

Homemakers' Reflections

By Donella Pantel
County Extension Agent

Living With Inflation... Shopping Sense

You really can stretch dollars, if you use shopping sense.

This starts with a major step: gather enough information before you shop, so you can make a wise choice.

Before you shop, do three things:

- 1) Decide what items you need and want.
- 2) Keep up-to-date.
- 3) Know what's available and where you can buy the best.

Make a shopping list - you're less likely to buy items you don't need.

Once you start shopping, look in several stores.

Compare prices, quality and services offered by the different stores.

By shopping around and comparing prices and features of a product, you'll also avoid some of the high-pressure sales methods.

Learn to ask questions.

Find out all you need to know before you buy.

Be sure to find out what the warranty covers, and what the store's exchange and refund policy is.

As a buyer, be aware of advertising appeal. Ads are intended to draw your attention to a product or service and make you want to buy it.

Be careful about "bargains," too.

A "bargain" is only a real bargain when it meets four criteria:

- when you really need or can use the item,
- when the price is lower than at other nearby stores,
- when the price is lower than usual for the item in that store,
- and when the item is right for your needs in size, color, quality, price and storage space.

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Annual Field Day, Tour At Rice Exp. Sta. July 2

Wednesday afternoon, 5:00 p.m., July 2 is the date for the annual Field Day and Tour at the Eagle Lake Rice Experiment Station, 3 miles northwest of Eagle Lake on Highway 102. We expect about 500 farmers and agriculturalists from across the rice belt to be at our Show and Tell function this year, said James W. Stansel, Scientist-in-Charge of the Western Area Project.

Tours of the research plots will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a barbecue meal at 8:30 p.m. After the meal, there will be a short program which will include Dr. Art Gerlow, extension rice economist who will discuss the Rice Market Outlook for the 1980 rice crop.

"This year's field tour will emphasize the characteristics of a dwarf rice variety that probably will be released to producers for the 1981 crop. We will discuss sprinkler irrigation research on rice and soybeans. A 160-acre rice field was grown successfully by Larry Hobbs on 9 inches of water applied with a sprinkler irrigation system last year. You will hear the latest information concerning rice fertilizer research to reduce production costs and increase economic yields. Minimum tillage and sod seeding techniques as a means to reduce production costs will also be discussed," added Dr. Stansel.

Other items of interest to be shown will be a minimum production cost plot, rice disease research, weed control techniques, soybean variety tests with monthly planting dates beginning in mid-March. Soybean research trials and methods of planting soybeans will also be observed plus other items of interest.

"If you need additional information, contact Mrs. Markwood at the Eagle Lake Research Site, telephone 713-234-3678. We look forward to seeing you on July 2nd," said Stansel.

Tri-County Cotton, Grain Field Day Tour Thursday

State Rep. Dan Kubiak of Rockdale, a leading advocate of good production, will be the keynote speaker at the 1980 Tri-County Cotton and Grain Field Day and Tour in El Campo June 12th.

Kubiak will speak at a 5:30 p.m. program at the El Campo High School cafeteria following tours of cotton, corn and sorghum demonstration plots in the Danevang area of Wharton County, announced Dave Tiller, county Extension agent.

Buses will leave from El Campo High School between 2 and 3 p.m. to take visitors on a tour of corn, sorghum and cotton variety demonstrations plus a special presentation on pest management.

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State, Area Ag. Receipts Are Up Sharply In 1979

Cash receipts from agricultural marketings, reached a new high in 1979. Although final figures are not yet in, Texas Agricultural Place Cash Receipts estimates place cash receipts at more than \$9.6 billion, up from \$7.9 billion in 1978.

Estimates of cash receipts from agricultural products were up sharply in the Upper Gulf Coast area as well as about \$670.7 million in 1979 compared to some \$637.2 million in 1978.

However, while sales were up sharply, net farm income increased only moderately due to the ravaging effects of inflation.

In spite of the increased receipts, Texas remains third in the nation in total receipts from agriculture behind California and Iowa.

The big jump in cash receipts in the Upper Gulf Coast stems largely from excellent cattle prices while a bumper cotton crop, combined with a strong cotton market and an excellent beef market, boosted statewide receipts, points out Dr. Carl Anderson, Extension marketing economist.

Cash receipts from all Texas livestock are estimated at \$5.3 billion for the past year, with receipts from beef alone reaching the \$4.1 billion mark.

Cotton Leads in Revenue

Crop receipts across Texas are expected to total about \$3.9 billion for last year. Cotton accounted for \$1.5 billion of that amount.

Receipts from sorghum are estimated at \$431.5 million in the Gulf Coast area totaling \$151.3 million from milk reached \$5.4 million; hogs, \$4.8 million; and eggs, \$2.9 million.

