

Farm Bu. Pres. Urges Vote In Feb. 19-22 Referendum

Beef cattle producers are urged to participate in the upcoming referendum on the Federal Beef Research and Information Order, according to James Adkins, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau.

Producers who owned cattle anytime in 1979 are eligible to vote in the 1980 "Referendum," the farm leader said. They can register at the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office anytime between Jan. 20 and Feb. 6. They can vote at the ASCS office anytime between Feb. 19-22.

"The best way to determine how the majority of producers feel about this matter is for all producers to participate," Adkins said. Details on registering and voting and on the Order itself are available at the county Farm Bureau office at Columbus, he said.

"We want to remind

Rice FFA Sets Calif, Swine Show Feb. 16

Rice High School Future Farmers of America chapter has started plans for the 1980 Market Calf and Swine Show and Sale to be held at the Rice FFA Show Barn at Altair on Saturday, Feb. 16.

The day's activities will begin with a trail ride from the Sandy Creek Drive in Groovy near Sheridan to the Rice High School from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The 43 calves and 50 hogs entered in the show will be judged at 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and the sale will begin at 1:30 p.m.

A barbecue will be held at the noon hour under the sponsorship of the three Lions Clubs who sponsor the show and sale annually, the Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake Lions Clubs.

A trail ride sweetheart contest will be featured at 12 noon and Showmanship contests at 1:30 p.m.

Citizens throughout the area are invited to make plans to attend the various functions of the 1980 show and sale, Feb. 16th.

The law requires purchasers of cattle to make the deduction. Failure to comply is subject to a \$1,000 fine. The deduction would be made at each point of sale. The buyer would pay the purchase price minus the amount

Homemakers' Reflections

By Donelle Pontel
County Extension Agent

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To figure life-cycle cost, start with the life expectancy in years times the yearly energy cost. Then add the purchase price - plus the estimated repair and maintenance costs.

Labels to Help

New labeling rules will help consumers figure life-cycle costs of each seller of cattle. The check-off money would be paid to the administering agency at the point of slaughter.

Rock Island Water Supply Corp. Annual Meet Fri.

The Rock Island Water Supply Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Rock Island Community Center.

On the agenda will be the election of one board member for a two year term and a financial report on the system. Refreshments will be served.

Alton A. Novosad is president and James Frenzel is secretary-treasurer of the water corporation.

Garwood Fire Dept.'s Ball Sat., Feb. 9th

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Dept. will stage its annual Benefit Ball at the Nada K.J.T. Hall Saturday, Feb. 9th and one and all are invited to make plans to attend the event.

Sammy and the Midnighters will provide music for dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission will be by donation.

Food may be made table reservations, at 25c per chair, by calling 758-3322. Proceeds from the event will be used for the purchase of equipment for the department.

Andrew Hewitt, USN, Visits In Sasebo, Japan

Navy Interior Communications Electrician Fireman Andrew L. Hewitt, son of Isaac T. and Jewel Hewitt of Eagle Lake, recently visited Sasebo, Japan. He is a crewmember aboard the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge, operating from Yokosuka, Japan as part of the ship's civic action project. U.S. 7th Fleet.

During the visit, crewmembers repaired painting equipment and metal fencing at a local orphanage as part of the ship's civic action project. They also had the opportunity to tour the city of Nagasaki.

The Blue Ridge is 620 feet long and carries a crew of 220 officers and enlisted men.

A 1978 graduate of Rice High School, Hewitt joined the Navy in June of 1978.

State Domino Tourney In Hallettsville Sun.

The 27th Annual State Championship Domino Tourney will be held at the Hallettsville Sunday, January 27. Registration will start at 7:00 a.m. and play will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. All players are urged to register early.

The entrance fee per player will be \$6.00 or \$16.00 per team of two players. Plaques will be given to the top champions, and prize money will be awarded to the top five partners.

ANNOUNCING

Tide Products, Inc. of Edinburg, Texas, is pleased to announce the appointment of James R. "Rick" Ferrill as manager and sales representative of its Eagle Lake, Texas, branch.



