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24 YEARS AGO

LET'S LOOK BACK

(April 18, 1957)

Kiwans Club formed here

with 31 men joining. New

president of the club is

Harrold Smith with Orville

Mill, first vice president.

Rev. Parke Smith, second

vice president; and Charles

Schamberhorn, secretary.

Adolf Raabe seriously injured in train-

truck collision five miles west

of Eagle Lake off Highway

90A. Mr. Raabe received

several injuries and cuts.

Martha Thomas, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Dusek of

Eagle Lake became parents of

a girl, Judy Ann, born

April 11th at the Laughlin

Hospital. Mrs. O. D. Boyle,

mother of Mrs. H. D.

Swearingen, passed away in

Wateville, Arkansas. Jim

Yeager, a 1952 first string

quarterback for the TCU Horned

Frogs, will serve as head

coach at Garwood school

during 1957-58 school year.

Research Is Providing A New Era In Rice Production

Keynote Of Field Day, Tour And Program At Rice Exp. Sta. Wed.

The Texas A&M University and Beaumont Research and Extension Center Rice Experiment Station north-west of Eagle Lake held another very successful Field Day Tour and Program last Wednesday, July 1st with over four hundred persons present for the event.

Field tours started at 5:30 p.m. with County Extension Agent Leroy Hajdik and Al Novosad assisting in leading the participants on large trucks using bales of hay for seats. Members of the Colorado County Rice-Soybean Sub-Committee and others served as tour guides and described the various research programs covering all phases of rice production.

First the tour showed work being done in rain simulator studies to determine the water penetration characteristics of different soils. This information is needed to determine the feasibility of sprinkler irrigation on a specific soil pointed out the tour guides.

Dr. Arlen Klosterboer, Extension Agronomist at Beaumont, discussed herbicide, insecticide, fungicide and phosphorus studies. Dr. Charlie Bollich, USDA rice

of Garwood: Brandes of East

Blair, Taylor (Lightening), Fitzgerald and

Smith. Misses Lorene Heck and Daphne

McElhinney attend Camp

Adelaide in Kerrville. Date

H. Simpson undergoes opera-

tion at St. Joseph's. Court

orders purchase of right-of-

way for a new highway in

county. Catholic young

plans to stage athletic meet

at East Bernard. Garwood

plans new school building and

road program. Application

made for modern school

building for independent

school district. Funeral

services held for D. F.

Isehower of Little. H. S.

Johnson now serving as

breeder at Beaumont told the tourists about advanced variety and nitrogen rate experiments.

Plots of plant nutrition and soil chemistry being carried out by Dr. Fred Turner to determine the most economic fertility practices for the new semidwarf variety, Bellefontaine, were shown; water management tests by Dr. Garry McCaskey were shown indicating that Lebonnet variety is more sensitive to drain time as compared to Labelle.

Weather studies being conducted by Dr. Jim Stansel, Scientist in charge of the Rice Belt area, were shown noting that the objective is to use weather to predict rice yield and identify factors that limit yield or quality.

The tour included demonstrations on straighthead disease control; herbicide tests conducted by Dr. Ford Eastin, Experiment Station Weed Control Physiologist; and a soybean variety demonstration and irrigation test by Dr. John Sij.

Hajdik recognized dignitaries present for the occasion including State Senator J. E. (Butler) Brown of Lake Jackson in whose district Colorado County will likely be placed under a redistricting program yet to be approved, and State

Representative Robert Sam-

uels of La Grange, represent-

ing the 90th District which

includes this county. Also

recognized were officials from

the parent Beaumont Experi-

ment Station, County Exten-

sion Agents from the area,

members of the press, and

members of the Rice-Soybean

Sub-Committee which spon-

sored the event. They

include: John Engstrom,

chairman, Terry Causey,

Parke Christensen, Louis

Crane III, Frank Cullen,

Art Jenke, Jim Wiese, Larry

Powers, Lonnie Sommerlatte,

Bob Stallman, Al Tomches-

on and Randy Waligura,

along with Extension Agent

Hajdik.

"We hope the information

which has been given to you

today will give you an insight

of present technology of

things to come in a new era

for rice and how research and

extension activities are work-

ing for you," said Hajdik.

See accompanying articles

"Rice Situation" and "Rice

Council" elsewhere on this

page or on page six.

80 Rice Varieties—

Of interest to those on the

tour was a demonstration on

80 different varieties of rice,

many being grown for the

first time. These were

followed with soybean fungi-

cide and herbicide tests.

After a delicious barbecued

beef and sausage meal served

by Jerry Miksa and staff of

Columbus, an informative

program was presented.

Sixty-three companies affil-

iated with the rice industry

sponsored the meal.

County Extension Agent

Hajdik served as master of

ceremonies for the program

and extended thanks to all

who came and to all who

helped in making the event a

success. Frank Davidson,

gave the invocation.

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