

Blessed Events

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris announce the arrival of their daughter, Jimmie Lyn, at the Muenster Clinic Sunday, April 28, at 2:35 a.m. She weighed four pounds ten ounces. She's the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walterscheid and Mr. and Mrs. George B. Harris of Oklahoma City and has a great-grandfather, W. T. Richter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Voth of Lindsay are the parents of a seven pound 14 ounce girl, a sister for Ernest and Glenn. She arrived at Gainesville Sanitarium Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. Others welcoming her are her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Voth Sr. of Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Felderhoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rauschuber of Valley View welcomed their daughter, Karen Sue, Friday, April 26. They have two other children, both boys. The little girl arrived at Gainesville Sanitarium at 2:50 a.m. weighing ten pounds four ounces. Mrs. Mary Bierschenk and Frank Rauschuber of Valley View are the grandparents.

Mrs. King Hostess For Club Supper

Mrs. M. H. King was hostess in her home and Mrs. Leonard Yosten was the birthday honoree Tuesday night when members of the Dizzy Dozen Birthday club held their May social. It was a supper party.

A spring theme was used on the table with a decorated cake for the centerpiece and red rambler roses from Mrs. King's yard as the floral complement. Guests were served by candle light.

Present were Meses. J. C. Trachta, L. J. Roberg, Ray Swirczynski, David Trachta, Ray Evans, Charley Hellman, F. A. Kathman, Hank Walterscheid, Ray Stewart, the honoree and the hostess.

Carol Ann Klein to Wed Walter Grewing

Miss Mary Klein has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her niece, Carol Ann Klein, to Walter J. Grewing, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grewing.

The couple has planned a June wedding, setting Thursday, the sixth, as the date. They will exchange their nuptial vows during mass in Sacred Heart church at 4 o'clock.

Anna Grace Fette will be maid of honor and Tommy Walterscheid will be best man.

Opens Insurance Office

Emmet Fette now has a downtown location for his Franklin Life Insurance agency. He has opened an office in the place formerly occupied by Hamric's.

MASS SCHEDULE REVISED

A revised schedule of masses at Sacred Heart church, announced last Sunday, omits the 7 a.m. mass and lists services at 6, 8 and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The 8 o'clock mass will be the high mass.

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Midwestern Prexy Talks to Teachers On "Getting Along"

Down to earth principles on human relations, spiced with an abundance of wit, were presented Tuesday night by Dr. Travis A. White, president of Midwestern University, to the Cooke County unit of the Texas State Teachers Association in the Muenster High auditorium.

He said that poor human relations rather than lack of ability can be held responsible for most job changes, and quoted from a survey which showed that 64 per cent of 1600 teachers who had changed in a recent year did so because of difficulties in their relations with others.

The first step in getting along, Dr. White said, is physical fitness. Being pleasant, helpful and cooperative are much more simple when people feel well. So it's wise from a standpoint of success as well as personal health to strive for physical fitness and to avoid habits that harm one's health.

Even more important is the element of mental fitness which he said, is most easily attained by striving to live God's way. This is the way to keep emotions under control and to avoid the twisted personality which results from resentment, fear, selfishness and guilt.

Dr. White also advised against professional bluffing in any of its varieties. Chronic fault finders usually are seeking indirectly to show their own superiority. Likewise people who try to make a big impression usually are only straining to hide their limitations.

Still another recommendation is showing a genuine interest in others. Human relationships have a way of becoming smoother as we become less self centered, when we quit trying to be stars.

Dr. White was accompanied to Muenster by Dr. D. L. Ligon, vice president of Midwestern. He was introduced at the meeting by H. H. Homsley, president of the county unit of TSTA.

Before the talk Muenster High Rhythmairs under direction of Jim Harris played several numbers and County Superintendent W. E. Chalmers gave the invocation.

At a short business session the group elected the following officers for its next school year. Norris Scott of Walnut Bend, president; Ed Lassiter of Callisburg, first vice-president; Bert Isbell of Valley View, second vice president; Mrs. Bert Burch of Walnut Bend, secretary-treasurer.

Flower Show - - -

mention. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the greatest number of blue ribbons.

RULES
No plants forbidden by conservation rules may be used. All exhibits must be in place by 11 a.m. Entries in arrangement classes must be arranged by the person entering the display. Florist's flowers will not be judged against flowers in any class. Decision of the judges will be final. All entries must remain throughout the show and must be removed at 9 p.m. Containers will be provided in specimen class. All other containers and accessories should be plainly marked with owner's name.

SCHEDULE
Section A - Horticultural classes: 1. Specimens must be grown by exhibitor. 2. Specimens should be named if possible. Classes - rose specimens only. These should be three-fourths open with stems as long as possible.

Section B - Arrangement classes: Bouquets. All should be oval in form to be viewed from all sides. One kind of flower to be used, no other foliage, flowers or accessories allowed. Flowers must be grown by exhibitor. In judging, the quality of the flower will count 50 per cent, the arrangement 30 per cent and the suitability of container 20 per cent.

In the arrangement of mixed plant material any combination of flowers may be used with foliage and accessories.

Each club member is being asked to bring one arrangement in each class.

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Local News BRIEFS

Mrs. Al Walter returned Monday night by plane from Farmington, N. M., where she spent a week at the bedside of her son Virgil who underwent an appendicitis operation. On the way going by car her husband and their son-in-law, B. J. Swirczynski, accompanied her. They returned Thursday. Virgil was making rapid progress toward recovery when his mother left. He is employed by Core Laboratories in Farmington.

Father Patrick Hannon left Monday evening by train for San Antonio to attend the silver jubilee of the ordination of Rev. Albert Henkes.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fritz and son of Bellevue, Ohio, are visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. A. J. Noggler. They will visit other relatives and friends during their two-week vacation arranged so they could be present for the wedding of her brother Ted Noggler to Virginia Metzler in St. Peter's church at Lindsay Saturday.

Here to visit Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luke Tuesday were her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Michels and Mrs. Eugene Michels, of Munday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rohmer and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rohmer and son drove to Wichita Falls Sunday to spend the day with the Joe Spaeth family. They attended services in which the John Rohmer's granddaughter Linda Spaeth made her First Communion.

Mrs. John Felderhoff returned Tuesday from Wichita Falls after a six-day visit with her daughter and family, the Aubrey Jennings. Sunday she attended her granddaughter Ann's First Communion services.

Mrs. John Wilde of Harlingen is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Horn and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hogan and daughter Dee Ann of Amarillo and his mother, Mrs. J. S. Hogan of Burleson, spent Thursday to Saturday with their sister and daughter, Mrs. Dick Cain and family.

At a regular meeting of the local CYC Thursday night members made plans and named committees for the young people's participation in the district meeting of the Catholic State League here Sunday. It was announced there will be a deanery CYC meeting in Lindsay on May 12. Claude Waiter, vice president, conducted the business session and Father Christopher gave a short talk. A social hour followed.

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Forty-nine children are in this year's Solemn Communion class. The special services will be held Sunday, May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sharp of Bulcher had as recent guests his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ballard of Jefferson, Okla., and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stadalman of Havana, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weinzapfel were in Dallas last Wednesday night for a dinner program honoring eight past faithful navigators of the Fourth Degree Council Knights of Columbus of the Father Arbam J. Ryan General Assembly. Mr. Weinzapfel is master of the district. Among those receiving awards at the program was Dr. E. W. Laake, past master of the district.

Anna Grace Fette and her friend Helen Sloan, both of Sherman, visited here Monday and overnight with the former's family while her brother Eddie Fette and his family of Andrews were here.

Knights and ladies along with relatives and friends of the Most Rev. Bishop Augustine Dangl-

mayr are planning attendance Saturday at the dedication of St. Monica's parish church, school and convent in Dallas. The program will begin at noon.

Lions Will Hear MK&T Executive's Talk on Industry

Frank Heiling of Dallas, vice president in charge of industrial development of the Katy railroad, will be the headliner at the regular meeting of the Muenster Lions Club next Tuesday.

President H. H. Homsley this week asked the members to make plans for the meeting and also to bring other residents of the town as their guests.

Mr. Heiling's talk will be based on the wealth of his experience in helping with industrial development in cities served by the Katy.

Abe Lincoln's firelight reading habits may not have been as bad as they sound. Glare often is actually more of a strain than insufficient light. The ideal reading situation is a 100-watt light about 20 inches from the page, with its light coming over the shoulder. Glare from wrongly placed lights, shiny walls, glass, highly glazed paper or other sources should be avoided.

May Queen - - -

the crowning ceremony in which Carol Ann Miller, sodality prefect, will place a wreath of fresh flowers on the head of the statue of the Blessed Virgin while the student choir sings a hymn. Carol Ann will then lead an act of consecration to Mary. An improvised shrine will be located in the center of the sanctuary amid a bower of blossoms and vigil lights.

The program is arranged and directed by the Benedictine Sisters and is the parish's principal observance of May.

Usually held on May 1, ceremonies have been moved up to May 3 this year so as not to conflict with the regular monthly prayer service conducted by the deanery's Catholic Youth Council on Wednesday. The group met at Gainesville for this month's service.

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Baptist Church is Participating in 1957 State Contest

The First Baptist church of Muenster is participating in the 1957 Texas Baptist General Convention Town and Country Achievement and Recognition Program.

There were 161 churches in Texas enlisted in this program last year and awards were made by Associations, by the 17 District Conventions and by the annual State Convention for the church and pastor making the best record. A large metal highway sign is given to the winners in each of these three levels of

competition. The pastor of the winning church will receive a scroll and the State Winner will speak at the annual state convention.

Each church participating in the program sets up goals in the three general phases of activity. The three phases are, Toward a Better Church, Toward a Better Community, and Toward a Better World. An Inventory questionnaire furnishes suggestions for worthy goals. Such projects as better health, education, and recreation are featured in the Better Community phase. Churches select their own projects for improving the church, community, and world relationship.

Churches in the open country and in towns up to 2500 population are eligible to enter this program. Twenty-three out of each twenty-nine Southern Baptist Churches are in this size classification.

Growth of interest in the movement is shown by an increase from 48 churches to the present 161 and a goal of 300 churches participating has been set up for this year in Texas.

J. B. Cason has been made chairman of the local General Progress Committee. Rev. Billy Whitt is pastor of the church.

Audience Acclaims Student Operetta, 'Happiness Valley'

Seventh and eighth graders of Sacred Heart school sang and danced their way right to the hearts of their large audience Sunday night when they presented their operetta, "Happiness Valley," an original musical travelogue, in MHS auditorium.

For an hour and forty-five minutes the youngsters performed like veteran actors going through difficult dance routines and drills, singing roles and dialogue, without a visible flaw. The whole show reflected Sister Carmelita's superb direction of dance numbers and the able assistance of Sister Jane Frances.

Lovely Gloria Yosten, cast as Queen Irmalinda, projected radiance into the lead role with her many-voiced speaking lines and then proved her ability also as a dancer by presenting a graceful ballet number to Verdi's La Traviata Waltz.

Another ballet solo displaying grace and beauty was done by Carole Fette; and one of the audience favorites of the evening was a black-face tap dance with Charlotte Schilling and Alice Walter as colored boys from Dixieland.

The play presented numbers from many lands with the characters in native costumes. From Mexico there was the traditional hat dance by Jeanette Muller and Dolores Derichsweiler; from China, the fan dance by Cynthia Wimmer and Lucille Dankesreiter; from Ireland, a native dance by eight lassies; from Scotland, the sword dance by Sharon Schumacher and Betty Klement; from Spain, the petite gavotte by Judy Lutkenhaus and Anthony Knabe, and from Texas, songs of the range with guitar accompaniment and a square dance by a ranch troupe of boys and girls.

There were other numbers including a ballet by a group of girls, the Vienna waltz by another group, folk dances, and a drill number by soldiers. All students of both classes were in the play.

Veronica Hess was narrator and Herbert Knabe announced dance festival numbers. The show presented 21 scenes in three acts.

Sacred Heart church choir, with Leo Henscheid directing and Anthony Luke playing piano accompaniment, sang a group of selections between acts two and three.

Friendly Neighbors Club Has Meeting

Members of the Friendly Neighbors club met for their regular social Wednesday night with Mrs. Earle Otto as hostess in her home.

In a progressive 42 series Mrs. Bill Hunt won the high score award, Mrs. Urban Endres the second high prize, Mrs. Richard Grewing the consolation favor and Mrs. David Trachta the galloping award.

The hostess served refreshments to members and two guests, Mrs. Clarence Hellman and Mrs. John Hosea.

Chief harvest of the land is man himself.

End-of-Term Events Told at Meeting of Home-School Society

End-of-term activities for Sacred Heart school were announced Monday night at the monthly meeting of the Home-School Society.

Sister Celine, high school principal, listed dates of coming events as follows: May 3, May crowning; May 8, All-Awards Banquet including junior-senior banquet and prom in one program; May 13, Campus Day for grade school; May 14, Campus Day for high school; May 26, Commencement exercises; May 27, final meeting of Home-School Society for the scholastic year.

Alfred Bayer was named chairman of the nominating committee to draw up a slate of officers to be elected at the May 27 meeting.

Mrs. George Mollenkopf solicited volunteers to assist with preparation of the banquet May 8 and with campus day programs.

For entertainment, third graders of Sister Genevieve's room presented a playlet and group singing.

Andrew Schoech, president, conducted the meeting, attended by a large group of parents and by Father Christopher, Father Louis and faculty members. Refreshments of cold drinks and cookies were served to those present.

Fr. Thomas' Parish Now 10 Years Old Shows Rapid Growth

Rev. Thomas Buegler, former pastor of Sacred Heart church, received favorable publicity, along with a picture, in a recent issue of the Parish Post, Corpus Christi Catholic Weekly, on the tenth anniversary of his parish, St. Therese's.

In giving a history of the first decade, the article relates how the parish, with a humble beginning of some 30 families, has expanded under Father Thomas' pastorship, to its present status of 300 families and includes a parochial school with an enrollment of 216 students. A 13-acre tract of land, together with the homestead, serving as the present rectory, was deeded over to the parish by the John Dunne family.

Future Homemakers Elect New Officers

Future Homemakers of America have elected officers for a new year. Members selected their favorites by secret ballot from the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee.

