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USDA Charts Conservation Course

(By Soil Conservation Service)

Part I. Problems Identified
America will face reduced agricultural productive capacity and increased production costs unless the critical soil and water resource conservation problems of the nation are addressed. This is the conclusion of a three-year study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The study was required by Congress in the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (RCA), according to Connie M. Fair, Soil Conservation Service (SCS) district conservationist in Columbus.

Specifically, the RCA study showed that:
—One-third of America's cropland is eroding faster than the soil can rebuild itself through natural processes. Unless corrective actions are taken, the acreage of this excessively eroding land will

increase further.

Floods threaten human life, cropland and other property, livestock and crops in upstream watersheds. Greater damage is likely in the future.

Depletion of groundwater threatens the continuation of irrigated agriculture in extensive areas of the West.

Deterioration of water quality may limit the use of water for irrigation, municipal and industrial supply, fish and wildlife habitat, and other purposes.

These RCA findings are based on the most intensive and accurate appraisal of the county's nonfederal natural resources ever conducted. Fair reports. "Much of the data came from on-site examinations at about 200,000 sample points across the United States. In Texas, some 14,500 sample points provided information for the national summary."

The information gathered included data on land uses, soils, erosion, prime farmland, cropland sequences, and crop residue treatment.

RCA Appraisal Part I, the first of three major parts, contains detailed information on the resource base—status, conditions and

Public Hearing On Soil & Water Resources In La Grange Dec. 16

A public meeting will be held at La Grange Wed., Dec. 16 to discuss the Secretary of Agriculture's preferred soil and water resources conservation program put together as a result of the Resources Conservation Act (RCA) of 1977.

The meeting will be held at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The public is being invited to comment on the preferred program which features expanded roles for local and state governments and the targeting of USDA dollars and personnel to conserve soil and critical resource problem areas.

trends. A reference copy of all three major RCA documents is available for use at SCS and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices throughout the state.

Copies of a short leaflet summarizing the RCA findings and proposed conservation program are also available at the two USDA offices. It contains a pre-addressed, postage-paid response form that people may use to comment on the program.

Notice!
Foyt's Refrigeration And Appliance Service
has closed their business and we would like to thank all of our customers for their past patronage.
Gilbert, Dorothy & Joseph Foyt

Soybean Outlook Is Dim

Soybeans can be an excellent money crop when conditions are right, but they haven't been right for some time, especially in Texas.

Between last year's drought and this year's alternating periods of either too much or not enough rain, soybean production has suffered. Adding to the woes of growers is the fact that the bottom has dropped out of the soybean market.

In the wake of this bleak outlook, growers must plan their marketing strategy, says Johnny Feagan, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Putting this year's crop of soybeans into storage might be the best move and would give growers an opportunity to capitalize on a possible market upswing in a few months. However, Feagan cautions that soybean prices would have to move up 10 to 12 cents a month to cover storage and interest costs.

Currently, soybeans are bringing \$25 to \$26 a bushel, down sharply from the \$30 to \$10 range two years ago, notes the economist.

Texas' 1981 crop stands at about 650,000 acres with an average yield of 23 bushels per acre. This total of almost 15 million bushels is above last year's drought-plagued crop, but that's little solace to growers because of the sluggish market.

U.S. production is estimated at 2.1 billion bushels, 18 percent above last year's crop due mainly to average yields of 31.5 bushels per acre, 19 percent higher than in 1980.

Each of the individual tables was covered with a pretty green cloth and each was centered with a Christmas arrangement.

A beautiful buffet including hors d'oeuvres and canapés was enjoyed along with cocktails throughout the delightful festive event.

Before the evening was over, Sandra and Terry were presented a carving set and aprons from the hosts.

Sandra and Terry were married on Saturday, November 21st at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake.

On Saturday, October 24, 1981 Sandra Madeley and Terry Landry were honored at a barbecue at Vance Duncan's home. Other hosts for the party were Mr. and

Reggie Briscos Are Parents Of Baby Boy

Reggie and Barbara Brisco of Sheridan are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Dustin Lee, born Sunday, November 29, 1981 weighing nine pounds and two ounces and measuring twenty-one inches long.

He is welcomed home by a sister, Leah Ann, three years old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Slovacek of Columbus and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Iam Brisco, Jr. of Sheridan. A great-grandfather is Fritz Hayek of Columbus.

Hearing Monday On 2,4-D Reg. Change

Colorado County Commissioners' Court will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14th on a request to change the existing herbicide regulations for the area of the county lying east of the Colorado River (between Highway 90A and the Wharton County line) as they apply to the application of the 2,4-D herbicide.

The proposal, submitted to the court last month by Vance Duncan, representing

I. V. Duncan Ranch of Eagle Lake, and others, calls for the wording "no application of 2,4-D and any derivative thereof between March 15th and July 31st" to "the aerial application of 2,4-D or any derivative thereof is prohibited between March 15th and July 31st."

Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to offer comments, said County Judge Lester J. Crane.

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Schilling Named To Committee For Int'l Horse Show In Mexico

James Schilling of Garwood has been appointed a member of the International Committee for the First Annual State and International Horse Show to be held in Villa Hermosa, Tabasco, Mexico in March.

