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Farmers and Ranchers

Don't Panic Yet

Crops, animals and people all wilted on one of the longest recorded heat waves in Texas' history.

But it's no reason for farmers and ranchers to reach for the panic button, agree two Texas Tech University professors and a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Lubbock.

"The quality of the rangeland is going down, but there's nothing critical yet," Dr. Donald F. Burzlaff, chairman of the Department of Range and Wildlife Management, said Monday as temperatures again soared to the century mark.

Most rangeland "got a reasonably good start" this year and matured early, he said. But continued dry weather created low-quality forage. This caused declining weight gains for cattle, down from a normal 1 1-2 pounds per day to about three-quarters of a pound, he said.

If the heat wave were to continue for a couple more weeks, Burzlaff said, cattle would require supplemental feed or would be marketed early. An early break in the heat wave would produce "no noticeable loss" in weight gain, he said.

Crops held their own, although cotton is better able to withstand a continued heat wave than either corn or sorghum, said Dr. Dwane G. Miller, chairman of the Department of Plant and Soil Science.

"So far, crops are not hurting too much," he said. Irrigated crops would fare better than dry-land crops during a prolonged dry spell, he said. But "the dry spell is definitely going to have an effect on yields."

Corn, with its broad leaf area, would be first to be hurt during a prolonged heat wave, Miller said. Next to be hurt would be sorghum.

Cotton, with its smaller leaf surface now, was in better shape to withstand June's dry spell, he said. "With a prolonged dry spell, cotton's deeper rooting system will help it better survive dry stress than corn or sorghum."

When the mercury zipped past 100 degrees Monday for the eighth straight day, Lubbock tied the record for the second longest heat wave on record. The record was in 1924, when the temperature reached 100 degrees 10 days in a row. In 1928, the mercury also reached three figures for eight straight days.

Last month was either the hottest June on record or one of the hottest across the state, said Ken Wigner, special programs meteorologist for agriculture at the National Weather Service. High daily records were recorded throughout West Texas and in North Central Texas. Dallas-Fort Worth recorded the all-time high-113 degrees - two days in a row. Wichita Falls set an all-time record of 117 degrees. El Paso has more than 20 days of 100 degree or higher temperatures - a new record or consecutive 100 degree days.

Lubbock missed its all-time record during the heat spell by only one degree - the record high is 109 degrees. But nearby towns did set new daily records: the temperature peaked at 111 degrees in Matador, Spur and Paducah, Wigner said.

Although many farmers and ranchers claim Texas and a large adjacent area of the Southwest are suffering another cyclical drought, similar to those of the 1930's and 1950's, Wigner is hesitant to call the present dry spell a major drought. The weather service only has data going back 70 years, he said, not a long enough time to indicate whether drought cycles exist.

Reason for the heat wave, Wigner said, was a high pressure system "in all levels of the atmosphere except for the surface." This high pressure forces air toward the surface and the air warms as it descends, he said.

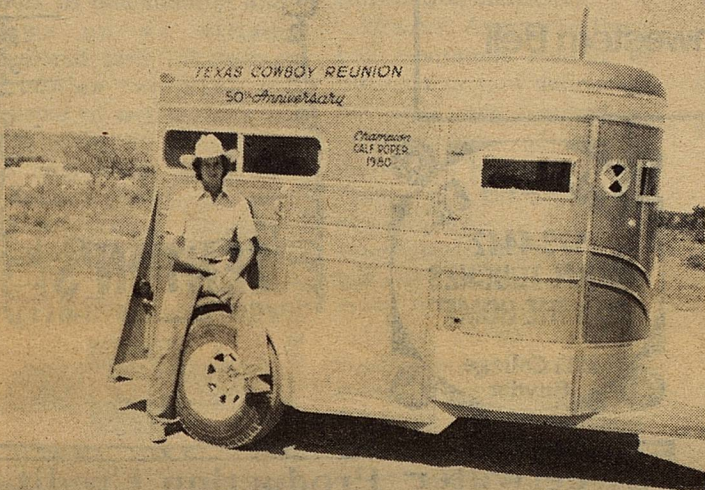
The high pressure settled over Texas because the jet stream shifted to the upper Midwest. As a result, we can't get any moving systems" such as a cold front or an upper level impulse that could bring rain.

Wigner said he does not expect any widespread rain for at least two weeks. This is reflected by the National Weather Services' extended July forecast, which calls for below normal rainfall and higher than normal temperatures.

Through June Lubbock recorded 7.48 inches of rain for the year, compared to a normal 8.97 inches.

Those looking for relief from the hot, dry spell can take comfort from the fact that, on the average, the last two weeks of June and the first two weeks of July are the warmest of the year.

Many people believe August is the hottest month, but Wigner said that is not so. The greater average humidity during August just makes the month seem hotter.



RANDY OGDEN, shown with his two horse trailer his received at the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford Texas.

Ogden Wins Cowboy Reunion

The fourth of July weekend proved successful to Randy Ogden in the rodeo circuit.