Kathy Pagel heads the chapter as president; Carolyn Swirczynski is vice president; Judy Cain, secretary; Pat Dennis, treasurer; Carolyn Cain, song leader; Becky Mosman, pianist; Theresia Fisher, parliamentarian; Joann Hess, historian; Dolores Reiter, reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Cooke have returned from a visit at Helotose where a family reunion was held. Mrs. Cooke's sister, Mrs. H. G. Andrews of Fort Worth, accompanied them.

BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE

Gayle Golden was honoree at a birthday luncheon Sunday at noon in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Golden. Joining the honoree and the hosts and their other daughter, Marilyn, for the occasion were Angela Dern, Kay and Linda Fette and Betty Fisher. The meal featured fried chicken with banana splits for desert. Gayle was 13 years old.

FAREWELL COURTESY

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fette entertained in their home with a dinner party Sunday at noon as a farewell courtesy honoring her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Brown of Santa Ana, Calif., before their return home. Other guests were Mrs. Fette's sister and family, the J. Q. Stewarts of Gainesville. Mr. and Mrs. Brown left Tuesday evening after a three-week visit with their granddaughters. Messrs. and Mmes. Stewart and Fette took them to Fort Worth where they boarded their train to return home.

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Seniors Ready for Class Trip May 8

Seniors of Muenster High are ready — except for last minute details — and are excitedly awaiting the noon hour of next Wednesday, May 8. That's when they'll start on their class trip which will take them to New Orleans.

The class of 27, accompanied by class sponsors Mrs. H. H. Homsley and John Hosea, and roommothers Mrs. M. D. Kaderli, Henry Pick and Joe Horn, will leave from the school grounds in a 33-passenger chartered Greyhound bus.

Plans are to spend the first night in Baton Rouge and see the state capitol and other sights the next morning. From there to the Crescent City with two nights and a full day of fun including a river boat ride at night, visits to historic spots and national parks and famous night clubs.

Leaving New Orleans early Saturday morning the group will go to Houston for more sight-seeing, spend the night there, and return home Sunday in time for evening mass.

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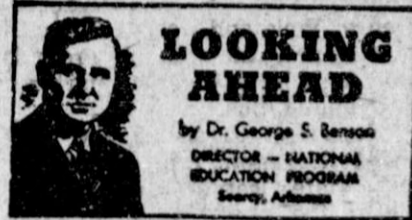
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LOOKING AHEAD

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NO COMPROMISE WITH EVIL

Shortly after the end of World War II in the Pacific, a friend brought to my attention some literature being used in his Sunday School class which said the Communists in China were "different" from the Russian Communists, that they were really warm-hearted humanitarians who wished to bring about land reforms in China and otherwise aid "the downtrodden millions." This same statement about the "good" Communist leaders in China was being heard on overseas radio broadcasts to America and was being published widely in scores of books and magazine articles.

At the same time Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who opposed the Red hordes trying to take-over China, was being attacked as "a corrupt leader" who sought to strength his power at the expense of China's "little people." We know what happened. Our own nation tried to make Chiang bring the "good" Communists into a "coalition" Government. And American public opinion was so confused that

our people took no effective action when the United States government failed to give Chiang the kind and amount of aid he needed. China fell to world Communism. The U.S.A. lost 500 million allies. An immediate result was the Korean War.

Propaganda To Confuse

When the events are reviewed there seems little doubt that the Communists engineered a propaganda campaign which confused people, diluted the power of public opinion, and ultimately brought about the fall of China to the Reds. Today the Communists are working behind the scenes to bring about another great victory for World Communism — the recognition of Red China by the United States and the United Nations. Propaganda is their instrument of thought-shaping.

At the National Education Program's 18th Freedom Forum just concluded at Searcy, Hollington K. Tong, Ambassador of the Republic of China which now has its Government on Formosa, took notice of successes which the Communists have achieved toward the creation of a public opinion in America which would accept recognition of Red China.

Some Say "Coexist"

"There are some in America," he said, "who are proclaiming that the United States can safely coexist with a Communist-ruled China. They want to restore trade and diplomatic relations with the Communist regime and to admit it to the United Nations. 'Nothing,' said Ambassador Tong, 'could be more disastrous to both the United States and China. There



Pity the Poor Congress!

can be no neutrality on the great moral issues which confront mankind.

"Ever since God created the universe, man has always been confronted by stern choices between diametrically opposite alternatives. There is heaven and hell. There is good or evil. There is right or wrong. There is love or hate. There is peace or war. There is friendship or hostility. Man is always challenged by these painful decisions. The neutralist is the man who lacks the moral stamina to make a decision and who hunts for a safe and non-committal middle ground where he can evade a choice between the two extremes. The neutralist attitude is always the attitude of weakness. Usually, it proves to be not neutral at all, but an aid to the worst of the alternatives.

A Moral Decision

"In the present issue of world Communism versus freedom, the neutral position is always a Communist-serving position. . . . Despite these glaring facts, the drift toward neutralism in some countries of the free world is continuous." Ambassador Tong said that an examination of the published facts shows that Red China is "an abject Soviet satellite." And the claim that it enjoys a broad base of popular support, he said, "completely overlooks the 20,000,000 corpses in Red China" — killed by the Communists since 1949 for the "so-called crime of opposing the policies of the Communist regime."

The Ambassador cited magazine articles and literature being circulated to discussions groups, high schools and colleges which declare openly or subtly suggest that Red China should be admitted to the U. N. and recognized by America. Let's not be taken in by such propaganda which seeks to influence a compromise with evil. Ambassador Tong was an overnight guest in my home. We have mutual friends in China where I lived for 11 years. I consider Ambassador Tong's message and the morality of his cause of great importance to our own nation and to the future of all mankind.

Organized Religion and the American Creed

By Peter F. Drucker, Professor, New York University*

Many people know that Thomas Jefferson coined the famous phrase "a wall of separation between Church and State." But few people realize that this phrase is to be found in a letter that Jefferson wrote to a religious group, a group of New England Baptists—a letter which expresses a profound belief in the religious basis of society.

IN THIS country, state and church cannot be conceived as contradictions; they are necessarily complementary to each other. The closest communion between religion and society has been characteristic of this country from the start of its independence.



Drucker

More than a hundred years ago Tocqueville wrote: "There is no country in the whole world in which the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America. Religion is the foremost of the institutions of the country." And this is still largely true, today.

ORGANIZED religion plays a part in our society which is altogether unknown elsewhere. One could not conceive of an English, a German, or a French business corporation going to priest or minister to find out something about a man con-

sidered as an executive job. In this country it is standard procedure.

Social life and community activities center around the churches. The Girl Scouts meet in the basement of the church, the Parent Teachers Association in the Parish House and so do the Road Commissioners in small communities. One of the local ministers opens the luncheon meeting of Rotary or the annual drive of the Community Chest.

THE SAME Congress that wrote "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," also appointed chaplains for both its houses.

The same Congress, in the first United States legislation regarding the military (the Act of March 3, 1791), provided expressly for the appointment and pay of a regimental chaplain.

THIS POINTS up the basic American concept: the state must neither support nor favor any one religious denomination. But at the same time the state must always sponsor, protect and favor religious life in general.

The United States is a "secular" state as far as any one denomination is concerned. But it is at the same time a "religious" commonwealth as concerns its general belief in the necessity of a truly religious basis of citizenship.

*From my article of the same title in Review of Politics, July, 1956.

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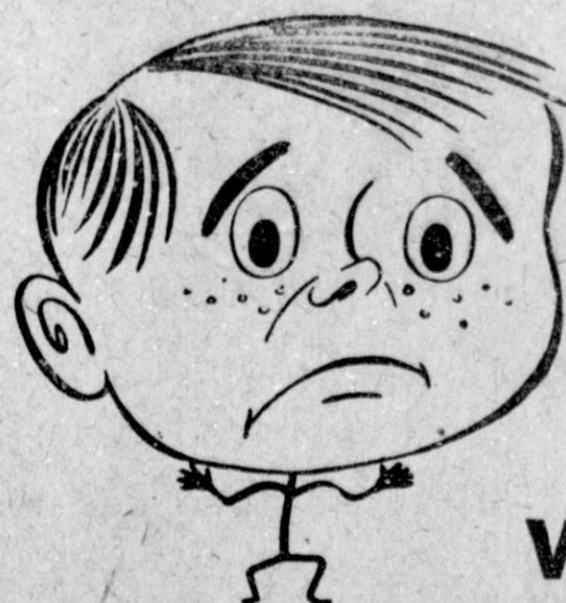
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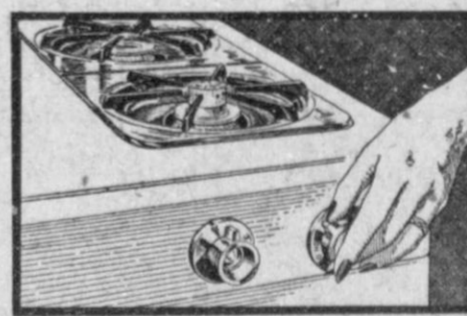
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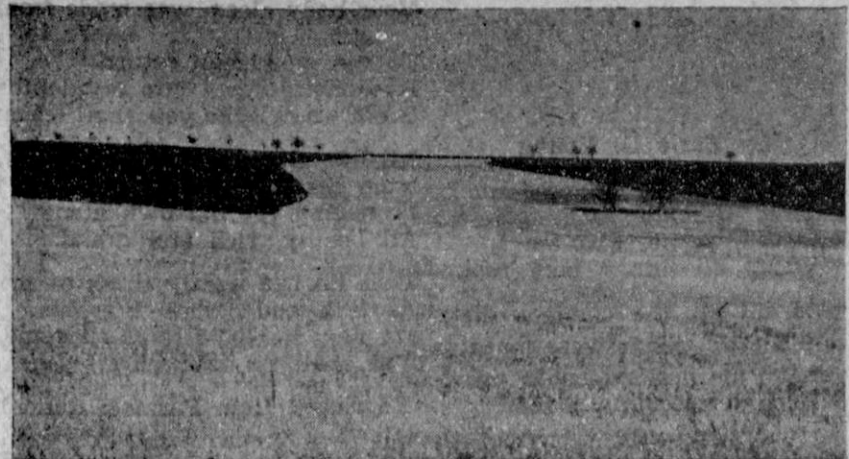
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MUESTER FARMERS planted 17 wide grass waterways last year. These waterways will serve as safe terrace outlet areas and double as improved pasture strips or meadows. This brings the number of waterways planted on farms around Muenster to 274. It is estimated that this number is just about half of the waterways that are needed to give adequate protection against soil and water losses on Muenster farms.

A wide grassed waterway is often the foundation of a successful terrace system. On many farms it is necessary to plant grass strips or waterways to provide a safe outlet for terrace water. These grass waterways usually follow natural drains and carry the terrace water safely to pasture grass.

The problem of land utilization a farm problem — it is the Nation and soil conservation is not a nation's problem.



FISH DINNER COMING UP, FISHING FEYER SUBSIDING. Livestock ponds and flood prevention reservoirs have a dual purpose. Besides supplying water and preventing floods they provide recreational areas for fishing and boating. Many ponds dried up during the summer but have water again this spring. "Over sixty orders for fish to stock the new ponds and reservoirs have already been sent in this year" says Lee Toothaker of the Muenster Soil Conservation Service. Fishing should begin to improve around Muenster when the fish mature.

Zone 3 of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District to succeed J. W. Hess who is retiring after 13 years of service. Muenster High School teams win 3rd and 5th places in Annual Grass Judging contest sponsored by the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District. Clearing begins for the flood prevention reservoir on the Joe Fisher farm operated by Henry Pick. Lack of moisture for compaction of soil in fill stops construction on other flood prevention reservoirs. Much land is being prepared for planting of alfalfa, vetch and winter peas if moisture comes soon enough. Enlarging old ponds are Albert Knabe and Joe Wyatt. Felderhoff Bros. build largest pond for livestock water in this area.

ment to build their terraces. J. C. Donnell, Judge Louis Holland and Mrs. I. F. Pierce complete new ponds.

DECEMBER 1956 — Fish and Wildlife Service delivers fish for stocking of farm ponds. R. M. Zipper, D. R. Rosson, Bruno Fleitman, Tony Felderhoff, A. D. Walterscheid, W. R. Linn, Paul Fisher, Ed Klement, Felderhoff Bros., J. J. Haverkamp, Frank Haverkamp, Fred Payne, Ike Fulton and Jake Biffle Sr. accept delivery. Buckner's Orphan Home is enlarging an old pond on its north ranch.

JANUARY 1957 — Large acreage being prepared by cooperators of Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District for grass and legume planting this spring. New ponds completed this month on farms of Ralph Donnell, J. L. Summers, S. J. Embry, Dangelmayr Bros., and Mrs. John Thompson.

NOVEMBER 1956 — Large acreage of winter legumes being planted following fairly good rains, in effort to get cover on the land and for early spring grazing. Waterways marked out on C. A. Morris, Emmitt Sicking, Frank Bayer, Wilfred Reiter and T. S. Bridges farms. Land in waterways is to be prepared this winter to have it in good condition for grass planting next spring. Frank Bindel builds 1600 feet of terraces and Andrew Fleitman builds 7,500 ft. Emmitt Sicking and Joe Lewter and using farm equip-

FEBRUARY 1957 — Liberal cost share payments offered by Cooke County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee to encourage farmers to install soil and water conservation practices on their land. Increase in cost share payments is due to increase in price of grass and legumes seeds following past year's statewide failure of seed production. This help (Continued on Page 6)

Moses Might Well Have Written The ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT

XI Thou shalt inherit the holy earth as a faithful steward, conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt protect thy fields from soil erosion and thy hills from overgrazing by thy herds, so that thy descendants may have abundance forever. If any shall fail in this stewardship of the land, his fertile fields shall become sterile stones, and his descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or vanish from the face of the earth.

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1956 Conservation Review Shows Continued Progress In Upper Elm-Red District

MAY, 1956 — Soil Conservation Champions of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District honored at 7th Annual Awards Banquet, sponsored by the banks, newspapers and radio stations of the District. Program held in Denison High Gymnasium in Denison. Wilfred Reiter is local winner of the outstanding Conservation Farmer award and all members of the Joe Fisher Sr. family recognized as outstanding group of conservation farmers of the district.

