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County Agent's NOTEBOOK

(By Leroy J. Hajek, County Extension Agent, Colorado County)

Problem Of Bermuda Grass Hay Production

Declining bermuda grass production on sand to sandy loam soils in Colorado County is usually the result of soil fertility problems. Declining production and thinning of sod is especially serious in hay fields because fertility practices are not keeping up with nutrient removal. One of the two major factors is often involved in the reduction of bermuda grass yields in many fields. These conditions are described as follows:

1. The potassium supply in the soil has been exhausted and reduced to very low levels. Each ton of hay will contain about 30 lbs. of K₂O. If three cuttings of 2 tons per acre are taken off, then 180 lbs. of K₂O are removed. Most fertilizer practices do not replace over 1/2 this amount, so gradual depletion of potassium levels in soil is the result of production results. As soil potassium levels get very low, rhizome production declines and stands become thin. This weeds invade and production is lost.
2. A second problem is the development of acidity. High rates of nitrogen, especially in the form of ammonium and especially ammonium sulfate, have an acidifying effect on soils. Soils of low to medium exchange capacity that are slightly acid to begin with can drop to pH values below 5.5 in 2 or 3 years. This can cause poor growth.

How can these problems be remedied and bermuda grass production be restored to original levels?

1. Collect soil samples from the low production or problem areas for testing to determine acidity and nutrient levels.
2. Lime according to soil test suggestions. Remember that surface applied lime may take several months to 1 or 2 years to neutralize acidity to more than 1 inch deep. The lime effect can be improved by incorporating by disking after the grass is dormant.
3. Increase the rate of potassium. Five hundred lbs. per acre of 12-12-12 will usually result in some buildup of potassium and decline in potassium levels in most soils used for hay production. Switching to a 17-7-25 at 500 lbs. per acre in the spring, plus additional nitrogen and 300 lbs./A 0-0-0 in the summer should help to correct the potassium problem. A blend of nitrogen and potassium such as a 17-0-30 for one topdressing may be desirable. Corresponding amounts of nutrients in liquid fertilizer can also be used.
4. Some field demonstrations have indicated that liming increases the need for potash and that where both soil acidity and low potash exist, both have to be corrected at the same time. In other words, lime has to be applied at adequate rates and incorporated to neutralize acidity down in the root zone and potash application rates have to be increased drastically. Either one may not work without the other.

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Proclaims Farm Safety Week



County Judge Lester J. Crank signs a proclamation designating July 25-31 as Farm, Ranch Safety Week in Colorado County.

July 25-31 Is Farm, Ranch Safety Week

County Judge Lester Crank has proclaimed July 25-31, as Farm and Ranch Safety Week in Colorado County, at the request of Ted Brandt of Weimar, Texas, Colorado County Farm Bureau president.

This marks the 38th Annual National Farm Safety Week, co-sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The theme for the 1981 observation of Farm Safety Week is "Enjoy Life-Safely."

In his proclamation, Judge Crank said "accidents involving farm and ranch residents, employees and guests at work, in the home, at play and on the highways accounted for more than 330 Texas fatalities and more than 3000 disabling injuries, costing millions of dollars in 1980. Time, Planning and Educational efforts using engineering ingenuity could help prevent much pain, expense and even death. National Safety Council accident surveys indicate that nearly half the accidents were traffic related, with home accidents, recreational accidents and work related accidents following. With 106,000 fatal accidents in the United States in 1980, and with agriculture accounting for more than 4,200, we need to endeavor stronger to 'Enjoy Life-Safely.'"

In concluding his proclamation, the Judge urged all agricultural producers, their families, employees, and guests to read, take training courses to prepare for a safe life or to administer to those

Diabetes Screening In Weimar 12 to 4 Fri.

(By Bernice Richter, R.N., State Health Nurse)

Diabetes Mellitus is a disease in which there is insulin deficiency in the body. Insulin is a substance that comes from a gland called the pancreas. This substance helps us produce energy from the food we eat and store the energy for future use.

When a person has diabetes, however, the insulin production does not work properly. Either not enough insulin is produced or it is not used properly by our body. The unused sugar collects in the blood. Some of it may overflow into the urine. A sign of diabetes is too much sugar in the blood.

Diabetes may develop in anyone. But the person who seems more likely to develop it are: over forty, overweight, a relative of a diabetic, a mother who has a large baby (over 9 lbs.) at birth.

Especially in older people, diabetes may show no symptoms at all or the symptoms are unrecognized. For example, a person with undetected diabetes may have to urinate a great deal. He may feel tired all the time or be very hungry or thirsty. Often times, itching will be a problem. Hidden diabetes may be detected only by a regular test at your doctor's office or local department where many of the symptoms are mild or nonexistent.

Because mildness of the symptoms could be possible, the Texas Department of Health will be doing Diabetes Screening Friday afternoon, July 24, 1981 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. So if you want to be tested go to the Weimar City Hall on Friday for the test.

Soil Conservation District News

Tulane Gordon is constructing a pond on his farm near New Hope.

Mrs. Bernice Heinsohn is planning to shape and establish eroded area to grass to control erosion.

