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Seminar For Ag Pilots Shows New Technology To Pinpoint Better Accuracy

TEXAS A&M Agricultural Extension Service specialists conducted a seminar for aerial applicators at the Eagle Lake Airport on Wednesday of last week. The first of the sessions designed to acquaint aerial applicators with new methods recommended for most efficient and economical application of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, etc. was held in Katy Tuesday, followed by sessions in Bay City Thursday and Weslaco this week.

Also, the seminars were planned because of confusion between the use of aerial applicators (or crop dusters) because of sprays from the aircraft falling into areas where the materials were not intended.

The seminar sponsors noted that now that the pilots have access to high technology equipment they can better tell where the spray or

pellets will be falling.

A new piece of equipment shown at the seminar held at the facilities of Rice Aero, Inc., B. J. Williams, owner, at Eagle Lake Airport last Wednesday (Mar. 10) has the capabilities of telling within minutes both where the spray is falling and in what quantities.

The following story on the new technology was written by Nelson Antosh, Houston Chronicle Editor and appeared in the March 10th issue and pretty well covers the situation.

"This is the only quantitative system in existence, at least in this country," said Dr. J. P. Carlton of College Station, an agricultural engineer from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The prototype underwent its first test run on Tuesday under the operation of Carlton; Harry Francis, a USDA engineer technician; and Henry O'Neal, an agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

With the assistance of a computer, the system determines within minutes the gallons per acre being applied.

Previously, spray patterns were measured by placing white index-size cards on the ground and picking them up after the plane passed over. "That was a waste of time and money," said Dr. J. P. Carlton.

Both it and another system provided for the clinics by the national Aerial Applicators Association print out graphs showing where the spray is falling. "They monitor—a 100 foot swath under the plane, which runs over at about 140 miles per hour, skimming the ground by a scant four or five feet."

Use Dye For Test
The planes at the seminar were spraying a purple dye for one system and a fluorescent dye for the other. Both systems read the amount of dye which falls to the ground, one on a strip of clear film and the other on a strip of paper, and feed the information into computers.

The resulting printouts and graphs enable better calibration of the spray equipment on the planes, said Dr. Carlton. Walter Walla of College Station, plant pathologist for the Extension Service. Simple changes like moving the location of spray nozzles under the wings by an inch can make a big difference, he said.

"The idea is for the farmer to get what he is paying for," said Don Portie of Houston, one of the county agents. "If he pays for \$10 worth of pesticides, he wants to get \$10 worth on his crop. Plus, we want to make sure the other people (homeowners in the vicinity) don't get what they don't want."

The clinics are being sponsored by the Texas

Mrs. Nohavitz And Mrs. Freiley Are Honored Sunday

A birthday celebration was held Sunday, March 14, 1982, in honor of Mrs. Edna Nohavitz and her sister-in-

Aerial Applicators Association and ICI Americas Inc., an agricultural chemicals manufacturer headquartered in Wilmington, Del.

Because rice fields are flooded during much of the growing season, airplanes are the only way chemicals can be applied, said Hilder.

"In the case of a typical rice field, planes will pass over it two times spreading ferti-

lizer, once spraying herbicide, twice spraying fungicides, and possibly once spraying insecticide, depending upon conditions, said Hilder.

Planes are also necessary on soybeans after the plants get too tall for ground equipment, he said. Locally, aircraft are used extensively in the Katy area and also in the Baytown-Crosby-Huffman area.

Youngsters and adults interested in participating should contact sponsors or contact Mrs. Darrell (Gail) Gorton at 234-5488 or 234-5184 for more information. Local businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor a rider or contribute but have not been contacted, may arrange to do so by contacting Mrs. Gorton.

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Riders, Sponsors Are Needed For St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon Sat.

Biking To Begin At Gail's Day Care 3 p.m.

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