Texas receipts from agriculturally related areas such as timber, hunting, fishing and horses are estimated at \$474 million. Timber receipts in the Gulf Coast region last year totaled \$28.7 million while horses added another \$10 million.

According to Anderson, the projected agricultural cash receipts of more than \$9.6 billion, including supplying services agricultural production and processing and marketing farm and ranch products, added some \$35 billion to the Texas economy in 1979 - a multiplier effect of about 3.7. He also notes the estimated value of farm assets in the state - land, buildings, livestock, machinery, crops, inventory on farms, farm household goods and financial assets - total more than \$65 billion.

Free Tony's Dinner

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County Agent's NOTEBOOK

By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent
Colorado County)

is fertilized and managed properly.

When it comes to productivity, the new bermudagrasses will not produce much more than common bermudagrasses unless they are fertilized and managed. If an individual is not willing to use some type of good

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

A Flag Tribute

Behold the Stars and Stripes the flag of the United States of America, the symbol of our nation's progress and high ideals.

We see the Stars and Stripes every day of the week. But how well do we appreciate the flag as being more than just a brightly colored emblem? My friends, the Stars and Stripes of the United States is far more than just another national emblem. It is truly a living personality. Our flag is the living symbol of what has been accomplished before us and all that we strive to contribute to the strength, to the freedom and to the greatness of our land.

Our flag is beautiful in color and in meaning. Look at it for a moment. The seven red stripes denote our courage and readiness to sacrifice for the defense of what we call the American Way of Life. That has been so throughout history. The six white stripes symbolize our purity of purpose and our precious independence. The field of blue suggests unlimited vision, loyalty, and unity. And out of the blue shine the stars, one for each state in the Union. That in itself is a powerful sign because it represents all the people in all the states, united in the single endeavor of keeping our nation free and great.

That is what makes our flag different. In no other nation are the peoples so diverse yet so thoroughly united in upholding a single standard of freedom and justice for all. This is the flag of every loyal American citizen - whether he be white or black, rich or poor - and regardless of his religious or political beliefs. The flag of our country represents his rights as well as ours.

Another very significant thing we should remember when paying tribute to the American flag is that more than 33 million men have fought under the Stars and Stripes to preserve American freedoms. More than a million men sacrificed their lives on the field of battle. They paid the full price to defend what we call our way of life.

The brave men who have served in our armed forces represented all racial origins and all creeds. Yet they fought together as a team.

To them only one thing mattered - they were all Americans. The mortal remains of our honored dead rest in the soil of practically every country on earth. And above them today - in so many places that the sun shines forever upon it - there flies but one flag. The Stars and Stripes of the United States.

And what are the ideals for which those brave men gave their lives? Faith in God - with freedom of worship. Loyalty, liberty and compassion for fellow men. Also greater wisdom through an enlightened eye.

When you put into practice those high ideals you are paying the highest tribute to the flag of our nation. However, the task is never completed. So when we pledge allegiance to the flag of our country we should make it a solemn promise - deep from the heart - to carry on with ever greater determination, courage and unity of effort to keep our nation free forever.

Fly your flag on June 14 - Flag Day - Courtesy of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary to Elm Memorial Post #703, Mrs. Lila Armstrong, Patriotic Instructor.

4th of July All Day Celebration

Veterans Community Center
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★ Barbecue Chicken and Sausage Dinner
• Serving 11:00 to 1:00
★ Flag Raising at 10:30 A.M. ★

Chili Cook-Off

★ Arts and Crafts ★ Beer Garden
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★ Beauty Contests at 7:30 P.M. July 3rd ★
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County's Gross Sales In '79 Totaled \$63,317,198

State Comptroller Bob Hullock Friday reported gross sales in Texas for 1979 totaled more than \$213.8 billion.

Hullock said a sales tax analysis of gross sales for the year's last calendar quarter showed that gross sales reached \$66.9 billion, up \$14.4 billion over third quarter gross sales.

A total of \$63,317,198 in gross taxable sales, for the purpose of reporting the sales taxes, were recorded in Colorado County from 634 outlets in 1979. Of that amount, \$16,000,451 was subject to the sales tax.

Agustin County reported \$48,268,842 in gross sales from 614 outlets (\$11,216,090 subject to tax); Fayette County had gross sales of \$51,202,660 from 809 outlets; (\$13,000,258 subject to tax); Lavaca County had \$45,714,961 gross sales from 621 outlets (\$9,711,010 subject to tax); and Wharton County reported \$101,244,797 in gross sales from 1,192 outlets (\$33,620,757 subject to tax).

List Booths For July 4th Celebration With C.C.

Organizations and groups in the community interested in sponsoring a concession booth at the forthcoming July 4th celebration to be held here by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce at Eagle Lake Community Center are urged to contact the chamber.

