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## WCID Covering Bennett Creek Watershed Created And Approved During Past Year

James W. Bowman  
New Science Teacher  
For Goldthwaite



JAMES W. BOWMAN has accepted the position as science teacher in the Goldthwaite High School, it was announced this week by Supt. J. T. Jones. Mr. Bowman is presently attending school at the University of Texas and will receive his Master's Degree this summer. He will be here for the fall term.

Mr. Bowman is no stranger to the students of Goldthwaite as he taught here for three and one-half years before returning to school for his Master's Degree. He and Mrs. Bowman with their four children will move here this fall to make their home. Two of their children will attend the public schools here.

**ELAM MILES, STAR, SELLS TOP DELAINE RAM AT SHOW**  
Elam Miles of Star sold the top Delaine Ram at the 11th annual Texas Purebred Sheep Breeders Association show and sale at Brownwood last Saturday. The ram sold to Larry Weisinger of Burnet for \$82.50. Average sale in the Delaine Division was \$73.00.

**HOME FROM HOSPITAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Lynch returned home from Houston on Friday, April 25, where Mr. Lynch was a patient in M. D. Anderson Hospital for over seven weeks.

### Project Awaiting Planning Party To Survey Location Of Dams

Approximately four years ago a group of interested landowners met to consider the idea of controlling the raging waters on the Bennett Creek watershed. They had heard of a law passed by the 83rd Congress, known as the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. This law stipulates that the Federal Government should cooperate with states and their political subdivisions in eliminating erosion, floodwater, and sediment damages on the watersheds of the rivers and streams of the United States.

### 9.82 Inches Recorded For Four Months

Rainfall recorded here during the past week, from Wednesday night through Tuesday of this week, measured 2.12 inches, it was announced by Harry Allen. The record shows that rainfall recorded here during the four months period, January, February, March and April, measured 9.82 inches. This is 3.25 inches short of the same period last year.

Following is a comparative report of average long term normal rainfall recorded here covering the four month period this year:

Month	Nor. Av.	1958
January	1.83	2.12
February	1.51	2.74
March	1.57	1.90
April	3.60	3.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.51</b>	<b>9.82</b>

### Garden Club Flower Show Is Scheduled This Friday, May 9

The Goldthwaite Garden Club's Annual Spring Flower Show scheduled for Saturday, May 3, was postponed due to rainy weather. The show will be held this Friday, May 9, in the Gatlin Building on Fourth St. There will be no admission charge and the public is invited to attend the show from 2:30 until 6:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

**LADIES' DAY AT MEN'S DOWNTOWN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY**  
The ladies are cordially invited to attend the Men's Downtown Bible Class next Sunday, May 11, according to an announcement by F. P. Bowman.



**WCID BOARD ORGANIZED**—Officers and members of the board of directors of Mills County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 are: left to right, seated, Jim Soules, chairman; Homer McCasland, vice-chairman; Sherwood Owens, secretary; Bertram Geeslin and Arnold Head, members. Standing, left to right, are: Hubert L. Berry, work unit conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Goldthwaite, Earnest Kohler, Priddy, supervisor, Brown-Mills, SCD, and John L. Patterson, Mills County Judge, who attended the meeting when the board was organized after the district was created. (SCS Photo)

### Gary Straley To Receive Eagle Award

Explorer Gary Straley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duren of Goldthwaite, will be presented his Eagle Award at a Court of Honor, Sunday evening at the First Methodist Church at 7:30. This is the highest award presented in Boy Scouting.

### NEW THUNDERBIRD ON DISPLAY HERE AT EDGINGTON MOTOR CO.

The new Thunderbird four-passenger Ford is now on display at the Edgington Motor Company here. This is the new sport car put out by Ford Company and according to the dealers it is a very special car. Mr. Edgington and his staff invites everyone to come by and inspect this new car as well as other models on display.

### Mullin P-TA To Sponsor Style Show, Tom Thumb Wedding

The Mullin P-TA will sponsor a Tom Thumb Wedding and Style Show, Thursday night, May 15, at 8 o'clock, in the High School Auditorium. Everyone has a most cordial invitation to attend.

### L. B. Burnham Named Outstanding Conservation Farmer Of District

L. B. Burnham, Mills County rancher, received the outstanding conservation farmer of the District plaque from the Goldthwaite Lions Club Tuesday night, April 27. He will also receive a plaque at the Fort Worth Press Awards Regional banquet in Waco Saturday night. The Lions Club plaque was presented Mr. Burnham by David Waters, Chairman of the agriculture committee of the Club.



**L. B. BURNHAM**  
Mills County Rancher

Previously the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors had selected Mr. Burnham as their candidate for outstanding conservation farmer in the Annual Fort Worth Press awards program. He became a cooperater with the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District in 1948. Since that time, he has perpetuated a conservation program on his farm which has paid dividends in soil stability as well as financially. He led out with a legume program on his river bottom farm which he maintained through the entire drought. He has carried out his conservation plans in that all originally planned practices have been applied. Many practices have been reapplied several times.

Mr. Burnham served as president of the San Saba Production Credit Association for one year and has been a member of the loan committee for the past six years. Sound conservation programs are a part of the criteria considered by him in making farm loans. He has installed an irrigation system south of Goldthwaite. City sewage water, which was a problem, is now being used effectively on improved pasture. Hubam sweet clover plays a big part in his conservation program. Last year he produced in excess of 200 pounds of beef per acre on a two hundred acre field of clover. There was a tremendous amount of residue left on the ground to furnish organic matter and add fertility. This growth was a volunteer stand under dry land farming conditions. L. B. is a close observer and continually seeks better methods and practices. He keeps a complete record on all his cows disposing of the low producers. He knows the benefit of good range cover and strives to keep it adequate at all times. When his cattle cross the scales, it removes all doubt in his mind as to whether conservation pays.

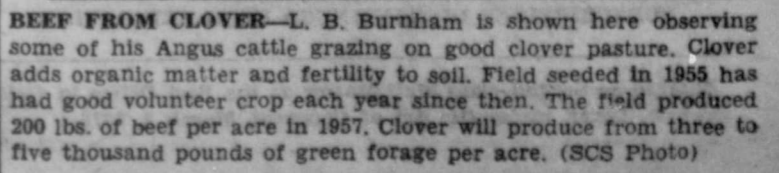
**Premiere Showing Of Case-O-Matic Tractor Line Saturday At Priddy**  
Spotlights join limelights at the Highway Garage & Implement Company Premiere Showing of the 1960 Case-o-matic tractor line at Priddy this Saturday.

Herman Kopp and Otto Selheimer, owners, explained that, "We are holding a special Open House during which the people in this area will get the first look at new Case tractors with years-ahead styling, engineering and performance." In the "limelight" will be typical representatives from the new Case line of 12 tractors and 124 models. This impressive line-up includes crawler models and wheel models, completely new from twin headlights to hitch, for on-the-farm and off-the-farm jobs.

Spotlighted during the Open House will be what Kopp and Selheimer herald as "the greatest engineering achievement in farm tractors in 25 years." This is Case-o-matic Drive.

A motion picture especially filmed at the "World Premiere" in Phoenix, Arizona, will be shown every hour on the hour. Case-o-matic Drive is described as being entirely different from conventional tractor power. The dealers stated that Case-o-matic Drive doubles pull power, instantly, precisely and automatically. They went on to say, "With Case-o-matic Drive there's no clutching, no shifting, no stalling."

Open House is scheduled for Saturday at the Highway Garage and Implement Company at Priddy, Texas. There will be refreshments, favors and prizes and everyone is invited to come to this Open House.



**BEEF FROM CLOVER**—L. B. Burnham is shown here observing some of his Angus cattle grazing on good clover pasture. Clover adds organic matter and fertility to soil. Field seeded in 1955 has had good volunteer crop each year since then. The field produced 200 lbs. of beef per acre in 1957. Clover will produce from three to five thousand pounds of green forage per acre. (SCS Photo)

Soil Conservation  
Issue  
Twenty Pages  
In  
Two Sections  
Section One

### Local Markets

Mills County Commission have started their two days per week now. Sheep sell on Fridays and goats on Mondays. At the sale last week a total of 3,000 head was a decrease in number from the week before. The goat sale Monday of this week a total of 2,600 head passed through the auction ring. In the sheep division the market was variable with some showing an increase, some a decrease and others remaining steady. All classes of goats showed an increase in price with the exception of good nannies which were off slightly from the week before.

**SHEEP**  
Fleece lambs, 19c to 21½c; wether lambs, 16c to 21½c; wethers (muttons) 14c to 16c; yearlings (ewes) 18c to 20c; aged wethers, 10c to 13c; wether ewes, \$10 to \$16 per head; old ewes, 7c to 11c; old wethers, 7c to 9c; ewes and lambs, \$20 to \$30 per pair.

**GOATS**  
Good mutton goats, \$6 to \$8 per head; weighing kind, 7c to 9c; good nannies, \$6 to \$8 per head; cull nannies, 6c to 7½c; kids and kids, \$7.50 to \$11 per pair.

**EGGS—PER DOZ.**  
Current receipt eggs were at 29c, 30c and 31c this week with large whites also at 31c.

**CHICKENS—PER LB.**  
Broilers, 5c and 6c; Hens, 10c.

### Charles J. Hill And Bill Dunn To Speak At Graduation

The Graduating Class of 1958 invited Minister Charles J. Hill and the Commencement Speaker of the Baccalaureate Services of the year which will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, at the First Methodist Church of Christ of Goldthwaite, and is well known by the people. He is a strong speaker of convictions thus we look forward to a sermon that all will enjoy.

L. Tate, music director of the First Baptist Church, will arrange the music for both this program and the Commencement Exercises of May 22, 1958. The seniors will graduate. Tate will likely use people from both the Baptist and Methodist Churches for his arrangements. The Graduating Speaker of May 22 will be Dr. Bill Dunn, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Luling, Texas. The public is invited and urged to attend both the exercises by the school and class, according to announcement by Supt. J. T. Jones.

### Red Cross Drive Ends This Week; Mills County Fails To Reach Goal

By FLOYD SPRADLEY  
Mills County Chairman  
We would like to thank everyone that has had a part in this year's Red Cross Drive. Those who have given and those that have worked so hard to help us reach our goal. As you know the goal for 1958 in Mills County was \$1808.00 and we have raised \$1,273.74. Every community has reported in but we are hoping they can turn in their money this week, so that we may close the drive.

The schedule for the county is as follows:

Community	Quota	Amt.
Jones Valley	\$ 25.00	\$ 28.50
Paradan	35.00	27.00
Center City	100.00	90.00
Priddy	20.00	23.48
Goldthwaite	1,018.00	700.73

Jones Valley	15.00	15.50
Mt. Olive	15.00	9.10
Mullin	100.00	105.35
Pleasant Grove	35.00	36.50
Pompey Mt.	25.00	27.00
Priddy	175.00	No. Rpt.
Regency	20.00	15.50
Ridge	20.00	16.58
Scallorn	40.00	49.00
Star	120.00	71.70
Bozar And Trigger Mt.	25.00	28.50
Chappell Hill	20.00	20.25

If you were missed in this drive and would still like to give, please leave our donation at Charles Conradt's office or at the Mills County State Bank. If you do not have a way and would like to have your donation picked up, please call me at my store and I will be happy to call for it. Thank you again for your fine cooperation.

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## SOIL CONSERVATION ISSUE

This week's issue of the Eagle is our annual Soil Conservation issue. This is the third year that the Eagle staff along with members of the local Soil Conservation Work Unit and district office have pooled efforts to publish a special issue on Soil Conservation.

Plans for this paper were started many months ago and much time and work was involved in preparing copy to make up the 20 pages in two sections.

Feature material and pictures were assembled starting along about January 1. Actual setting of type got underway the first week in March, and printing of the first part of the paper, which is section two, started three weeks ago.

This year's issue carried more pictures than the past two years. Many of these pictures are of special local interest because they not only tell a story of soil conservation in general, but they show and tell the story of soil conservation as it is being practiced by Mills County residents and what it is doing for them in their operation of farms and ranches.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to members of the local SCS work unit for their wonderful cooperation in compiling information for this special issue of the paper. Also members of the district SCS office and other individuals for their contributions.

Then we certainly wouldn't overlook the support that has been manifested by each and every advertiser who has special soil conservation message in this issue. Without advertisements it would be impossible to publish a special issue of this type—or any other paper for that matter—and we do want to thank our advertisers for their support.

This week's paper contains a lot of valuable information for rural folk and those residing in the city as well. There is a very close connection between folk who make up our farming and ranching population and those in the city and the influence that the economic picture of the farm and ranch has on the city.

We invite all our subscribers to read the many important stories in this issue and to read the special messages that are presented in the ads. We hope they will enjoy the material presented here and invite comments on this issue and future soil conservation issues that will follow.

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## Now Is The Time To Check Home For Fire Hazards, Says NBFU

Springtime is housecleaning time . . . and a good time to check your home for fire hazards.

From the fire-safety angle, the National Board of Fire Underwriters suggests starting in the basement, where many hazards exist.

**Rubbish**—old magazines and newspapers, furniture, old rags and other things are combustibles. Get rid of them.

**Furnace**—it's dangerous when dirty. Have it cleaned regularly. Don't put off necessary repairs.

**Living Room**—your television set, if placed too close to wall, may become a fire hazard. (Never tinker with it and be careful not to cover up the ventilating holes that dispose of accumulated heat.)

**Misuse of Electricity**—accounts for 15 per cent of all fires in the home. Best check all your electrical appliances, including irons, waffle irons, mixers, heaters, lamps, fans, radio and other devices. Make sure that the cords are in good condition, that they bear the little UL tag that denotes listing by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

**Multiple attachment plugs**—a serious danger in overloading circuits. All rooms should have an adequate number of outlets to take care of electrical appliances.

**Flexible extension cords**—should be in the open (none placed under rugs or over hooks) and only 15 ampere fuses for your household lighting circuits.

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For truly, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but the responsibility for its stewardship is vested in man.



## WHEN THE OLD BIRD WAS YOUNGER

### 10 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from The Eagle Files of May 7, 1948)

Marriage vows were solemnized for Delpha Blackburn and Sgt. Mavis L. Conway Saturday, May 1. The impressive candle-light ceremony was at 7:30 in the local Methodist Church, Rev. Lowery officiating.

J. N. Keese died in a Brownwood hospital on May 1, 1948, of injuries received in a fall at his home in Goldthwaite on April 21.

Mrs. A. J. Cline Sr. of Goldthwaite received word from Mrs. Carrie Kates, her sister, in Palerme, California, that her husband, John Kates, had recently passed away there.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Horton were in town Saturday and announced the arrival of a new grandson at Bryan, Texas. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Theron E. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson report a fine eight and one-half pound baby boy, made his arrival at the San Saba Clinic Monday, May 3.

Thomas F. Elliott, the oldest pioneer in Mills County, celebrated his 85th birthday a few days ago. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Pearl Carr, baked his birthday cake with 85 candles on it and his nephew, Johnnie Elliott, caught a 16 pound yellow cat fish that morning and Mr. Elliott said, "Boy, did we feast."

Miss Mary Elna Fouse, Geraldine Laughlin and Betty Willford attended the State F. H. A. Convention, April 22, 23 and 24, at Galveston.