King Ranch Bluestem seeded on Tony Felderhoff, Piner Griffin and Jap Coursey farms. Mrs. Tom Agee, and Roy Atteberry plant Coastal Bermuda nursery plots. D. R. Carver completes diversion terrace above his cropland. Dangelmayr Bros. and B. A. Talley complete farm ponds.

JUNE 1956 — Planting of soil improving summer legumes begins. Martin Trubenbach, Herman Hartman and Tony Trubenbach Jr. plant Guar, a new summer legume in this area. Sweetclover and Grass seed harvest prospects very poor due to extreme dry weather. Roy Kingery is bailing 7 acres of KR seed hay. Terracing season gets off to good start. Those building terraces are Frank Needham over two miles, Wilfred Reiter one mile, Mrs. W. W. Sicking three miles and Walter Reed over one-half mile. New ponds being built on Frank Haverkamp, J. W. Hess and T. F. McKenzie farms.

JULY 1956 — Grass seed and sweetclover harvest are failures. Many farmers taking advantage of dry weather to clean out and

enlarge old ponds. Among them are J. W. Hess, Gary Hess and Hubert Felderhoff. New ponds constructed by Wayne Thompson, Levi Busby, Jack Hoffman, Buddy Gibson and Leo Mosman. Mosman also builds diversion terrace to divert water away from cropland and into new pond. Field terraces built by Tony Walterscheid on Dangelmayr Bros. farm, Johnnie Fleitman and John and Joe Kleiss.

AUGUST 1956 — Contracts awarded to Vilbig Construction Company of Dallas for construction of flood prevention reservoirs on the Hellman and Trubenbach and the Joe Parker farm south of Myra. These two reservoirs when complete will bring to fifteen the number of flood prevention structures on the Elm Fork of the Trinity in the Muenster area. Work due to start in the Fall on the Brushy Elm and Dry Elm watersheds. F. J. Hacker completes the terrace system on his farm by building 9,000 ft. of terraces. Henry Wiesman builds 4000 ft of terraces. New ponds built by J. P. Flusche, H. D. Field, and Ed Schmitt Sr. Gus Lutkenhaus and Ed Eberhart clean out and enlarge old ponds.

SEPTEMBER 1956 — W. F. (Foster) Davidson has 8,000 feet of channel type terraces constructed on his farm six miles north of Muenster. Earnest McElreath builds new pond and Frank Solomon has two old ponds cleaned out and enlarged on his ranch north of Muenster.

OCTOBER 1956 — Tony Walterscheid elected Supervisor of

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1956 Conservation - and recent good rains will increase acreage planted to soil improving crops. Local Soil Conservation Service technicians alert farmers and ranchers to weakened condition of grasses following the severe drought, and recommend deferment of grazing this spring and summer to give grass chance to recuperate. Roy Kingery is first to plant Coastal Bermuda this year. He is planting 16 acres with machine designed to properly plant these roots. Kingery built his own machine.

MARCH 1957 - Sherman FFA team wins first place in the annual Land Judging Contest sponsored by the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District. Muenster High School FFA team places 5th. 15 teams of 4-H and FFA boys participate. New flood prevention dams on Ray and Ted Voth, Ben Voth and Joe Fisher farms are being sodded and seeded to prevent damage to slopes. Chuck Taylor and Piner Griffis plant waterways to Bermuda. Arendt Bros. plant Coastal Bermuda grass in their waterway. Coastal Bermu-

da planted on following farms, J. C. Donnell 5 acres, D. R. Carver 10 acres, Fred Hennigan 3 acres, Alfred Sicking 8 acres, Tony Felderhoff 2 acres and Paul Fetsch 5 acres. Arnie Wimmer completes 3,500 feet of terraces. Wimmer built the terraces with his tractor and three disc plow. Walter Reed builds diversion terrace to divert water into his new pond.

APRIL 1957 - Preparation being made to hold the banquet honoring outstanding conservation farmers of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District. This affair is sponsored annually by the bankers, newspapers and radio stations of the district and will be held this year in Sherman. Winners to be announced at program. Alphonse Luke plants waterway to Coastal Bermuda. Others planting Coastal Bermuda grass include, Ray and Ted Voth, Claude Cannon, Frank Bindel, Weldon Dennis, Sam Williamson, Wayne Thompson and Charlie Wilson. Roy Atteberry plants nursery plot to Midland Bermuda. New ponds being built by Arendt Bros. W. P. Griffis, W. P. Lue 2, and Alphonse Walterscheid.



IT'S A SINGLE RAINDROP. NOT AN ATOM BOMB. The above high speed photograph showing a raindrop striking the soil clearly shows the explosive force behind each drop of rain that falls. A single drop of rain expends enough energy to lift an average sized pocket knife three inches into the air. A one inch rain on an acre expends enough energy to plow that acre ten times. A one inch rainfall on an acre weighs 108 tons. All this weight is dropped on the soil and in many cases moves off down the slope.

The picture shows what one raindrop can do. Multiply that by billions of raindrops that strike and beat the soil during every rain and you get an idea of the terrific destructive power of falling rain. The soil must be protected from this beating and the splash erosion caused by rainfall.

A protective cover of living or dead plant material over the soil is the best way to give it this needed protection. The cover of plants on the ground cushion the shock of the falling water and let it gently and slowly go through to the soil. In moving the heavy weight of water down the slope a good cover of living plants, such as grassed waterways, holds the soil in place and provides a carpet for the water to run on so that little soil is lost.

Falling rain can be as destructive as a bomb. Keep a living or dead plant cover on the soil at all times.

DIRT

By Earle D. Young

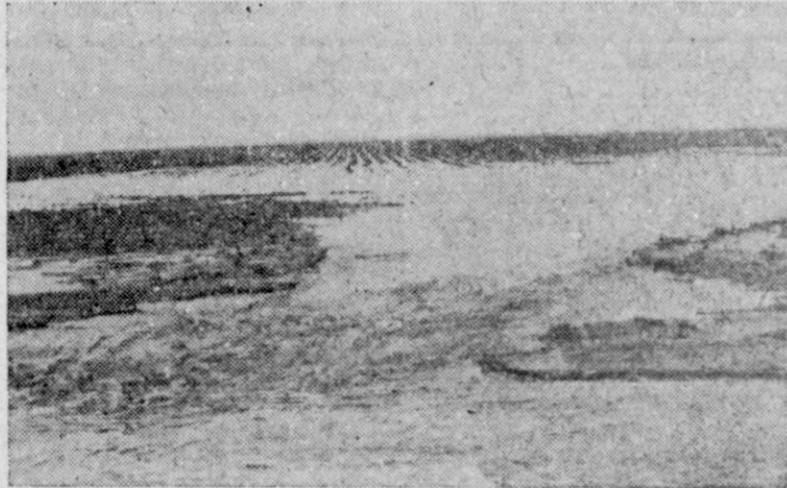
Unherald in song or verse am I,
Despised beneath each foot.
Yes, filth, grime, dirt am I,
In which all things take root.
Yet I am all, the common dirt;
From me all things were made;
Without me nothing could exist,
No food nor cooling shade.

Your body clean, was made from me,
To me, you shall return.
By delving down into my depths
Great knowledge you shall learn.
All life, all colors come from me,
I am the dirt, the land,
Producing for my own alone
All beauty, rich and grand.
Then do not lightly think of me
As filth and dirt and grime,
For next to God I reign supreme,
And shall, on through all time.
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J. P. Myers Named Soil Conservation Champion Zone 5



to leave the land better than he found it, and he has certainly gone a long way in that direction. A look at his farm, his neat farmstead, his implement shed, his barns and poultry houses with a back-ground of terraced and contoured fields, sprinkled with a generous amount of waterways and legume crops, is an inspiration to all who love the land.

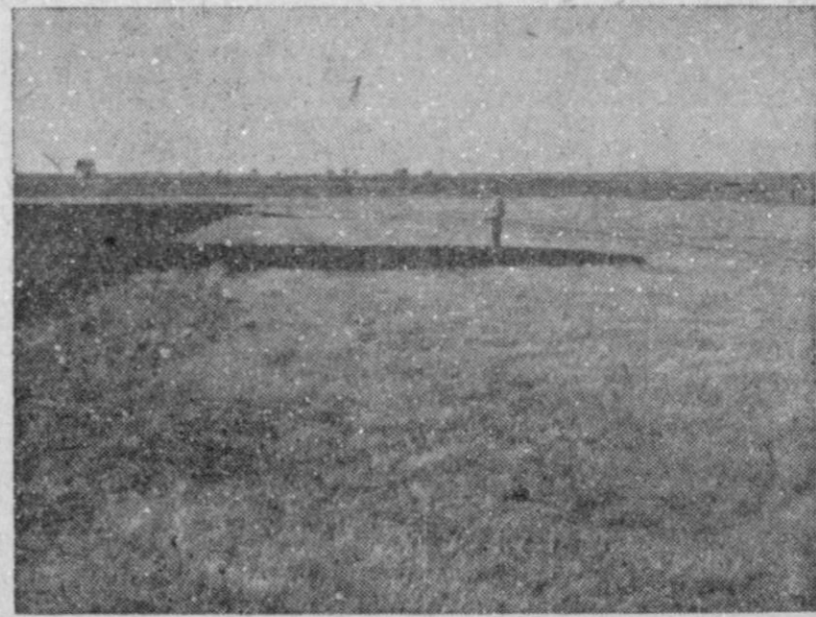
J. P. Myers of Whitesboro is the winner of the 1956 bankers award for doing outstanding soil and water conservation work in zone 5 of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District.

Myers operates 306 acres, 3 miles south of Southmayd and has been cooperating with the district program since 1949. At that time he assisted in the organization of the Prairie View conservation group, which was chosen as an outstanding group in the 1952 awards program. Besides being active in work with the group, Myers and his son, Bennie, have worked toward completion of a coordinated soil, water and plant conservation plan on his farm. To date 95 percent of the planned conservation practices have been applied to his farmland.

To properly protect and improve his soil Myers planted four wide grass strips in his fields for terrace outlets. Then he built eleven miles of terraces to protect the sloping cropland. The terraces empty their water safely on the wide grass waterways. All terraced land is farmed on the contour to further reduce the erosion hazard. Legume crops of Madrid sweet clover and vetch are included in the crop rotations to add organic matter and open up the soil. His pastures are also overseeded to clover to enrich the soil and improve the growth of the grasses. All legumes are properly fertilized and inoculated. Crop residues are regularly left on the fields as a protective mulch.

Myers keeps his pastures productive by rotating the livestock from pasture to pasture, allowing each one a definite rest period. He constructed two ponds for livestock water so that water is readily available to grazing livestock.

Mr. Myers is convinced that farming the conservation way is the only profitable way over a long period. It is his intention



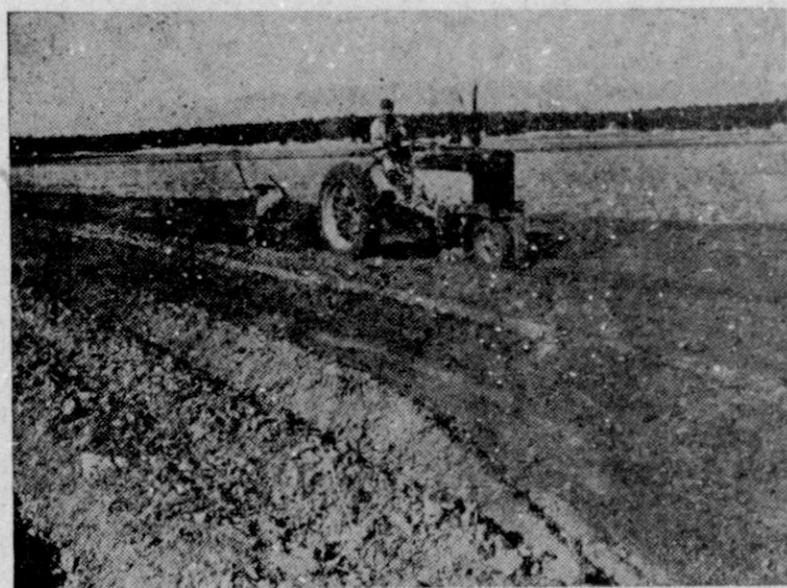
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ALFRED BAYER TAKES A LOOK AT HIS WINTER PEAS. Photo was taken April 11. The peas were planted last fall to improve the soil and to protect it from the splash erosion of spring rains. The peas were planted by broadcasting them and then listing the land. The peas will add to the fertility of the soil by adding nitrogen and organic matter. They protect the soil and increase its water intake and storage capacity. Alfred plans to follow the peas with a silage crop.

Cover is Always Beneficial to Soil

One of the most important needs of all lands is a cover to protect it from the destructive forces of nature and man. This can be accomplished part of the time with a growing crop, but usually, land is left bare during land preparation.

With the advent of new farming implements this hazard can be easily eliminated. By using chisel or other sub tillage type tools soil can be tilled to desired depth and the crop residues left on the surface to protect the soil from the elements.

This blanket of crop residue protects the land in several ways. It reduces the splash of raindrops on the soil and also reduces the crusting of surface soil. It helps conserve moisture by increasing the water intake and holding capacity of the soil. It decreases the evaporation of soil moisture by lowering the temperature of the soil during hot spells. It also provides organic matter, improving the structure of the soil.

