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Hope offered for growers

Going into his 45th year of predicting rice prices, Dr. J. Norman Efferson still does it with a flair as only an international rice authority can. He has given farmers hope that market prices will strengthen soon.

The eighth annual Rice Field Day will take place at 5:30 on Wednesday, June 30 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station located northwest of Eagle Lake on FM 102. Dr. Art Gerlow, will discuss the "1982 Rice Market Outlook," and scientists will explain phases of the Econo-Rice research program.

Efferson, chancellor emeritus of Louisiana State University's Center for Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development, recently returned from Thailand and several other rice-growing countries and thus put things in perspective for rice growers attending the field day.

"In his speech on June 22 at the El Campo Rice Field Day he said, 'While prospects for a major increase in rice prices are not good, the rice market is not going to the dogs.'"

"Our situation (current high rice supplies) may return to normal in a year or two, so the long-term outlook is good for improved prices."

"Over the short haul, I think prices will be a little stronger at the start of the harvest season in the range of \$10 to \$11 per

hundredweight-then drop for a month or two, and then struggle up again," the rice marketing official said. "I think prices will average 5 to 10 percent higher for the season than a year ago."

Efferson noted that his predictions are a little brighter than those made recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture which estimated prices in the range of \$8.50 to \$10 per hundredweight for the '82 rice crop.

"I think the rice market has bottomed out and will improve a little this year and get even better in the years ahead," he said.

Efferson discussed numerous factors that are affecting the rice market, both negative and positive. On the negative side, he said that world rice production has increased sharply-9 percent over the last two years-causing surpluses in the exporting countries of Asia, where 90 percent of the world rice crop is grown. He attributed this large increase to two years of almost perfect weather for rice production.

The economist and rice marketing specialist also pointed out that rice supplies were generally high in importing countries and that Japan has become one of this nation's stiffest competitors in rice exports because of high support prices provided by the Japanese government.

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He called for continued strong support for rice research so that new varieties will continue to be developed. "We need a large number of varieties so we don't succumb to disease and insect problems that are plaguing some countries," Efferson said.

During the field day program, rice producers also were briefed on irrigation water management and insect, disease and weed control practices for rice by Extension Service specialists Wayne Keese and Drs. Bart Drees, Walter Walls and Arlen Kosterboer.

Dr. Jim Stansel with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, in charge of the western division rice research program, gave an update on the newly launched ECONO-RICE research program.

"Prospects are good for marketing long grain rice (the main type grown in Texas) in the Middle East. And perfect weather conditions can't continue in Asia," said Efferson.

"There's no such thing as a motor vehicle accident," an officer of the Texas Safety Association stated recently.

James R. Halverson, TSA Vice President for Traffic, said drivers don't experience auto accidents; instead they are in crashes or collisions.

"Driver attitude is of great importance in preventing crashes, especially over a heavy traffic weekend like July 4," Halverson, a 3-M Company Account Executive in Austin, said. "Texas drivers can reduce the number of collisions they are involved in by driving defensively," he added.

The Texas Safety Association actively promotes traffic safety and driver improvement through the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course, the DDC. Last year in Texas more than 230,000 persons took the eight hour course.

John Richard Torres, store manager, reported the burglary Monday at 10:10 a.m. June 21.

According to the police report, entry was obtained at the rear of the building

through a sliding garage door, by taping glass and then breaking it. Inside the building the office door was pried open and a Pentax MLX 35mm camera and \$85 in loose change left there by a Coca-Cola employee were stolen.

An attempt also was made to break into a vending machine, but was unsuccessful, according to police reports. The total value of the stolen items was \$410.

Before the evening concluded the coaches and a few parents had the pleasure of being "thrown" into the pool by the boys!

The season ended Friday, June 25 for the major league boys with the Pirates coming in second place.

Members of the Pirates team are: Noe Belmares, Kevin Bendy, Greg Blair, Brian Center, Donald Danhour, Tommy Johnson, Jeff Marquart, Paige Paschall, Ricky Rodriguez, Darrell Stancik and Bobby Wied. Team members and parents extend thanks to the coaches, Allen Marquart, Bill Blair and Sam Center.

The Groske bowling alley burglarized and a slot machine was taken. Mrs. H. W. Ahlers and Mrs. R. C. Singley visited in San Marcos. New officers were installed for Order Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Finnegan spent several days visiting at Bellville. Mrs. B. H. Daily and Mrs. Bruce McCarty spent a day in Houston. County Commissioner H. S. Reading's condition steadily improves.

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Sugar Land Independence Community

The city of Sugar Land became the state's first official Texas Independence Community this month, when citizens accepted a certificate of recognition from Sesqui-centennial Commission executive director Randy M. Lee.

Lee presented the certificate to Mayor Walter McMeans and Mrs. Gail Borden Hamilton, chairman of the Sugar Land Sesqui-centennial Committee, while members of her committee and other city officials looked on.

A Texas Independence Community (or county) is a local organization of the state Sesqui-centennial Commission which has completed all the requirements for affiliation out-

lined in the Sesqui-centennial Community Handbook for Organization. Specifications include (a) establishing a representative "Sesqui-centennial Committee," (b) drafting a "Sesqui-centennial Master Plan" of projects and celebrations for 1985-86, and (c) obtaining a resolution for adoption of the master plan

from city (or county) government. Sugar Land's application was formally approved by members of the Texas Sesqui-centennial Commission during its May meeting. "Sugar Land was not only the first application we received, but was also an excellent model for others to follow," said Lee.

The colorful list of activities planned for the city in the next four years includes publication of a book on Sugar Land history; seeding the local roadsides with native wildflowers; school projects to design a community Sesqui-centennial poster, flag, and play; a city-wide clean-up, fix-up campaign; an oral history collection; and a special Sesqui-centennial cookbook.

Although Sugar Land is the first Texas local organization to complete all steps in the Community Handbook, at least 30 other community and county groups are now in the planning stage. "Total statewide incorporated cities and counties create the potential for 1,334 local organizations," said Thad Sittin of the Sesqui-centennial Commission staff.

"The Sesqui-centennial is a Texas affair, celebrating our own unique heritage. We think 1,000 local organizations is an attainable goal."

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Sheriff's Report

A Weekly Report COLORADO COUNTY by Sheriff Jim Broussard

This weekend will be a long weekend for many people due to being the 4th of July weekend. Many people will be at various outings and we urge everyone to use every precaution available at whatever function they attend. If you are going to be drinking, use caution and don't drink. If you drink, let someone else drive. Have a safe and happy 4th of July.

June 21: Assisted the Eagle Lake police in a burglary investigation. Assisted the Columbus police in a robbery investigation. Posted a citation in the Courthouse. Checked on two suspicious subjects east of Columbus. Checked on suspicious subjects on Schulenburg Lane. Assisted Columbus police on a reported drunk driver. Checked on a disturbance in Rock Island. Issued 12 traffic citations and served four civil citations.

June 22: Transported a mental patient to the San Antonio State Hospital. Had JP court in the A.M. Checked on a suspicious subject in the Bernardo area. Issued 13 traffic citations and served seven civil citations.

June 23: Assisted at the scene of a vehicle fire near Matthews. Assisted a stranded motorist on the following Friday the score was 7-4.

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Boys' Major League action

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