Mrs. William Coleman and son, Bill, of Abilene came through Goldthwaite Sunday. They stopped for a few hours and visited Miss Dera Humphries and other relatives.

Mrs. Chuck Arnold and children left for their home in Odessa, after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Doggett.

### 25 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from The Eagle Files of May 12, 1933)

The Methodist Orphanage at Waco asked the Goldthwaite Methodist congregation to secure 150 goats to stock a pas-

ture recently donated to the orphanage, and as a result 154 goats were loaded into the truck sent here for the animals Monday.

Sunday morning relatives and friends very pleasantly surprised Mrs. L. Covington on the occasion of her seventy-sixth birthday. Early in the day, the guests began to arrive, bringing gifts and flowers. At the noon hour dinner was served by the guests under the trees.

The ladies of the Wesley Workers Sunday School Class were entertained with a Jigsaw Puzzle Party at the home of Mrs. John G. Berry Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. M. M. Stephens and Miss Lois Fuller were married last Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's cousin, Mr. J. R. Dean in Blanket, Rev. A. Wood, pastor of the Blanket Baptist Church, officiating.

Rev. J. D. Long of Center Point was in to see the Eagle Editor Friday afternoon and reported the marriage of Aubrey Cline and Miss Lois Booker at his home the day previous. The groom is a son of A. J. Cline and the bride is a daughter of Willis Booker.

Miss Louise Doggett of the Goldthwaite High School received special mention from the jury of awards in the Texas Centennial State-Wide Poster Contest, closing May 1.

Five young ladies have entered training at a Brady hospital, pursuing the nursing course. They include Miss Vera Mae Hale of Goldthwaite.—Brady Standard.

### 50 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from The Eagle Files of May 9, 1908)

Mr. J. T. Goldman died at the home of T. R. Robinson in the Ratler community Thursday afternoon and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in this city yesterday afternoon. Mr. Goldman was an old resident of the county and lived in this city for a long time.

Another little one has come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Guthree.—Trigger Mountain Letter.

Mrs. S. A. Weathers and two daughters, Misses Lois and Aulie, left Wednesday for Dawson, Navarro County, for a visit to her parents.

Miss Donald Oldfield, who taught the Liberty School, left

## Stewardship Of The Soil Important Today As At Beginning Of Time

Every since the beginning of time, people have recognized God's ownership of the soil. The psalmist has said, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein: for He hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods." (Psalms 24:1-2).

God was good to His people in the early days of Egypt, and gave them a land of milk and honey which remained a land of plenty as long as the people recognized and respected God's ownership and utilized the soil in the manner in which God intended it, but when they grew away from God and began to abuse that which He had placed in their hands, it ceased to be a land of plenty.

The same is true today. If we expect our land to remain a land of milk and honey as it has been for generations, it is necessary that we respect God's soil. It is ours only for a lifetime, but it is God's for eternity. If our soil is to continue producing we will need to put back into it that which we take from it; in other words cover crops and fertilizers are available in putting into the soil some of the minerals and other chemicals that are needed for best production. Science has taught us much. If we are to use our soils in a way that will not abuse it then it is necessary that we use SOIL, WATER and PLANT conservation measures to not only save the soil, but also to utilize the surface waters that God makes available to us.

We realize that ours is truly a land of milk and honey when we look at our production as compared with the production of any other nation throughout

the world. Other people of the world have not learned what we have about conservation. Too many times they have taken out of the soil without putting back, and have contaminated the soil with improper use of the resources at their disposal.

If we as a people are to survive it is necessary that we use this gift of God, our soil, in such a way that it will remain as it was given to us.

## Chappell Hill

By PEARL CRAWFORD (Delayed)

Allen and Bobby Oxford sheared sheep for A. L. Crawford last week.

A large crowd from this community attended the senior play at Priddy Gym Friday night.

William G. Crawford and several others from here took part in the track meet at Hamilton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hamilton and son, Glenn, honored Mrs. Archer with a birthday dinner recently. There were 20 guests who enjoyed the occasion. We wish for Mrs. Archer many more happy birthdays and family reunions with her friends and loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Creek are reported to be much improved after an attack of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams were called to Gatesville last Tuesday and Saturday due to the illness of his brother, Bud Williams. We hope they found him much better.

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**Bridal Shower For Patsy Ann Boykin Saturday, May 10**

Miss Patsy Ann Boykin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Boykin of Star, will be honored with a bridal shower, Saturday evening, May 10, at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Boykin. Mrs. Woodrow Boykin and Mrs. Howard Moore will be co-hostesses for the shower. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

**Spring Recital At Local Auditorium Tuesday, May 13**

Mrs. Talbot Ledbetter will present her pupils in a piano recital Tuesday, May 13, at 8:00 p. m., in the High School Auditorium. Everyone is most cordially invited to attend the recital.

James Sloan of Austin spent Sunday with his father, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Sloan.

**CARE OF HOUSE PLANTS**

DON'T neglect to plant snaps now if you want good flowers this fall and next spring.

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**HD Council Holds Day-Long Meeting At Center City Hall**

The Home Demonstration Council met April 30, with the Center City Club in the new recreation center. The meeting was opened with a song after which the president presided at the business meeting. Reports were given by the different committee chairmen.

Home Demonstration Week will be observed the week of May 1st with Mrs. Singletary in charge of exhibits to be shown. Mrs. Coffman, Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Leonhard are to help with the food survey. Instructions were given the treasurer to buy a book for the chairman of finance. The club also voted to pay Mrs. Hale's expenses to Cisco.

At noon a bountiful feast was spread. Judge and Mrs. John L. Patterson, Mrs. Viola Townsend and Mrs. Ray Blackburn were dinner guests of the Council.

After dinner Mrs. Sherwood Owens reviewed the book "Papa Was A Preacher," and a skit was presented by the club members.

**Kermit Girl Scouts Spend Weekend Here**

Mrs. John R. Graves of Kermit, along with ten Girl Scouts of Troop 22, spent the past weekend at Lake Merritt. Mrs. Graves, who is leader of the troop, was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Armstrong, also of Kermit. The entire group attended services at the First Methodist Church here Sunday.

Mrs. Graves will be remembered here as the former Clara Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bowman.

— IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE —

**Big Valley Club Completes Project For The Club Year**

The Big Valley Friendship Club met with Mrs. Connie Knowles on April 17 with 14 members present.

Mrs. Floyd Sykes was hostess to the club on Thursday, May 1 with eleven members present. The club completed their project of making corsages for the hospitals for Mother's Day. Mrs. Roberson was appointed to contact Mrs. T. C. Graves, Therapy Chairman for the Goldthwaite Garden Club, as to whether the Garden Club had other work the Big Valley Club could do.

The club will meet next with Mrs. Johnnie Wolff on Thursday, May 15.

**S. L. Tate Jr. To Present Music Recital**

The public is cordially invited to attend the spring recital of the music students of S. L. Tate, Jr., on Friday evening, May 9, at 8:00 o'clock in the First Baptist Church auditorium. Piano, voice and organ students will perform. The program will include piano duets and a piano trio which will feature three students playing on one piano.

Following the program there will be a reception honoring the students and their parents. Everyone is invited to remain for the reception. Serving hostesses will be Mrs. Presnall H. Wood and Mrs. Glenn DeLapp.

**Local Girl Scout Community Assn. Will Meet Today**

By LEE RUTH CAMPBELL  
Mrs. Houston Duren, Chairman of the Goldthwaite Girl Scout Community Association, announced a meeting of the local association, May 8, at 4:00 p. m. at the Scout House.

**NEW BROWNIE TROOP**  
Mrs. Houston Duren, organization chairman, announced that a new Brownie troop has been organized for the first grade girls.

Mrs. Emmitt Taylor and Mrs. Joe Kemp will be the leaders.

**DAY CAMP TRAINING**  
Mrs. Lena Holland will be in Goldthwaite Thursday, May 15, to give outdoor training for day camp to the adults.

**Mrs. Steen Gives Book Review For Self Culture Club**

The Self Culture Club held its final meeting for the club year in the home of Mrs. J. T. Jones last Thursday afternoon at 3:30, with Mrs. Jones and Miss Love Gatlin as hostesses.

Mrs. Robert Steen, guest speaker, reviewed the book, "To Live Again" by Catherine Marshall. Mrs. Steen very ably brought out the great spiritual truths of the book. It is a testament of one woman's deep belief in God and His great love. The book contains a message of exhilarating hope for the bereaved.

Club members feel that the review was a fitting climax to a very successful club year. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses to club members and a number of guests.

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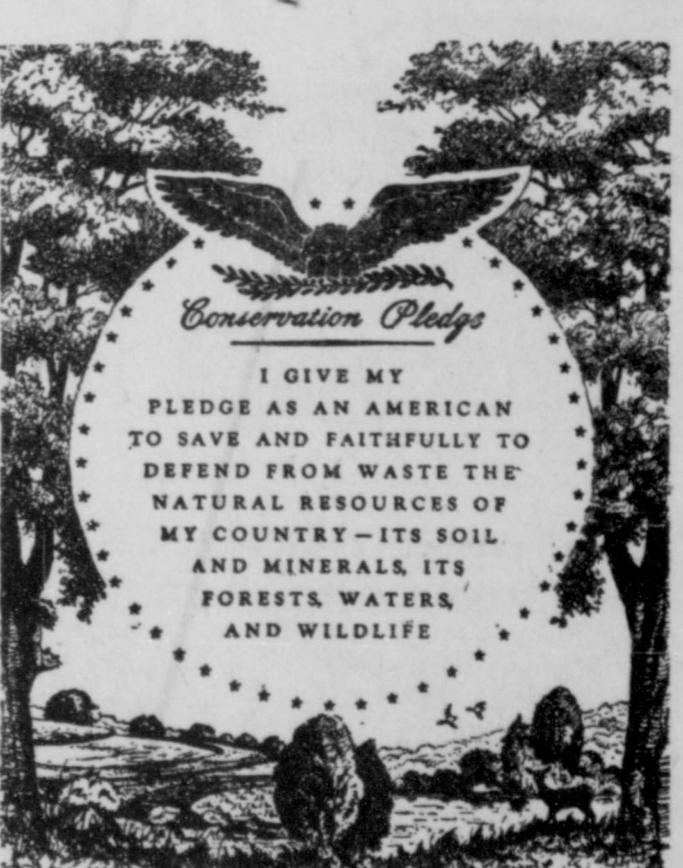
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## Soil And Water Conservation Loans For Mills County Farmers And Ranchers

By ASTON W. COLE

Soil and Water Conservation loans are available to eligible farmers and ranchers in Mills County according to Aston W. Cole, County Supervisor. This provides a source of long low interest rate credit for permanent soil conservation measures may be combined and the improved practice may help repay the loan.

The loans may be used to pay out measures for soil conservation and water development. This will include the construction of terraces, dikes, ponds and tanks, the improvement and maintenance of permanent pastures, the fencing of brush, trees and the purchase of pumps and equipment necessary for distribution.

Loans will be made to carry out the types of soil and water conservation practices in accordance with the recommendations made by the Conservation Service and the Soil Conservation Service.

Only those farmers and ranchers who are eligible for a soil and water conservation loan, a farmer or rancher must have sufficient experience or training to indicate that he has reasonable prospects of conducting a successful farm and ranch operation and be unable to obtain the necessary credit on reasonable terms and conditions of private and cooperative



**F. H. A. COMMITTEE**—From left: Lee Bowers, FHA Supervisor, Brownwood; Oran Carothers, Frank Kerby and L. C. Schwartz, Mills County committeemen, and Aston W. Cole, FHA Supervisor of Lampasas. Mr. Bowers of Brownwood is taking the place of Mr. Cole of Lampasas in working with the Mills County committee in matters related to the Farmers Home Administration.

The three member county committee of the Farmers Home Administration will certify the eligibility of applicants. FHA Committeemen in Mills County are: Oran W. Carothers, Chairman; Layart C. Schwartz, member, and Frank Kerby, member.

The loans will be scheduled for repayment within the shortest period consistent with the

ability of the borrower to repay. No loan will be scheduled for repayment over a period which exceeds the useful life of the improvement or the security, whichever is less. In no case will the repayment period on loans to individuals exceed 20 years.

It is expected that the average loan to a farmer or rancher will be less than \$5,000.00. All loans will be secured by the best lien obtainable on chattels or real estate to the extent necessary to adequately protect the Government's interest. The interest rate is 4½ per cent per year on the unpaid principal.

Applications for Soil and Water Conservation loans may be made Tuesday morning of each week at the FHA part-time office located in the Court House, Goldthwaite, Texas, or at the FHA office in Lampasas, Texas, Monday through Friday of each week.

## Creation Of Soil Conservation Act And How The Program Works

By I. H. COPELAND

Soil and water are the nation's most valuable resources, and every individual and business enterprise is materially affected by what happens to our land.

The welfare of everybody depends upon economical productivity of our agricultural lands. Most of our nation's newly created wealth each year originates on the land.

As a nation, we have depleted or lost through neglect much of the original soil fertility. The productive capacity of the land has been lowered and the products of erosion have caused silting of reservoirs, filling stream channels, impairing harbors and destroying fish and wildlife resources.

Because of the state into which the agricultural lands of the country had fallen, Congress in 1935 enacted Public Law 46, The Soil Conservation Act. By this act congress established a National Soil Conservation Program.

The law, directed by the Secretary of Agriculture, established an agency known as the Soil Conservation Service.

Responsibility for achieving soil and water conservation objectives rests with the people who own and operate the land, and the people who own and operate the land will accept the responsibility if they are fully informed and are provided with the assistance needed to supplement their own knowledge and resources.

State offices administer soil conservation operations in the state. Area offices administer operations in designated areas and work unit offices are staffed with technicians who assist landowners in making and applying coordinated plans for their land.

Technicians make the necessary soil and range surveys and assist the landowner in setting up basic objectives. Landowners should contact the SCD Work Unit office or the Board of Supervisors of the district for further information.

## Earth Worms Are Farmer's Helpers In Addition To Being Fish Bait

By HUBERT COPELAND

Earthworms are commonly thought of only as fish bait but to a conservation farmer they have a much more important role.

Large numbers of big earthworms are present in healthy and fertile soil. Worms cast are rich in organic matter. Earthworms can't create organic matter. They concentrate by eating and digesting various crop residues, and by inoculating it with micro-organisms. In comparisons made, earthworm casts contained more organic matter than the surface soil in which they were found. The average was 37 per cent more than that of the whole soil.

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## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCasland spent Sunday in Hamilton with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Allen, where Mrs. McCasland was honored with a birthday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Harris and children of Fort Worth spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. H. P. Harris, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. B. Reagan of Stephenville is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Warlick, Wanda and Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Horton and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Hancock attended the Fred Herring open house at Lometa Sunday afternoon.