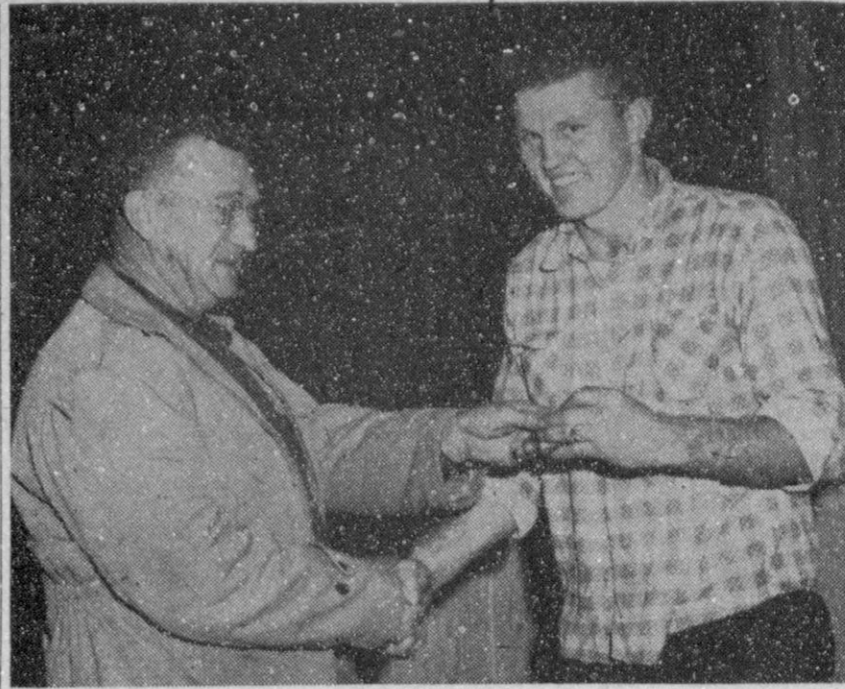
Pollinating Job on Legume Seed Crop Is for the Bees

If legumes are grown for seed harvest it is helpful if plenty of bees are around to pollinate the flowers and assure a good seed set. Many of the more important legumes of this area require cross pollination in order to produce seed and it's up to the honey bee to do the job.

The use of one colony of bees per acre has increased seed yields of sweet clover and vetch as much as 75 percent. Fields of Hubam clover which yielded 350 pounds of seed per acre, jumped to 500 pounds per acre through the use of bees.

Researchers at Texas A&M college have shown that placing one-tenth to one colony of bees per acre within a mile of a field of vetch increased the yield from 410 pounds of seed per acre without bees to 713 pounds per acre with bees. The more bees and the closer they were moved to the vetch the more the seed yields were increased.

A by-product of the increased yields gained by having plenty of bees is the crop of delicious honey that is produced for the table or as a cash crop. It pays to have the busy buzzers around.



TONY WALTERSCHEID, Muenster Zone 3 supervisor of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District, presents winner's medal to **Y. O. Bradford** of the Tioga FFA chapter. Bradford made the highest individual score in the District's land judging contest last March.

The land judging contest is sponsored by the soil conservation district in order to present an opportunity to help people understand the basic difference in soils, show the need for knowing the capabilities of the land to better conserve the soil and water, to emphasize that soil depth, texture, permeability, slope, drainage and degree of erosion determine how the land can be properly used and to develop a wholesome respect for soil and the skills involved in managing it correctly.

There were 15 teams composed of 60 FFA and 4-H boys entered in the contest. They were required to judge and score two sandyland and two blackland fields and recommend treatment. The contest will be an annual affair.

Bowie Man Wins Zone 1 Award for Conservation Work



Cecil H. Studebaker of Bowie has been chosen as the outstanding conservation farmer of zone 1 of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District.

Studebaker started out on his 129 acre farm in 1949 raising row crops and hogs. The land was in such poor condition and so severely eroded that he soon gave up this type of farming and started a dairy farm.

He worked the gullies in and built terraces to channel the water safely from the fields. He fertilized the worn out fields and used vetch crops to build up the fertility and condition the soil. He cleared brush from bottomland and converted it into an excellent Bermudagrass pasture.

Last year, Studebaker says, his 18 acre vetch crop furnished grazing for a 60 day period. This grazing saved him approximately 720 bales of hay worth about \$720.

From a modest beginning of eight milk cows, he has built up a fine herd of 36 dairy cows. He has recently built a new grade A dairy barn and an all metal hay barn with an adjoining welded steel feed lot.

He has used conservation farming practices to improve worn out, gullied land and his operations have paid off in a period of record drought. Surely he has proved that it pays to farm the conservation way.

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Chickens Are Soil Builders

Experts have estimated that every mature chicken on the farm contributes 35 cents per year to the fertility of the soil. Poultry droppings and used litter, properly applied to the soil, makes better land for better living.

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Guar Looks Good In 3 Local Tests

In an effort to find a soil improving crop that could be grown between harvest and small grain planting time around Muenster, Tony Trubenbach Jr., Martin Trubenbach and Herman Hartman made trial plantings of Guar this past summer. A worse time couldn't have been picked. As everyone remembers, even weeds didn't grow. In spite of these adversities the results they got were very encouraging.

Tony's experiment was carried out on a 35 acre field. Right after the oats was combined the land was prepared with a one-way plow. A little over one-half inch of rain fell at that time. After the shower the Guar was planted. No more moisture was received. A fair stand of plants was obtained. The guar grew to be about a foot tall and even made seed. This doesn't sound like much, but considering that other vegetation died or went dormant, this is exceptional. The growth was worked back into the soil in time for fall seeding of grain.

Martin Trubenbach and Herman Hartman report similar results and all express the belief that during normal summers Guar would produce a good green manure crop.

Guar is a summer growing legume that originated in India. It is adapted to all parts of Texas and Oklahoma west of the 35 inch rainfall belt. Guar should be planted after warm growing weather is assured. Guar is definitely a row crop and should be kept clean by cultivating. With adequate moisture available, the optimum green vegetative tonnage will be produced in 90 days for return to the soil for maximum soil conditioning and improving benefits. When properly inoculated and fertilized, 18,000 to 24,000 pounds of green vegetative matter per acre can be expected.

Judging from these experiences, Guar can furnish much soil improvement and fertility without causing farmers to miss a cash crop.

Land is the basic resource. Without productive land a nation either dies or becomes dependent upon other nations for its essential foods.

We Have
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With Posterity



When unborn generations shall write the history of this country we will be recorded as villains of depredation who caused the downfall of a nation, or as stalwart forefathers who preserved and rebuilt our precious topsoil.

Let us band together, as forthright Americans, and use every means to combat the No. 1 enemy of America, which is soil erosion and depletion. Let us work in harmony that we may have a better living today, tomorrow, and in years to come.

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An Indian Writes On Soil Conservation



During the drought and depression of the 1930s a South Dakota Indian wrote the following letter comparing the exploitation of the White Man with the conservation economy of the Indian:

"White Man Crazy. Make big teepee. Plow hill, Water wash, wind blow soil. Grass gone, land gone, door gone, window gone, whole place gone to hell. Buck gone, squaw gone, too. Papoose gone. No chuck-away, no pig, no corn, no cow, no hay, no pony.

"Indian no plow land. Keep grass, Buffalo eat. Indian eat buffalo. Hide made teepee, make moccasins. Indian no make terraces, no build dam, no give damn! All time eat, No hunt job. No hitch-hike, no ask relief. No shoot pig.

"Great Spirit make grass. Indian no waste anything. Indian no work. White Man heap loco."

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"Kit" Carson Wins Champion Farmer, Award for Zone 4



Floyd (Kit) Carson of Valley View is winner of the bankers award for the outstanding conservation farmer in zone 4 of the Upper Elm-Red District. Carson started farming on his mother's farm in 1946 after he was discharged from the Air Force. In 1949 he worked out a conservation plan with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service technicians and began the long job of soil improving needed to get the land back into profitable production.

At that time soils on the farm were in such poor condition that they would not produce a crop enough to harvest, and water intake was very slow in the hard land. Carson used vetch, madrid sweet clover and alfalfa a-

long with heavy applications of fertilizer to break up the plow pans, add organic matter and increase the amount of water absorbed by the soil. All his fields have been covered by legumes several times. As a result of this soil conditioning treatment, yields on the cropland have more than doubled and for the past several years his crop yields have been above average for the area around Valley View.

When the conservation plan was developed a terrace system on a large field was draining into a county road ditch on one end and a gully on the other end. A wide waterway running the entire length of the field was the recommended way to stop soil and water loss. Carson planted the waterway to Buffalograss and changed all the terraces to empty onto it as soon as the grass was well established. He has planted another waterway and will complete his terrace system soon. Two ponds have been built for livestock water and 28 acres of former cropland have been seeded to grass and added to the pasture.

Carson has taught Veterans Vocational Agriculture classes for the past several years. He has been a missionary in bringing the facts and benefits of soil and water conservation to his students and to his friends and neighbors. The soil improving practices already in operation on his farm show that he is a man who practices what he teaches.

Each year thousands of people participate in soil stewardship services and rogation day prayers in city, village, and open country churches. This is a tremendous demonstration of man's desire to give thanks to God and to ask for continued blessings.

Give Thanks to God

Through the ages man has been conscious of the need to give thanks to Almighty God for His bountiful blessings.

The word "rogation" comes from the Latin word "rogare" meaning "to ask." The three Rogations Days are over 1,500 years old. They began in the Fifth Century at Vienne, France, when in the year 470 there had been crop failures — due to earthquakes and bad weather — with resulting famine. St. Mamertus, bishop of Vienne, ordered prayer and penance on the three days preceding the Ascension. The clergy and the people made penitential processions calling upon God to help and asking His intercession.

Other communities took up the custom, and from France it soon spread throughout the world. At the end of the Eighth Century it was formally accepted by the Church. Thus, it has become the practice to hold each year before Ascension Thursday a special Rogation service.

The purpose of the Rogation day is to implore the mercy of God that He may keep us from all evils of soul and body, and give to the plants of the field an increase. In the spring, when the fields are becoming green and there is promise of a good harvest — but also the possibility of destruction through frost, hail, or rainstorms — the prayers and processions are a reminder to feeble man to turn with humility and confidence to the Giver of all good. For, it is not the earth alone which brings forth fruit, and not alone the busy hand of man on which the increase depends; but it is God Who gives the increase.

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Coastal Bermuda Wins Friends at Muenster-Saint Jo

The Muenster-Saint Jo area is being invaded by a newcomer in the grass family. Coastal Bermudagrass continues to win friends among people who know their grasses best — the co-operators of the Upper Elm-Red Conservation District.

Some idea of the way this fast growing grass has made friends of the landowners can be gained by the acreage that they have planted during the past three years. In 1955 only seven acres of this grass was planted, on a trial basis in this area. Last year 37 acres of the grass was put out. The grass surprised everyone by growing in spite of the drought. In fact, it did so well that 130 acres have already been planted this spring. Nearly all the plantings were made in nursery plots so that landowners can produce their own roots for use in spreading their acreage.

Coastal Bermudagrass is an improved hybrid and produces no seed. Roots and runners are used to get it started. It was developed to make use of large amounts of fertilizers and will produce up to six tons of high quality hay per acre. A new-planting in 1955 produced three and three fourth tons of hay the same year on the John Cunningham farm near Gainesville.

The aggressive, upright growing Coastal is used for waterways and to establish good pastures on old field areas.

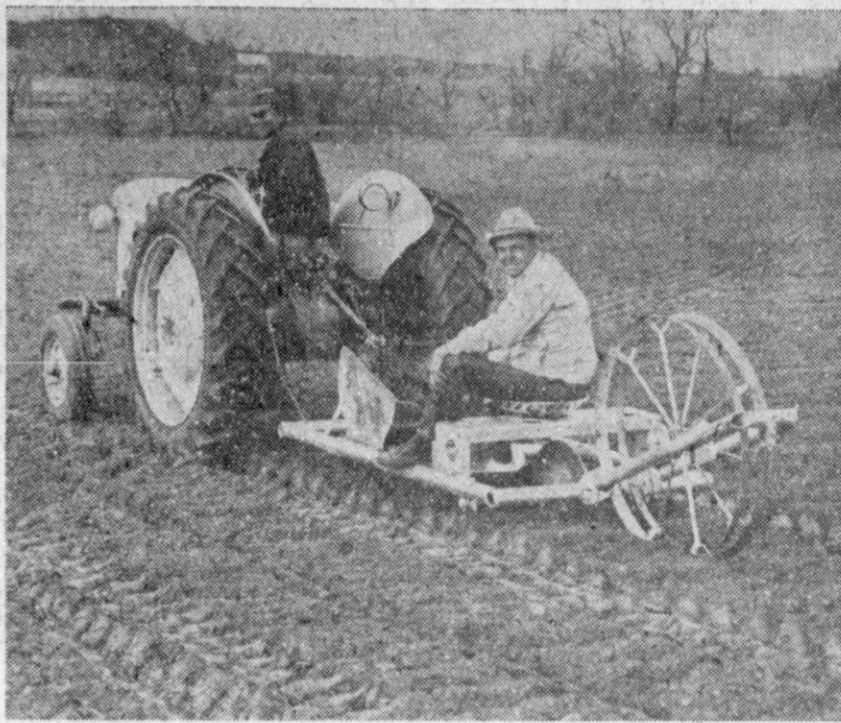
Landowners who have made plantings of this grass in the Muenster-Saint Jo area are Frank Bindel, Voth Bros., Tony Felderhoff, Fred Hennigan, Paul Fetsch, Alfred Sicking, Alphonse Luke, Arendt Bros., D. R. Carver, Claude Cannon, Roy Kingery, J. C. Donnell, Wayne Thompson, Weldon Dennis, Roy Atteberry, Tony Settle, Webb Reynolds and Charlie Wilson.

Reservoir on Elm Prevented Floods In Recent Rains

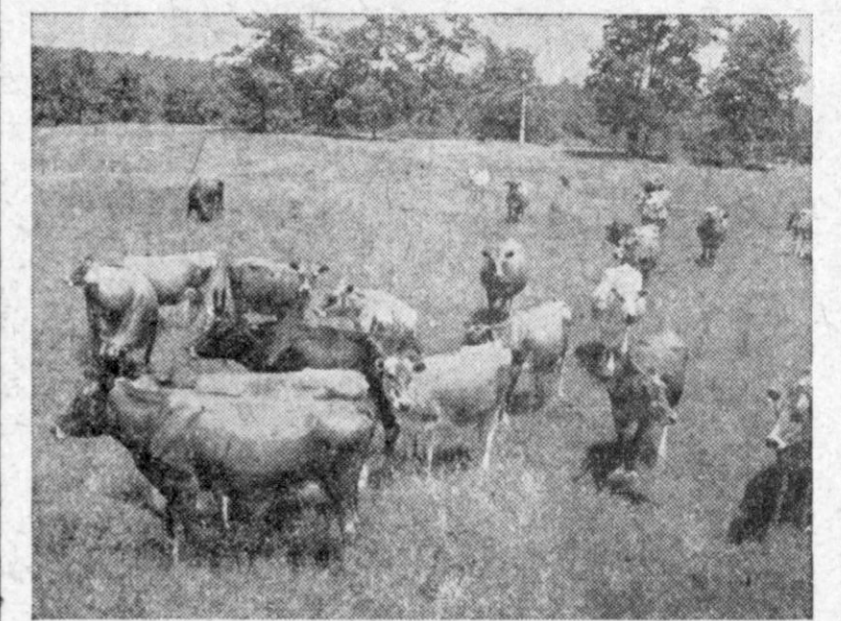
The bottomlands and highways along Elm Creek south of Muenster were saved from floodwater damage last week by the flood prevention reservoir system.

