this Saturday, June 2 at 10 a.m. All relatives of the above-mentioned descendants are cordially in-

celebrate the 25th anniversary with a Mass at 10 a.m. June 3rd in the Home's consecrated chapel. Founders and benefactors of the Home will be honored in a short 11:30 a.m. program at the nearby Hillje S.P.J.S.T. Hall where "King and Queen" of the Utulna (the name affectionately given the home by residents of Czech descent) will also be crowned.

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Armadillos, Red Sox, and Stars Lead In Girls' Softball Leagues

In the Girls' Softball action during the past week, the Armadillos won the second time from the Angels; the Red Sox lead the major teams with a 42-0 record; and the Stars are ahead in the Senior League, although the Disco 14 are right behind them.

The popular Jureka Orchestra of Weimar will play for a 7-11 p.m. dance inside the air-conditioned hall. Admission to the dance is \$2.50.

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Roharon Foster and Pam Banks 2 each for the Discos; while Angie McGrew and Jackie Smith had two each for the Bad News. R. Foster and E. Foster were winning pitchers.

May 21st, the Discos had to score twice to tie the Bad News. The Discos tied 7 times in the fourth.

May 21st the Beavers topped the Red Sox 11 to 8 with a strong run in the last four innings. Beverly Rucka led Beaver hitters with 2. Monica Marsalia, Susan Kaluza, Stacy Davis and Audra Stovall had 1 each. Janet Anderson and Sandy Gonzales had the only Red Sox hits.

May 22, the Filles scored 9 times in the third to top the Eagles 12-7. Melinda and Veronica had 1 hit each for the Filles and Stacy 1 for the Eagles.

May 24th the Red Sox scored 4 times in the fifth to break a 13-13 tie and they went on to top the Beavers 17-13. Janet Scott had 3 hits, Anderson, Lollie Escobedo, Valerie Bengt, Gonzales and Sherry Anderson 2 each for the Red Sox. Terry Clayton and Stovall had 3 each for the Beavers. Monica Marsalia, Emerald Clayton and Janis Hemphill 2 each.

In the Major action May 25, the Eagles turned the tables on the Filles with six runs in the fifth to win 13-10. Margaret Leal had 3 hits, Yolanda Weeks and Lena Castillo 2 each for the Eagles; Shirley Scott led the Filles with 2. Melinda Stiles, Valerie Yanes, Veronica Woods and Linda Sauter 1 each.

Senior Girls Softball
The Disco 14 senior girls softball team scored a pair of wins over the Bad News team in Senior League action during the past week. The Stars led the league at the end of action last week with a 2-0 record, the Disco 14 were 3-1, Phillips 1-1 and Bad News 0-4.

Monday, May 21st, the Discos topped the Bad News 19 to 9 scoring nine times in a big third inning. Ethel Foster, Eve Thomas, Sherry Lockett and Debra Stovall had 3 hits each, Edna Spears.

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• Auxiliary leader lift cylinder for corn heads (required for 5-row and larger corn heads).

Howard Lobpries' Of Baby Girl
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lobpries are the pleased parents of a daughter, Courtney Lynn, born Thursday, May 24 in the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton at 6:15 a.m.

At birth the little lady weighed five pounds and four ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Balis of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Jo Reilly of Bastrop. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Lobpries of Woodward and the paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kasprisky Sr. of Neda.

SPORTS

2 Raiders Selected On All-District 20AA Team

Seniors Bruno Shimek and John Grammer were named this week to the All-District 20AA Baseball team by coaches in the District.

The two Raiders were a strong part of the Raiders' success this season, sharing duties on the mound and in centerfield. Both collected two wins in district action this season and Grammer was among the league leaders in hitting with a .400 average.

The Raiders, coached by Henry Garza, got off to a slow start this season but won four of their final five games and finished in a tie for second place with Sealy and Waller with 5-5 marks. Bellville swept through the district competition with a 9-1 record. The only loss came in the final game of the season when they fell to the red hot Raiders 7-1 at Rice.

Final Standings
Bellville 9-1
Rice 5-5
Sealy 5-5
Waller 5-5
Columbus 3-7
Magnolia 3-7

Belville Loses In State AA Baseball Playoffs
The Belville Brahma baseball team dropped out of the Class AA State playoffs this week, losing to East Chambers 9-6 in the second round of playoff action last Monday.