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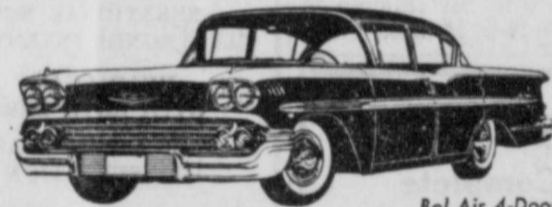
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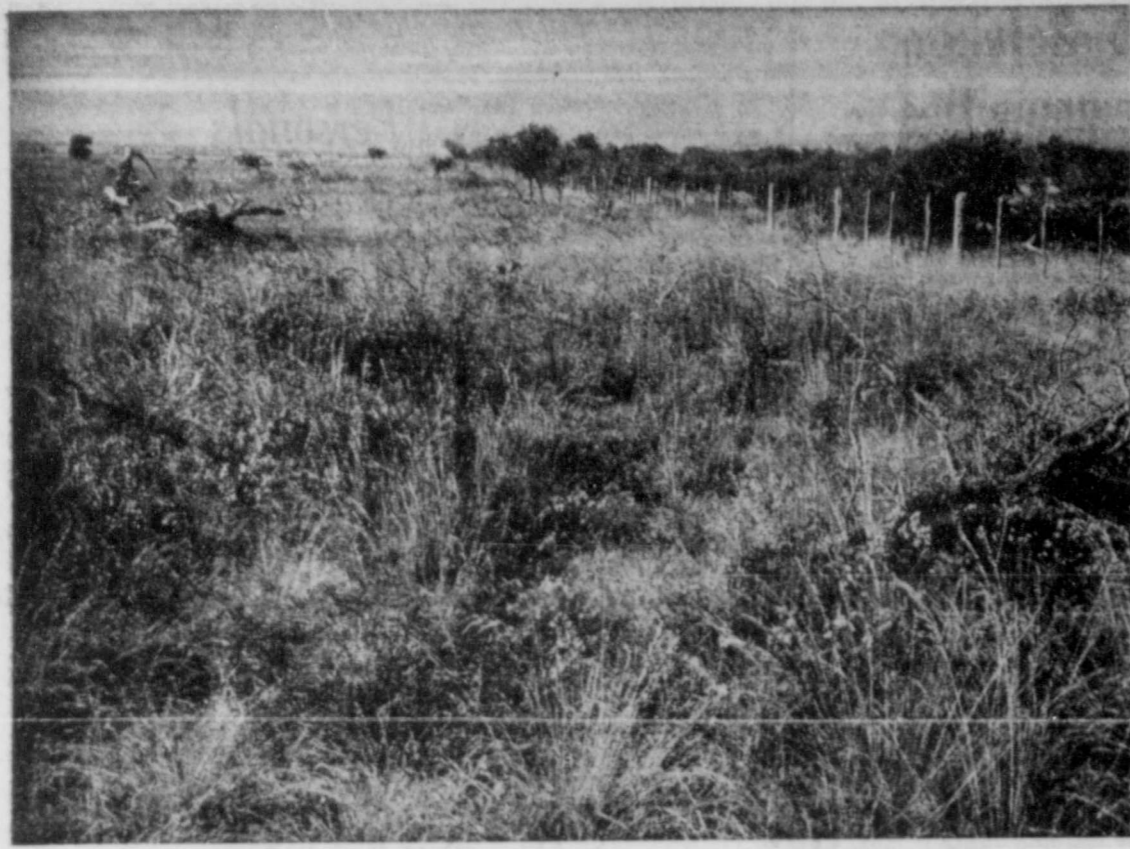
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### School Calendar For Remainder Of Term

Calendar for the remainder of the year is planned and the remaining events for the school is set up and presented by Supt. J. T. Jones as follows:  
 Senior Trip, May 9, 10 and 11.  
 P-TA Final Meeting, May 12, 1958 at 7:30 p. m.  
 Banquet for Senior Class, May

13 at First Baptist Church.  
 Student Council Banquet May 14, 6:00 to 7:30 p. m.  
 F. P. A. Banquet, May 15, 7:30 p. m.  
 Spring Concert for Band, May 16 at 8:00 p. m.  
 Baccalaureate, May 18 at 8:00 p. m. at First Baptist Church.  
 Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20 and 21, Final Examinations. (School will dismiss at 2:30

each day. Buses will run at 3:00 p. m. Friday when students will get report cards.)

High School Graduation, May 23 at 8:00 p. m. in High School Auditorium.

Sixth Grade Graduation, May 23 at 8:00 p. m. in High School Auditorium.

Our sincere thanks are extended to every student, parent and patron of our school district who have made the year so wholly successful. We appreciate the wonderful cooperation and shall look forward to having you attend our exercises.

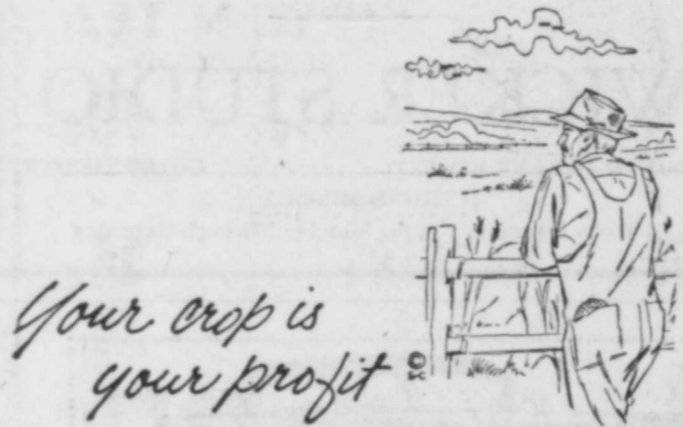
### CRAIG WESSONS ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wesson had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Clements, Abilene; Mrs. W. M. Hannah and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. French, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Mosier and children, all of Mullin; Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Jernigan and children, Jones Valley. Other callers in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wesson and children, Goldthwaite.

Mrs. Vic E. Koleber spent the weekend with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Massey at Denton.

Mrs. Eula Nickols left Wednesday morning for several days' visit with her children in Texas and New Mexico.

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## Are You Protecting Your Soil?

By CHARLES CONRADT  
 Manager  
 Goldthwaite PCA Office

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During the average life of the average land operator he would contribute about one eighth of an inch of soil, if he gave his land good attention.

But on the other side of the picture look at the number of inches of good soil that can be lost during the life of the average operator.

An inch of soil can easily be lost during an hour of rain, if the soil is not properly taken care of.

Whether we are land owner, leasing or renting, we are all

dependent on this good soil for our food.

Soil is defined as loose surface material of the earth in which plants grow.

This explains why some land produces no growth at all.

Conservation is defined as protection without injury. Are you doing your part in protecting your soil?

By carrying out and really doing the soil building practices that really apply to our individual places, we will be able to produce just a little more crops and a few more pounds of livestock. Then we are helping ourselves and at the same time, will leave the good earth in as good or better condition than we found it.

We, of the Production Credit Association, believe that any operation will pay better dividend where good sound soil conservation practices are carried out.

### Dr. R. Glynn Raley Attends Convention

Dr. R. Glynn Raley, Goldthwaite, attended the annual convention of the Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons May 1-3 at Fort Worth.

The three-day scientific program featured specialists in internal medicine, orthopedics, surgery and research. It was attended by more than 300 doctors and their wives.

Will Wilson, attorney general of Texas, and Dr. Carl E. Morrison, St. Cloud, Minnesota, president of the American Osteopathic Association, were the special guest speakers.

### Rev. W. R. Carroll Back As Pastor Of Trigger Mt. Church

Rev. W. R. Carroll was able to be back as pastor of the Trigger Mt. Church last Sunday, May 4. He will be there for regular services each Sunday hereafter.

Everyone is invited to attend Sunday School, church and training union services at the Trigger Mt. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Covington spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hilbert at Burton. Mrs. Covington was called there to the bedside of her father, who was very sick but was better Monday.

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## Soil Conservation In Relation To The Business Communities

By RAY DUREN

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Whether you are a farmer or a rancher or both it has become necessary to conserve our water. For the past ten years we have needed to conserve water to have enough to make a crop or to grow grass in our pastures. I have observed that the farmers and ranchers who have followed these practices have been the most progressive people of our community.

The farmer and rancher who has conserved his soil is not having to turn out his old fields because they are so poor that they will not produce nor is he having to feed all the profits up in feed caused by overstocking. The farmer that follows the proper plant conservation is the one that is producing the most on the least.

Our businesses are dependent upon the farmers and ranchers of this area. In order for us to have a successful business we must have successful farmers and ranchers. Soil Conservation is the key that will open the door for the chances to be a successful farmer or rancher.

We should never forget that there is no new land to take the place of that land that we let wash away. At the rate our population is increasing the farmers and ranchers are going to

need to produce much more per acre to supply the demand and the only way to do this is through Soil Conservation. With our 173 million people now and with the estimated 77 million more by 1980, increased production through soil conservation is the only hope, as I see it for us to feed this increased population.

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The injured were carried to Medical Arts Hospital in Brownwood by Roy Wilkins ambulance. Mrs. Parrish, age 61, died at 10:30 a. m.; Mr. Parrish is in a critical condition with both legs broken, head injuries, broken ribs and was still unconscious as the paper went to press. Mr. Nobles, age 50, had a dislocated hip, deep cuts under his arm and broken ribs on both sides but was considered in fair condition.

David Lynn Cole of Fort Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cole. David Lynn is employed as a barber in Polytechnic, Fort Worth; he is also attending an industrial electronic school and majoring as a PBM operator.

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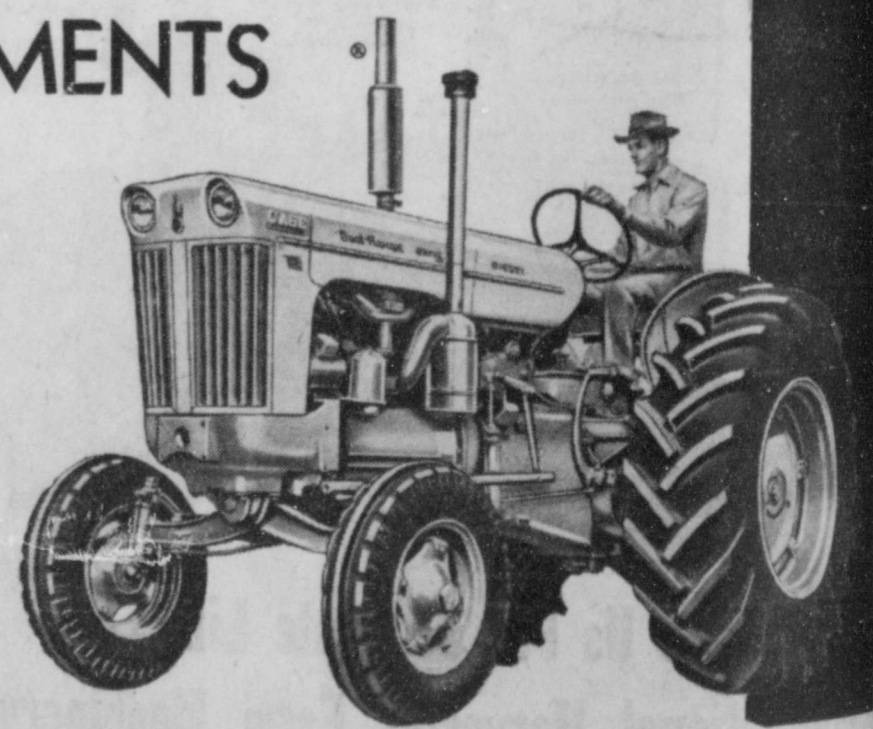
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Most cattlemen do not refer to themselves as farmers, but one rancher made this statement, "We are grass farmers and market our product through livestock."

By DICK COFFEE  
Soil Scientist

Over one quintillion, or a billion-billion, plants and animals live in the top six inches of an acre of good soil. Their total weight amounts to 1½ to 2 tons. Yet these friends of the farmer are almost completely forgotten in our discussion of soils and the factors that make soils more productive.

These plants and animals, so small they are seen only with a microscope, live to produce plant foods for crops, to condition the soil, and to stabilize organic matter. They work for a better soil in order that man may grow better crops. To get the most from them, a farmer should feed them. He should provide a good place for them to live, too.

To feed enough livestock to produce 1½ to 2 tons of beef takes lots of hay and grain and

supplements. A cow does not do well on a simple hay diet. She needs a variety. She also needs shelter against the cold and the heat.

The plants and animals in the soil need these same considerations. They need plenty of crop residues, including some green stuff to go along with the "hay." Being different from the cow, they can make some of their foods from the "hay" but they do need variety even in the "hay" they get. Enough variety is offered when all crop residues and regular applications of legumes are given them.

These producers - of - productivity also demand shelter in the form of soil cover. One of the quickest ways to raise crop production is to protect the soil from high temperatures during the summer and from the low temperatures of winter. Crop residues again are the answer.

Not only to protect them from unfavorable temperatures but to help hold soil moisture in the topsoil as long as possible. They also need moisture close to the top to keep working.

Many farmers, carrying out their conservation practices as suggested by their Soil Conservation Districts, are finding out more and more what they can do for increased fertility and better soil conditions by directing their practices toward improving the food supply and protection for these unseen helpers.

If all the needs of these microbes are met, it is possible that they will produce over half of all the fertility that crops can use. If they are not considered in his operations they may produce nothing for him. In fact, they may use for their own growth some of the fertility he already has in his soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Locklear and children, Clyde Alan, Cecelia Ann, Curtis John and Wayne, of Brady were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Locklear, Sunday.

**SORGHUM ALMUM**—Results of a trial of Sorghum Almum planted by the Brown-Mills SCD. This grass is a hybrid developed from Johnsongrass and sudan. The plant is perennial and has a root system made up of rhizomes like Johnsongrass and fibrous roots like sudan. Planting dates on this grass is from April to June 15.

**Good Cover On Rangeland Is Important To Growing Grasses**

By CARL CASBEER



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### Card Of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS I wish to thank my friends for the many cards and letters of cheer, the beautiful flowers, and all who extended help in any way while I was in the hospital at Houston, Texas. May the Dear Lord richly bless each of you. G. K. Lynch 5-8-1tc

CARD OF THANKS Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful serv-

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FOR SALE: Office Desk, 51 x 31 Top. Divided Top for typewriter.—Dr. E. J. Stanford. 4-24-4tc.

FOR SALE: One only, new 4000 CFM 2-speed Dearborn Evaporative Cooler at a greatly reduced price. Campbell Gas Company, Butane-Propane Sales & Service, Goldthwaite. 5-8-tfc.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION Sealed proposals for constructing 7.655 miles of Grading, Structures, Base and Surfacing from End Pavement, 10.9 Miles Southeast Goldthwaite to P. M. 1047 on Highway No. FM 572, covered by S 409(2) & E 1028-2-5, in Mills County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A. M., May 14, 1958, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the work on above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor

shall pay not less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman or mechanic employed on this project. Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates. Plans and specifications available at the office of John M. Arthur, Resident Engineer, Goldthwaite, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved. Published May 1 and 8, 1958 Goldthwaite Eagle.

### Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for transfer of scholastics from one school district to another should be filed with the County Superintendent of Mills County on or before June 1, 1958. JOHN L. PATTERSON, Ex-officio Co. Supt. Mills County. Published May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1958. Goldthwaite Eagle.

### LIVESTOCK

Registered quarter horse stallion for service; gentle saddle horse for sale; Phone 42433 Big Valley, Delton Barnett. (11-28-tfc)

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Page 10 THE GOLDTHWAITE EAGLE—MULLIN ESTABLISHED Goldthwaite, Texas, Thursday, May 8, 1958

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### Political Announcements

The following have authorized the Eagle to announce their candidacies for public office subject to the primary election.