James R. "Rick" Ferrill

Ferrill, 30, is a native of Mexia, Texas, and attended school at Katy High School and Blinn Jr. College.

He is married to the former Carolyn Painter of Katy, Texas, and they are the parents of two children - a daughter, Jamie Sue, 10, and a son, Cash, 3 years of age. They are currently living in Galvesto, Texas, but plan to locate in the Eagle Lake area as soon as possible.

For the past nine years, "Rick" has been associated with rice and soybean farming interests in the Katy and more recently in the Frantias area.

As manager of Tide's Eagle Lake operation, he will be responsible for sales and service of agricultural chemicals and fertilizer in the Eagle Lake and Katy areas.

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Texas Beef Cookoff Set Apr. 17

The third annual Texas Beef Cookoff sponsored by the Texas Cattle Raisers Association will be held on April 17 in Amarillo, Texas. The event is a chapter of a national association of women interested in the future of the beef cattle industry. Beef at Father's Day and the Texas Beef Cookoff are their two annual projects.

The Texas Beef Cookoff originated because of a need for recipes utilizing economical cuts of beef. To enter, you must submit your recipe using an economical cut of beef (such as chuck, round, or rump roast) and an entry form which may be obtained from Colorado County Extension Office. Or you write to Texas Beef Cookoff, 54401 Interstate 10 West, Alhambra, Texas 79106.

The deadline to have the entries turned into the Texas Beef Cookoff is by March 15, 1980.

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No Set-Aside For 1980 Cotton Crop

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has just announced that there will be no set-aside or voluntary diversion for the 1980 cotton crop, says the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office in Columbus.

The target price for cotton will be established between 57 and 61 cents per pound. The 1979 target price was 57 cents per pound.

Producers to be assured of full target price protection on their entire cotton acreage, the 1980 target price will be reduced by 10 percent from the 1979 planting, added Daniel C. Streckfus, ASCS county executive director.

BEER REFERENDUM

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Public Hearing On Proposed Brucellosis Control Plan

[By Leroy J. Hajdik
County Extension Agent]

The "Texas Register" carried the following list of dates, locations in this area, and times for public hearings for the purpose of allowing public comment on the proposed Texas brucellosis control plan. They are:

9 a.m., February 1, Kewilton Community Room, 1314 Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio; and

9 a.m., February 11, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Exposition Center, 2000 South Loop West, Houston.

Written comments are also invited, and may be sent to Dr. John-W. Holcomb, Executive Director, Texas Animal Health Commission, P. O. Box 12566, Austin, Texas 78711. Written and oral comments will be accepted up to and including February 29. The Texas Animal Health Commission proposes to conduct a final hearing and adopt these regulations on February 29 in Austin. The time and place for the open meeting will be announced.

New Grain Reserve Provisions

The provisions of the new Grain Reserve Program are applicable to all reserve agreements approved on or after January 5, 1980, announces the County ASCS Office.

All new reserve agreement applications must be filed with a CCC-803 or CCC-804 Major changes from the present Grain Reserve Program are as follows:

The release level for wheat is increased from 140 percent to 150 percent. The release level for feed grains remains at 125 percent. The new reserve program release prices are: wheat (bu.) 3.75; corn (bu.) 2.63; barley (bu.) 2.14; oats (bu.) 1.35; sorghum (bu.) 1.46.

The call level for new agreements is increased to 185 percent for wheat and 145 percent for feed grains.

The change will increase the call price for reserve commodities entered into in the new reserve as follows: wheat (bu.) 4.63; corn (bu.) 3.05; barley (bu.) 2.48; oats (bu.) 1.57; sorghum (bu.) 1.18.

There will be no interest charged during the reserve period on the first 512 million bushels of corn which enters the reserve for the first time.

Effective January 7, 1980, storage payment rates have been increased for old and new reserve agreements as follows: wheat, corn, and barley (bu.) 25.3 cents; oats (bu.) 20 cents; sorghum (bu.) 47.32 cents.