The waters of Elm Creek and its tributaries were kept within their creek channels by the impounding of nearly fifty percent of the total run-off behind the up-stream flood retarding dams. Heavy rains filled the main channel to approximately 75 percent of its capacity and if the reservoirs had not been holding back a large part of the run-off there would have been an overflow of the floodwaters onto the good bottomland fields.

Bridges and roads also were protected by the floodwater retarding structures. Water impounded in the reservoirs stacked up as much as ten feet over the inlet structures of the dams, but no emergency spillways were used. The dams will release the water slowly over a week or two following the rains. This will allow the creek channels to handle the water safely.



WAYNE COOK, ON TRACTOR, AND LONNIE YOUNG use homemade root planter to put out Coastal Bermudagrass. The 16 acre planting is being made on the Roy Kingery farm southwest of Saint Jo. The root planter was built by Kingery to set out Coastal Bermudagrass and leave a part of the root above the soil surface. The operator places roots on the ground behind a cutting coulter, the one-half inch steel wheel presses the root about four inches into the soil, leaving it in a vertical position with a portion above the surface, and the large packer wheel presses the soil back around the roots. About six acres can be planted in a day with the machine. This method assures a good stand of grass. This planting will grow roots to be used for additional planting of this improved grass on the Kingery farm.



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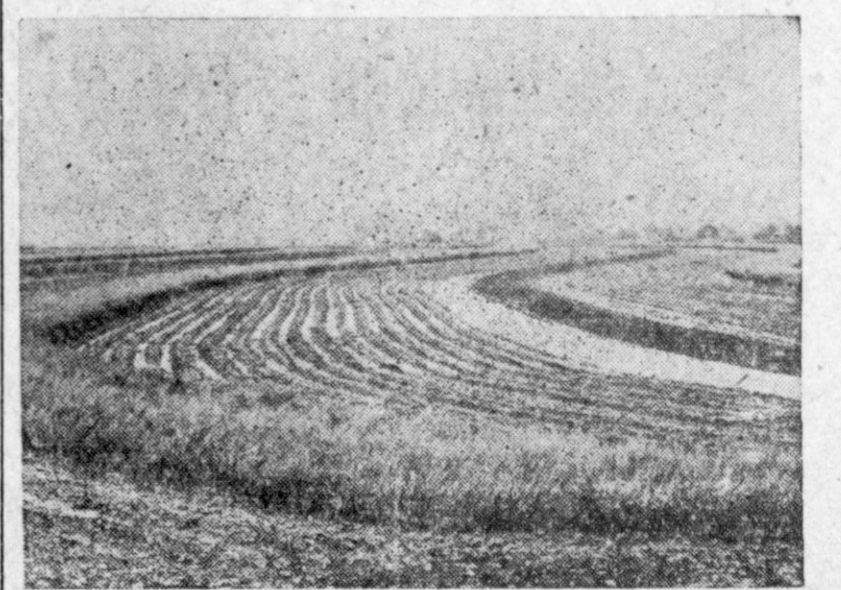
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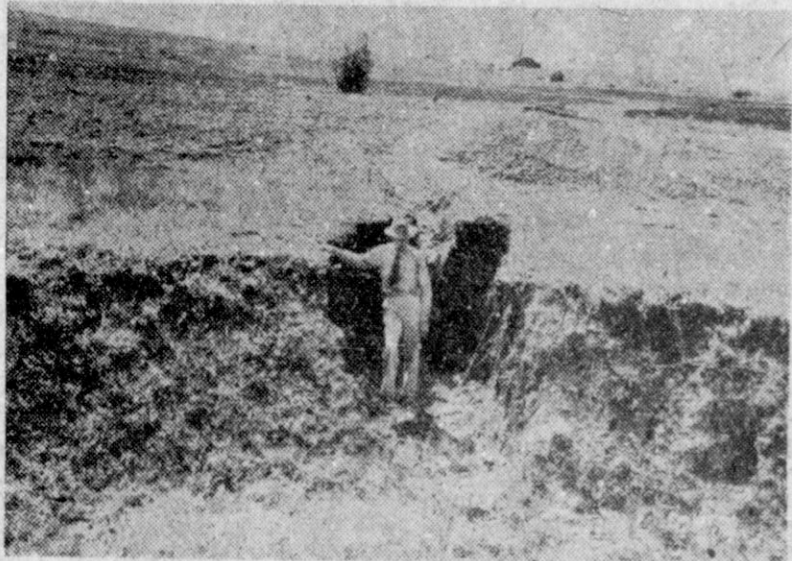
Tomorrow's Stewardship

In any area of living it is a bad situation if the older generation does not bequeath to its children something richer and something better. However, some things can be corrected in a very short time. This is not so with soil and water. The mistakes and wrongs committed today against these precious natural resources in many instances will take hundreds of years to correct, and in others, restoration will never be possible.

The richness of America's soil and the plenty of water will be reflected in the prosperity, the wealth, and the spirit of tomorrow's people far more than is generally believed. It has truly been said that "the soil is God's greatest material gift to mankind." This generation's greatest material gifts to tomorrow's world will be a productive soil and adequate water resources. Stewardship demands that we prepare, conserve, replenish, and protect these resources.

Urban and country youth should be conscious of the importance of soil and water in their everyday living and in their future. Soil and water play a vital role in the physical, economic, social, and religious life of the individual, the community, the nation, and the world. This fact needs to be stressed so that the importance of soil and water is integrated into every phase of education — school, church and youth organizations — both rural and urban.

Youth has a great stake in this effort. The time and energy that the young people spend in putting soil and water conservation programs into practice can be their best investment in their future.



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Grass, Not Beef, Is the Rancher's Primary Cash Crop

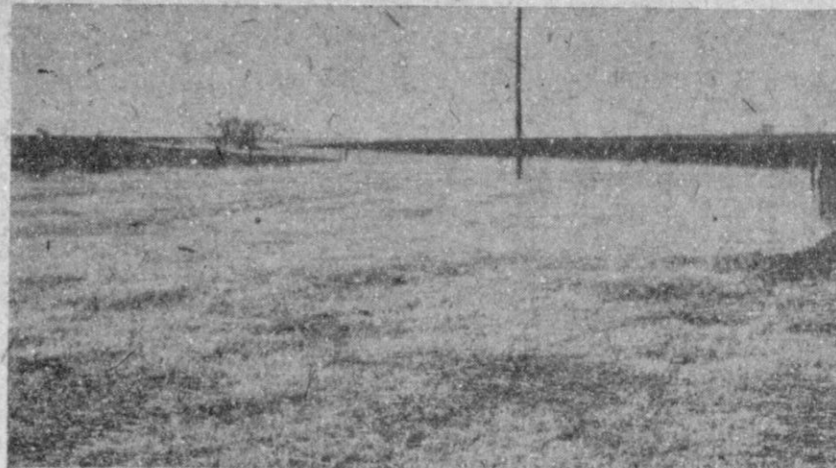
Most ranchers know a great deal about raising cattle but unfortunately know too little about the crop on which their cattle depend and which actually determines the success of their venture. Grass, not beef, is the rancher's real crop.

Proper grazing is necessary for maximum grass growth. Approximately 95 percent of all grass growth is due to food materials manufactured in the leaves or blades of grass. The other five percent of growth results from plant minerals obtained 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 that more leaves will grow. If the leaves are chopped or grazed off the plant loses that part of its food making plant. Continued loss of the leaves weakens the roots to the extent that the plant dies of starvation or perishes from dry weather. By leaving approximately half of the above ground portion of the grass, continued growth of the plant is assured.

The "take half-leave half" principle can be used to improve any pasture or range in the Muenster-Saint Jo area. The half of the season's growth of grass that is left on the range is like money wisely invested. It pays good dividends. It provides new growth, so that the half that may be taken becomes larger each year. It provides a litter that serves as a mulch against erosion, protects against loss of moisture through excessive heat, insulates the plant against cold, increases soil fertility and soil organisms.

A sure method of grass improvement is rest. Several long rests result in better kinds of grass. Short rests result in better growth of grass already present. In this area, the warm, season native grasses such as bluestems, Indiangrass, and switchgrass produce more than 70 percent of their annual growth from June until frost. Complete rest during this time will result in more plant vigor, deeper root system and allow the plants to become thickened by production of seed.

Buffalograss makes nearly all its growth during the spring and early summer. Rest for this grass is most effective during May and June. Buffalograss needs deferment to build up litter and establish a deep root system. However it is a low forage producer when compared to the tall native grasses. Forage produced by buffalograss under good management is only half



BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES OF A WATERWAY along a drain on the farm of Mrs. W. W. Sicking, outstanding conservation farmer of zone 3 last year. Above photo shows loss of soil on unprotected drain. Below, the drain has been planted to Bermudagrass and terraces have been built to give protection to the fields. Soil and water losses are now kept to a minimum.

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 in the fields after every rain?

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

Nature's method of building

the amount produced by the tall native grasses. Therefore, the large landowners should manage their ranges for the establishment and improvement of the tall, heavier producing range grasses.

The use of supplemental grazing crops of oats, sweet clover, vetch and sudan can make it possible for pasture and range grasses to get that required rest.

The numbers of cattle must be kept in balance with the amount of grass. If more than half the grass is being grazed there are too many cattle. More pounds of beef will be produced only when there is more grass to produce it.

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 protection.

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

FERTILITY — Add fertilizer where needed.

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

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

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

TERRACES OR DIVERSIONS — where needed in addition to above principles. Maximum protection and top production will follow if these principles are applied to the land.

Bonnie Mitchell Is Soil Conservation Champion Zone 2



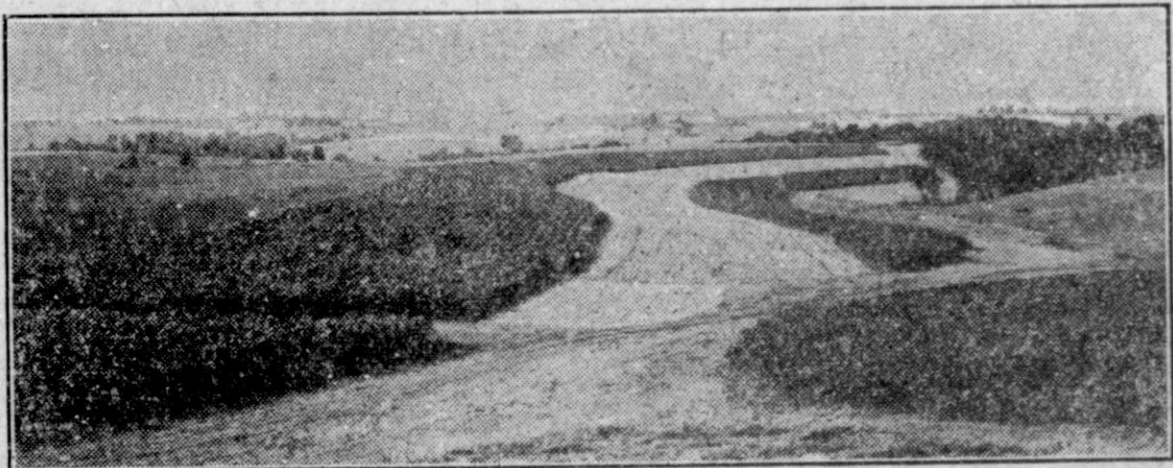
Bonnie Mitchell Jr. is the winner of the bankers award for doing the outstanding job of soil conservation in zone 2 of the Upper Elm Red Soil Conservation District.

Mitchell operates 805 acres five miles south of Spanish Fort. He is engaged in raising livestock and general farming. He produces corn, grain sorghums, small grains, alfalfa and vetch. His livestock includes beef cattle, goats, hogs and poultry.

In 1955 Mitchell became interested in the Harber's method of improving his row crops and tried it with good results even in the drought. He is now using this method on all his row crop land. The Harber's system uses soil improving crops of vetch together with deep placement of fertilizer on the sides of each furrow where the summer row crop is to be planted. In this way soil protection and improvement is obtained during the winter and spring on listed land. The vetch residues are left on the soil surface to act as a mulch. Crops of vetch and alfalfa are also grown in the bottomland fields for soil protection and improvement.

Three ponds for livestock water were built with farm equipment. These ponds were located in the pastures so that a deferred grazing and a rotation grazing program can be carried out to improve the pasture grasses.

Mitchell is a firm believer in the benefits to be gained by following a soil, water and plant conservation program and he hopes eventually to have every acre of his farm improved and protected by sound soil conservation practices.



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70 Year Old Man Is District's Best Comeback Farmer



Jim Thomas of Whitesboro is the winner of bankers award for the best job of reclaiming a worn out farm in the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District.

For 47 years Thomas was a tenant farmer on the blacklands of Grayson County, then he decided he wanted his own farm. Four years ago he bought a badly eroded, gullied farm three miles northwest of Collinsville. The farm was in bad condition. Fences were down, the house was in a sad state of disrepair, pastures contained only needlegrass, and gullies were gnawing their way through old field areas in the middle of the farm. It was a big problem for a man approaching seventy.

But the farm was his and he tackled with enthusiasm the job of bringing it back. He planted two waterways to Bermudagrass and when they were covered with grass he plowed down the old terraces that had caused the gullies, then built new terraces to lead the water from the fields to the protected outlets. He planted vetch on the needlegrass fields to raise the fertility level of the soil and give it badly needed protection. Bermudagrass is being planted on the land following the vetch to give more protection and more grazing. He is also killing brush on 15 acres of land and planting it to Bermudagrass.

The pasture is crossfenced into four pastures and grazing is rotated so that each pasture receives a rest at least part of each growing season. The pastures are overseeded to vetch and fertilized each fall. Two ponds for livestock water have been built to aid in the rotation of the pastures. All outside fences and cross fences have been rebuilt.