### STATE

FOR STATE SENATE, DIST. 16 Rep. Harold G. Kennedy Sylvester Lewis Louis Crump Joe Swanner

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE — District 73 Ben D. Sudderth (Re-election)

### COUNTY

FOR COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK Walter A. "Toby" Bryant (Re-election)

FOR COUNTY TREASURER Mrs. Bertha Weathers (Re-election)

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE J. Y. Tullos (Re-election)

FOR COUNTY JUDGE And Ex-Officio School Supt. John L. Patterson (Re-election)

Wm. G. (Bill) Yarborough FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Precinct No. 4 Cecil Egger (Re-election)

H. G. Brooks FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Precinct No. 2 Fred V. Wall (Re-election)

### RENTALS

FOR RENT: 4-room house, conveniences, hot water, call Mrs. W. P. Weaver. 4-17-6t

FOR RENT: Furnished age apartment. See Mrs. Johnson or Henry Morris. 4-17-6t

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### WANTED

We need more listings on ranches and homes in Goldthwaite. Have several copies of Glass and Stacy. Phone 2481.

NOTICE: Let S. P. McClellan sharpen your lawn mower, sharpen scissors, hand saws. Pick up and deliver—1400 Ker Street.

WANTED: To buy 300 good Nannie goats. Phone 37180 or write R. L. Walker, 3, Austin, Texas.

WANTED: Used tractor, "H" or "M". Must be in good condition. Martin Rt. 3, Goldthwaite.

### Men's Downtown Bible Class

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Kimbell's New POTATOES	No. 2 2 for	25¢	CHOCOLATE DROPS 14-oz. Box "OLD SOUTH" 29¢		
Round STEAK	lb.	85¢	Chuck ROAST lb. 55¢		
FRYERS	lb.	39¢	BACON lb. 54¢		

## DUREN GRO.

MI8-2614

DELIVER 9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

### Valley Siftings

By SISTER  
(Delayed)

Mr. Dewey Tucker was bitten by a copperhead snake Saturday and is in San Saba Hospital. Most everyone in the Valley visited the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Boykin, James and Bobbie and Tómmie Sue Copeland visited Mr. and Mrs. Connie Knowles Sunday.

Lon Wright of Marble Falls was a visitor at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Leta Schneeberg of Goldthwaite visited Joy Marra Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wolfe and Iva Dee visited Brother and Mrs. Lancaster in San Saba County Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown are in Dallas on business.

Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Lynn were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sykes Sunday.

Louis and Warren Bollinger visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Shaw Friday.

The Pages, Wolfrees, Knowleses, Letbetters and Simpsons attended a chili supper and "42" party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Curtis Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith and children spent Sunday night with Mrs. Dewey Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Miller visited Brother and Mrs. Lancaster Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Page Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Graves of Big Spring came Monday to accompany their daughter, Mrs. Bobby Martin, home. Bobby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Martin, was inducted into the army Tuesday and sent to Colorado. Mrs. Martin will join him later.

Sidney Joe Long came by Thursday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Long and Judy. He was on his way to Lubbock after doing his practice teaching at Kilgore.

### Pastor's Column In Cooperation With the Mills County Ministerial Alliance



By REV. M. O. CHILDRESS  
Methodist Pastor, Retired  
"MY MOTHER"

I would like to pay tribute to our Mothers, more especially to the one I know best, My Mother. She has been gone since 1946, but the memories of her are just as precious today as of the days I was with her.

My Mother and Father came to Texas from Georgia in 1886. It was a new country and very few advantages. So mother was my only source of religious care and training. Well do I remember of hearing her first prayers. My bed room was a side room to our house.

Many mornings I could hear mother saying her prayers before I was up. So later when I was about eleven years of age mother spoke to me about giving my heart to the Lord.

I had plenty of interest to do so for Mother's prayers had touched me and I had been thinking of the matter myself. It was the next summer at our revival meeting I went to an altar of prayer and found my Christ as a personal Saviour.

We had no organized church at that time in our community, only preaching at the school house at various times by a visiting minister. So mother read to us the Bible.

Early in my life we got the story book of the Bible by Hurlbut. This proved to be a great blessing, for Mother would read us a Bible story from Hurlbut most every day. My early training did not depend on the church and Sunday School. We didn't have them. But we did have mother with her prayers, her Bible and Hurlbut's story of the Bible.

Mother always felt that there should be a family altar in the home as her father had family prayers. She thought my father should take the lead, but after waiting several years, she said,

"We must have our family prayers." So she took the lead. Then on as long as there were children at home, there were family prayers.

Going to mother was like going to church. She always had some Scripture to quote and followed with a comment. Many a time did "Mother help me when I was in trouble or had a decision to make.

After I left home and entered the ministry, Mother's prayers and letters followed me. In her writing she would give a few items of home news then enter into Scripture quotations and finish by urging her preacher son to be true to his Lord and preach the whole gospel. I owe much to my Christian Mother.

### Center Point News

By MRS. RUBY FRENCH  
(Delayed)

Mr. Bill Cox of Imperial, Mo., visited Grandma Johnson in the John Walton home one day last week.

Mrs. Bob Kirby visited her sister, Mrs. Marvin Spinks, last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin were Brownwood visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. French called in the Slick Vines home

Friday.  
Mrs. Henkes and Mrs. Edith Straley called in the John Walton home Thursday.

Mrs. Ellis Shelton visited Mrs. Ray Hammond Friday.

Mrs. Velma Johanson ate lunch with Mrs. Thelma Spinks Friday. In the afternoon Mrs. Judson Strickland came and the ladies made corsages.

Several from here attended the Weathers funeral services Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simpson of Mullin and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simpson Jr. and baby of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamilton last weekend. Mrs. W. H. Simpson Jr. and baby remained for a longer visit with her parents, before returning to Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Spinks attended a birthday party for Mrs. Page at the Henry Curtis home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leonhard visited in the Willie Groth home Thursday night.

Mrs. E. P. Shelton is not doing so well at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Griffin of Priddy visited the Arthur Griffins Sunday.

Miss Katherine Locke of Howard Payne College visited her parents and sister Sunday. Little Bill Laughlin has the mumps at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miller and Debbie of Atlanta, Georgia are visiting Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Mahan at this time.

Billie Ethridge spent the weekend at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ethridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Spinks

attended funeral services for Mr. Duren Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Fallon is doing nicely at this time and glad to have her son and wife back in Lampasas, "now I can see them more often," Mrs. Fallon said.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden called in the Willie Groth home Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. French and Mrs. Ellis Shelton visited Mr. and Mrs. Steve Singleton Thursday night.

### Hillside Mission

By LIDA BYRNE

Where can we go to get help? The Bible says: "And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?" — Isaiah 10:3.

God's Word tells us: "Trust

in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." — Proverbs 3:5-6.

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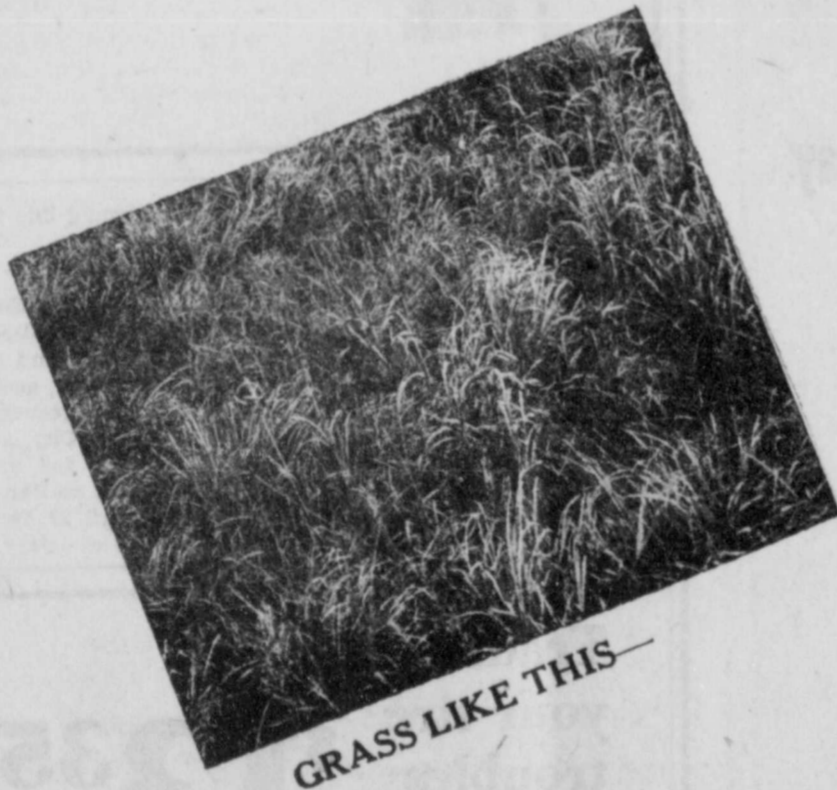
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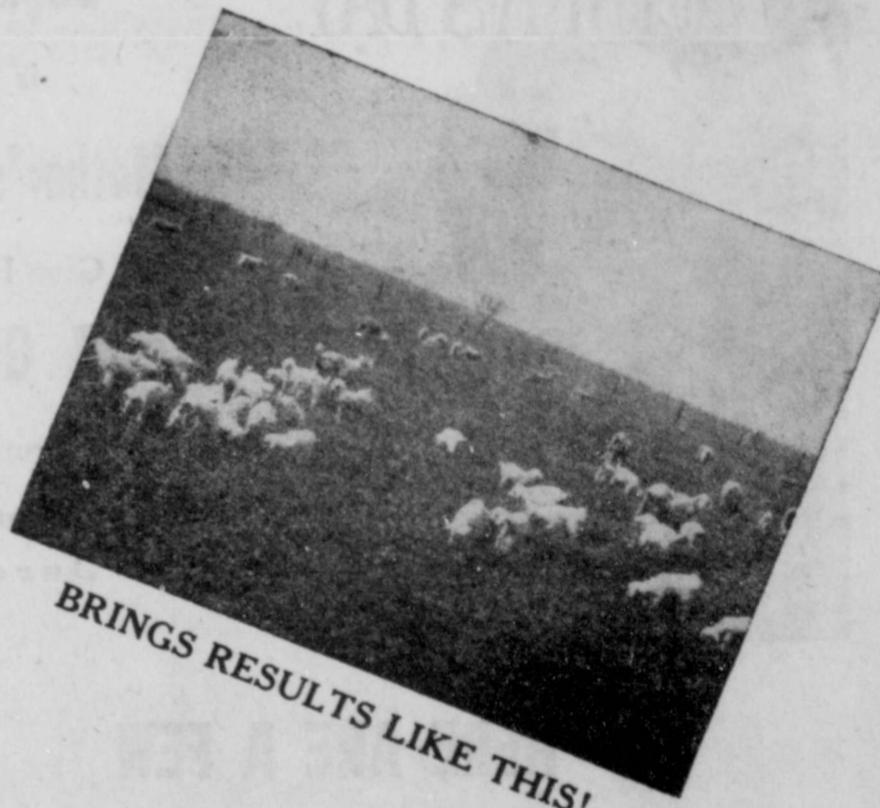
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## IN OBSERVANCE OF SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK

This week has been designated as Soil Conservation Week—a period in which emphasis will be placed on the importance of conserving and improving the productivity of the soil for crop and pasture.

We are glad to co-operate with the Soil Conservation District supervisors here, with other representative groups, in emphasizing this program.

### LET'S CONSERVE AND BUILD OUR SOIL

It's a practical, worthwhile and profitable plan—Mills County's future depends on the Soil.

## DAVID WATTERS

Co-operator with  
Brown-Mills Soil Conservation  
District

## Mills County Little League Club Meets Monday Night, May 5

Members of the Mills County Little League baseball club met Monday night at the Lone Star Gas Co. office and discussed the set-up for the season. It was voted that we carry some kind of insurance on the boys which would cost the parents very little, it was also voted to hire a ground keeper. All boys who are eligible to play Little and Pony League must sign and have parent to sign agreement. These agreements can be obtained at Lone Star Gas office, Hudson Drug and PCA office.

Boys visiting Goldthwaite will have to register with the secretary and will be able to play two weeks after registering and the president will assign him to a team.

Umpires for the season are Charles Conradt, John Warlick, Howard Hoover, and S. T. Thornton.

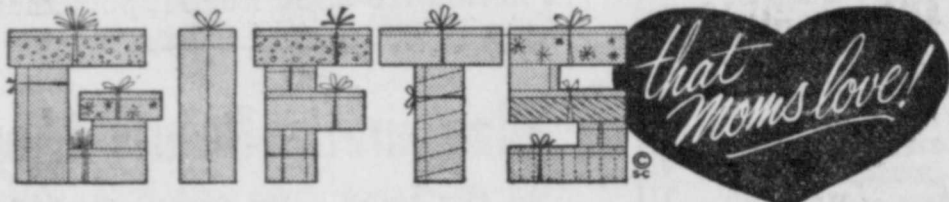
Finance committee: W. P. Duren, Howard Hoover and Raymond Summy.

Managers and their teams will be announced later.

Those who attended are as follows: John Elliott, L. R. Rudd, Roy Loudermilk, Lewis Hudson, S. T. Thornton, Delmar Sears, Howard Hoover, L. J. Ward, R. C. McCollum, Tommy Karnes, John Warlick, Charles Conradt, and H. G. Lee of Star.

### Too Late To Classify

**HAY BALING**  
Cutting and Baling wanted;  
Automatic tying. Write or see  
Bill Smith, Bulls Creek.  
5-8-4tp.



**MOTHER'S DAY**

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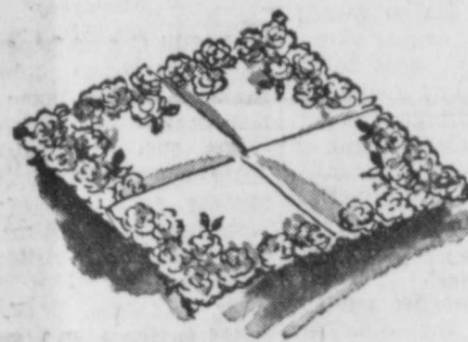
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### Goldthwaite P-TA To Meet Monday Night

The Goldthwaite P-TA will meet Monday night, May 12, at 7:30 in the elementary school luncheon.

Officers for the new year will be installed. After the program everyone is invited to play dominoes or "42".

Mrs. Claude Dickerson will keep children in her home for

anyone who would like to leave them.

### ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICE AT RANGER ON WEDNESDAY

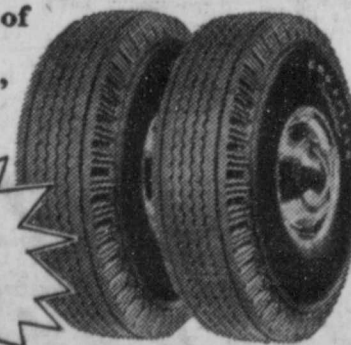
Mrs. Oia Howell and brother, Truman Hill of Star, accompanied by another brother, Oscar B. Hill of Center City, attended funeral services for an aunt, Mrs. Albert Hill, at Ranger last Wednesday, April 30. Interment was in Bullock cemetery.