The new conservation plan for George Sealy has been completed. Mr. Sealy owns a place near Altair, and plans to plant grass, build cross-fences, and construct 2 new ponds.

Conservation assistance was provided to Lester Schindler. Items covered were fishpond management, and grass management.

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Lakers Are 1981 Men's Softball League Champs



The Lakers, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Headlight, wrapped up their third straight title in the Men's Summer Softball League during playoff action against Duncan Ranch on Thursday, July 22. Members of the 1981 Championship Lakers are: front row, l. to r., Kenny Hyek, David Grammer, John Grammer, Jack Mann, Mike Gerton and Butch Broeschke; back row l. to r., Jeff Franks, Wayne Bowen, Russell Scott, Trey Kell, Pinto Broeschke, Andy Gerton, Steve Epps, John Schneider and Randy Epps. Photo by The Portrait Place, Eagle Lake.

La Grange Is Area III Little League Champs

CVLL Loses To La Grange 18-2 In Tournament Finals Thursday

The La Grange Little League all-stars breezed to the Championship of the Area III Tournament hosted by Eagle Lake during the past week to advance to the District Tournament, being held in Brenham this week.

La Grange completed its sweep by beating Colorado Valley Little League 18-2 in the finals of the seven-team tournament on Thursday night.

At the conclusion of Thursday night's championship game, awards were presented to the champion La Grange all-stars and to the runner-up CVLL team.

Through the tournament director Elizabeth Miller appreciation was expressed to the many individuals, organizations and businesses that contributed time or money to help make the tournament a big success. A special thanks was extended to league president Allen Marquardt and the many individuals who helped with the completion of the new concession stand press box facility and the grooming of the field, and to the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. for its help throughout the tournament.

Tournament director Miller was aided during the event by assistant director Michael Barron, umpire-in-chief Bill Carpenter, official scorer Laurell Holden, and announcer was Darius Brisco.

Results of all games were as follows:

First Round
CVLL 5, Schulenburg 4
Twin Cities 6, Columbus 5
La Grange 20, Weimar 0

Second Round
CVLL 4, Twin Cities 2
La Grange 11, Eagle Lake 2

Finals
La Grange 18, CVLL 2

Results of games played on Wednesday and Thursday night were as follows:

La Grange 11, Eagle Lake 2

The La Grange all-stars earned a berth in the finals of the Area III tournament by knocking off host team Eagle Lake 11-2 on Wednesday night. La Grange pitcher Jason Gabbard scattered eight hits and struck out five batters to pick up the win.

Though Eagle Lake threatened to score in the first, third and fourth innings they did not manage to get on the scoreboard until the fifth inning.

Brian Blair, first and Dwight Shovel scored those runs with the help of a walk

to Jimmy Foster and a single by David Schlemmer.

Paul Whitefield led Eagle Lake hitters with two base hits, with Jeff Marquardt, Arthur Foster, James Williams, Darrell Stanick, Wade Miller and Schlemmer each getting one.

Whitefield did the pitching for the local team and struck out five of the first six batters to face him. He ended the night with eight strikeouts while allowing nine hits during his five innings on the mound. Stoval pitched the final inning for Eagle Lake.

La Grange opened its scoring in the third inning after lead-off hitter Rodney Kana singled, moved up on a wild pitch and scored on a couple of sacrifices.

In the fourth, La Grange all-stars added three more runs after a triple by Danny Moerbe, a double by Gabbard and a home run by Kana to make the score 4-0.

Two doubles, two singles and a sacrifice pushed another five more runs for La Grange in the fifth and in the sixth inning, a walk and a sacrifice accounted for two more runs for an 11-0 lead.

Eagle Lake came up with two in the bottom of the sixth to end the scoring at 11-2.

CVLL 4, Twin Cities 2

In the other semi-final matchup, CVLL came away with a 4-2 win over Twin Cities.

Michael Hearne was the winning pitcher for CVLL, allowing only four hits while striking out four. Hearne along with Dean Faichtinger led CVLL hitters with two each with Wayne Boone and Brian Hyek accounting for the only other CVLL hits.

Trailing 2-0 after four innings of play, CVLL exploded for all four of its runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Three straight hits by Hearne, Boone and Faichtinger, an error on a grounder by Florencio Ramos and a sacrifice by Danny Matura accounted for the scoring.

Both Twin Cities' runs came in the fourth after Alfred Ramirez reached on an error, the next two batters were retired, then a hit by Nieto, a walk to Jim Patterson, and back to back hits by Ron Kallos and Ted Urban pushed two runs across.

Wanda Krejci had the only other hit for T.C., a double in the fifth. Nieto was the losing

Wallis Takes Big Lead In Women's Softball League

Best Dusters To Move Two Games Up In Ladies' Race

Regular games remaining for the ladies include:

Thurs., July 23: Angels vs. Wallis at 7:00 p.m.; Greenbacks vs. Comm. Electric at 8:00.

Tues., July 28: Comm. Electric vs. Dusters at 7:00; Truakers vs. Wallis at 8:00.

