

Lake Crest Flower Shop

Will be Closed
August 9 through 23
For Vacation

By Leroy Hajdik

County Agent's Notebook

(By Leroy J. Hajdik, County Extension Agent)

Special: The Colorado County Row Crops Committee is sponsoring a two day chartered bus trip to the Lubbock and Plainview areas of Texas on September 21 and 22, 1982. The purpose of the trip will be to view the intensive farming operations of that area, tour seed processing facilities, corn and grain sorghum seed production fields, and other ag related items of interest in the area. The final tour itinerary has not been developed but it is falling into place rapidly.

The bus will leave from the County Agriculture Building located at 316 Spring Street in Columbus at 4 a.m. on Tuesday morning, September 21, arrive in Lubbock around noon, make tour stops in the area, visit the experiment station, and drive to Plainview for the night. The following morning we will tour seed processing facilities, seed production fields, and other points in the area. We will depart that area in the afternoon.

and return to Columbus around midnight.

This will be a jam packed two day trip with lots of fellowship on the bus, see miles of top quality farming, and learn a lot about what goes into producing your corn and grain sorghum seed.

The cost is \$40.00 per person provided we can get a minimum of 35 people to pre-register. This is a 25% reduction in fare with that reduction being financed by funds acquired by the Colorado County Row Crops Committee. The committee will also provide refreshments on the bus. Ladies are encouraged to attend.

Additional expenses on your part will include meals and a motel room.

Registration forms and fees for this trip must be received by no later than Wednesday, August 18. In the event fewer than 35 registrations are received, the checks will be returned. Checks should be made payable to Colorado County Row Crops Committee and mailed to County Extension Service.

Producer tour to High Plains

Box 728, Columbus, Texas 78934.

On the consumption side, the January 1 cattle inventory for Texas showed no change in total numbers from 1981.

So making a decision to "sell hay now" versus "holding and selling later" requires comparing the present price which hay would bring against the net price expected at some future time. Besides the uncertainty of the seasonal trend in hay prices, this comparison should reflect the cost of carrying or holding hay in inventory.

Carrying costs include interest or the opportunity cost of money tied up in the hay, casualty insurance on the hay, and in some cases the cost of using a storage facility.

From 1970 to 1981, the average price received by Texas hay producers tended to be lower in the May-June period than in the January-February period, when interest costs are considered.

Over the same time period, if the producer was unlucky enough to sell hay at the lowest monthly price

during harvest, he could have increased his net return by \$4.15 per ton by storing and selling at the highest monthly price in the year.

This evaluation and seasonal hay price data should encourage producers to identify and weigh several alternatives in marketing hay.

For instance, rather than aspiring to sell all hay at the seasonal price peak, which is unlikely, consider multiple-marketing. Other possibilities include contracting for future delivery, with the price determined now or at delivery time. If the price is to be determined later, the contract may or may not contain a floor price.

Besides seasonality of prices, other considerations include weight, quality, and packaging. These factors should be evaluated if hay marketing is to advance beyond the sale of a "bale" of hay of "unknown quality" at "harvest time."

Applications are now being accepted by the Eagle Lake Post Office for an examination for Rural Carrier position. An examination will be given to establish a register of eligibles from which future Rural Carrier vacancies in this Post Office will be filled. All interested persons who meet the requirements described in the

announcement are urged to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, political affiliations, or any other non-merit factor.

Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday on the date of filing application. There is no maximum age limit.

Starting salary depends on the length and character of the route. Examination requirements, basis of rating, physical requirements, driving requirement, and vehicle requirement may be obtained at the local post office. Any other questions regarding this examination will be answered at the office upon inquiry by interested persons.

At the present time there is no opening in the Eagle Lake Post Office for a Rural Carrier but all interested persons are urged to apply for the examination. This will be the way to be on a register for any future appointment.

This examination is open from August 2, 1982 until 5 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 1982.

State 4-H horse show winners

Stacy Funk of Canyon was the top horseman at the 1982 State 4-H Horse Show which concluded July 24 in Waco. Reserve champion was Jay Jackson of Lufkin.

Funk won the three critical performance classes of pole bending, barrel racing and stake racing. Jackson, who was first in showmanship, won reserve honors the second year in a row. Christy Brown of Dawson County had the champion gelding while Russ Savage of Ochiltree County showed the champion mare.

Kelli Sanel of Dallas County won western pleasure, Allyson Arledge of Baylor County was tops in western horsemanship and Karen McIntosh of Harris County won the western riding event. Angelina County accumulated the most total points among counties.

Marilyn Mahalite of Altair wins Santa Fe FFA award

Marilyn Ann Mahalite, second from left, won one of 17 scholarship and achievement awards totalling \$4,000 given by Santa Fe Railway to Texas Future Farmers of America youth, at their recent annual convention in Fort Worth, R. H. DeHaven, second from right, Santa Fe trainmaster at Fort Worth, presents achievement awards to Marilyn, Mason Hogan of Clyde, left, and Susette Bazen of New Caney.

The Catholic fraternal benefit society was organized in 1901 to provide low cost life insurance protection to Texas Catholics and their families. The San Antonio-based company has more than 33,000 members throughout Texas and is the 18th largest fraternal in the nation.

The company's officers are: Rev. Msgr. Albert G. Henkes, spiritual advisor; Boerne; Edward M. Dausin, president, San Antonio; Emil F. Druik, secretary, San Antonio; Robert A. Rabroker, vice-president, San Antonio; Gerald W. Kinsling, treasurer, San Antonio; Harvey Bartosh, trustee, Weimar; Robert Grahmann, trustee, Hallettsville; Herbert Popp, trustee, Garwood; A. W. Schreder, trustee, St. Lawrence.

Cut lawn care energy needs

Homeowners of Texas can cut lawn care energy demands without lowering lawn standards, announces a turfgrass specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Refreshments will be served

Friday, August 6th
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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at The Headlight

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Estimates of Texas hay stocks on hand May 1 show a 60 percent increase over a year ago. The same comparison last year showed a 40 percent decrease in hay stocks in Texas and Oklahoma.

Texas farmers intended to increase hay acreage by only 2 percent this season compared with a 12 percent increase last year. However, actual changes in acreage, planted and hay production are currently unknown.

Two options for marketing hay are to sell during hay harvest or to hold and sell during the January-February period.

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