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**LOCAL SCS STAFF**—Pictured here are members of the local Conservation Work Unit Staff. Left to right, I. Hubert Copeland, Soil Conservationist; Hubert L. Berry, Work Unit Conservationist; and Carl Casbeer, Conservation Aide. (SCS Photo)

## Waterways Declared Most Important Part Of Successful Terrace System

**By HUBERT COPELAND**  
Soil Conservationist

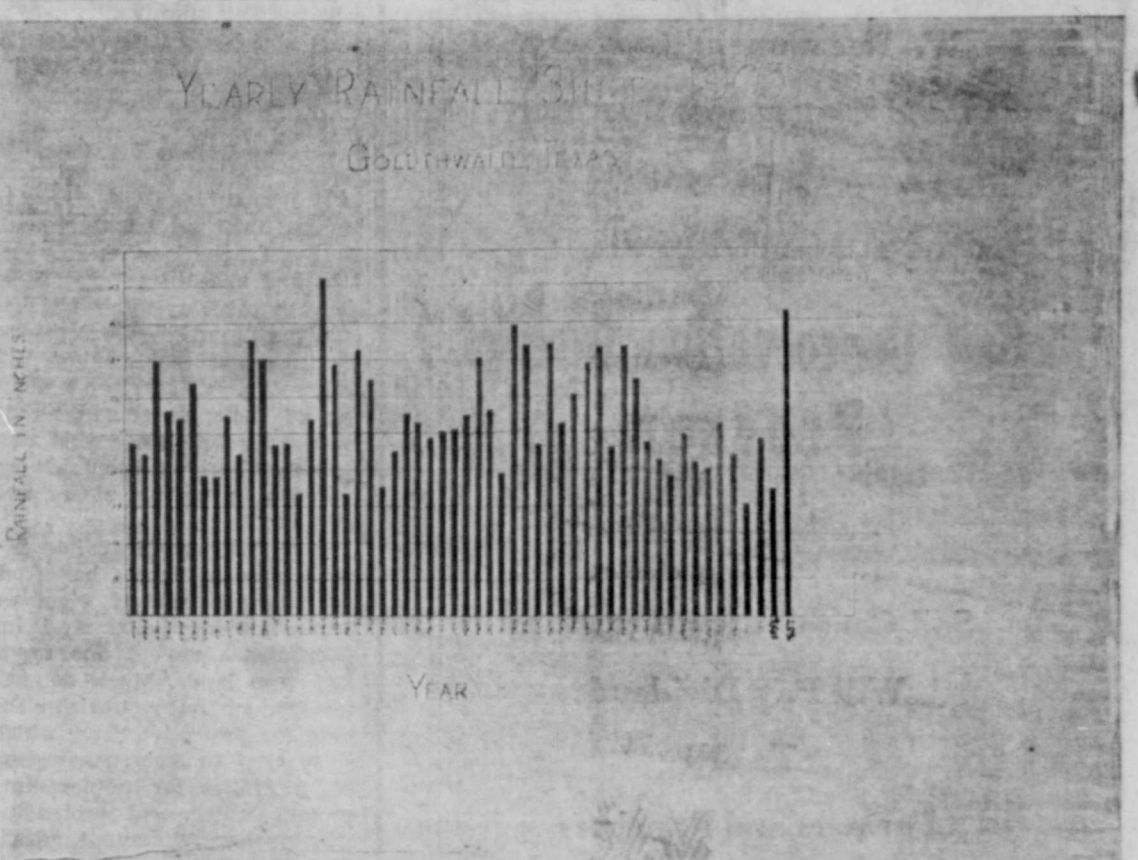
Grassed Waterways—The waterway is the most important part of a terrace system because if it fails, gullies will form. During heavy rains more water falls on nearly all cropland than can be held by the best crop rotations, contour farming or terraces. This water will run off through some kind of waterway. Unless a safe waterway is provided, gullying will result.

Usually it is easiest and cheapest to use a natural depression for a grass waterway to carry the water safely. On some farms there is no natural depression that can be used, and a waterway must be constructed in some other place.

Carrying water is not the only use of a grass waterway. Many are used as hay fields, others are used for pasture. High production of grass is usually obtained due to the extra water from the terraces.

Choose a grass that is suited to the soil. Use two or three times as much seed as would be used for pasture seeding. Better results are obtained when grass is seeded in a dead cover such as sudan or grain sorghum stubble. Native grass mixtures and K. R. bluestem have proved to be the most satisfactory grasses in this area.

If a waterway is needed to complete your water disposal system, the supervisors of the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District urge you to contact the ASC office for cost-share payments and prior approval. Soil conservation service personnel will assist with layout and seeding.



**It's the rain you KEEP that counts.**

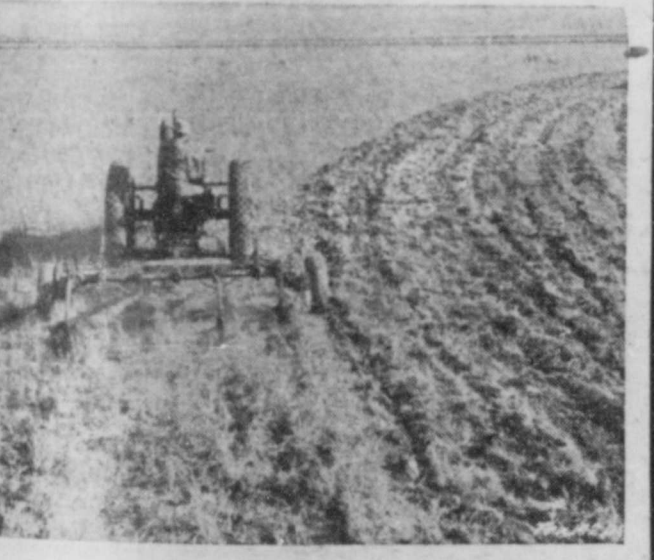
**RAINFALL SINCE 1903**—This chart shows the annual rainfall for Goldthwaite from 1903 through 1957.

It is interesting to note that in 1957 the rainfall recorded here was the second highest in the 55 year record. In 1957 rainfall here measured a little over 40 inches. Highest rainfall recorded here during the 55 years was in 1919 when over 45 inches was recorded.

Another interesting phase of this chart is the fact that prior to 1957 there were eleven years of below normal rainfall. Starting in 1946 and continuing through 1956 the amount of rainfall recorded here was below the long term normal average of 30.14 inches. The year 1954 was the record low of below 15 inches.

Farmers and ranchers in Mills County have come to realize during the past few years that, "It's the rain you keep that counts," is a highly important factor in their operations.

## STRONG SOIL BUILDS STRONG BODIES



WE REMAIN STRONG as a nation only so long as our SOILS REMAIN FERTILE. Poor soils produce poor bodies... and poor bodies cannot form a strong nation.

Unless we take steps to increase the amount of SOIL BUILDING, and decrease the amount of soil erosion, this nation will follow in the footsteps of other great nations of the past who totally exhausted their soils and then became only historic ruins.

### — SOIL CONSERVATION PAYS —

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## Many Factors To Be Considered In Life Expectancy Of Terrace System

**By CARL M. CASBEER**

How long should a terrace system last? This question is asked many times by those who are planning to spend their money in the construction of terraces.

In order to determine the life expectancy of a terrace system there are many things that must be considered. First, a sound terrace outlet is a basic requirement in the construction of a terrace system. Without a safe means of disposing of excess water of the terrace system the system will not function properly.

Terraces properly located, constructed and adequately supported by sound cropping and tillage methods provide another effective measure in lengthening the life of a system. A terrace system alone will eventually fail without proper treatment of the land. A combination of good agronomic practices with the terraces will lead to a permanent agriculture.

To assist in prolonging the life of a terrace good construction methods should be followed. The width of ridge and channel type terraces should be wide enough for easy cultivation.

Maintenance is a must if the terrace is to retain its effectiveness after years of use. Year to year operations of a field will tend to wear down the terrace ridge or fill in the channel, making the size decrease. Proper maintenance plowing of terraces each year will keep well constructed terraces functioning properly.

Terraces are expensive—prolong their life by good terrace maintenance.

## Proclamation

WHEREAS this Great Country of ours was developed under a tall grass cover; and

WHEREAS our native grasses are more effective than any other type of plant life in conditioning the soil for continued high production; and

WHEREAS the soil, which all of us, town and country people alike, live from—is our most valuable material resource; and

WHEREAS the land is our base, for everything that we do, all we share, our nation and people depend on the productivity of our soil; and

WHEREAS good top soil and water are the main things that make the land productive; and

WHEREAS top soil is not permanent, but can be removed or severely damaged by improper use and lack of care; and

WHEREAS conservation means abundant production on a sustained basis as an integral part of our community and national welfare;

THEREFORE, I, as County Judge of Mills County, Texas, do hereby designate the week of May 5 to 11 as SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK.

John L. Patterson

County Judge  
Mills County, Texas

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## Proper Use Of Water Supply Poses Problem That Is National In Scope

By E. J. HUGHES  
Area Conservationist  
Brownwood, Texas

Conservation of soil, water and plants has never before been recognized as being so vital to the welfare of man. It is a prob-

lem that is national in scope, affecting every person—rural or urban, all 165 million that we count today—plus the anticipated millions resulting from our ever-increasing population.

We have learned through

working with local farmers and ranchers that soil conservation and water conservation are inseparable. To conserve soil means conserving water, just as conservation of water leads to conservation of soil.

Many people are beginning to wonder about the abundance of water which is necessary for balanced agricultural, industrial, recreational and municipal growth that will make for a healthy nation and especially a prosperous Texas. No one knows just how much water is available from surface recovery or underground stream flow, nor does anyone know what the water requirement for Texas will be. This uncertainty points up the need for more research, for more useable up to date information on water supply and water needs.

It seems that we do have enough water for a balanced agricultural, industrial, recreational and municipal growth that will make for a healthy nation and a healthy Texas if we can but take inventory and begin systematic development, management and use of this vast resource. There are a number of facts we should recognize in order to see this vast problem clearly and to guide our thinking in arriving at a sound solution.

Our water problem has not come upon us "like a bolt from the blue." It started when we began making heavy and indiscriminate use of our range and crop lands. Much damage occurred without recognizing the need for protective cover which is so vital to deep penetration of moisture for replenishing ground water and prolonging stream flow. Widespread misuse of range and crop land leads to lowered water tables and increased fast runoff which results in waste of precious rainfall. Denudation of the land has been followed by deterioration of soil structure, formation of crusts and pans that decreased storage capacity and forced wasteful flash runoff which has caused untold damage to flood plains, cities, municipal storage reservoirs downstream. This problem of soil and water



**FLOOD DAMAGE**—This photograph shows the damage done to a levee during recent hard rains in the Brown-Mills SCD. Runoff was too heavy during the rains and this levee gave way.

## Basic Tips For Soil Improvement

Are your soils run down? Are your acres hard to work and slow in absorbing water? Are crop yields going down instead of up? Are washes showing up after every rain?

conservation has been intensified and aggravated by a combination of cumulative events such as the expansion of irrigation, increased use of both ground and surface water, growth of cities, increased home use of water and high use by water using industries—and the current drought. Study of the situation leads to the inevitable conclusion that the state's water problem is a many-pronged, complicated and complex affair. It cannot be solved quickly or by a single barrelled measure. It is everybody's problem because everybody must have water.

The solution to the soil, water, and plant conservation problem may be summarized under four general steps:

- (1) A coordinated program of soil, water, and plant conservation applied to each farm and ranch, by watershed, which will:
  - a) hold and store sufficient moisture for profitable agriculture.
  - b) Reduce and prevent waste of soil and water through erosion.
  - c) Help regulate and prolong stream flow.
  - d) Help check and prevent runoff which produces damaging floods.
  - e) Reduce silt load washed into streams, channels and reservoirs.

- (2) A planned program of upstream flood prevention on tributaries in each watershed that will give flood protection to farms, ranches, municipalities, utilities, etc., where it has never been available before. Such program will consist of:
  - a) A program of land treatment to start "water management" where the raindrops fall.
  - b) Retardation structures where needed which will regulate discharge of floodwaters to a rate that stream channels can take without overflowing and to further reduce silt load getting into streams and reservoirs.

- (3) A system of downstream water storage structure to provide water for cities, industries and specialized agriculture during long periods of drought. It is often said that feast or famine characterizes our water supplies. Much planning needs to be done for conserving the vast quantity of water which is not only lost during high, intensive rainstorms but causes much damage downstream.
- (4) Economy of use and prevention of waste at all points of use including agriculture, domestic, municipalities and industries:
  - a) Use of more conservation irrigation systems on cropland.
  - b) Stopping waste of water at such points as leaky faucets, over watering of yards and gardens, etc.
  - c) Reuse of water in industries.
  - d) Other economies and efficiencies that will be found when we really get down to a study of our problem.

There is undoubtedly enough water for all of us in the present and foreseeable future provided we manage our water resources intelligently. We shall need, however, to do a better job than we have in the past even with normal rainfall. This is true because the demand for water is increasing rapidly and seems likely to continue to do so.

Want to improve the soil and get the production up and the debt down? Then take a lesson from Mother Nature.

Nature's method of building soils is a good prescription to follow in building production and protection into a soil. The following principles of Nature's method of building soil will bring those sick, lazy acres back into production.

**COVER**—Keep the land covered with litter or growing crops as much as possible for pro-

tection.  
**ORGANIC MATTER** — Grow crops for organic matter supply and leave all residue on the soil surface.

**FERTILITY** — Add fertilizer where needed.

**MINIMUM TILLAGE** — Keep livestock and equipment off of fields when wet to keep soil from packing.

**STRUCTURE** — Follow all above principles and grow deep-rooted legumes to encourage worms and bacteria and to improve air, water and root movement.

**RIGHT LAND USE**—Grow the kind of crop suited to the land.

**TERRACES OR DIVERSIONS** —Where needed in addition to above principles. Maximum production and good protection will be obtained if these principles are applied to the land.

## Amount Of Grass Is More Important Than Head Of Stock

Economical production of livestock depends not only on good quality livestock but on an abundance of good grasses protecting the soil while being held in reserve for any emergency.

The greatest need of grass-

lands is to get a better cover of the deep-rooted native grasses. They are the plants that produce the cheapest food.

It should be noted that livestock are usually the product of poor pasture. This can be remedied by working a system of rest for pastures. Grasses in their natural state of growth gather most of their food from the air. For leaf growth must be left on the plant to make good use of air, sunshine, water and food in the soil.

Grasses grazed too heavily produce much less and produce grass of a lower quality.

After the drought or years of livestock men are concerned about the amount of grass they have on the land the amount of water they store in the soil than the number of livestock they have.

The grass is the useable stock product, and when grass and number of livestock are in balance do better.

### Odd Fact

A Santa Monica woman divorced when she told her that marriage to a man wished he was a bachelor was bearable.

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## THE BETTER WE PRODUCE THE BETTER WE LIVE



## SOIL IS THE GREATEST PRODUCTION PLANT IN THE WORLD

When a manufacturer or company fails to keep his machinery in condition to be operated efficiently his plant soon becomes run down, and production declines. His profits decline and he is likely to face an extreme slump in business.

**THE FARMER AND RANCHER** also is a producer, and can face a similar situation. The **SOIL** is his manufacturing plant. If he fails to follow **SOIL** and **WATER CONSERVATION** practices, which will keep his land in good condition, his production is certain to decline. The farmer, too, may meet with financial disaster.