Under the new reserve program a producer may redeem a commodity within 90 days after the loan is called.

Producers with current grain reserve agreements will be permitted to convert their present agreement to

State Comptroller's Rep. To Be In Columbus Feb. 6

State Comptroller Bob Bullock announces he is sending a representative from his Victoria Office to Columbus on Wed. February 6 to assist local taxpayers and answer questions about state taxes.

Bullock said Marion Hackett will meet with local taxpayers at the County Agriculture Building at 316 Spring St., Columbus, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

"If Colorado County area merchants or anyone else for some matter, have any questions about state taxes or need help in preparing tax forms, Marion Hackett will be there to assist them," Bullock said.

Fishing License Sales Show Big Increase

Revenue from licenses sold by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hit an all-time high during the 1978-79 fiscal year at \$13,968,857.

Substantial increases in sales of resident and non-resident fishing licenses, resident combination hunting and fishing licenses and resident trapping licenses were largely responsible for the increased revenue in the fiscal year which ended Aug. 31.

Some of the gains were due to a decline in both resident and general non-resident hunting licenses, the department said.

Resident fishing license sales jumped from 398,814 licenses which brought \$3,654,405 in 1977-78, to 1,011,530 licenses and \$4,049,389 revenue in 1978-79. Non-resident fishing license sales increased from 29,202 worth \$293,480 in 1977-78, to 36,319 licenses valued at \$363,809 during the past fiscal year.

Resident combination hunting-fishing licenses gained from \$47,567 bringing in \$3,806,657 during 1977-78, to \$18,403 sold in 1978-79, worth \$4,408,969.

Resident hunting license sales dropped from 398,814 to 1,011,530 licenses in 1977-78, to 338,668 licenses and \$1,694,015 revenue in 1978-79.

General non-resident hunting license sales surged a decline in revenue of \$43,500 over the 1977-78 fiscal year. Sales of non-resident five-day migratory game bird licenses increased by \$17,102.

Chuck Stephens' Welcome Son Born Jan. 18th

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. (Chuck) Stephens proudly announce the birth of a son, Charles Martin Stephens, Jr. The young lad weighed eight pounds and three ounces and measured twenty inches upon his arrival in Eagle Lake Community Hospital Friday, January 18th, 1980 at 8:38 in the morning.

The new addition to the family will be welcomed home by a sister, Jill Renee, age 35 months.

Grandparents of the newborn are Mr. and Mrs. Draper Stephens of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Edna Merrifield of Wharton and C. O. Black of Houston. His great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Stephens of Eagle Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin of Garwood and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Malone of Alto, Texas.

The little gentleman arrived on the birthday anniversary of a great-grandfather, Charles D. Stephens, 1978.

REPORT

Columbus Livestock Co. The market was steady on all stocker calves, packers and cows, and bulls were stronger at the sale at the Columbus Livestock Commission in Columbus last Thursday.

The firm handled 802 head

MAYC Honors Leonel Castillo

Annual Membership Meeting Set Feb. 23, Nominate Officers Feb. 11

The Mexican American Youth Council held a reception on Saturday, Dec. 29 honoring the 1979 Board of Directors of MAYC at the home of the late Mrs. Anderson in Cheterville. Also honored at the reception was former director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Leonel Castillo of Houston.

Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner followed by presentations by guests of honor: Dora Olivo, chairperson of the League of United Latin American Citizens Voting Rights Committee; and by Mr. Castillo, entering on Hispanic involvement in upcoming political elections and Hispanic involvement in society. A question and answer session followed.

Individual members of the board were also recognized for their work during the past year. Those members were: board chairman Jay Anderson, president Mike Duarte, vice president Herbert Ramirez, citizenship director Mary Salinas, girls project director Mary Yanez, and directors-at-large Dr. and Mrs. Jose Ugarte.

Membership Meet Set

The board also met again in regular session on Monday, Jan. 14 to discuss the

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