Belville, the District 20AA Champ, won their first playoff game with a 3-0 win over District 19AA champ, Huffman, in Houston on Wednesday of last week.

The win set up the Brahma game with East Chambers on Monday with Belville being eliminated in the high scoring contest.

Junior Chris Dittert pitched both playoff games for Belville, picking up his first loss since district with the East Chambers defeat. Dittert was a unanimous All-District selection, posting a perfect 8-0 record in District 20AA play.

East Chambers now advances to quarter-final play in the AA playoffs.

Bat Night At Dome Saturday
A favorite Special Date throughout the major leagues for years is Bat Night.

The Astros will be giving away Louisville Slugger Little League size bats to all kids attending the Astros-Expos game on Saturday (7:35).

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Four ELMS 8th Graders Honored

Four Eagle Lake Middle School eighth graders were honored by their parents at a graduation party Friday, May 25th upon their promotion to freshmen at Rice High School.

Twenty-five guests joined Ronny Cook, Troy Corman, Glen Janow and Asdy Gertson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson following activities the last day of school to celebrate the occasion. From 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. they enjoyed swimming, volleyball and hamburgers with all the trimmings.

Parents of the honored youth are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cook, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Corman, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Janow and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson.

Adult Softball Meeting Here

Tonite, Thurs.
A softball meeting will be held Thursday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the council room of the Municipal Building. All sponsors, coaches and players are invited to make plans to attend.

Girl's Awards
Girl's athletic certificates were presented to:

Seventh grade: Pam Banks, Sharronda Christal, Lisa Corman, Rhonda Cotton, Robyn Ellis, Cynthia Gonzales, Stacey Holden, Lynn Mota, Connie Pfazak, Tamra Psegg, Roxanne Ripper, Julia Bosprim, Ramirez, Phillip Schorlemmer, Jackie Smith, Joyce Tillman.

Eighth grade: Becky Bengt, Pamela Black, Betty Coronado, Patricia Fields, Leslie Harrison, Melissa Hoffman, Jackie Hurd, Janie Jaramillo, Sherry Lockett, Jacklyn Parker, Lisa Parker, Stephanie Rhodes, Karen Rucka, Ethel Stiles, Pam Stovall, Rhonda Treka, Jonna Webb.

Boys' Awards
Boy's athletic certificates went to:

Seventh grade: Gilbert Alvarado, James Amos, Jeff Argo, Carl Brown, George Castillo, Jimmy Clipson, Rupert Contreras, Joe Richard Cortez, Terry Cunningham, Randall Duarte, William Flessner, David Garza, Billy Harrison, Anthony Heinen, Steven Herman, Delbert Jarvis, Joe Lang, Jeff Lipperdt, Cedric Pope, Stanley

Lockett, 1st year; Stephanie Fields, Keith Pennell and Malcolm Thomas, 2nd year; Michael Davis, 3rd year; Sharronda Christal, 1st year; Pam Banks, 3rd year; Eighth grade: Leslie Harrison and Jackie Parker, 1st year; Lisa Parker and Karen Rucka, 2nd year; Becky Bengt and Stephanie Rhodes, 3rd year.

Eagle Lake Babe Ruthers Win Against Schulenburg Tuesday
Eagle Lake opened its Tri-County Babe Ruth baseball schedule on Tuesday night of this week with a 6 to 1 win over Schulenburg at the City Ball Park.

The game was originally scheduled to be played in Schulenburg but was moved to Eagle Lake. The game scheduled for this Thursday will be played in Schulenburg, not Eagle Lake.

The local Babe Ruthers, comprised of 13, 14 and 15 year-olds from throughout the community, are coached by Mike Benedict.

The remainder of the schedule for the local team sponsored by the First National Bank is as follows:

Thurs., May 31 Schulenburg T
Mon., June 4 Flatonia H
Thurs., June 7 Flatonia T
Mon., June 11 Moulton H
Thurs., June 14 Moulton T
Mon., June 18 Columbus T
Thurs., June 21 Columbus H
Mon., June 25 Weiner T
Thurs., June 28 Weiner H
Mon., July 2 Flatonia T
Thurs., July 5 Flatonia H
Mon., July 9 Flatonia T
Thurs., July 12 Flatonia H
Mon., July 16 Flatonia T
Thurs., July 19 Flatonia H
Mon., July 23 Flatonia T
Thurs., July 26 Flatonia H
Mon., July 30 Flatonia T

Texas Safe Boating Week June 1-7
Governor William P. Clements, Jr. has proclaimed June 1-7, 1979, as "Texas Safe Boating Week" in conjunction with National Safe Boating Week.