**WE ALL HAVE A STAKE IN THE LAND — LET'S WORK TO CONSERVE OUR SOIL.** See the supervisors of the local Soil Conservation District, or the representative of the Soil Conservation Service in your area about a complete planned Soil and Water Conservation program for your land.

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## The Good Earth



It smells good. It feels good. Treated properly and tended with care, it provides our food and our income. Handled without thought for the future, it withers and grows poor . . . depriving us of our livelihood.

Agricultural science has shown us the way to farm security by discovering new ways of soil conservation.

This week is **SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK**—and we are glad to cooperate with the Soil District supervisors here, and with other representative groups in emphasizing the importance of this program.

**PRODUCTION  
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**SOIL CONDITIONING  
A RESULT OF DEEP ROOTED LEGUMES**

By O. L. BOTTS,  
SOIL SCIENTIST

structure, that is a soil  
is mellow and crumbly,  
to provide water for  
clear water for cities and  
ranchry, prevent floods and  
prevent soil erosion.

The Brown-Mills Soil Conser-  
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cess moisture. For example vetch  
on the land to be followed by  
cotton will take a lot of moisture  
from the soil in the spring be-  
fore cotton planting time. In a  
wet spring season the vetch can  
be left growing until cotton  
planting time. It will help to dry  
out the soil so that the land can  
be planted several days sooner  
than if the soil was bare. In a  
dry spring the vetch can be cut  
loose from the ground before  
the soil gets too dry, and the  
mulch will conserve the mois-  
ture for the cotton crop.

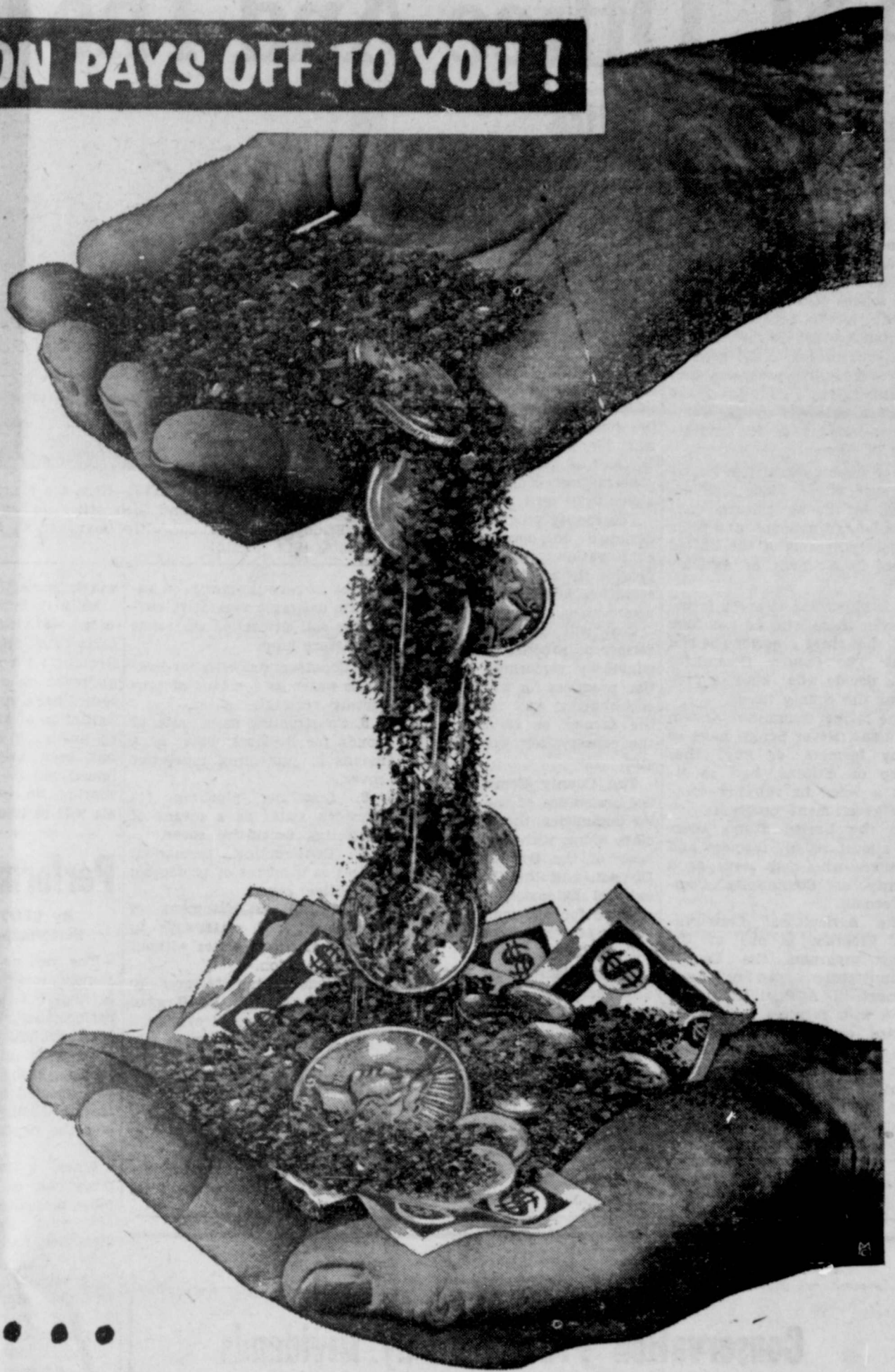
In order to maintain residue  
on the surface in cultivated  
land, special tillage equipment  
is necessary. To keep residue on  
the surface, subsurface tillage  
tools that loosen and pulverize  
the soil without burying the re-  
sidue are used. In order to keep  
the residue on the surface until  
the next crop is large enough to  
protect the soil, both tillage and  
planting operations must be  
done without burying the re-  
sidue. The sub-surface tiller has  
a sweep or blade that runs be-  
neath the surface. These tillers  
may have large single sweeps  
sometimes as much as eight feet  
across, or they may have several  
smaller sweeps. A sub-tiller with  
rolling coulters in front of the  
sweeps can work through a mat  
of residue without difficulty.  
Depth-gauge wheels on tillers  
add materially to the smooth-  
ness of operation.

Machines such as skew tread-  
ers may be used to pack the soil  
somewhat and help eradicate  
weeds. This machine consists of  
two lines of fingered wheels  
which cultivate as they rotate.  
A planter equipped with disk  
furrow openers is desirable for  
working through residue. To  
avoid clogging, a disk rolling  
coulters between the disks may  
be used. To maintain residue on  
the surface until the row crop  
has reached considerable height,  
a sweep type cultivator has been  
used. Large sweeps help to keep  
the mulch on the surface. Disk  
hillers may be mounted next to  
the rows to help eradicate weeds  
in the row.

No rigid system of cropping or  
rotation has been devised that  
can equal a flexible cropping  
plan in effective soil condition-  
ing and economy of production.  
Such a plan should take into  
consideration the soil, moisture  
and fertility conditions at each  
successive planting period of  
the year. Crops should be select-  
ed which will provide sufficient  
cover under these varying con-  
ditions.

The development and main-  
tenance of favorable soil struc-  
ture is associated with the grow-  
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virgin soil is likely to be better  
developed and more permanent  
than any that can be brought  
about by cultural or tillage  
practices. Management of cul-  
tivated vegetation to stimulate  
natural conditions as nearly as  
possible is the goal in building  
soil structure.

**CONSERVATION PAYS OFF TO YOU!**



**your  
SOIL  
is  
MONEY...**

Like any business, a farm must  
conserve its resources if it is to pay.  
We have confidence in the wisdom of  
our county's farmers. Many of them  
have already begun a program of  
soil and water conservation on their  
land.

If you are not already following  
conservation measures on your farm,  
call the Soil Conservation Super-  
visor of this county today. He will  
be glad to advise you on a program  
for your own land — and you'll reap  
the profits.

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# ASC Office And The Conservation Program

## Your County Committee

By LEE W. TABOR  
Office Manager

The task of the County Committee is similar in several respects to that of the board of directors of a bank or trustees of a school district.

Their job is not to attempt to manage day-to-day operations, but rather to set general policies covering programs and administration, and to make decisions reserved to the Committee because of its importance or nature.

It is an important job. Farmers everywhere today are affected by the agricultural conservation, adjustment, and price support programs of the United States Department of Agriculture.

It is important to every farmer, even those who do not take part, that these programs be run right. The County Committee helps decide what kind of programs the county needs.

The farmer committee system is unique. Never before have so many farmers, or any other group of citizens, had so direct a voice in running complex government programs.

In the United States there are almost 100,000 farmers and ranchers who now serve as a County or Community Committeeman.

The Agricultural Conservation Program is one of the many programs the County Committeemen help run. Through the ACP, all the people share with farmers the cost of needed conservation practices. The County Committee, along with the official representatives of other agencies in the county that will also participate, make final decision on which conservation practices are eligible for

ACP cost-share.

In all of this the County Committeemen are unique, in conservation leadership.

## ACP Program

By EULA OLIVER  
General Clerk

The fundamental purpose of the Agricultural Conservation Program is to provide a means by which the public can share with landowners and operators the cost of carrying out needed conservation work over and above their own resources.

The county program has been designed to encourage those conservation practices which provide the most enduring conservation benefits on the land where they are applied.

Cost will be shared with a farmer or rancher only on satisfactorily performed conservation practices for which Federal cost-sharing was requested by the farmer or rancher before the conservation work was begun.

The County Committee with the assistance of the Community Committee, the SCS Technician, along with the governing body of the Soil Conservation District, and the County Agricultural Extension Agent, have selected for this county the following practices on which costs will be shared.

1. Establishment of Additional Acreages of Vegetative Cover in Crop Rotation to Retard Erosion and to Improve Soil Structure, Permeability, or Waterholding Capacity.
2. Improvement of vegetative cover on range land by deferred grazing.
3. Controlling competitive



ASC COUNTY COMMITTEE—Here are members of the Mills County ASC Committee and their office manager. Left to right, Ray Priddy, Lee W. Tabor, office manager, O. B. Bell and E. L. Burkett. (SCS Photo)

shrubs to permit growth of adequate desirable vegetative cover for soil protection on range or pasture land.

4. Constructing wells for livestock water as a means of protecting vegetative cover.

5. Constructing dams, pits, or ponds for livestock water as a means of protecting vegetative cover.

6. Installing pipelines for livestock water as a means of protecting vegetative cover.

7. Constructing permanent fences as a means of protecting vegetative cover.

8. Initial establishment of permanent sod waterways to dispose of excess water without causing erosion.

9. Constructing terraces to detain or control the flow of water and check soil erosion.

10. Constructing diversion terraces to intercept runoff and divert excess water to protected outlets.

11. Leveling land for more efficient use of irrigation water to prevent erosion.

12. Establishing winter legumes in the fall of 1958 for

winter protection from erosion. Mills County has been allocated \$52,915.00, for 1958, to carry out approved practices.

Request for cost-shares will be approved on a first-come-first-served basis up to the maximum limitation of \$1,000.00 per farmer until the county allocation has been used. All approvals issued will be guaranteed cost-sharing. No conditional approvals will be issued.

## Performance

By CLOYES McNIEL  
Performance Supervisor

The various programs of the county could not possibly be carried out without checking performance. When a well has been drilled, and 26 livestock wells were drilled in 1957, the storage, casing, and pipe must be inspected to make sure that specifications have been met, and the depth must be measured.

When a farmer wishes to push oak or shinnery, oil or plow mesquite, grub pears, or cut cedar, the area must be measured and the per cent of infestation must be determined to establish the rate of payment. A later inspection must be made to see that the area has been controlled.

Checks must be made to see that livestock has been kept off of pastures being deferred. Over 3,200 acres of pastures were deferred in 1957.

After a farmer has built a cross-fence through a pasture, the rods of fence must be determined and the posts and wire must be checked to see that they meet specifications and that the posts are spaced close enough. 2,641 rods of fence were built in our county in 1957.

When a farmer plants legumes or grasses the area must be spot-checked to see that a good stand and growth has been obtained.

Wheat, cotton and peanuts must be measured and all acreages put in the Soil Bank program must be checked periodically to see that a cover crop has been established and that grazing is not permitted.

Last, but not least, the work of plotting acreages and keeping correct boundary lines on maps for the 1,059 farms in Mills County is a never-ending task.

## Wool Program

By LOIS B. HUDSON  
Wool Clerk

When the National Wool Act of 1954 went into effect the Secretary of Agriculture was directed to establish an incentive price for shorn wool so as to encourage a larger production of wool in the United States.

The incentive price for the 1957 marketing year is 62c. After the marketing year is over and the average price received for all producers is known the rate of the incentive payment will be the percentage required to bring the total national average price received by all producers up to the announced incentive price. Use of the percentage rate will recognize quality production and encourage producers to improve the quality and marketing of their wool to get the best price possible in the open market. In other words, the higher price the individual producer receives, the greater his payment. The announced percentage will be applied to the net proceeds received by each producer for the wool he marketed during the marketing year as shown by sales documents to determine the amount of payment to each producer.

The rate of payment for unshorn lambs sold during the marketing year will be a fixed number of cents per hundred weight of animals sold to reflect, on the average, the approximate number of pounds of wool on the animals at the time of marketing. The quantity of wool on unshorn lambs averages around five pounds per hundred weight of live animals.

Under the National Wool Act of 1954 the farmers of the nation voted to enter into an agreement with the American Sheep Producer's Council providing for advertising, promotional and related market development activities. The agreement provided for the reduction of not more than 1c per pound of the incentive payment for growers on wool marketed during the marketing year and 5c per hundred weight on unshorn lambs.

Payments will be made as soon as the national average price for wool is ascertained. This should be around June 15.

## Marketing Quotas And Allotment Program

By LOIS B. HUDSON  
Marketing Quota Clerk

Allotments and marketing quotas are in effect in Mills County for cotton, wheat and



ASC STAFF MEMBERS—Staff members of the ASC office. Left to right, Eula Oliver, Lois B. Hudson, Jerol Daniel and Ann Murray. Standing back of the office staff members is Clayton Niel, performance supervisor. (SCS Photo)

peanuts. In 1952, there were over 500 cotton allotments with 4,600 acres planted. In 1958 there are 216 allotments with 3,231.5 acres of allotment for the county.

There are 171 wheat allotments with 2,349.3 acres of wheat available for planting, and 54 peanut allotments with a county allotment of 1,196.2 acres.

Of course, many of the wheat and cotton allotments have been placed in the Soil Bank Acreage Reserve program which will greatly reduce the acreage planted to cotton and wheat for Mills County.

Any producer who desires an allotment on cotton, wheat, or peanuts, and who thinks he can meet the eligibility requirements should inquire at the ASC office.