Randy, roping in the Tie Down Calf Roping at the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford, split the average with Neely Adair of Gatesville, Texas.

This being the 50th Anniversary of the Texas Cowboy Reunion, a gold color two horse trailer donated by Triple 3 Trailers of Stamford was awarded to the Champion Calf Roper. Adair and Ogden tied for the average, therefore had to have a rope off for the trailer. Adair had a 13.2 on his calf and Ogden had 11.2 to win the trailer.

There was 218 calfropers entered in the Stamford rodeo and Randy tied the fastest calf of the show in the first go around with a time of 10.4.

Randy and his wife Claudia made four other rodeos over the weekend. He estimates he participated in 110 rodeos in 1979. They make their home with their six year old daughter, Kelly Jo, in Borden County where Randy farms and trains horses. Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Corky Ogden of Borden County.

Other local cowboys and cowgirls who participated in the Texas Cowboy Reunion included Jenny Hinton of Snyder, Jenny won the Girls Barrel Racing and received a beautiful new saddle.

Vance Davis, a Borden County resident placed 3rd in the Ol-Time Breakaway roping.

Also participating from Gail was Glen Gray, Travis Rinehart, Perry Smith, and Mayme McLaury.

What's Hap-nin

Bo, Whiz, Quint, and Christy Creighton of Paris, Texas were weekend visitors of Vernon and Irene Creighton, Ross and Peggy Westbrook, and Corky and Snooks Ogden. Bo and Whiz attended the Golden Torando Jubilee in Lamesa on Saturday.

Rex Cox and Keil Williams enjoyed rodeoing in Ruidosa over the July 4 holiday.

Fun Valley in Colorado seems to fascinate the people of Borden County. Buster and Jean Taylor are spending a two week vacation there. Benny Taylor and Dorothy Browne spent a few days there last week, also the Ben Jarretts, and Johnny Kite The Joe Copelands, Tim Taylor, and Blaine Dyess are working there this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Miller, former residents of Borden County were in Gail on business this week.

Mrs. Frank Miller of Gail has been named as a new Trustee at McMurry College.

The Board of Trustees meets in the fall and spring each year to determine college policies.

McMurry College, in Abilene, Texas, is a fully accredited four-year liberal arts college. Established in 1923, it is owned and operated by the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Sterling Williams is in a Lubbock hospital for surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish an 11.65 percent increase in the company's intrastate revenues.

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4-H Members Attend District Horseshow

Two Borden County 4-H members attended the District 2 4-H Horse Show held in Lubbock July 1-2.

Travis Rinehart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rinehart and Perry Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith placed very well in the roping events. Travis placed third in Judged Roping and also received third place in the Hunter Under Saddle class. Perry placed second in both Judged and Breakaway Roping.

These young men did a very good job representing Borden County at the show. Also attending the show was County Agent Sam Field.

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Your County Agent Says

by Sam Field

Summer means hot weather in Texas along with outdoor sports and long lazy days. It also means lawn problems—drouth, weeds, insects and diseases.

Lawn problems can cause headaches for homeowners unless the problems are accurately diagnosed and properly treated before they become severe.

Dry spots, thin turf and weeds can result from improper watering, fertilizing and mowing practices. Before applying a chemical to correct lawn problems, be sure that recommended cultural practices are followed.

Drouth stress most often occurs in mid-summer and shows up as wilted, discolored turf. Watering schedules should be adjusted to wet the soil to depth of four to six inches, and only when the grass shows symptoms of moisture stress. Mowing heights might also be raised

one-half inch to improve drouth tolerance in mid-summer.

Lack of nitrogen or iron often creates a lawn problem. Grass with a nitrogen deficiency may have a pale color and be heavily infested with weeds. Abundant seedheads are another symptom of nitrogen deficiency. A light application of a nitrogen fertilizer will improve the lawn's appearance.

Grass leaves that have yellow stripes parallel to the leaf margins may be deficient in iron. An application of iron sulfate or iron chelate at four-to-six week intervals will usually correct this deficiency.

If a St. Augustine lawn has symptoms similar to nitrogen or iron deficiency but does not respond to applications of either material, St. Augustine Deline (S.A.D.) should be suspected. Close examination of turf infected with S.A.D. shows small green and yellow blotches on the leaves. Good maintenance practices should be continued where S.A.D. is a problem. Also, Floratam, a new St. Augustinegrass variety which is resistant to S.A.D., may be sprigged into the infected area.

Leaf spot diseases are generally a problem when lawns are under stress and increase with high temperatures, drouth, heavy shade and close mowing. Proper mowing and watering will reduce these problems, but fungicides may be required to prevent serious damage.

Chinch bugs and white grubs feed heavily on lawns during mid-summer and their damage resembles drouth injury, notes the

specialist. If the turf does not respond to irrigation, inspect the lawn for these insect pests. Both insects damage

St. Augustinegrass, but only the white grub damages bermudagrass lawns.

Chinch bugs and white grubs can be effectively controlled with applications of insecticides. Water the lawn thoroughly prior to applying the insecticide for chinch bug control. A light watering after the insecticide application also increases its effectiveness.