The farmstead has been practically rebuilt also. The house has been remodeled with a new

roof, new siding and a new bathroom. The yard has been landscaped and a new orchard has been planted. Barns and sheds have been reroofed and concrete floors have been added.

Jim Thomas has accomplished all this in about two years. He has plans for many more changes and improvements. He plans to plant Coastal Bermudagrass on 30 acres for pasture, he wants and needs more terraces on some fields, and he plans to build a new dairy barn.

The farm has come a long way back toward recovery under his care and management. This is a shining example of a man's understanding the needs of the land and of his determination to treat the land according to those needs for its protection and improvement. Thomas has worked hard to accomplish this much on this eroded land, but he loves the land and enjoys his work, and his work is keeping him young.

A Challenge And an Answer

The president of the National Retail Farm Equipment Association tells of a survey made by an implement dealer in Texas. It was conducted over a two and a half year period among farmers who practiced soil conservation and those who did not.

It was found that farmers who practiced conservation spent about \$1200 more a year with the equipment dealers than those who did not follow good conservation practices. That finding should surprise no one. For, on the one hand, it takes modern farm equipment to make soil conservation possible. And, on the other, the farmer who conserves and makes the most of his land earns more money — and thus is able to purchase labor-saving machinery that he couldn't afford otherwise.

This matter of soil conservation is an all-important one today. While our total population is increasing, our farm population is decreasing — and, on top of that, our acreage of productive farm land is declining by about 4,000 acres a day. To picture the situation, each year we are adding to our population a figure equivalent to the population of Los Angeles — even as we take away productive acreage equivalent to the whole state of Delaware. That fact led the association's president to say: "... no matter how efficient are the machines produced by our industry, there are certain limiting factors such as, soil types, characteristics and poor farming practices which cannot be overcome by improved farm mechanization alone. Good soil and water conservation practices coupled with improved farm machinery is the answer to the challenge."

Luckily for America's future, more and more farmers are answering that challenge.



CLEARED LAND BELOW RESERVOIRS. Fifteen upstream flood retarding reservoirs have been constructed on Elm Creek in the Saint Jo-Muenster area. These dams greatly reduce the possibility of floods occurring on the bottomlands along the creek further downstream.

Land that has been left in timber and brush because of the frequent overflows which used to occur is now being cleared and put into cultivation or planted to improved pasture grasses.

Since the danger of frequent overflows has been removed by the flood prevention program over 135 acres of good bottomland have been cleared along the creeks. Most of this land will be put into cultivation. This land is highly productive and is a big asset to the landowner. The value of all bottomlands along Elm Creek has been greatly increased by the removal of the threat of frequent floods by the up-stream flood control program.

Farm Pond Is Good Investment for Fun, Food, Water Supply

The farm pond, which is primarily used for livestock water is becoming more useful for producing fish. It can be a delightful spot on the farm or ranch, providing recreation for the farmer, his family and friends.

The pond can be kept cleaner and more enjoyable by fencing livestock out of the pond area and piping water to a watering trough below the dam.

Fishponds are valuable when properly managed. They provide good fishing year after year and, if properly managed, can pro-

duce as much food as the same amount of land used for farming.

Site selection and proper construction are important factors in securing a good fishpond. A drainage area, covered with grass, large enough to furnish adequate water is essential.

Fish may be obtained from Fish and Wildlife Service. Orders are made through the local Soil Conservation Service work unit personnel. Ponds of one acre and less should be stocked with bass and bluegill or with channelcat alone. In larger ponds all three species may be stocked.

Before stocking, remove all wild fish if any are in the pond. Ponds will produce just so many pounds of fish. If the pond is overstocked the fish will all be small underfed weaklings.

For the best fishing results a

Responsibility of Land Ownership

The man-land relationship is a necessary part of God's universal scheme. In the Garden of Eden, God made man a steward of the land and responsible to Him for its care and use.

The Biblical message is clear and emphatic on land use and distribution. A man's inheritance of land was to be held, as nearly as possible, inviolate. Hear Elijah's judgment against Ahab when he would take Naboth's vineyard: "Have you killed and also taken possession?" (I Kings 21:19). Micah sets forth the prophetic ideal, "They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid." (Micah 4:4.)

God's greatest material gift to man is a very special kind of property, containing the basic sources of food, fiber, and fuel for man's use. Ownership of whatever sort, owner-operator, landlord or tenant, involves utilization of one's property to serve the highest purpose of human development and welfare. In many instances absentee-owners fail to accept their responsibility as stewards of the soil. A special effort must be put forth to remind the absentee-owner of his moral responsibility. Profits made at the expense of soil jeopardize the local community and are made at the expense of the nation.

In the exercise of his ownership of the land, a good owner develops a just pride in his acres, and is actively involved in the improvement of the attractiveness and the productivity of his acres. He comes to feel himself a part of the continuing creative process working cooperatively with God, "maintaining the yield," contributing to human welfare. Land ownership consciousness results in the conservation and the improvement of the God-given soil, and at the same time yields social satisfactions to the farmer, his family, his neighbors, and the world at large.

Such ownership eventuates in responsible citizenry and Christian stewardship of the land. This kind of ownership should be transmitted from generation to generation. Farm families have a significant opportunity in father-son agreements. The son inherits the land and the soil stewardship practices of his father. The land of such a farm is conserved and enriched for future generations.

pond should be fertilized with a complete fertilizer such as 8-8-4 or its equivalent. The fertilizer should be applied in April at the rate of 100 pounds per surface acre, and continued in about three week intervals for several weeks. This causes tiny plant growth in the pond which tiny insects and animals feed upon.

In turn small fish feed on the insects and larger fish feed on small fish, such as bass feeding on bluegill. In this way a proper balance is maintained.

Fish the pond heavily after the first spawning season. This is usually about one year after the pond is stocked. Large fish

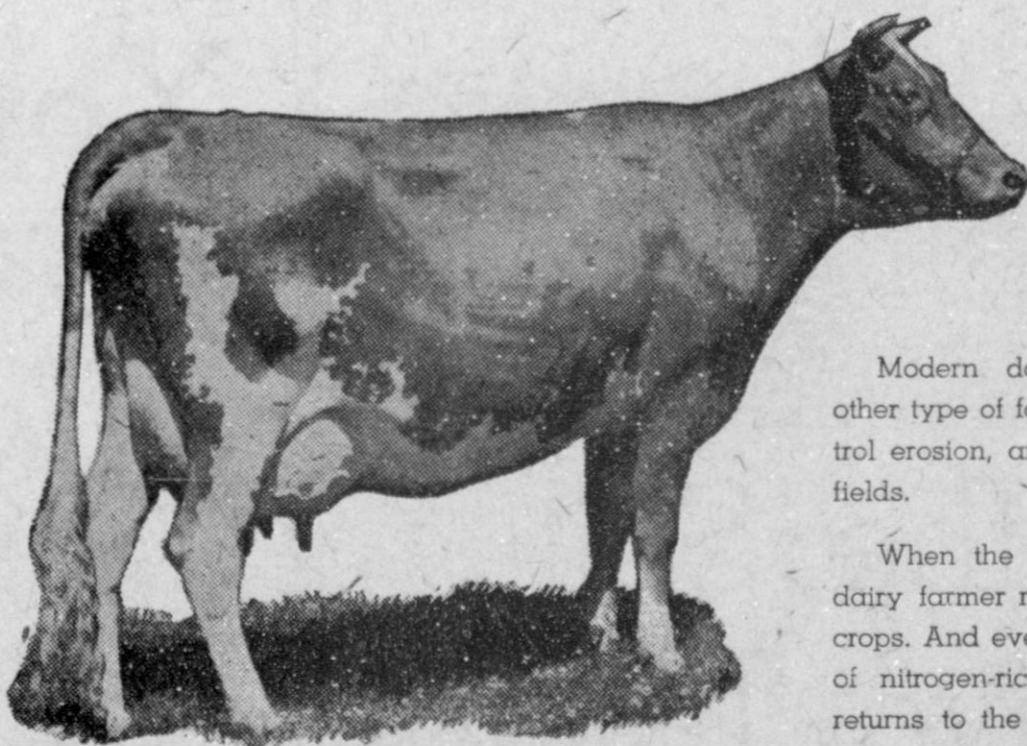
need to be harvested in order to make room for smaller fish to grow.

If a pond is murky because of silt remaining in suspension, it can be cleared by adding two tons of barnyard manure per surface acre.

"To skin and exhaust the land will result in undermining the days of our children." — Theodore Roosevelt in a message to Congress, 1907.

Where erosion has occurred, rain is no longer an unmixed blessing. In many parts of these countries drought has come to stay, regardless of the weather.

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FLOOD PREVENTION RESERVOIR on the Joe Fisher farm. Dam is located on Squirrel creek, a tributary of Upper Dry Elm near the home of Henry Pick. View is looking across the reservoir area toward the rock faced dam. The concrete inlet structure is visible in the center of the dam. Spillway is on the extreme left side of photo. The dam was completed on April 12. Ten days later it was filled to within a few feet of the emergency spillway.

This is the sixteenth flood prevention structure on Elm Fork of the Trinity in this area. The reservoirs are designed to hold back floodwaters and release them slowly through the inlet structures, so that creek channels below will not become flooded. This reservoir will control the runoff from 2,216 acres. The normal pool area will be 12 acres. The outlet tube diameter is 17 inches.

Small Dams Do Big Conservation Job

by John C. White
The state's tremendous land and water resources — ill from many years of neglect — are getting a good "shot in the arm" from the various Soil Conservation Districts.

Hundreds of small dams, known as retention reservoirs, have been constructed on upstream tributaries in major Texas watersheds. Many others are planned in conjunction with large downstream reservoirs.

These upstream water retention structures are beginning to dot the countryside. In some areas, they can be seen from the highway. They might appear, at

first, to be an exaggerated "Texas-size" stock tank.

The small dam projects have a three-fold purpose: Prevent flash floods, conserve water and stop soil erosion.

Thousands of acres in lowland areas have been made available for crops and pastures because the retention structures have eliminated seasonal flash floods. SCD co-operators in the area,

through proper land treatment on farms surrounding the reservoirs, help preserve every rain drop that falls. They also assist the Soil Conservation Service in obtaining necessary easements for proposed reservoirs.

The dams, when constructed, remain the property of the landowners. Recreational facilities have been set up by many owners. And irrigation has been applied to small, adjoining crops.

The structures are designed to release excessive water downstream at a slow rate, thereby putting into practice the idea to "make water walk, not run." When a flash flood strikes, the reservoirs catch the water and release it very slowly.

Completion of all the planned small dams will, in the future, tend to stabilize the flow of large creeks and rivers — providing more dependable, year-round surface water supplies.

All Texans should be proud of the locally controlled Soil Conservation Districts. SCD boards of supervisors and the farmer-cooperators are far-sighted, progressive leaders. They have recognized that, as the soil goes, so goes the nation. And they're doing something about it.

Earthworms Are Farmers' Helpers

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. Worm casts are rich in organic matter. Earthworms can't create organic matter. They concentrate it 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 difference was 37 percent more than that of the whole soil.

Five to eight tons of fresh worm casts per acre have been picked up from the soil surface after one good rain. As much as 25 per cent of the plow layer of good soil has been separated out by hand as recognizable worm cast. This amounts to a half million pounds per acre.

Worm casts are between 1/25 and 1/10 of an inch in diameter. When mixed with a small amount of finer particles, this

size is excellent for seedbeds. It is also big enough to resist being washed away by sheet erosion. Aggregates of this size are also favorable for a high water intake. We are not likely to get runoff because of dense soil surface until worm casts have been destroyed.

In a crop rotation that includes small grain or grass and sweet clover and in sub-tillage methods when residues are left at the surface, earthworms appear to thrive. Wheels of machines do less damage when the load is spread by surface straw, stalks or stubble. These organic materials also feed the worms, and help protect their workings from sun and rain.

Earthworms are here. They penetrate tight soils. They make excellent aggregates. They digest and concentrate organic residues and plant foods. These are things that we are continually trying to

do by other means. It is possible that we are failing to use one of our best soil building tools, simply because we are looking for something that has a new name or that comes from far away.

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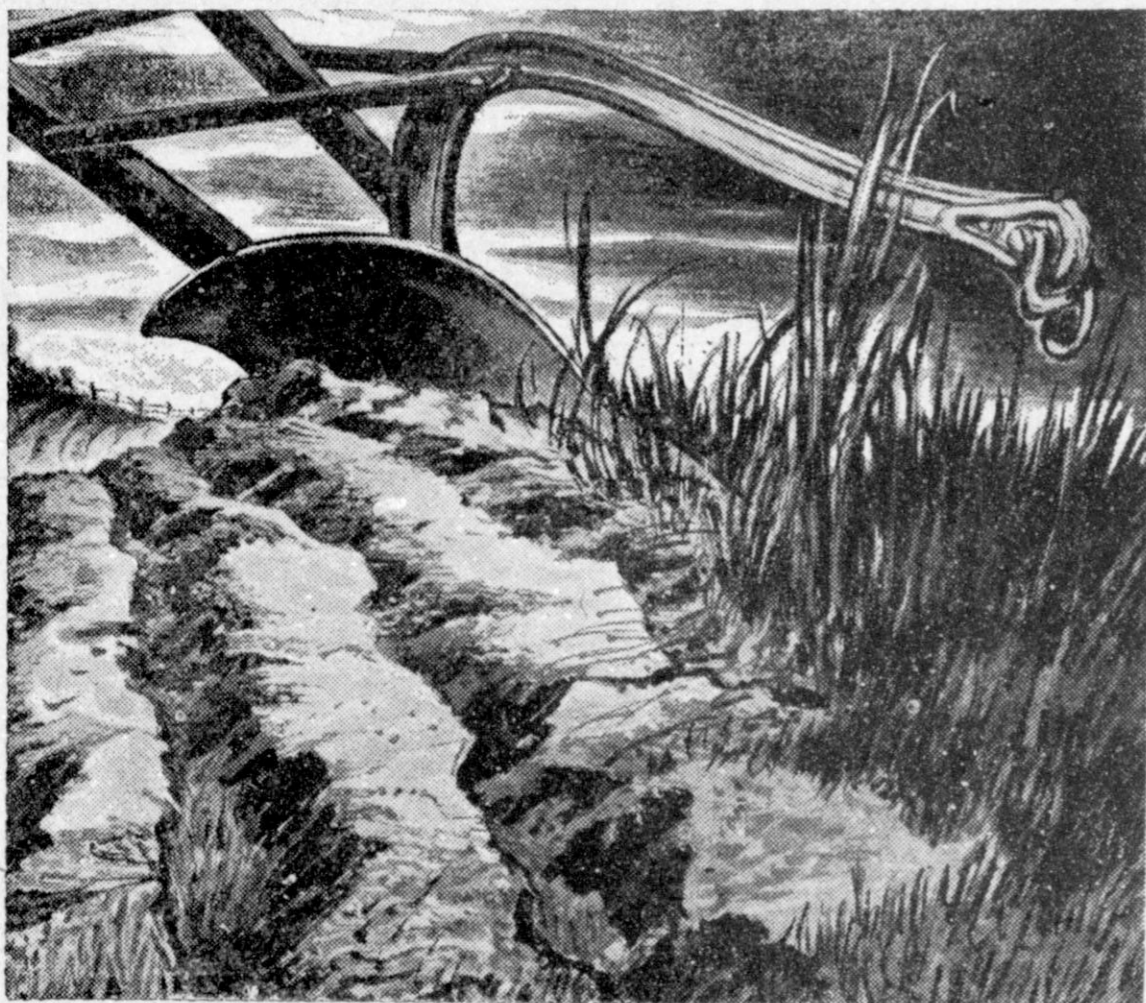
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Landlord-Tenant Award Earned on Whitewright Farm



Vaden Bush, Tenant

The landlord-tenant team winning the bankers award for outstanding work in soil and water conservation last year is Hugh Norris, owner, and Vaden Bush, operator. These men have worked together to prove once again that an owner and a tenant can work out an agreement in order to get conservation practices applied to the farmland.