## Loan Program

By ANN MURRAY  
Loan Clerk

Due to fine rains and good

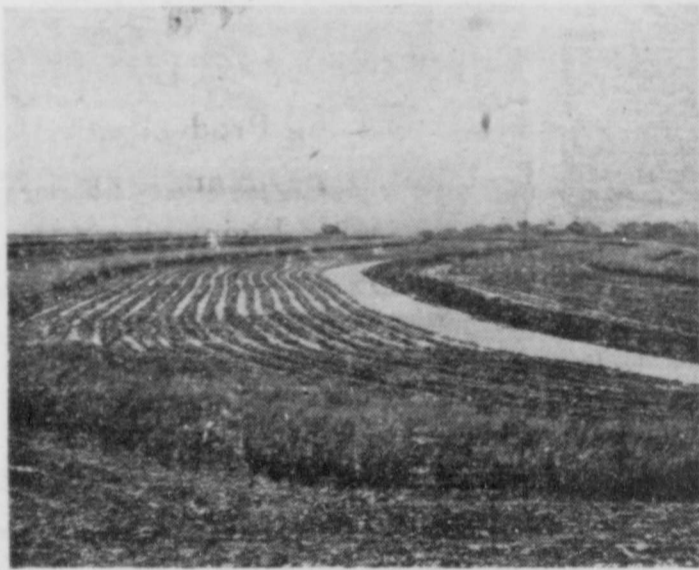
moisture, it seems that 1958 will be a good crop year. In view of these facts it is anticipated there will be no crop weather conditions to continue. It will be of interest to farmers to know there is a price support program for following commodities: wheat, oats, barley, grain sorghum, flax, cotton and peanuts.

There will most likely be a shortage of commercial storage facilities. To solve this problem a storage facility loan can be obtained through your local office, loaning 80% of the total cost of the structure including the foundation. Producers will have up to four years to repay the loan at a 4% interest.

Commodity loans are available for all commodities in approved warehouses. It is anticipated there are loans available for these commodities stored on the premises provided the storage structure meets standard specifications. There will also be a price support program for cotton, wheat, and peanuts.

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structions issued by the  
County Office.

**Bank  
gram**

By JEROL DANIEL  
Soil Bank Clerk  
two main objectives of  
Conservation Reserve of  
Soil Bank are (1) to take  
from production.  
by adjusting total produc-  
and reducing surpluses,  
(2) to establish and main-  
ground conservation prac-  
the land.  
Mills County, there are

about 75 farms with all or part  
of the cropland on each in the  
Conservation Reserve. The des-  
ignated reserve acreage on  
these farms (under 5- and 10-  
year contracts) is for the most  
part being seeded to perman-  
ent grasses.

Some of the more popular  
grasses are Blue Panic, Sor-  
ghum Almum, and Johnson  
grass. However, Perennial Sweet  
Sudangrass, Side Oats Grama,  
Buffalo, King Ranch Bluestem,  
and Sand Love may be seeded.

In Mills County the annual  
payment rate per acre is \$8.00,  
and the Federal cost-share for  
establishing a conservation  
practice may range up to 80%  
of the cost of establishing the  
practice.

In 1957 approximately 4,500  
acres of Mills County cropland  
was placed in the Conservation  
Reserve, while in 1958 the acre-  
age being placed in the reserve  
is considerably less.

The Conservation Reserve  
acreage may neither be grazed  
nor may a crop be harvested  
from it during the entire 5- or  
10-year period.

Purpose of the Acreage Re-  
serve of the Soil Bank, a 1-year  
program, is to divert cropland  
from the production of exces-  
sive supplies of agricultural  
commodities by compensating  
the farmer for reducing his  
acreage below his allotment.

In this area, acreage reserve  
agreements were taken cover-  
ing wheat and cotton allot-  
ments. For 1958 a total of 17  
farms have 399.7 acres under  
Wheat Acreage Reserve agree-  
ments. Also, through Feb. 20,  
1958, seventy producers placed  
their entire cotton allotments



**TERRACES GONE**—Terraces alone is not the answer to water con-  
servation and erosion control on the cropland in this area. Photo  
shows terrace that was recently constructed and not well settled  
when heavy rains hit. Note scouring and erosion in foreground.

**Farm Pond One Of Practices To  
Give Maximum Grass Production**

By BOB ROTHE

What is a farm pond? To the  
casual observer a farm pond  
probably appears to be a small  
body of water impounded be-  
hind an earthen dam. To the  
practical stockman a farm pond  
is one of several tools used in  
converting his raw material in-  
to a salable product. The raw  
material is grass and the sal-  
able product is livestock or liv-  
estock products in the form of  
beef, mutton, wool, mohair and  
milk.

It has been estimated that  
beef cattle and horses need  
about 15 gallons of water per  
day, dairy cattle about thirty  
gallons per day, and sheep or  
goats about two gallons per day.

A good farm pond must sup-  
ply year around water based on  
the number of livestock and the  
daily use figures given above.

Research figures show that  
during a year ponds in this area  
lose about seven feet of water  
from evaporation. Depth then  
is a very important item to con-  
sider in building a pond. Expe-  
rience indicates that a pond  
fifteen feet deep will furnish a  
dependable water supply.

Seepage is another factor to  
consider in constructing a pond.  
Certainly no one would dig a

fifteen foot pond in a sand bed  
only to have it seep dry in a  
few days.

The best material for con-  
struction is sand with just  
enough clay to make it hold  
water. About fifteen to twenty  
per cent clay is most desirable.  
A higher per cent of clay will  
hold water but makes a more  
erosive fill.

In extreme cases ponds can be  
treated with salt or driller's  
mud and compacted, to make  
them water-tight. It is desir-  
able to have a ratio between the  
drainage area in acres and the  
storage in acre feet of about  
thirty to one.

A large pond built on a small  
drainage area will not stay full.  
Small ponds on large drainage  
areas will silt up rapidly and  
will require large expensive  
spillways.

A pond is as good as its spill-  
way. Spillways should be large  
enough to carry the runoff  
from the largest rain expected  
once in fifty years. Not only  
should the spillway be large  
enough but it should be pro-  
tected from erosion by a good  
vegetative cover.

To furnish year around water  
ponds should be deep, hold wa-  
ter, protected from excessive  
siltation, and have an adequate  
spillway.

Keeping in mind that the  
stockman is engaged in the  
business of converting grass to  
salable livestock products, it is  
not enough for the pond to  
furnish year round water. To  
be a good tool the ponds must  
be located so that grass har-  
vesting occurs evenly through-  
out a pasture.

Livestock gather about water-

ing places. Grass in the im-  
mediate vicinity of a pond is  
shortest while that the farthest  
away is the most abundant. In  
extreme cases range around a  
pond could be in poor condition  
while that in the farthest re-  
aches of the pasture could be in  
excellent condition. This some-  
times occurs.

The problem then is to locate  
watering places in a pasture so  
that uniform grassing is ob-  
tained. Ponds located from one-  
quarter to one-half mile apart  
seem to be the best job of pro-  
moting even grazing. Locating  
salting places away at different  
spots from ponds and feeding  
grounds at different sites from  
either ponds or salt locations  
are two practices that supple-  
ment good pond locations.

Well located watering places  
throughout the range also per-  
mit the stockman to utilize  
another tool in managing his  
grass. Strategically located  
ponds permit cross fencing so  
that a part of the range can be  
rested each year. This defere-  
ment is best done during the  
spring growing season and al-  
lows the grass to build up a  
healthy root system. The top  
growth provides protection a-  
gainst erosion and gets rainfall  
into the ground where it is  
stored for future grass growth.

While good range manage-  
ment is dependent upon advan-  
taneously located water supply  
the life of a pond is certainly  
dependent upon the condition of  
its drainage area. Denuded  
ranges permit high rates of  
runoff with great loads of silt.

These high runoff rates create  
difficult and expensive spillway  
problems. The accompanying  
silt load soon fills the pond with  
mud and results in a low quality  
of water.

Livestock, especially sheep,  
bog down in the mud deposited  
by the runoff from bare ranges.  
A good grass cover absorbs a  
greater part of the rainfall and  
slows down the rate of runoff.  
Spillways are better able to  
handle the excess. Siltation is  
held to a minimum and a high  
quality of water results. Swim-  
ming and fishing are additional  
recreational benefits received  
from ponds with good grass  
cover on their drainage areas.

Range conservation is aimed  
at sustained maximum produc-  
tion of grass. To achieve this  
goal requires several integrated  
management practices such as  
resting a part of the range each  
growing season, proper distri-  
bution of water for uniform  
grazing, and reasonable stock-  
ing rates. No one of these prac-  
tices by itself will achieve the  
desired results. They are all re-  
lated and dependent on each  
other for maximum livestock  
production. A farm pond then  
is one of several integrated  
management practices designed  
to give sustained maximum  
grass production.

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**Soil Erosion  
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Erosion is sometimes classed  
as a sin. Like a thief it robs the  
landowner of his most valuable  
possession—his soil. We all re-  
sent this loss.

Excessive losses from erosion  
can be stopped. It can be con-  
trolled by the landowner with  
the use of cover crops, crop re-  
sidue management, good perma-  
nent grass and other practices.

Organic matter or humus,  
in other words, decaying crop  
residue is considered the life of  
the soil because of its desirable  
effect on soil structure and be-  
cause it increases the number  
of beneficial soil organisms in  
the soil.

Organic matter increases the  
water-holding capacity of the  
soil. It will also cause water to  
be absorbed faster and reduce  
runoff and erosion.

A good cover, whether it is  
a dead cover of residue or close  
growing plants, will reduce the  
chance of soil particles being  
torn loose and washed away.  
Cover also lowers soil tempera-  
ture during hot days and de-  
creases evaporation.

Mechanical practices such as  
terraces, diversions and contour  
cultivation, are the tools of  
better management. Terraces  
are sometimes considered a  
necessary evil because they are  
hard to work and must be  
maintained, but some fields  
must have terraces if they are  
to be cultivated. Without ter-  
races these fields would produce  
less each year.

Permanent grasses for pas-  
ture is the only alternative for  
those fields that are too steep  
to be cultivated without caus-  
ing erosion.

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- Strip Cropping, 12,000 Acres
- Terracing, 3,500 Miles
- Contour Farming, 200,000 Acres
- Border Irrigation, 8,500 Acres

**RANGELAND**

- Proper Use of Rangeland, 750,000 Acres
- Deferred Grazing, 500,000 Acres
- Range Seeding, 12,000 Acres
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- Farm Ponds, 2,000
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FARM PONDS PROVIDE GOOD FISHING

## Farmers And Ranchers Derive Many Benefits From Well Planned Ponds

By CARL CASBEER

Farm ponds built by farmers and ranchers in the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District are proving to have varied uses. Not only are they furnishing water for livestock but also recreation and from 200 to 300 pounds of meat per year to the one owning the pond.

Certain precautions should be taken in selecting a site for a pond. Poor selection of pond site will result in unsatisfactory watering and recreational facilities. The type and size of the watershed should be the first consideration. A well vegetated watershed, which reduces the siltation problem, is the most desirable. The size of the watershed varies with the amount of water to be stored. A good rule to follow in determining the size of the watershed is to have 25 acres of drain for each acre foot of water you expect to store. Depth of stored water plays an important role in any good farm pond. The

deeper the pond the better the water. Evaporation is less and the water cooler in the deeper ponds.

The "MUST" of any farm pond which functions properly is a well vegetated spillway. The size of the spillway should be in proportion to the size of the drainage area. An accurate design should be made of the spillway in order to assure it handling the excess water. A few dollars invested in a good spillway in the beginning is insurance for the protection of your pond.

Good fishing from a farm pond requires planning and proper management. Proper stocking of a farm pond with fish is as essential as properly stocking your rangeland with livestock. Overstocked ponds will produce undersized fish and reduce the number of pounds per acre to be harvested. In stocking a pond approximately 1,000 to 1,500 blue gills and 100 to 150 bass per surface acre is desirable.



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## Pond Fertilization Is Needed For Production Of Large Fish

By I. H. COPELAND

Pond fertilization will serve two important purposes—it will help produce large fish in a short length of time and assist in controlling pond weeds growing below the water surface. Everyone likes to catch large

fish and not be bothered with weeds fouling the fishing line. Microscopic plant and animal life, a link in the fish food chain, is greatly increased by pond fertilization. When these are abundant the small fish do well, and in turn become food for larger fish—the kind we like to catch.

Increase in fish production and the prevention of submerged weeds are best brought about by fertilization of the pond. In the spring a complete fertilizer should be used at the rate of 100 pounds per surface acre of the pond. Three to six applications will be required at 10 day intervals.

Good livestock and fish ponds are not accidental. Some planning in the beginning will bring untold hours of pleasure in the form of fishing and a dependable livestock water supply for years to come.

When a pond has enough microscopic plants and animals the water will be a "soupy" brown or green color. This will starve the submerged weed for sunlight.

Mixed fertilizers such as 5-10-5, 8-8-8-, 4-12-4 and others are very good and are easy to apply. Normally 200 to 500 pounds will be needed for each surface acre of water.

The pond fertilization program should be started about March 1 and continue until June 1, but should cease then

because of danger of depleting oxygen in the water.

The first fertilization should be about 100 pounds of fertilizer for each surface acre of water. If the water does not show a definite color change, another 100 pounds of fertilizer should be added about a week later.

When the "bloom" is established, it should be maintained. There is no need to add additional fertilizer until the "bloom" begins to fade. A "rule of thumb" can be followed in determining need for fertilizer.

At weekly intervals thrust arm into the water up to the elbow. If your thumb is not definitely visible, the bloom is sufficient. If your thumb is clearly visible more fertilizer is needed. Practice this system until about June 1.

If the pond is small, fertilizer can be scattered from the banks. A boat may be needed for the larger ponds. The water exceeding 8 feet should not be fertilized.

— IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE —

## Grass Not Beef, Wool Or Mohair Is Rancher's Primary Cash Crop

Most ranchers know a great deal about livestock but know less about the crop on which their livestock depends and which actually determines the success of their operations.

Proper grazing is necessary for maximum grass growth. Approximately 95 per cent of all grass growth is due to food materials manufactured in the leaves or blades of grass. The other five per cent of growth results from the soil. The grass plant is a food factory. The leaves make food which is transported to the roots to grow more roots so more leaves will grow. If the leaves are grazed off the plant loses part of its ability to make plant food. Continued loss of leaves weakens the roots to the extent that the plant will die of starvation or perish from dry weather. By leaving half of the

above ground portion of grass, continued growth of plant is assured.

The take half-leave half principle can be used to any pasture or range in Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District. The half of the son's growth of grass left on the range is like a wisely invested. It provides growth, so that the half each year will increase. It provides a litter that serves as mulch against erosion, against loss of moisture against evaporation.

The use of supplemental grazing can make it possible to range and pasture defunct. Livestock numbers should be kept in balance with the amount of grass. More pounds of lamb, wool and mohair are produced only when there is enough grass to produce

# There Was A Time---



Yes, there was a time, about the time when the telephone first made its appearance as a vital link between town and country, a farmer or rancher could move on to new ground when his acreage slowed down in production. The need for protecting and conserving the soil was given little thought in those days.

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## The Cost Of Keeping A Cow, Ewe, Or Nannie A Year, Outlined Here

By HUBERT L. BERRY

What does it cost to keep a cow, a ewe or a nannie for a year? This depends, of course, on the condition of your range. Many livestock men will agree that it costs approximately fifty dollars to keep a cow or seven dollars to keep a ewe or nannie per year. A cow will eat about 27 pounds of grass per day and a ewe will eat approximately four pounds. This means roughly that a cow needs 9,855 pounds of dry grass per year and a ewe needs 1,460.

A range capable of producing 4,000 pounds of grass per acre would graze one cow to five acres and one ewe to .7 of an acre annually, following the rule of taking half and leaving half to maintain high production.

A range in poor condition, however, is capable of produc-

ing only one thousand pounds, or less, of dry grass per year. This would mean then that it would take 20 acres to run a cow and 3 acres to run a sheep if any improvement in range condition is expected.

