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# Now's Time To Plant That Permanent Grass

(By Connie Fair, District Conservationist)

Now is the time to start thinking about planting or sprigging permanent grasses on your farm. Planting dates for most grasses in Colorado County are from February 15 to May 15. One exception to this planting date is coastal bermudagrass, which can be sprigged from January 1 to May 15.

In preparing a proper seedbed for planting or sprigging grasses, a disk harrow, breaking plow, moldboard, or offset disk plow may be used. The seedbed must always be clean, firm, and free from any competing vegetation. Proper preparation of the seedbed definitely means the difference between the success or failure of a grass planting. Think of having the seedbed prepared as if you were going to plant a garden on the area to be planted to grass.

When sprigging coastal bermudagrass, the dormant sprigs should not be planted deeper than two to three inches. The sprigs must be placed in moist soil and be covered with a one-inch layer of topsoil.

Seed shallow. In planting seed type grasses, the seeds should not be planted deeper than 1/2 to 1 inch. Recommendations for seeding rates of each grass will vary depending upon the species of grass, and are based on Pure Live Seed (PLS). Seed type grasses may be planted by using grass drills or by broadcasting the seed. When the seeds are planted by the broadcast method, it is suggested that a cultipacker be used to incorporate the seeds into the soil.

Grass plants are adapted to different kinds of soils. For example, kudo bluestem and callis bermudagrass are adapted to the dark blackland clay-type soils. On the other hand, coastal bermudagrass and Pensacola bermudagrass are well adapted to the sandy type soils. For adaptability of other grasses, you should contact the personnel at the local office of the Soil Conservation Service.

**Fertilize First Year**  
After the grass sprigs or seeds have been planted and

and Mrs. Helen Obenaus of Columbus.

The Family Living Committee will hold its next meeting Thursday, Feb. 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Agricultural Building in Columbus. All committee members should make an effort to attend this meeting. If you are not a committee member but are interested in attending, please contact the County Extension Office at 732-2530 or the committee president, Bernice Heinsohn of Freisburg, at 357-4574 or the committee secretary, Mildred Schultz of Freisburg, at 357-2142.

**Books Help Children Cope With Crisis**  
Books can help children cope with a crisis in their lives. For example, if your child has problems with any of the following situations:

• acceptance of a new sister or brother;  
• death of a family member or friend;  
• parental divorce, separation or remarriage;  
• adjustment to a new school;  
• relocation to a new neighborhood;  
• temporary separation from family, as in the first time at school or a day care center, or the first time to spend the night at a friend's house;  
• fear of the dark or of the doctor or dentist;  
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# Soil Conservation District News

The regular meeting of the Directors of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Jan. 15th. Directors attending were: Herbert Engstrom, chairman; Henry Sunderman, vice chairman; Melvin Albright, secretary; Glenn Stremquist and Theodore Schultz.

Final selections were made for the Conservation Awards for 1979-80. The annual Awards Banquet and the Annual Minister's Tour were also discussed.

B.C. Connie Fair, and trainee Scott Goerlich discussed and reviewed the conservation plans with Glenn Sunderman. We discussed rice management, grazing, management, and wildlife management.

The conservation plan on Hunt Farms was discussed with Dale Hunt. Dale is thinking about constructing a pond in the future.

Information was given to Gilbert Untermyer on planting and managing Gordo Bluestem. Gilbert plans to plant about 10 acres of Gordo Bluestem.

Technical assistance was given to Mrs. Henry Wallgren on planting grass on her place.

Technical assistance was given to L. J. Schilling of Garwood in updating his conservation plan on his home place. A new conservation plan is also being developed on his place near the Colorado-Wharton county line.

Word has been received from Dave Parsons of Elanco that Granap, a new brush chemical, has just recently been released for control of yucca.

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# Homemakers' Reflections

By Donella Pantel, County Extension Agent

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# Texas Rice Council To Meet Thurs.

Rice farmers, wives and rice industry people will be meeting in Houston for the 29th Annual Texas Rice Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, Feb. 7th at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held in the Embassy Room with registration and coffee beginning at 9:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow the meeting at noon.

The Rice Council, which is the promotional and advertising voice of the American rice industry, will present and illustrate its multi-faceted advertising and public relations activities, in such areas as magazines, radio and television. Si Guder, director of international relations, will discuss some of the foreign promotional work of the Council and present his latest activities in Russia and the Middle East.

This should be an interesting program and all rice farmers and their wives should plan on attending, says Texas Rice Council President George Duncan.

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## Annual Firemen's Ball

Garwood Volunteer Fire Department

### Sat., Feb. 9

Nada KJT Hall  
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Music by Sammy and The Midnighters

Tickets may be purchased from Garwood Volunteer Fireman or at the door.

Admission by Donation

### Rotary Sets Hot Cake Supper

On Tues., Feb. 19

Members of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club have set the date for their annual Hot Cake Supper for Tuesday, Feb. 19th. Shrove Tuesday or the last Tuesday before the beginning of the Lenten season.