Bush operates a 158 acre farm three miles north of Whitewright. During the past three years he has put in six grass waterways for terrace outlet areas and six miles of terraces to protect some 140 acres of sloping field land. All farming operations are carried out on the contour, that is, running parallel with the terraces. All crop residues are left on the soil surface to provide a protective mulch and legumes are included in the crop rotation to improve the fertility and aid in protecting the soil from erosion.

In this landlord-tenant relationship, the tenant, Mr. Bush, furnished labor for installing the waterways. This included seed-bed preparation, seeding and sodding King Ranch Bluestem and Bermudagrass and fertilizing. He also maintains the waterways and terraces. The landlord, Mr. Norris, who lives in Ada, Oklahoma, provided the necessary financial assistance on the waterways and terrace system. He received some financial aid through the Agricultural Conservation Program.

By working together to improve and protect the soil these men are improving their own situation. The improved farm will return a greater income



J. C. DONNELL OF HARDY plants Coastal Bermudagrass with district owned sprigging machine. The machine was built to plant two rows of common Bermudagrass in furrows, but has been modified to plant Coastal roots in the ground and leave a part of the root sticking above the soil surface. The machine works automatically to put out two rows at a time, fertilizes and packs the roots. Donnell planted a six acre nursery plot to the hybrid Bermudagrass. He hopes to produce roots on this plot for additional planting of this grass.



Hugh Norris, Landlord

through greater production in future years.

Bush and Norris have shown that it is possible for a working landlord-tenant contract to accomplish a great deal in making and keeping the farms productive. As in any other contract, both parties must be willing to contribute their share toward getting the job well done. It seems that in this case, both tenant and landlord had a desire to protect and improve the farm, so they did it together.



THIS CROSS SECTION OF FLOODWATER RETARDING STRUCTURE is similar to the sixteen dams now complete on the Elm Fork of the Trinity river in the Muenster-Saint Jo area. The detention pool holds back the run-off from excessive rainfall and releases it slowly through the inlet structure, which is a pipe through the dam. The water from these structures is released at a slow enough rate so that creek channels below will not become flooded. The run-off is spread over two or three weeks instead of the two or three days it formerly took to drain away. The inlet structure remains open at all times, so that water is running out while the detention pool is filling. The sediment pool is the permanent pool area.

scalpers.

This equipment is located on farms throughout the District so that it is available to all co-operators of the District. It is managed by farmer custodians who check out and in, make collections, and make the minor repairs. A small fee, such as 50c per acre for the use of the combination drills, is charged for the use of the machinery so that the equipment can be replaced when it is worn out.

Equipment custodians at Muenster are Joe Hoenig, Meinrad Hesse, Alfred Bayer, Claude Cannon, Norbert Koesler and Earl Robison, at Myra, Jake Biffle Jr.; at Rosston, George Berry; and at Saint Jo, N. L. Flusche. Equipment located at these farms includes 10 combination drills, 1 cultipacker seeder, 2 grass seed drills and one two-row Bermuda spring planter.

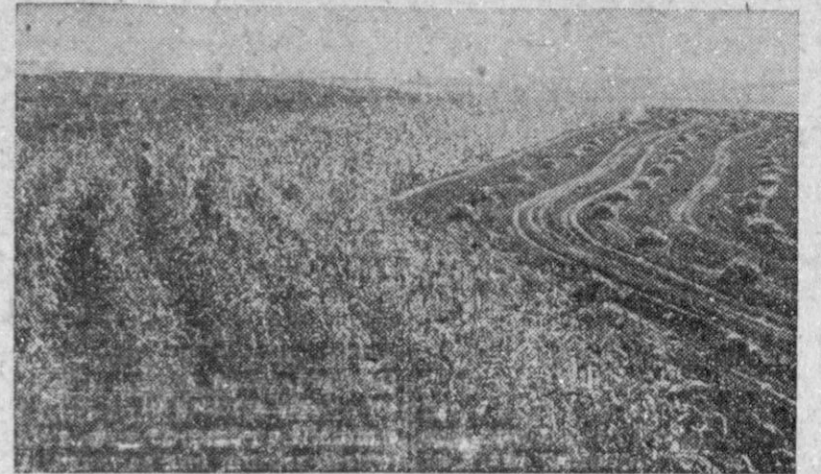
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Safety Expert Says Careful Driving Is A Moral Obligation

AUSTIN — J. O. Musick, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association, said today, "In no place is religion more practical than behind the wheel of a car." The problem of traffic accidents is not merely a technical problem of engineering, licens-

ing and enforcement, Musick explained. It is basically a human problem. Accidents are caused by drivers, not by automobiles. "All the advances made in automotive design, better and safer streets and highways, and new techniques and devices for efficient traffic movement will not solve the traffic accident problem until drivers really become aware of their moral and social obligation behind the wheel of a car," the traffic expert said.

"Deliberate or unintentional violation of a traffic law or sign, or of the dictates of common sense or courtesy, takes the 'accident' factor out of traffic accidents. Such actions place the burden of guilt upon the negligent driver. And if death results, the guilty driver also has broken the Commandment — Thou Shalt Not Kill!"

"It is time for all persons who profess any religious faith, to accept their moral responsibilities in helping to prevent traffic accidents," Musick said.

"Anger, impatience, selfishness — have no place on the roads. They lead to accidents and often to death. Love, courtesy and consideration, on the other hand, will reduce traffic accidents."

Soil conservation has meant savings to the farmer in seed, fertilizer, labor, and power. It has increased his income.

Local News BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cler had as guests several days of the past week Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Feda of Alexandria, Minn. It was the couple's first visit in Texas. Mrs. Cler and Mrs. Feda met 18 years ago when both were still single. At that time Mrs. Cler visited in Minnesota. In the years since both married and had never met the other's husband, nor had they seen each other but kept in contact through correspondence.

Charles Jetzelsberger drove to Fort Worth Sunday to be sponsor, with Cecile Sicking, at the christening of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Buttrell. The baby was named Jerold Eugene. His mother is the former Dorothy Sicking of Muenster.

Mrs. Earl Cole returned Thursday from Jackson, Miss., where she attended funeral services for Clyde White, 41, husband of the former Colleen Cole who lived in Gainesville before her marriage. She is a niece of Earl Cole. Mrs. Cole made the trip with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robison of Gainesville and J. B. Cole of Tioga.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hartman and children Gene, Della and Patsy, Mrs. Ted Gremminger and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hartman from here, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolf of Gainesville spent Sunday in Fort Worth in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tompkins and attended church services in which their daughter Sharon made her First Communion in a class of 87 little boys and girls. Joining them for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Gremminger and children and Willard Hartman of Fort Worth.

Guests of the Frank Needhams Thursday to Saturday were his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bond of Newark, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Fette and Cecilia returned to their home in Andrews Tuesday after visiting here since Saturday with his mother and other family members.

Mike Luke and his fiancée Joan Wooten of Albuquerque, N.M. spent the weekend with his family, the Henry Lukes. It was Miss Wooten's first visit in Muenster.

Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus from Muenster will go to Denton Sunday for the 4 p.m. dedication services of Denton's new Catholic church.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Barthold has as guests Saturday and Sunday his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barthold and daughters Martha, Sharon and Margie of Pilot Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyndall Dickerson and five children of Morris, Okla., were guests Saturday to Monday in the home of his brother, A. T. Dickerson and family. They also visited his sister, Mrs. Herman Pierce. Sunday the two Dickerson families, joined by the Sam Nasons, drove to Electra for a visit with Sam's brother, Harold Nason and family.

All Awards Dinner Honors Elementary Students Sunday

Elementary pupils of Muenster public school who participated in any activities during the past year were honored guests at an all-awards banquet Sunday night. The event was sponsored by the PTA and the children's parents. Parents joined their youngsters for the program.

Superintendent H. H. Homsley, as banquet speaker, told the group to "Start from where you are to be what you want to be," and left with his listeners serious thoughts, spiced with his usual wit and good humor.

Dolphy Joe Hellman was master of ceremonies, Rev. Billy Whitt gave the invocation and Mrs. Rudy Hellman extended welcome in behalf of the sponsoring groups.

Coach Weldon Holland introduced students who participated in football, basketball and track and interscholastic league meet events, Jim Harris recognized band members, and Mrs. John Hosea introduced pep squad members.

James Harris presented Coach Holland a gift and Mrs. Hosea gave the benediction.

Mrs. W. W. Sicking

Protect and improve the soil. Legumes have been grown and managed on 153 acres of cropland. The practice of leaving all crop residues on the soil surface is being practiced on all of the cultivated land to further guard against soil depletion and erosion. Diversion terraces have been constructed to keep hill water from running across three fields. These diversion terraces also drain into the grass waterways.

Nearly 30 acres of land has been seeded or sodded to pasture grasses to stop soil erosion and provide additional pasture for the dairy cattle. All in all the farm is taking on a cared-for look and the topsoil is needed.

Mrs. Sicking is assisted in her conservation work by Leo Mosman, a son-in-law who lives on the farm and operates it. He cooperates and aids her in installing and maintaining the conservation measures on the farm.

Mrs. Sicking has seen at first hand the evils and wastefulness of soil erosion and is determined to protect her land. She is quick to tell others of the benefits of soil and water conservation and puts into practice what she preaches. Her teachings, too, have evidently been heeded. Mrs. Sicking has five sons operating farms and each is installing a coordinated soil and water conservation plan on his farm. One of the sons, Lawrence Sicking, of Gainesville, won the Outstanding Conservation Farmer award for zone 4 in 1954. Love for the land and conservation farming seem to run in this winner's family.

Mrs. Sicking and her family have gone a long way toward their goal of protecting and improving each acre of this farm. They still have some jobs to be done, but if the remaining jobs are tackled with the same determination and vigor that has been shown this far, it won't be long until all the conservation needs of the land will be installed on this farm.

274 Cooperators - - -

ides on the soil surface to serve as a protective mulch. Good progress toward the improvement of the grasslands throughout the district was also made. Over 500 ponds were constructed last year to provide additional water for livestock and to make better grazing management possible. Some 15,283 acres of rangeland were given long periods of rest from grazing during the growing season and 20,459 acres of grassland was properly used so that half the grass was left to maintain the stand and provide a protective mulch on the soil.

There is a drastic need of many times this amount of rangeland improvement in the district. This need for better grass treatment has been intensified by the long drought which has seriously damaged many of the best grass ranges.

An additional 6,167 acres of land was seeded or sodded to grass last year to add to the grazing lands. Most of these grass plantings were made on land that had been damaged by erosion or on land that for some reason was unsuitable for cultivation. The grass cover will protect and improve the land.

Good progress was also made last year on the flood prevention program on Elm Fork of the Trinity. Sixteen detention reservoirs have been completed or are in the final stages of completion in the Saint Jo-Muenster area. Contracts for further construction are expected to be let before the year is out.

No records have been broken, except the record long drought, but district cooperators have made a lot of progress during adverse weather conditions by applying soil, water and plant conservation practices to the land.

Detention Dams - - -

flood prevention program. Deep rooted legumes used regularly in the crop rotation, grasses planted to prevent erosion, waterways sodded for terrace outlets, terraces to slow the water down and properly managed grasslands to leave a dense cover on the land, all combine to increase the amount of water absorbed by the soil and slow the run-off so that it does not carry away topsoil to fill reservoirs with silt.

The District's upstream flood prevention program will protect all cropland below the dams. It will also do much toward controlling floods on the main streams and will protect bigger reservoirs and other structures downstream. It will also protect other property by preventing flood damage to highways, bridges and homes.

The detention dams and reservoirs are built on private lands and when completed are turned over to the landowners, who gave easements so that they could be constructed. The District retains the right of inspection to see that the structures are functioning properly.

The program has a good start and is well on its way with sixteen reservoirs already in the making. The District Supervisors and the Elm Creek Watershed Association will need the help of all people to keep the program moving to completion.

There are six more reservoirs planned on Brushy and Upper Dry Elm creeks in the Muenster area. With the cooperation of local people these dams can be constructed in the near future.

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**IT HAPPENED
20 YEARS AGO**

April 30, 1937
Gulf Company will erect new filling station here; modern \$5,000 building will adjoin Al Walterscheid's machine shop. Parochial boys defeat Myra team 16 to 7 in season's first baseball game. Mrs. Casper Haverkamp will assume management of City Hotel; the family moves here from Tenn. Mrs. Joe Schmitz was former manager. The Al Eberharts announce the birth of Allan Dale. J. M. Tempel is reported improved following a stroke. Committeemen and dads join Scoutmaster Nick Miller and troop on outing Sunday. Airline Stewardess Lillian Fette writes her parents that she helped entertain representatives of a German aerial club when they visited in New York, along with executives of her company, American Airlines.

