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Farm Pond Management Shortcourse Tuesday

[By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent]
A farm pond management shortcourse will be held in Columbus on Tuesday, May 5 and May 12, 1981.

The shortcourse sessions will start at 8:00 p.m. and will be held in the conference room of the County Agriculture Building located at 315 Spring Street in Columbus.

Dr. James T. Davis and Don Steinbach, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Fisheries Specialists, will be present to conduct programs on farm pond construction, stocking, fertilization, weed control, rough fish control and catfish production.

The shortcourse will be an excellent time for pond owners to bring in their individual pond weed problems for diagnosis and obtain recommendations for corrective procedures.

The shortcourse is being sponsored by the Colorado

County Livestock Committee in cooperation with the County Extension Service. There will be no fees charged.

Sunshine Class Met April 23rd

The Sunshine Class met in the home of Elsie Beane Thursday, April 23.

Sophie Zoeller led the study, telling of Jesus' meditation at the lake and how he obtained his strength from the water. He tries to tell us that God speaks to us in many ways every day through the wind, water, clouds and everything around us.

Ophelia Raabe gave the Devotional and asked each member to give a favorite Bible verse. After the

MARKET REPORT

Columbus Livestock Co. Commission Co. handled 459 head of cattle at the sale last Thursday with the market fully steady. There was a light run of cattle due to the bad weather. Packer cows and bulls sold fully steady and there was good demand for packers.

Good to choice butcher calves sold 63 to 65, heavier packer cows sold 50 to 60, commercial packer bulls sold 48 to 62. Heavy Hereford and Angus and crossbreeds steer calves sold 65 to 80 and heavier brought 60 to 70. Good stocker cows and heifers sold \$400 to \$500 and 1. Hogs 40 to 41 and lambs 40 to 60.

business meeting the hostess served chicken salad sandwiches, carrot cake, stuffed celery, chips, pickles, and coffee to the six members present. Nellie Larson was unable to attend and we missed her.

Tommie Neiswender will be hostess in May. Reporter.

Conservation Tillage Is Stressed

Saving three possibly four trips across a field is no joking matter to farmers. The secret to less time on the field and more money in the pocket is conservation tillage. "The possibilities of conservation tillage in South Texas are tremendous," says Henry Bogusch, Conservation Agronomist with the Soil Conservation Service. "Conservation tillage will eliminate three or four trips across a field. This could easily be computed into

dollars of diesel saved." Weed control thru herbicide use is one of the keys to the success of conservation tillage. Rather than using tillage, the application of herbicides will control weeds at less cost and time. Conservation tillage will also reduce soil erosion by providing a mulch on the soil surface that intercepts the energy from raindrop splash. This is important because usually it is the most fertile fraction of the soil that is lost through erosion. In areas of low rainfall, conservation tillage improved the soil's ability to absorb and retain moisture. For more information, contact your local Soil Conservation Service office.

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County Agent's NOTEBOOK

[By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent, Colorado County]

When To Water - A Real Mystery

It's safe to say that successful gardening in this area generally depends upon a good source of water. Although gardens can be grown "dry land," your chance of success with vegetable gardening is greatly increased if a water faucet is nearby.

Despite the fact that watering can be a great deal of fun, it is often associated with many problems. Many of the things which can plague us each year, such as bitter fruit, sunscald, disease problems, poor fertility, poor quality, poor yields and a dozen other things can be related to poor and improper watering.

Light, frequent waterings have a tendency to cause a concentration of roots in the top inch or two of the soil. This type of "limited" root system does not pose any real serious problem early in the season when plants are young and sufficient moisture is generally available. However, as the season progresses and moisture becomes less and less available, you may be forced to water the garden several times a week just to keep plants from wilting severely. This practice results in insufficient nutrient uptake, poor growth and disease problems.

Water the garden not by looking at plants but rather by examining your soil. Look at the soil surface. If it appears dry, then scratch to a depth of 1 to 2 inches to determine if moisture is present. If the soil is relatively dry beneath the surface, then watering is necessary. If sufficient moisture is available, wait a couple of days before applying additional water. Another point to consider is your garden soil. Obviously, a sandy soil that drains well will require more frequent watering than a heavy soil which holds water.

How much water to apply is another mystery that confronts us. The amount of water to apply must be determined for each and every garden in the county. Apply enough water until you feel your garden is well watered. Then, take a sharpshooter or shovel and dig down and see if the soil is set to a depth of at least 6 inches. If the soil is wet at that depth, you've watered enough. If it's relatively dry, then water some more. After doing this a couple of times, experience will tell you when you have watered enough.

How you water the garden



Homemakers Reflections

[By Donella Pantel, County Extension Agent]

Get Fresh With Potatoes

[By Donella R. Pantel, County Extension Agent]
You can get fresh with potatoes and make nutritious menu items when you know basic buying, storage and preparation techniques.

Two main types of potatoes are available: red and russet. Russets (more elongated and of a brown color) are best for baking. Reds (rounder shaped and reddish in color) are a more general-purpose potato—they do well when prepared by boiling, mashing or frying.

"New" potatoes are reds that are freshly harvested and marketed from January through September. The term "new" also is used to describe freshly dug fall crop potatoes not fully matured. Regardless of the type, select firm, smooth, well-shaped potatoes. Avoid those with a green color or blemishes. Avoid badly sprouted or shriveled potatoes or those with irregular or knob-shaped growths, since these probably will lead to a significant amount of waste.