The booths will open at 6:00 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, July 4th, and will remain open at the discretion of the sponsors. A street dance, featuring music of the Country Playboys, will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Walnut Street in front of the Community Center.

Walnut Street in front of the Community Center will be closed from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight for the event.

The booths are expected to offer a variety of foods, drinks and other items for sale and also there will be kiddie rides and other games and recreation for the entertainment of all ages.

A street dance, featuring music of the Country Playboys, will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Walnut Street in front of the Community Center.

Federal Land Bank Assn. Lower Rates

Clifton Mahon, manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Bellville, announced that effective June 1, 1980 new loans will be closed at the variable interest rate of 9 1/4% on farm loans and 10 1/4% on rural residence loans, the same rate now being charged existing borrowers on the variable rate. This is a reduction from a 12% fixed rate on farm loans and 14% on rural residence loans which was put into effect earlier this year.

The Federal Land Bank of Texas introduced the variable rate loan in 1969, which allows the billing rate to increase and decrease with variations in the money market. Earlier this year, faced with unprecedented high money cost, a fixed rate loan was offered on a temporary basis. Improvement in the money market in recent weeks makes it possible to return to the variable rate on new loans.

The Federal Land Bank Association of Bellville makes long-term real estate loans on farm and rural residence property in the counties of Austin, Washington, Waller and Colorado.

Catholics Extend Thanks For Bazaar Support

Members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and pastor, the Rev. Father Tom Hanson, extend sincere thanks to all citizens of the area for their support and patronage at their annual bazaar held Sunday at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

The barbecue dinner was well attended and also participation in the various booths, recreation activities, the auction and other entertainment continued until late afternoon.

The parish netted a nice profit from the event and Father Hanson praised the citizens of the area for their participation and contribution and parish members for their work and cooperation in making the event such a great success.

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Sunny Gertson Celebrates 1st Birthday

Little Miss Sunny Marie Gertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson, Jr., was the honored birthday girl at a party given by her mother for her first birthday Saturday afternoon, June 7th. Nineteen youngsters and their mothers gathered on the lawn at the Gertson home from 3:30 to 5:00 to help the nonore celebrate being one year old. Sunny's actual birth date was June 8th.

The birthday girl opening the gifts brought her before refreshments of party cake, ice cream topped with cherries, punch and soft drinks were served. The birthday cake featured a doll with a cherry colored skirt decorated with pink and white icing.

The "Sunny Bunch" theme was used in party accessories and "Happy Birthday" balloons and crepe paper decorated the party area.

Special guests were Sunny's grandmothers, Mrs. E. H. (Sonny) Breitaupt and Mrs. Ralph Gertson. Others included her little cousins, Kari Seaholm, Gail Gertson, Kristi and Sammi Gertson, Kris Gertson, Jennifer Krennek, Stacy and Michelle Spanbel, Lindsay Gutman and Kylie Pomechak; and friends, Camille Ashby, Kim Henke, Brent Schneider, Kyle Fink, Bridget Baird, Dale Oberhaus, Robby Henke, Eric and Erin Seasholm.

The one-year-old presented party favors of multi-colored play balls to each of her guests.

Crop Result Demonstrations Underway In This County

Result demonstrations have proven to be very effective in promoting a new agricultural practice or variety in Colorado County and Texas. The demonstrations are put in the ground by the County Extension Agent with the cooperators assistance to establish the demonstration on the cooperator's property for producers in the area to personally see the results as they drive by. The demonstration site is generally marked by a bright yellow "Demonstration" sign. The demonstrations are recommended by the respective commodity subcommittees of the Colorado County Program Building Committee.

There will be 40 or more demonstrations in Colorado County in 1980 with all to be established by no later than August 1, 1980.

Demonstrations established by commodity areas are: Row Crops - Corn Varietal Test, Corn Variety Disease Evaluation, and Sugarbeet Trial on Arthur Mahalic and Sons farm at Matthews; Corn Fertilizer Rate Study on Leopold Bron. farm at Nada; Rice and Soybeans Soybean Varietal and Disease Test on Ben Waligurs farm at Chestertown; Pecky Rice Study on El Sevee Ranch at Garwood; Rice and Soybean Production Records by 12 producers;

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MARKET REPORT

Columbus Livestock Market

Columbus Livestock Market handled 750 head of cattle at the June 5th sale with owners reporting the market steady on most classes of livestock with the previous week. Packer cows and bulls reportedly were the only classes selling weaker but well in line with the major market with stocker calves in the same strong demand.

Good to choice butcher calves and yearlings sold 60 to 65; heiferred packer cows 48 to 60; and commercial packer bulls 54 to 57. Heavy Hereford and Angus steer calves and also crossed steer calves brought 65 to 80 and the heifers 60 to 75. Good stocker cows and heifers sold for \$400 to \$500. No. 1 hogs went 30 to 32 and lambs 50 to 60.

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