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Approximately 400 farmers, researchers and agribusinessmen united at the Texas A&M University Extension Center, Eagle Lake Site, Thursday, July 8 for a Field Day featuring rice and soybean research. The field day and tour is sponsored by the Colorado County Rice-Soybean Committee.

The site is located three miles northwest of Eagle Lake on FM 102 on land acquired from Mr. David Wintermann. Research on this 80-acre Western Area home site is conducted on three soil types: Crowley fine sandy loam, Edna fine sandy loam and Midland silty clay loam.

Highlighting the occasion was a semi-dwarf growers panel discussion moderated by Arlan Klosterboer, an area agronomist with the Beaumont Center. Jack Garrett of Danbury, Richard Rau of El Campo, Raymond Franz of Katy, Leon Blackwelder of Liberty and Ronald Gertson of Lissie exchanged ideas on planning and emergency problems of semi-dwarf rice and also included the topic of harvest, grain quality and problems and personal observations in their commercial fields. A question and answer session also was conducted.

Dr. Art Gerlow from A&M informed the group of the 1984 rice market outlook and told them to expect \$9-\$10/100 weight rice and that the price would be closer to \$9. After the opening tour of research plots at the Eagle Lake site, those in attendance listened to Dr. Charles N. Bollich, rice breeding specialist, discuss the Varietal Improvement Program. The overall objective is to develop high-yielding varieties with marketable quality and which require a minimum of production inputs. Also included was the performance of promising breeding lines under the full range of soils and environments of the Texas rice areas.

Dr. Garry McCauley discussed Water Management in regard to raton crop which included the optimum time for drainage and reflooding to produce the best second crop. This research is divided into three objectives: 1) determine the effect of adequate and limited water supply on the physiological and agronomic production of rice; 2) determine the effect of variables such as field size, shape, cut size and number, soil type, rotation and climatic condition on the water management use and consumption in rice; and 3)

determine the impact of climatic conditions on rice production across the Rice Belt and characterize microclimatic conditions within a rice canopy. Prior to the evening program farmers, researchers and guests enjoyed a delicious barbeque supper. Chairman of the Colorado County Rice-Soybean Committee is Kenneth Danklefs with members Robert Abell, John Adkins, Vic Corman, Jr., Frank Davidson, Brad Engstrom, Rick Ferrill, Richard Seiffert, and Randy Waligura. A major portion of the success of the Field Day is attributed to Leroy J. Hajdik, Agricultural Extension Agent, Colorado County.

The following is a list of sponsors for the Field Day: Agchem Pennwalt, American Cynamid, American Rice Growers Coop, Eagle Lake, American Rice Growers Coop, Garwood, American Rice Growers Exchange, Liberty, Agrichem, Anderson MFG. Inc., BASF Wyandotte, Bosticher-Hlavinka, Bosticher Growers, Inc., Bumber Crop Ag Service,

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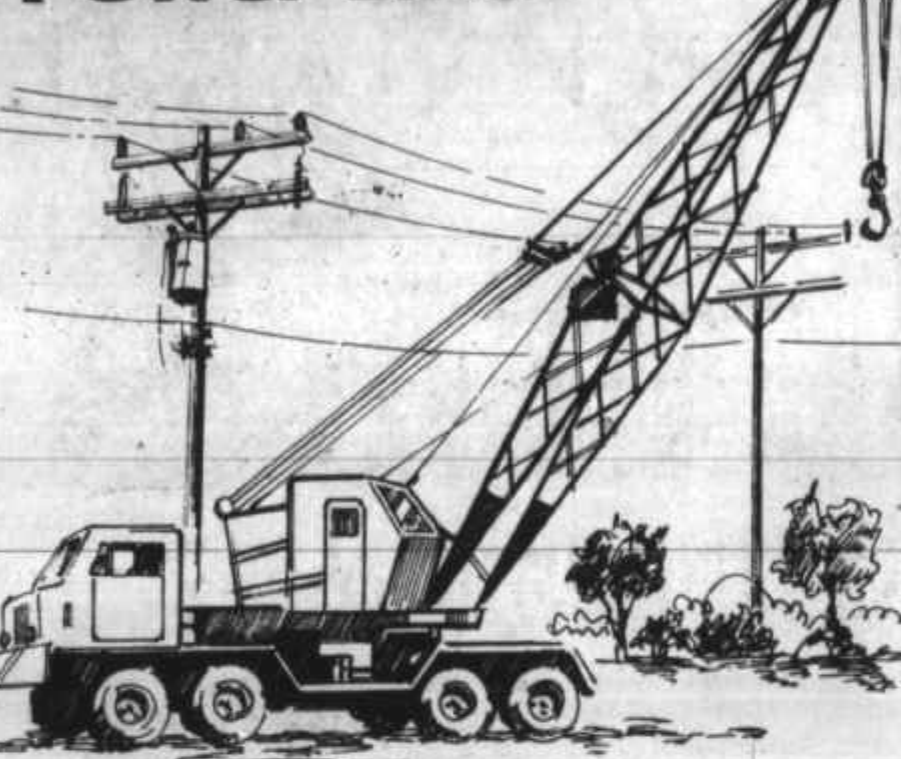
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Seminar teacher winner of award for excellence

Helen Craig a teacher at the Eagle Lake Middle School, is one of 15 teachers from across the country attending a seminar at Rice University. These teachers are taking a fresh look at Keats "Ode on a Grecian Urn" and Wordsworth's "Prelude" as part of a National Endowment for the Humanities.

Rice Department of English Chairman Alan Grob is conducting the six-week session, which concludes August 3. The teachers meet four days, two hours at a time, to discuss aspects of literary criticism in relation to renowned Romantic poets, Keats and Wordsworth. The group meets on the Rice campus and is staying at the Rice Graduate House, a former Main Street hotel.

Supported by over \$50,000 in grant money, the seminar is part of the NEH's enrichment program for secondary school teachers, now in its second year. Teachers of all ages and fields are eligible and participants receive stipends to pay for food, lodging and transportation. A member of the Rice faculty since 1961, Grob has won the George R.

Sunshine class meets

The Sunshine Class in Eagle Lake conducted a meeting Thursday, June 28 with Nellie Larson serving as hostess. Seven members attended the session and two guests; Edith Darity and Mattie Barnett of LaPorte, Texas.

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Swimming party

The lovely back yard pool and deck of Gi and Gerry Smith and daughter, Andrea of Mont Belvieu was the setting for a barbecue and swimming party in honor of Pat, Jannie and Jody Meisner of Garwood.

A delicious barbecue dinner of brisket, sausage and chicken was served along with various salads, desserts and cold drinks. The afternoon was spent swimming and visiting.

Attending were: Bruce and Cheryl Meisner and sons, and Leon and Anita Meisner, all of Baytown.

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