Schilling was appointed during a planning session held in Mexico last month. Alberto Banuet, president of the horse show, who is the son-in-law of the governor of

the state of Tabasco, served as host for Schilling during his stay in Mexico.

Several countries are expected to participate in March, including Costa Rica, Guatemala, Cuba, Italy, U.S.A. and Mexico.

Among the different types of horses to be shown during the exposition are Quarter horses, Arabians, Portuguese, Spanish, Paso, Appaloosas, Morgans, Paints and others.

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County Comm. Seeks History Information

The County History Committee of the Colorado County Historical Commission has recently begun the task of compiling a history of Colorado County. The committee plans to begin putting the gathered material into manuscript form by the latter part of 1982. This narrative account will begin with the Indian tribes which resided in this area and continue to the present. Sections will include:

Indian in Colorado County: Land Grants and Austin's Colony; Colorado County during the Texas Revolution and as a part of the new Republic; Colorado County during the Civil War and Reconstruction; The Post-Reconstruction Period (1873-1890); and a look at the county from 1890 through the early part of the 20th century. Churches being researched are: the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the Baptist Church, the Episcopal Church, the Church of Christ, the Methodist Church. Three ethnic groups which played a major role in the settlement of the county will be included in sections on Czech, German and Black History.

The County History Committee is asking for input from the community as a whole as they gather material. Any information pertaining to the areas mentioned would be helpful. This information could include anecdotes, artifacts, local legends, or stories which have been passed along in your family. Photographs are of particular interest. Anyone who has oral, written, or pictorial information may

call: Rosanne Harrison, 234-2662, in Eagle Lake; Elvira Kahlich, 725-8285, in Weimar; or Leah King, 732-3904, or Patti Price, 732-2828, in Columbus.

During the program, to be presided over by Fire Chief L. J. Spaniel, the officers for 1982 will be recognized. Also firemen will be recognized for their attendance and drill records and Mayor Elmer Strauss will present checks in behalf of the City of Eagle Lake to the firemen for their attendance at the two-month practice drills.

After the banquet and program the firemen and guests will enjoy dancing to the music of Jurek's Orchestra.

Colorado County Savings & Loan Open House Fri.
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House this Friday, Dec. 11th and one and all are invited to make plans to attend.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the home office facilities in Columbus.

Sam K. Seymour, Jr., president, invites everybody to come and to bring the children. There will be a toyland display for interest of the children and refreshments, to be catered by Mrs. George Andel of Eagle Lake, plus souvenirs for all ages.

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New Mgr. For Virnau's



W. A. Virnau Jr., owner of W. A. Virnau and Sons, Inc., M-F dealer in the Sealy and Eagle Lake areas, left, welcomes Henry Divin, who will take over as manager of the Eagle Lake store for the Virnau firm on Dec. 15th.

Henry, who is from East Bernard, formerly worked with Virnau's for a number of years, but had been farming of late. He has many friends in the area and is well acquainted with the farm implement and equipment needs of farmers and ranchers of this area. He and his wife, Darlene, have a daughter, Angela. He will be commuting to his position here from his home in East Bernard.

Mr. Virnau and Mr. Divin invite citizens of the area to come by the W. A. Virnau & Sons, Inc. store on FM 3013 for a visit and to become acquainted.

some time with their new granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth, who was born Nov. 20 at Baylor Medical Center Hospital in Dallas.

Blaine is Minister of Music at First Baptist Church of Crowley and is attending classes at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Has Heart Attack
Get well wishes are extended to Lee Roy Each who was hospitalized a week ago in Weimar after suffering a heart attack.

SHERIDAN NEWS
By Velma Kutzer (234-3988)

Visit With Granddaughter
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hollub recently returned from Fort Worth where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Hollub and children. They were there to spend

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Fire Dept's Annual Christmas Party Saturday

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Columbus Couple Asks Damages From Doctor

A Columbus couple has filed suit against a Columbus doctor for damages allegedly arising from surgery required due to improper diagnosis of a tubal pregnancy. Cathy Brown and husband, Ricky Brown, of Columbus filed the suit Dec. 7th in District Court against Dr. Rachel J. Armstrong. They allege that the doctor failed to diagnose a tubal pregnancy and complications which may arise from such pregnancy. They say Mrs. Brown was admitted to Columbus Hospital May 27, 1980 and was later transferred by LifeFlight to a Houston hospital for immediate surgery which they allege would have been unnecessary if proper diagnosis had been made. They ask damages to be assessed by a jury but in the jurisdictional limits of \$75,000.

Slumber Party
Mrs. Jack Dromgoole honored her daughter, Jackie, with a slumber party at their home Saturday evening. The occasion was her ninth birthday and nine relatives and friends were included. On Sunday Mrs. Dromgoole had a lovely dinner for the girls and their parents.

Mrs. Jim Peikert spent Friday night in Pledger with her sister, Mrs. N. D. White

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Christmas Program By Sheridan Students Tuesday

Don't forget to mark Christmas, Dec. 15 on your calendars! The Sheridan School children will be presenting the annual Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.