The National Safe Boating Council has designated June 1-7 as National Safe Boating Week in recognition of the growing number of Americans who spend their recreational time on the water. The idea behind this campaign is that boating

for the amateur, as well as the professional sportsman, can be more fun if it is done right, with safety in mind. The Boating Trades Association of Texas (BTAT), which provides leadership for Texas boat dealers, manufacturers and retailers of related products, wants to bring this message home to Texas.

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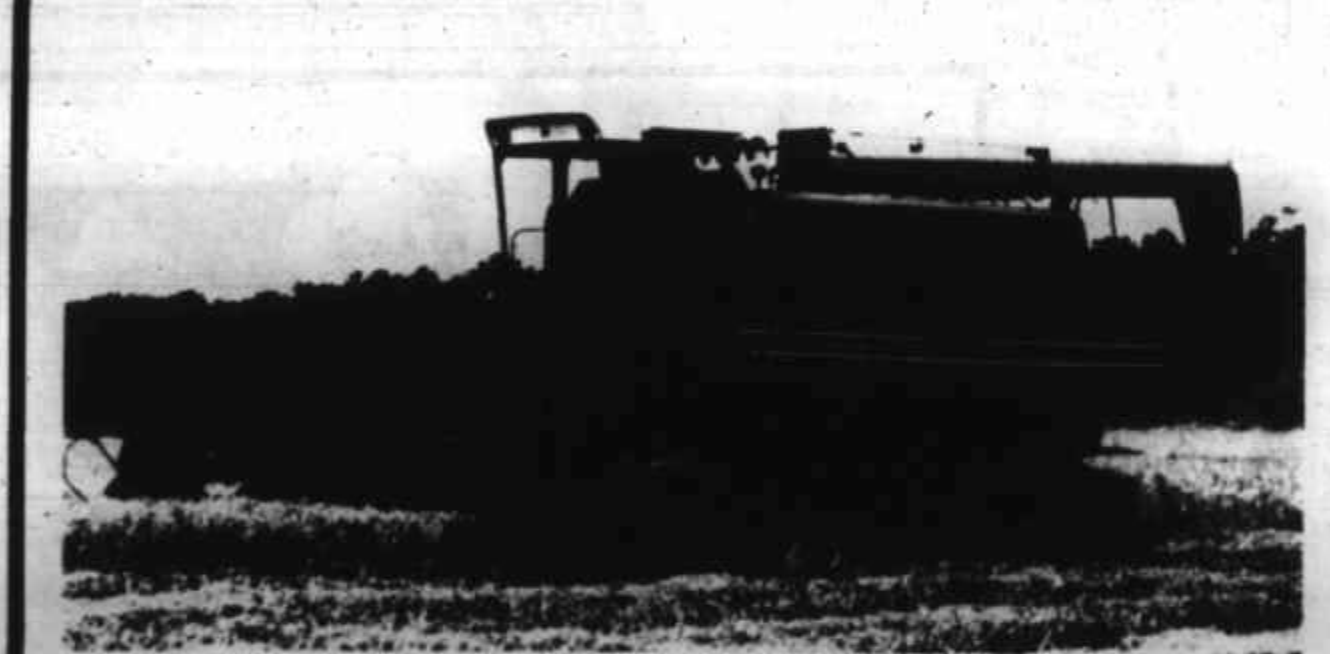
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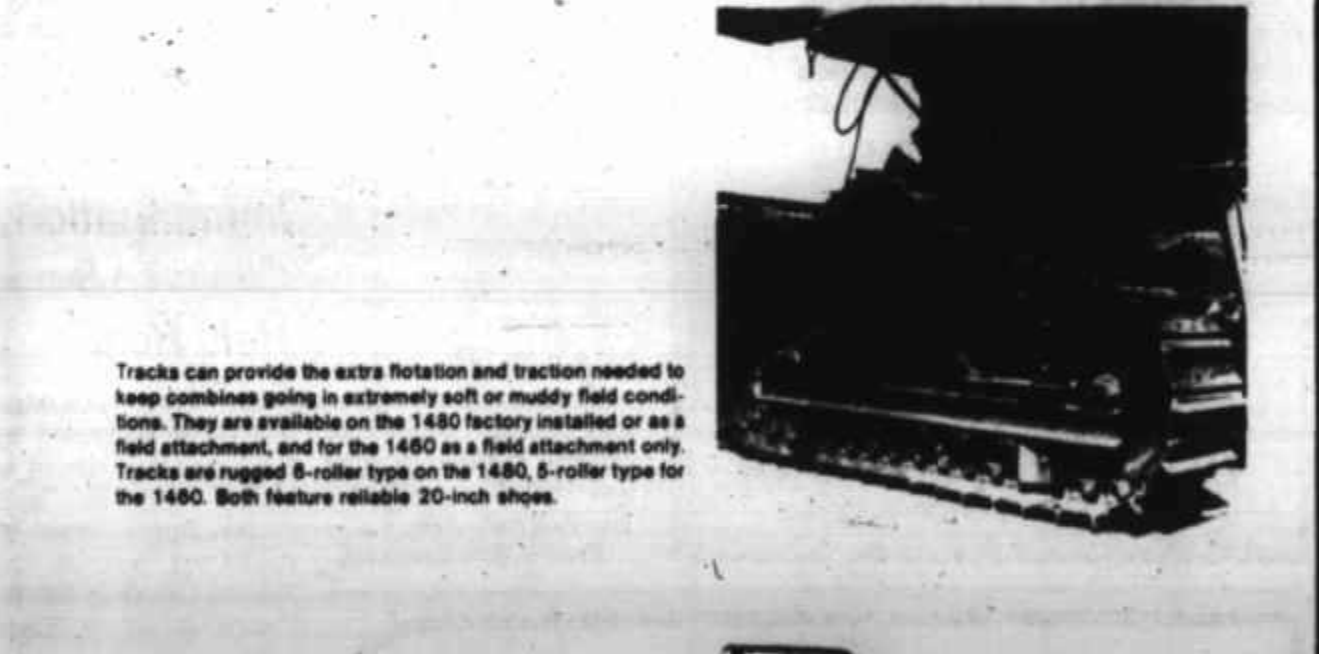
• Torque-sensing rotor drive automatically regulates belt tension in relation to load. Two-speed gearcase along with variable belt drive covers entire harvest range.