Thurs., July 30: Angels vs. Truakers at 7:00; Dusters vs. Greenbacks at 8:00.

Six rain-out games also remain on the ladies schedule and are expected to be made up later this season.

In games played during the past week, Wallis was an easy winner over Commercial Electric Turn-Ons and the First National Bank Greenbacks were their first game by defeating the K.R. Abel & Son Truakers on Tuesday night; and on Thursday night the Americana-Hydro Grass

Dusters beat the Truakers while the Greenbacks picked up their second win by beating Ugarte's Angels.

The standings in the women's softball league follows:

Team	W	L
Wallis	6	0
Dusters	4	2
Truakers	2	4
Greenbacks	2	4
Angels	2	5
Turn-Ons	2	5

Games in the ladies league are being played at the City Ball Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting at 7:00 and 8:00.

Duncan Ranch placed second in the Men's Softball League this summer, finishing behind the Lakers in the standings. Members of the team present for the photograph session prior to the playoff game

two weeks ago were: front row, l. to r., Terry LeNomm, Mike Beaudet, Wayne Zimmerman, Mike Griger, Vance Duncan, back row, l. to r., Dwayne Papp, George Matkys, Brock Ashby and Stephen Spauld.

Girls Softball All-Stars Place Third In Brenham

Loss First Game, Win Next Two Before Being Eliminated

The Eagle Lake Girls All-Star softball team overcame a 2-10 loss to Brenham in the first round of the double elimination district tournament held in Brenham last week to place third in the event.

Brenham won the championship of the meet with Twin Cities placing second.

Eagle Lake bounced back from the opening loss on Tuesday night with wins over Navasota 8-1 on Wednesday night and Shiner 7-0 on Thursday. But the comeback came to a halt on Friday night as Twin Cities eliminated the Eagle Lake all-stars by a 9-1 decision.

Coaches John Thomas and Steve Almazan, as well as the many parents, friends and fans who supported the team, had high praise for the outstanding showing made by the team in the tournament.

Things did not look too good after the all-stars lost their first contest to Brenham by a 2-10 score. The first inning of that game pretty well decided the game as Brenham scored 15 runs. Eagle Lake settled down after that initial inning and allowed only six runs in the remaining five innings.

Eagle Lake managed only two hits in the contest, one each by Maria Thomas and Sharon Harborth.

Best Navasota

On Wednesday night Eagle Lake, playing in the loser's bracket, picked up an easy 8-1 win over Navasota. Five runs in the first inning led by hits from Sherry Anderson, Sherri Franks, Stacey Causey and Sandy Gonzales highlighted the rally.

Anderson, Franks, Sharon Harborth and Gonzales had two hits each to lead Eagle Lake hitters in the contest.

Down Shiner 7-0

On Thursday night the local all-stars moved a step closer to the finals of the district tournament by topping Shiner 7-0.

Eagle Lake scored four runs in the fifth and added three in the fifth to wrap up the win. Odessa Thomas and Stacey Causey led hitting for the all-stars with two each.

Loss To Twin Cities

On Friday night the win streak ended as a powerful Twin Cities all-star team knocked Eagle Lake out of the tournament by a 9-1 score.

Twin Cities scored five runs in the first inning and added four more in the fifth to clinch the victory. Eagle Lake's lone run came in the sixth inning with Sherry McGrew scoring after she tripled.

To Play Basketball At Blinn

Yolanda McTear Signs Cage Scholarship With Blinn College

Yolanda McTear, a member of the 1981 Rice High School girls Bi-District Championship basketball team, received a one-year full scholarship to play basketball at Blinn College in Brenham for the 1981-82 season.

Blinn Lady Bucs basketball coach Sonja Gorbet was in

Eagle Lake last Saturday morning to sign McTear. Also on hand were her parents, Mrs. Melvin Rowe of Garwood and Charles McTear of Eagle Lake.

McTear was a big force in helping guide the Raiders to three outstanding seasons while playing under coach Reuben Wunderlich. Rice finished last year's championship season with a 28-6 record and was 19-9 during the 1979-80 campaign. She was a member of the 1978-79 Raider varsity which was also a Bi-District champ, finishing 26-9 on the year.

Under the direction of first year head coach Gorbet, the Lady Bucs were South Zone Champions in 1980-81 before losing in the Regional playoffs by two points with the decisive basket coming at the buzzer.

Five players off of that championship team have graduated from the two-year college, three of which have signed basketball scholarships with major colleges.

Gorbet admits that her second season at Blinn will be tough with the loss of such talent but is expecting to regain the championship form with the likes of recruits such as McTear.

Yolanda will be joining two of her classmates in the Blinn

athletic program since Larry Haynes and David Grammer have previously agreed to play on the men's basketball team.

Other Rice graduates who have been standouts in the Blinn basketball program include Jan Dostal, 1976-78, and Lonnie Bluntson, 1979-81.

Paige Paschall and Marshall Graham were among the 72 boys attending the second session of the Little League Baseball Summer Camp at the Baylor University campus in Waco July 5 through 17th.

Paige received an award for "Most Improved", the second highest award. Congratulations, Paige!

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