Good grass on good ranges can't be beaten for economical production of livestock. Livestock must have good feed to produce efficiently. Good feed can be produced most abundantly and cheaply on ranges that support a good cover of healthy, vigorous-growing grasses.

There are different kinds of grasses, differing in their growth habits, and other characteristics, just as there are different kinds of livestock. The ranchers well know the difference in livestock, and so do they need to know the different characteristics of the grasses and other forage plants and the management requirements of each if they are to get the most out of them.

The above cost to keep different classes of livestock can be lowered or raised depending on the management by the farmer or rancher.

### SCS And SCD— Know The Difference

There is a difference between Soil Conservation Service and the Soil Conservation District even though the SCS and SCD alphabetical abbreviation may be somewhat similar.

SCD is a Soil Conservation District, a legal sub-division of the state, similar to a county or school district; organized and governed by its landowners for the purpose of promoting and practicing soil conservation.

SCS is the Soil Conservation Service, a technical Federal agency of the United States Department of Agriculture dealing with problems relating to the soil, water, and plant conservation. The assistance of the

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SHEEP AND GOATS GRAZING IN GOOD COVER AS A RESULT OF PROPER RANGE MANAGEMENT ON LANGFORD BROS. RANCH AT PRIDDY.

## Deferred Grazing Of Rangeland Gaining Popularity With Cooperators

By THOMAS N. SHIFLET  
RANGE CONSERVATIONIST

Deferred grazing is a range management practice that is gaining popularity with soil conservation district cooperators all over the state. It has been found to be the fastest and most economical method of improving and protecting native rangeland. It is applied by resting all livestock from range pasture land for various periods of time depending upon needs of the land. On ranges where fair condition does not allow more desirable vegetation to come in, more vigorous, accumulate litter, and produce better reproduction. On pastures in better condition it will maintain the vigor of the plants, maintain cover for soil protection and seed production and establish a "die-off" period. The ultimate goal of deferred grazing is to improve and maintain rangeland so as to

achieve peak forage production and maximum soil, water and plant conservation.

Ranchers planning to defer a pasture should be careful not to put excessive numbers of livestock in the remaining pastures on the ranch which would result in damage to these pastures.

Conservation-minded ranchers are using several periods of deferment. The most popular is summer and fall rest which runs from June 1st until two weeks after frost, approximately. This period allows established warm season plants to become vigorous, produce seed crops and make additional growth for soil protection and winter grazing. Seedlings are permitted to develop good root systems and become well established. Winter growing plants are able to make initial growth before being grazed.

Spring deferment is another period used by many ranchers as a part of their conservation plans. This period extends from February 1st through July 1st.

It is beneficial in allowing seedlings produced from previous year's seed to come up and become well established. Quite often this period is used following fall and summer deferment the year before. It also permits plants established in the past to make additional top growth which aids in root development, penetration of roots into the soil and in storage of food reserves in the crown and roots. Cool-seasoned grasses are allowed to produce seed crops during spring deferment.

Fall and winter deferment from September to February is sometimes used to allow winter growing grasses to produce seed crops and produce top growth for soil protection and to allow choice summer growing grasses to make seed crops.

Conservation ranchers agree that deferment should start with the pasture that has the highest per cent of desirable plants present. This pasture will improve the fastest and reach top condition in the shortest time. This pasture should be rested each year during the growing season of the principle grasses until the desired condition is reached before starting on another one.

A full year's deferment is

quite often needed on ranges in extremely poor condition as many are due to the severe drought. The initial goal on these ranges is to provide cover and litter for soil protection to prevent excessive soil and water loss. Cover must be present before substantial improvement can be made on ranges of this condition.

Some of the factors which indicate the need for deferred grazing are: important grasses and herbs are closely grazed and in poor vigor, bare ground present, litter needed for soil protection, soil is crusted on the surface and less desirable plants being grazed excessively. With these factors in mind the deferment period which will correct the most important conditions should be used. Cooperators in many districts have found it beneficial to work out a system or rotational deferment which gives each pasture a rest during a given period of years.

A large number of ranchers are making plans now to defer one or more pastures in 1958.

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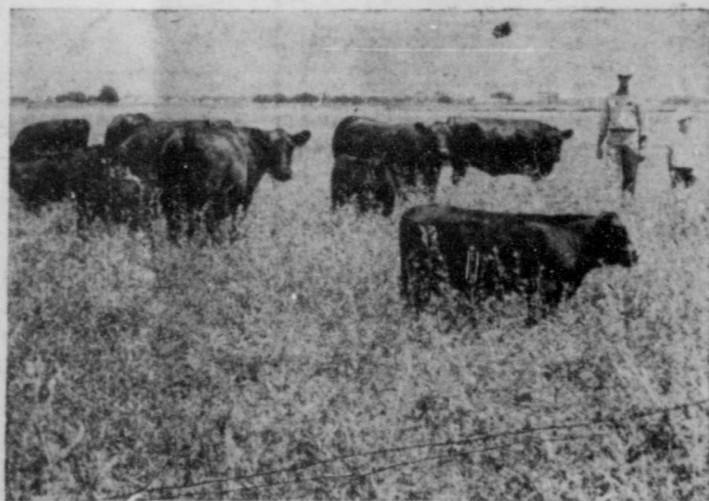
We are glad to cooperate with the Soil District supervisors here, and with other representative groups in emphasizing the importance of this program!

**Dellis and Graves**

Cooperator with Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District

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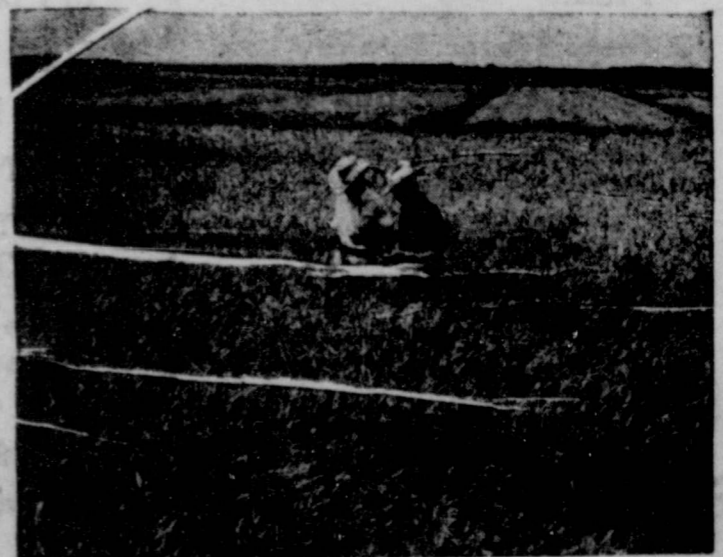
But here are a few startling facts about this America of ours that we ought to be thinking about. Of our two billion acres of agriculturally useful land, 60% of it is either ruined or badly damaged.

Despite soil conservation work, we are putting back into our land, only one-third of the fertility which wind, rain, heat and crops take from it each year!

HERE IN AMERICA it took 500 to 1,000 years to form one inch of topsoil. A heavy rain . . . or wind erosion on a dry cultivated MILLS COUNTY field can undo in one single afternoon, what it took 1,000 years to create!

PROPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION methods will do much to enable you to conserve valuable moisture . . . organic matter—and thereby get greater crop yields!

Speaking from experience over a number of years with Soil Conservation practices I want to recommend the program to all Mills County farmers and ranchers. Soil Conservation will pay dividends.



**L. B. BURNHAM**

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MILLS COUNTY AGENT George Reese is pictured here in his office in the courthouse. Shown with Mr. Reese, on the wall in the background, are a few of the many banners, ribbons and award winning championship pictures of 4-H club projects in Mills County during the past several years. (ASC Photo).

## Range Management!

By GEORGE G. REESE  
County Agent

Grass is our basic heritage. It is Texas' greatest and most neglected resource. Good forage plants are essential for economical livestock production but many Texas operators with highly bred animals do not have top pastures. Kinds of grasses differ as much as types of cattle, sheep or goats. As in livestock, some plants are pure-breds, others good doers and some scrubs or culls.

It takes a combination of well-bred animals on the best kind of forage man and nature will let grow on a native pasture to net the most returns. Livestock depend on native range vegetation for 75 to 90 per cent of their feed. Thus, it is time that all operators know what kind of a grass crop they are growing on their pastures. It will require a knowledge of the plants, growth characteristics and best seasons of grazing to manage them properly.

The basic resources of range-

land are soil, water and good vegetation. Conservation of soil and water depends upon keeping a good plant cover. Originally, the vegetation on our rangelands was mostly grass, but today on thousands of acres there are many plants of low forage value such as brush and weeds.

The main reasons for the deterioration of rangeland in Texas has been overstocking, poor distribution of livestock on the pastures, lack of water facilities and poor management plans. These causes have been made more serious by drought, but they point the way to improved range conditions through proper management.

**Range Practices:** Grasses are the foundation of the livestock industry. Take half and leave half of the current year's forage growth is a good rule to remember. On a properly grazed pasture, as long as it has 50 per cent of current growth remaining at all times of the year, it is properly used. Cropland

## Up-Stream Flood Prevention Dams a Must For Satisfactory Land Treatment Program

By E. J. HUGHES

Up-stream flood prevention dams are tied in with a Soil Conservation land treatment program for assurance of satisfactory performance. Retardation of flood water behind dams is the spectacular part of the program, whereas the treatment of land above each structure with a sound soil, water and plant conservation program provides the greatest benefits for each dollar cost according to Anson Oden, Chairman of the Brown-Mills Soil

Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Complete watershed planning involves local farmers, ranchers and civic spirited citizens because local people, through local sponsoring organizations, must do much to get ready for building flood detention dams, Oden further states.

Preparing a watershed for participation in the Department of Agriculture's Flood Prevention Program pin points the necessity for local interest and leadership. Local people must now want the program and must take positive action for constructing flood prevention participation, Anson Oden reminds. Soil Conservation districts represent local people through which the Soil Conservation works in planning and constructing flood prevention measures needed in watershed treatment.

Local people, through their local sponsoring organization, a Soil Conservation or other type of district, must provide necessary construction and imposing easements and rights of way for all dams, spillways and stream channel work of improvement. The local sponsoring organization, to which easements are given, must develop and agree to carry out a plan for operation and maintenance before federal funds are made available for building flood prevention measures. At least 50 per cent of the drainage area above each dam should have a basic Soil Conservation plan with the SCD and a goodly amount of all needed measures must be currently on the land for assurance of satisfactory functioning of structural measures. It is after these conditions are met that the watershed is considered ready for available federal funds to be budgeted for construction of flood prevention measures.

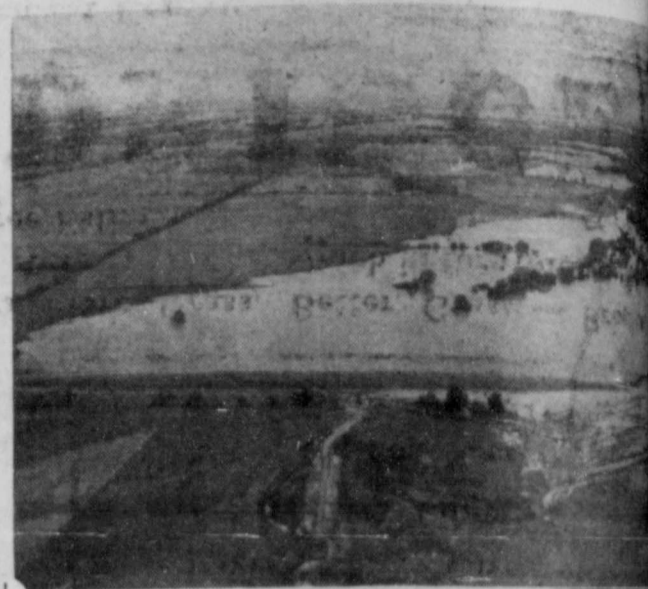
The criteria for watershed readiness has not changed materially since the beginning of

the authorized watershed program in 1951, but Soil Conservation Districts have recently found need for an assured annual income for carrying out their responsibility of operation and maintenance according to Oden. Up to this date, SCD's have assumed legal responsibility for doing the job of operation and maintenance but have had no assured annual income with which to do the job. Outside the authorized Middle Colorado and Trinity of Texas, the program is under a recently enacted law passed by the 83rd Congress, known as The National Watershed Act of Public Law 566.

One of the first steps required of local people for participation under Public Law 566 is to show financial ability to carry out normal operation and maintenance responsibilities required of local sponsoring organizations. In - as - much - as SCD's do not have taxing power or other sources of assured annual income, most watershed people are beginning to think about ways and means of creating special interest districts that have power to levy sufficient taxes for maintenance work.

Maintenance of flood prevention dams is considered by many to be negligible in terms of cash requirements but must be done in the interest of public welfare, Oden states. Based upon recent experience in operation and maintenance of the approximate thirty detention dams in the Middle Colorado, SCD's are thinking in terms of need for being able to raise about \$200 per year for each detention dam if needed. Local participation in maintenance jobs by landowners giving easements for the dams will in many cases keep cash requirements at a bare minimum. Most Soil Conservation District Supervisors will tell you they believe present landowners will in most cases protect the dams

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## Brown-Mills Soil Survey To Be Made And Published For County

By DICK COFFEE  
Soil Scientist

A standard soil survey is being made of the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District. The survey is being done according to the national standards and will be published on a county basis. This work is a part of the national program of the United States Department of Agriculture, and has been given to the Soil Conservation Service to carry out.

At present, the surveys are being concentrated in Mills County. No completion date has been set for the survey, but it is believed that Mills County will be completed within the next ten (10) years. Soil Scientist Lee Botts of Brownwood is in charge of the survey. He is

from being damaged from grazing or other general lack of care, but as time passes on and present operators are replaced by following generations, maintenance could become too big a job for any organization to carry out without assured financial ability, Oden states.

under the direct guidance of the Area Office of the Soil Conservation Service at Brownwood.

The soil survey will many uses when completed. Published in booklet form, these surveys are used for conservation planning by the Soil Conservation District. They are being used by some counties by county officials for tax evaluations. They are used to locate desirable building materials. Survey officials are using the survey to locate subdivisions of valuable land. Banks and firms are using soil survey as a basis for loans. Many uses may be found by the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District is completed.

Farmers who have a complete conservation plan planned on their farm in the last six (6) months in Mills County have or will be photo of their farm done as a standard soil survey. The conservation measures are based on the basis of the survey on each kind of soil. The greatest need for a soil survey.

Range Conservation on Our Ranch Shows The Following



- PLOT ONE**  
With Very Little Cover
1. Low Vigor and Growth in Plants
  2. Slow Water Intake
  3. High Evaporation Rate
  4. Soil Frozen to depth of 4 inches in Winter
  5. Air Temperature 92°  
Soil Temperature 110°
  6. Less than 600 lbs. of grass yield per acre.

- PLOT TWO**  
With Good Cover
1. Good Vigor and growth in Plants
  2. High Water Intake
  3. Low Evaporation Rate
  4. Soil Not Frozen In Winter
  5. Air Temperature 92°  
Soil Temperature 84°
  6. More than 3,000 lbs. of grass yield per acre.

We heartily approve of a sound Range Conservation program and recommend it to our fellow farmers and ranchers.

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