The best way to keep a healthy, attractive lawn is through proper mowing, watering and fertilization. These regular maintenance practices allow you to keep a check on lawn conditions so that you'll be able to detect a problem early should one develop.

4-H To Sponsor Rabies Clinic

Don't forget the rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, July 19, 8:00 a.m. at the County Barn.

Dr. Charles Church, of the West Texas Veterinary Clinic in Snyder will vaccinate and tag pets. There will be a \$2 charge per animal for the vaccination.

The clinic is being sponsored by the Borden County 4-H Club.

Museum News

The Borden County Historical Committee met in June in the Courthouse to plan a work day to clean the Museum. Plans were made to meet again July 7th. Several members were present on the 7th and spent this afternoon cleaning and dusting the Museum in preparation for opening the Museum on Sundays for the rest of the summer. Several local people have volunteered to keep the Museum on Sunday afternoons.

Another meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., July 22 at the Norman Sneed home. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you are interested in history and especially local history, come to this meeting.

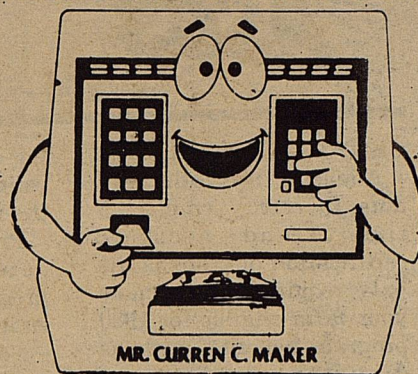
Do you know which family in Borden County has lived on the land they own the longest number of years?

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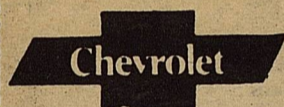
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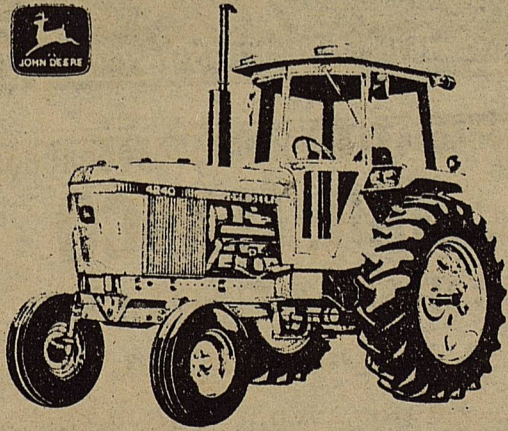
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ASCS News

By JERRY STONE

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Producers are encouraged to submit sales documents of wheat production as soon as possible after harvest. Applications for disaster credit must be filed within 15 days after harvest and while evidence of the crop is still apparent.

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Loans are available on 1980 commodities which are either commercially or farm stored. The interest rate has been lowered to 11.5 percent.

EMERGENCY FEED PROGRAM APPLICANTS GIVEN NEW FEEDING PERIOD OPTION

An option method for determining eligibility for the emergency feed program which could allow participation by more farmers has been authorized.

Under the option, county offices will consider a livestock feeding period that runs from the date of application to the end of the crop year and will consider both the feed a farmer has

on hand as well as the estimated production for the rest of the year.

Previously, county offices determined that the program's feeding period ended when additional feed "normally" became available to the farmer.

The option will allow a farmer to reserve some of the farm's production for winter feed and use purchased feed to meet current needs. The regular requirement that the feeding period end on the day when additional feed normally becomes available on the farm sometimes results in a hardship for some producers.

Under the emergency feed program, county offices authorize financial aid to farmers when a natural disaster reduces the amount of feed normally produced on the applicant's farm and the applicant must buy feed in larger-than-normal quantities.

Participants may be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the cost for feed purchased. This, however, may not exceed 2 cents per pound in terms of feed grain equivalent.

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Gail Roping Club Results

The second picnic roping of the year was held Saturday night in the Gail arena.

Roping results are as follows:

DRAW ROPING

1st Melvin Lewis, Sam Whitley; 2nd Sid Hart, Darrell Drain; 3rd Hank Thompson, Lane Griffin, and 4th Jerry Kincheloe, Monte Smith.

TWO HEADER

1st Go 1st Sid Hart, Monte Smith; 2nd Jerry Springer, Hank Thompson; 3rd Rusty Yadon, Jerry Springer.

2nd GO 1st Terry Voss, Sid Hart; 2nd Rusty Yadon, Roy Beaver; 3rd Jerry Springer, Jerry Kincheloe.

AVERAGE

1st Darrell Drain, Roy Beaver; 2nd Monte Smith, Sam Whitley; 3rd Butch Gass, Melvin Lewis.


ONE HEADER

1st Sam Whitley, Sid Hart; 2nd Rusty Yadon, Don Cox; 3rd Vollie Shipp, Butch Gass.

Roping Saturday

The Gail Steer Roping Club will sponsor a jackpot club roping Saturday night at the Gail arena. The roping will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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