**15 YEARS AGO
May 1, 1942**

Msgr. Augustine Danglmayr, chancellor of the Dallas diocese, is named bishop, is first Texan to serve in native diocese.

Registration for sugar rationing will be held May 4, 5 and 6. Judge Ben Boyd will address public school class at graduation. Week's rain, Wednesday to Wednesday, totals 7.02 inches. Phillip Metzler, 76, dies at his home in Lindsay. Six students are in high school graduating class at Lindsay. Ben Luke is recovering from surgery. Garden Club prepare for home flower show and tea on May 8. Muenster tops quota in Navy Relief drive.

**10 YEARS AGO
May 2, 1947**

Local rodeo has capacity crowd for first showing and plans to add another event for next week's show. 167 calves and pigs are entered in annual 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show. Funeral services are held for Rev. Shelby West, 61, at Bulcher. 2.77 inches of rain falls this week. Vocational school members convert fire truck into farm sprayer. Local postoffice awaits 80 new boxes to put an end to mail delivery cramp. Father Herman spent several days in Bethania Hospital at Wichita Falls for treatment of flu. The Paul Walterscheids announce the birth of a daughter. Meinrad Stoffels receives army discharge after serving in both

the European and Pacific theatres.

**5 YEARS AGO
May 2, 1952**

Bishop Danglmayr officiates at ground breaking ceremony for new Sacred Heart church; some 2000 persons including visiting clergymen from North Texas parishes attend. Installation rites for Bishop Gorman set May 8. Local Lions Club organizes with 45 charter members. Soil Conservation Service men conduct conservation tour for Garden Clubs. Mrs. Tony Felderhoff undergoes major surgery in Dallas. Mrs. Lee Toothaker has major operation in Fort Worth. Juliana Fuhrmann and Steve Grewing marry in Lindsay. Jeanette Walter is 1952 valedictorian at Muenster High. Irma Hofbauer is top student at Sacred Heart High. Tommy Felderhoff will leave this week for New Jersey and an overseas assignment. Rupert Hoenig leaves for west coast enroute overseas. Sister Canisia is greeted with feast day surprise by her students and roommothers.

**Marysville News
By Mrs. B. G. Lyons**

MARYSVILLE, April 30 — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moon drove to Sherman Sunday, to visit their daughter and family, the Max Harrells.

W. F. Davidson joined his son Charles of Muenster Wednesday on a trip to Valley View to visit his brother J. C. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ramsey, Hiram Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Almon of Gainesville were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Jesse Davidson and her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Duffey of Fort Worth. The Duffeys are spending two weeks with his sister.

The Marysville Baptist congregation is going on with plans for the annual homecoming program in spite of the weather and hopes the rains will stop long enough Sunday for folks to attend. In case the weather prevents the homecoming next Sunday a new date will be announced. A morning church service with sermon, singing, dinner at noon, and an afternoon get-together are on the program. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Club Has Program
On Grooming Aids**

Members of the Bulcher Home Demonstration club heard Mrs. Estell Ralston talk on "Care of the Homemaker" when the group held a regular meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Paul Tracy as hostess in her home.

The speaker discussed over-weight problems, vitamins, skin treatments, make-up, hand care and shampoos for the hair.

Members answered roll call by naming a grooming problem. Mrs. August Hyman conducted the meeting and Mrs. Tracy gave the council report. The hostess served refreshments to members and two guests Mrs. Ralston and Mrs. Harlan Schoffner.

**Funeral Held for
Hellinger Infant**

Dennis Lee, 17-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hellinger of Gainesville, died Thursday afternoon in a doctor's office where he had been taken for emergency treatment. He was born April 8, and had been ill two days.

Funeral services were held Saturday in St. Mary's church with Rev. E. J. Gerlich officiating. Burial was in Fairview cemetery with George J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home directing.

The child is survived by his parents; four brothers, Mike, David, Tommy and Glenn and three sisters, Patsy, Shirley and Doris and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Knabe of Muenster.

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NEWS OF SICK AND INJURED

Mrs. Tom Bashears underwent minor surgery Tuesday morning at Gainesville Sanitarium.

Veronica Rollman is recovering from illness that confined her to bed at her home this week.

Mrs. Lucy Jensen writes her sister, Mrs. J. M. Weinzapfel, that she is out of the hospital and is walking on crutches. Since she broke a hip in February 1956 she has been in and out of hospitals for surgery and treatment. The last operation was performed early in March in Kansas City where she had gone to stay with a daughter. She is back with her daughter and goes to the hospital for therapy. Her home is in Canon City, Colo.

Mrs. H. O. Atteberry was dismissed from Majors Clinic in Nocona Wednesday morning and is at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Atteberry for a convalescent period. She underwent major surgery. Her home is in Bowie.

Mrs. Ben Sandmann and Mrs. Weldon Beznar were dismissed from Gainesville Sanitarium Tuesday after receiving medical care.

"Give me liberty or give me death" is not the only saying of Patrick Henry that goes ringing down the years. He also said: "He is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies."

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Lindsay News

The annual May procession and crowning of the May Queen for St. Peter's parish will be held Sunday night in services beginning at 7:30. Clara Mae Haverkamp, president of the CYC, will crown the statue of the Madonna.

Viola Bezner has returned to Saint Louis after a visit with her parents, the Jake Bezners and family.

Mrs. Louis Wiesman and children have returned to Farmington, N. M., after a visit with family members. She had been here during the illness and at the death of her father, Ed Mosier.

Mrs. George Spaeth spent Sunday and over night in Muenster with her daughter and family, the Arthur Felderhoffs. She attended First Communion services in which her granddaughter Dianne participated, was guest at a family dinner at noon and attended the school operetta at night.

Marie Geray and her sister, Mrs. John E. Williams of Wichita Falls, left Tuesday for a vacation visit in St. Paul, Minn., where they will be guests of an aunt, Mrs. Anton Geray and a cousin, Mrs. Emmett Gombold.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Friske and Jere drove to Oklahoma City Sunday to be guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ray Lueb and her family for the day and to attend First Communion services for the Lueb's son, Ronnie.

Rain - - -

streams were ready for more when it arrived. Creeks and streams of the area did not come close to leaving their channels. The total volume of water that fell is indicated, however, in each of the area's several detention reservoirs. In all the water is far above the permanent pool level and in many it is lapping at the spillway. All offer the SCS technicians an opportunity to learn how long it takes a reservoir to release its surplus water . . . how long it delays the torrent which would otherwise roar down the creek in a few hours.

Though there is no serious damage, the lesser ill effects of the excessive moisture are apparent on all sides. Vegetation is suffering from a combination of too much moisture and too little sunshine. All growth seems to be very slow lately and many plants have a sick pale green color. Grain crops appear to be standing the rains well, retaining a good color and very little being bent over. Corn and other row crops are mostly skippy and some still are not planted.

Definite casualties are roads and streets. The constant soaking with the usual traffic loads, is developing many broken places in both gravel and pavement. Unless suitable weather for repairing returns soon some spots on gravel roads will become old time mud holes. Chopped up pavement poses a similar threat. On Muenster streets the city crew has been filling holes with gravel, a temporary repair intended to check severe damage until better work can be done. When dry weather returns gravel will be removed and the holes packed with asphalt-gravel mix.

A nuisance with floor furnaces is another result of the excessive rain. Unless the floor is considerably above the level of the ground the furnace extends down into a pit dug out for that purpose. Water is seeping under houses, as far as 15 to 20 feet, filling the pits and putting out the furnaces. Several families are lucky that heat is no longer needed.

Livestock Judging Team Goes to A&M

Three of Muenster's Future Farmers accompanied by their instructor will be at A&M College this weekend for the State FFA Livestock Judging Contest. They are Billy Otto, Jerry Wimmer and Ted Henschel along with Glenn Hellman.

The team won fifth place recently in the Area 5 FFA Livestock Judging contest at Arlington. Two other teams of the Muenster chapter failed to place in the first ten, hence were not eligible for the state contest. They were the dairy and poultry teams.

The contestants and their coach will leave here Friday morning and return Saturday night.

Louise Fuhrmann, And Ray Haverkamp Marry at Lindsay



—Boyd and Breeding Photo—

Louise Ann Fuhrmann and Raymond J. Haverkamp exchanged marriage vows at 4 p.m. Saturday in St. Peter's church at Lindsay with the Rev. Conrad Herda, pastor, officiating at the double ring ceremony and nuptial high mass.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Matt Fuhrmann and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haverkamp. For her wedding the bride wore a white gown of thread lace embroidered tulle. The fitted bodice with its tailored collar had long sleeves and the skirt was fashioned of tiers of border-embroidered tulle. A lace half-hat held her elbow length veil and she carried a white orchid on top of a white prayer book. She was given in marriage by her father.

The bride's jewelry was an antique gold cross and chain that her grandmother wore at her wedding, and earrings borrowed from Miss Lou Hallberg of Amarillo.

Mrs. Bill Dankesreiter of Pilot Point was her sister's matron of honor, and Clara Mae and Alma Haverkamp, sisters of the groom, were bridesmaids. Sharon Loerwald and Beverly Koelzer served as flower girls for their aunt.

The attendants wore identical dresses of soft pink chiffon over taffeta with ballerina length skirts. They wore matching lace hats and shoes and carried colonial bouquets of pink aristocrat roses.

Bill Dankesreiter of Pilot Point was best man and Alfred Hess and Kenneth Zimmerer were groomsmen.

Mrs. William Schmitz, organist, and St. Cecilia's choir provided the nuptial music.

A reception and dinner in the Lindsay hall was followed by a dance honoring the newlyweds. Patsy Devers of Dallas presided at the guest book.

When Mr. and Mrs. Haverkamp left on their honeymoon trip she was wearing a gray suite with white accessories and an orchid corsage. They will make their home in Gainesville.

The bride is a graduate of Lindsay High school, Amarillo Junior college and St. Anthony's School of Nursing. The groom was graduated from Lindsay High.

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N. Texas District Of Catholic League Meets Here Sunday

Sacred Heart parish will be host Sunday to the northern district of the Catholic State League for its spring meeting and Very Rev. Monsignor Paul Charcut of Dallas will be the principal speaker.

The meeting will open at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. Reports, old and new business and election of officers, a short program by Sacred Heart school students and the presentation of rural life awards are on the afternoon's program. Following the close, refreshments will be available in the lunch room and after evening mass there will be a social and dance.

Parish affiliates of the district are Muenster, Lindsay, Pilot Point, Mt. Carmel, Rhineland, Windthorst and Scotland. Nick Block of Lindsay is president and Ed Schad of Lindsay is secretary.

Two MHS Students Enter State Meet

Pat Horn and James Wolf are representing Muenster High school at the State Interscholastic League Meet this weekend in Austin. Pat is entered in journalism and James will compete in the mile run. Both earned honors in the regional meet to become eligible to enter state competition.

They left early Thursday morning accompanied by Superintendent H. H. Homsley, Coach John Hosea and Pat's mother, Mrs. Joe Horn, and will return Saturday night.

Marysville Church Announces Plans For Homecoming

The Rev. E. G. Pennington will preach the main sermon Sunday for the Marysville homecoming of members and former members of the Baptist church. Mr. Pennington served the church as pastor in 1912. Services will begin at 10 a.m. to which the public is invited.

Dinner will be served on the grounds.

It is believed that the Marysville church is the oldest Baptist church in the county, being organized in the latter months of 1870 or the early months of 1871.

The Rev. Howard T. Bigham is present pastor.

To Remodel
The church members have voted to paint the building in the near future. Earl Robison, treasurer, reports there will soon be enough money on hand to care for the improvement. The building was last painted in 1942 when Dr. Cal Guy was pastor.

The improvement of the building will be in cooperation with the Town and Country Church Achievement and Recognition program which the church has entered.

Confetti - - -

is a most serious moral consideration. Since land must sustain countless future generations each one has a responsibility of giving it the best possible care and passing on as much as possible to the next generation. Men are not real owners of the soil but only temporary custodians . . . stewards of the soil and destined to be asked for an account of their stewardship.

So it is that conservation makes real sense in several ways. To the farmer it means progress and profit. To the nation it means a sounder economy and also the solution to later problems of population and food supply. Before Almighty God it is the fulfillment of one generation's obligation to another.

Windthorst Nudges Parochial Students In V'Ball Matches

Students of Windthorst High School were winners by a close margin Wednesday in a 7-match contest with the students of Sacred Heart High and sweetened their record by taking first place also in a Freshman spelling bee.

High school classes at Windthorst were dismissed for the day as 58 students and the faculty made a trip to Muenster. The group arrived here about 10:30 o'clock, stopping first at the church to offer prayers for the repose of Frankie Fleitman, who was fatally injured in a football game at Windthorst last fall.

In the Freshman spelling bee Herbert Cunningham and Patsy Schroeder outlasted all contestants, then ran neck and neck for a while before Cunningham tripped, leaving the champ title to the Windthorst girl.

Results of the volley ball contests were: Senior boys, Windthorst won 15-10, 13-15, 15-13. Senior girls, Muenster won 15-10 and 15-9. Junior boys, Windthorst won 15-13, 11-15, 15-5. Junior girls, Muenster won 15-10 and 16-14. With time running short remaining matches were cut to 1 game each with the following results, Windthorst sophomore girls won 15-4, Windthorst freshman boys won 16-14 and Muenster freshman girls won 15-7.

Pee Wee Baseball League Organizes For 1957 Schedule

Little League baseball for 1957 in Muenster was organized Monday night as a group representing the sponsoring organizations elected league officers and decided on league procedure.

Dr. T. S. Myrick will serve as president, Glenn Hellman will be vice-president and Ed Endres will be secretary. Sponsors and their respective coaches are St. Joseph's Society, Jerry Vernon; KCs, Glenn Hellman; VFW, R. P. Cain; Lions, Dick Cain.

The season is due to start early in June and all of last year's players except those who have passed the age limit will remain on their old teams. Shortly before the season opens team managers will meet with the year's new candidates and choose their respective groups of rookies.

Also decided at the meeting was an arrangement to assure umpires at the games. Each sponsoring organization will provide an umpire each time its team plays.

Other details on practice, team selections and the exact opening date will be decided at later meetings.

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