• Three-section concave can be removed and reinstalled in less than 30 minutes—saves hours. Clearance easily adjusted by ratchet handle.

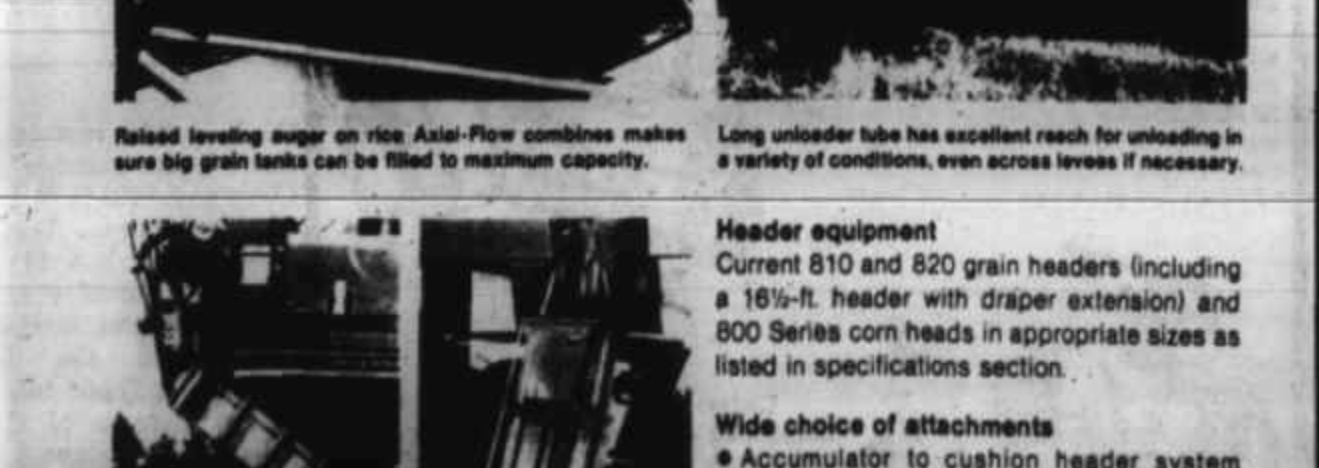
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