The delicious hot cakes, sausage and trimmings will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center for \$1.50 per plate.

Entertainment is being planned during the serving hours. The plates will be available in the hall or in a curbside service line on the center's pavilion area.

Tickets will go on sale soon with all club members or may be obtained at the door on Feb. 19th.

Jack Listowski will serve as general chairman of the Hot Cake Supper.

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### OVER MY SHOULDER

By Rodney B. Kraus, Part CIP Stockyards Co. Sealy and Brennan

"January's cattle market wasn't a carbon copy of last year's market when all prices soared higher. Prices started the 80's in an uneven mood but as the month progressed prices grew steadily stronger. In the early days of the month slaughterer cows fared the best. Nevertheless, Parker cows at South, Central and East markets ahead of their early month price bench marks. Huger cows closed the month at \$49 to \$54, a few even up to \$59 with lighter weights \$45 to \$51.

Stocker leader prices edged higher but lost lustre through the ceiling. Stocker orders originating from the western states country seemed to be the biggest demand from the western states and wheat areas was lukewarm.

Good quality steer calves 200 to 300 pounds were usually \$1 to \$1.20, 300 to 400 pounders \$1.00 to \$1.15, while 4 to 5 weights \$80 to \$92. Heifers weighing 300 to 400 pounds had a strong \$78 to \$87 range as the month closed.

As the year began some new clouds of uncertainty greeted the industry. Russian grain exports being stopped, increased agitation in our world and a sharp sell-down in commodity market helped put a damper on any continued advancements fed slaughter cattle hoped to make.

The January cattle on Feed report for the 23 states held some good news and some disappointing news. Cattle on feed and placements were down seven percent but the marketing figures stopped the slide.

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# Raider Girls Lose Game, Chance For District Title

Royal Girls Beat Rice To Stay Unbeaten In Second Half Dist. Race

The Royal Falcons appear to have chalked up the second round of girls' District 20AA play with their 55 to 34 win over the Rice Raiders in Brookshire on Friday night.

The loss by Rice wiped out any hopes of regaining their district championship of last season and apparently will give Royal the opportunity to meet Sealy, first half district winner, in a post-season playoff game to determine the outright district champs with the opportunity to advance to the state playoffs at stake.

Royal lost to Sealy and Rice in first half action but the Falcons girls swept games with both teams to take the commanding second half lead with only two games remaining.

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The Rice Raiders, coached by Brooks Underhill and Paula Vainis because of injuries and illness in the season and managed to remain in the thick of the league race until they lost last Friday. The majority of players on this team are juniors and they promise to make a strong bid in next year's league play.

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12 points in the loss but Rice managed to win only 34 percent of its free throw and less on its field goal attempts. The Falcons used a tall and strong inside attack to control the boards on both ends and to get the easy baskets.

The Raider freshmen were also losers in their game, dropping a 38 to 28 defeat. Mabel Johnson scored for Rice with 10 points.

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# Garwood Boys To Play In Fayetteville Tourney

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The boys will open play on Thursday at Moulton in their tournament action starting at 2:30. The Raiders will play at either 7:00 or 8:15 on Friday depending on whether they win or lose. There are 10 teams entered in the boys' tournament.

The girls finished their season losing to Fayetteville in Garwood on Monday. The boys won their contest.

The girls finished the season with an 8-8 record while the boys, currently 9-6, take a three game winning streak into the tournament this time the weekend period, with the score tied before breaking ahead to stay.

Michael Hemphill was the top scorer for Garwood with 18, with Kenny Johnson scoring 10. Other players turning in key performances, according to Coach Michalka, were Douglas Baumgarten, Mel Pratt and Glen Heifer.

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The girls lost their game, ending the season on a disappointing note, with Fayetteville taking the victory 27 to 19.

The game was close, according to Michalka, until the final period when the Raiders were forced to foul. Fayetteville led the game connecting on six shots from the charity line in the fourth quarter.

Donna Dancy had six and Kristine Carpenter had four to lead Raider scoring. Cheritha Smith and Rachell Hunt were the other starters.

Michalka expressed his praise for the girls' team and congratulated them for a successful season. The Raiders have five eighth graders that will not be back next season including Dabney, Dancy, Michelle Gue, Monica Plegryca and Smith.

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# SPORTS

Jeff Franks, Sports Editor

**Grammer, San Jacinto Beat Bluntson, Blinn, 105 to 97**

The San Jacinto College Ravens scored a 105 to 97 victory over Blinn Junior College in Brenham last Monday night with two former Rice Raiders playing key roles for both teams.

John Grammer scored 20 points and added five assists to help lead his league leading Ravens to their seventh straight conference win.

Lonnie Bluntson, despite limited action because of foul trouble, scored 17 points and had five rebounds. Both Bluntson and Grammer had dunks in the game.