Storage With proper storage, general-purpose and baking potatoes will keep for several months, and new potatoes will keep for several weeks. Do not wash potatoes before storing—dampness increases chances of decay. Store potatoes in a cool (45-50 degrees F.), dark, well-ventilated place. If you must store them at 70-80 degrees F., use them within a week or two. Higher temperatures often cause sprouting and shriveling.

On the other hand, temperatures lower than 40 degrees F. for a week or more may cause potatoes to develop a sweet taste since some of the starch may change to sugar. To improve flavor of these potatoes, store them at a higher temperature for one or two weeks before using.

To boil potatoes, use little water as possible, or steam the potatoes. Both methods will help conserve nutrients. Also, cook potatoes in their skins to prevent loss of nutrients.

A tariff could lead to retaliation by Japan, which has been threatening to raise its tariff on U.S. exports of automobiles. The tariff would be 25 percent, which would be a significant increase. The tariff would be 25 percent, which would be a significant increase.

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May 3-9 Is Clean Air Week In Tex.

Governor William P. Clements has proclaimed May 3-9 Clean Air Week in Texas. In his proclamation, the Governor urges individuals, businesses, industrial leaders, organizations and government agencies concerned with the health environment to pledge themselves to more effective action for clean air for ourselves and future generations.

The Texas Air Control Board, the State agency with responsibility for controlling and abating air pollution, and the American Lung Association of Texas are cosponsoring Clean Air Week at the State level. "Energy conservation is the theme for this year's Clean Air Week because of the relationship between energy production and air pollution," said Alan K. Pierce, M.D., president of the American Lung Association of Texas.

TABC Executive Director Bill Stewart said, "Because air is our most precious natural resource, it is important that air quality be maintained by limiting the amount of air pollutants. We hope that Texans will use this special week to become more aware of the relationship between energy use and environmental pollution and will think about ways to conserve energy."

Explaining that Texans must work together to keep the air clean, Pierce suggested several ways to help reduce air pollution: "Do not burn leaves and trash; "Keep automobiles properly tuned and keep pollution control devices maintained; "Use car pools and public transportation and walk rather than ride as much as possible. Remember, the more cars on the road, the more pollution; "Conserve energy in the form of electricity and gasoline. The more energy we use, the more pollution we create."

To learn more about air pollution and what you can do about it, write the American Lung Association of Texas, 7701 North Lamar, Suite 104, Austin, Texas 78752, or the Texas Air Control Board, 6300 Highway 290 East, Austin, Texas 78723.

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When Indonesia's Tambora erupted in 1815, 12,000 people died. National Geographic notes. The amount of airborne ash from Tambora

was 80 times greater than that of Mount St. Helens—creating enough cooling effect to cause the "year without a summer" of 1816.

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Loyalty Day - May 1, 1981

James G. Cash, Commander of Rice Area Memorial Post 8783, Eagle Lake, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, reminds citizens of the area that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States have always set the first of May as LOYALTY DAY. He reminds that there are eight special ceremonies throughout the year that the V.F.W. observes. His comments follow:

The word LOYALTY should not have to have a special day set aside. LOYALTY: Loyalty feeling, or behavior, or faithfulness. "The word LOYALTY starts with childhood, with newweds, with people to people, employee to employee, each to his or her religion, people to their City, Country, State, and Country; and to the symbol of the greatest and best country in the world - our own Flag."

"Loyalty is an every day thing. It doesn't start when you finish high school or college. "Post 8783 would like to give you THE VFW STORY" which follows:

The V.F.W. Story

HONOR DEDICATION SERVICE

The roots of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States are deep.

It was 81 years ago when 13 veterans of the Spanish-American War gathered in the rear of a tailor shop in Columbus, Ohio, to found what later became the V.F.W. Those men recognized the need for an organization that would work for the good of servicemen, racked with tropical diseases and ravaged by wounds received in combat with the enemy, who were returning to their homes.

The idea spread to Denver, Colo., the home now of V.F.W. Post 1 and gradually throughout the entire United States, as veterans of fighting in the Philippines, China and elsewhere resumed civilian life. When the veterans adopted the present name of the organization in 1914, there had not been a single year since the Spanish-American War that there was not an American soldier, sailor or marine performing duty somewhere in the world that qualified him for membership in the V.F.W.

Even after World War I there were only seven years that they were entirely peaceful as far as this country was concerned. A non-partisan, non-sectarian organization, the V.F.W. is open to all honorably discharged American citizen veterans, men and women, whose overseas service entitles them to a campaign or service medal.

In the 81 years of its existence, the V.F.W. has been in the forefront of the struggle for veterans rights and entitlements and to safeguard American democracy and security. It was the V.F.W. who got the Congress to adopt the War Risk Insurance Act of 1917 to provide compensation and pensions for disabled veterans, widows and dependents of World War I dead.

The following year, the V.F.W.

obtained passage of Public Law 178 which provided for the training of disabled veterans to develop employable skills. The Veterans Bureau, which later became the Veterans Administration, was established in 1921 through the efforts of the V.F.W. In 1925, the V.F.W. organized its National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., for orphans and families of veterans.

Expanded benefits for World War I veterans were won in the 1930's by the V.F.W. at a time when the country was mired in a depression. In those years, too, the V.F.W. was in the vanguard of a campaign to strengthen American defenses.

Despite the record of achievement the V.F.W. made in those years, it was to be surpassed with the advent of World War II. Throughout the war years, the V.F.W. pressed for legislation which would provide entitlements for servicemen and women who would be returning upon conclusion of the conflict.

Ever alert to the nation's needs and for doing what is right for America, you can be sure that the V.F.W. will remain "Always Faithful."

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