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Elm-Red Bankers Group Sets Pattern For State Soil Aid

In observance of soil conservation week, May 16-23, the column here invites special attention to a number of articles in this issue recognizing the great importance of soil conservation as the key to future prosperity of the community, the state and the nation.

The motive behind this, in case anyone is interested in knowing, is an effort to help along in the most vital movement that has hit here since the founding of the community a little more than sixty years ago. Con is convinced that Muenster is headed for sad days unless the practice of mining the land, which was in effect here for several decades and in some cases still continues today, is reversed to one of checking further losses and restoring productivity.

In a way this can be regarded as purely selfish. The Enterprise is one of the established business institutions in this community. If people hereabouts prosper the Enterprise has a chance to prosper. It the trend goes the other way the Enterprise will most surely get caught in the current.

But let's take notice of the fact that this kind of selfishness has one distinct quality to recommend it. Actually this is the kind we're proud to admit, and to praise wherever else we find it. For we do not hope to reap our rewards until after others have first reaped theirs.

The same can be said for any other business in town. Selfishness may be a motive for helping the soil conservation movement, but every person concerned is wishing prosperity to the farmer before he can wish it to himself. After all there are only two kinds of people here, those who make their living off of farms and those who make their living off of farmers. In fact those are the only two kinds of people to be found anywhere. So soil conservation must be everybody's business.

Of course the column does not presume to offer technical advice. The experts are better suited for that job. But the column is qualified to observe that lots of things around here are not what they used to be. Old timers can vouch that the virgin soil back in the 90s grew some dandy crops. Those who can remember the original prairie days can recall also that grass had a way of holding both soil and moisture. Springs were common, creeks ran constant and clear, floods were infrequent.

But farming brought some sad changes. Exposed land washed away as unretarded rain gushed toward the creeks. Thousands of tons of precious top soil got away. Meanwhile the remaining soil gradually lost essential elements causing still further loss of productivity. It was a trend that, if permitted to continue, would have eventually reduced this community to a desert.

Now the goal is to keep and increase the productivity we still have. . . to check further losses by erosion and to restore the elements which have been removed by years of successive crops.

How to do it? That's where soil conservation comes in. Methods must depend on the conditions of every farm but the net result is always the same. Save and improve.

To anyone who may have lost hope for his farm the column especially recommends the articles on two farmers recognized for outstanding achievements in this year's "Save the Soil and Save Texas" contest sponsored by the Fort Worth Press. Both converted desolate patches of worn out land into lush garden spots. What they did stands out as a challenge to all farmers, especially those who, like Muenster farmers, still have fairly good land on which to start their job.

The present campaign by Blue Cross to sell hospital and medical insurance in Muenster inspires the column to observe this week that there is a free nation's answer to all the hokey we have been hearing in behalf of a national program of social- (Continued on Page 10)

The policy recently adopted by bankers of the Upper Elm Red Soil Conservation District to assist supervisors in carrying out their conservation programs has been adopted by the Texas Bankers' Association.

Returning from the state bankers' convention at Fort Worth Tuesday night, J. M. Weinzapfel said that the convention enthusiastically adopted a resolution to assist the soil conservation program on both district and state levels. It urged bankers within soil districts to establish co-operative programs with district supervisors and it recommended the selection of two bankers from each of the state's seven banking districts to form a soil and water conservation committee cooperating with members on the state board of soil conservation supervisors.

The resolution was introduced before the convention by the bankers of the Upper Elm-Red district.

A fortunate circumstance is probably responsible for the enthusiastic adoption of the resolution, Weinzapfel explained. The resolution happened to be the first item of business following an inspiring address on conservation by Louis Bromfield. The convention was thoroughly sold on soil conservation promotion before the resolution was mentioned.

Road Contractor Jinxed by Series Of Delaying Rains

Hard luck continues to hound Contractor Ralph Lloyd on his 5 mile farm-to-market road job south of town.

Final topping, which normally requires only a few days, is still unfinished in spite of the fact that it was begun about a month ago. Rains, arriving with exasperating regularity just about the time when the gravel base is ready for the asphalt and crushed rock surface, have caused the grief.

The wet gravel, cut up by traffic, has to be completely worked over and graded before topping can be applied. Then comes another rain and the cycle starts over again.

Wednesday the crew was nearing the end of another preparation cycle. If good luck holds out this time Lloyd hopes to finish the job this week end.

Wyatt Brothers of Fort Worth are sharing the grief. They have a sub-contract to do the topping and they are losing precious time waiting for fate to quit kicking Lloyd around.

Ruffnecks Lose 5-7, Drop to Third Place In League Standing

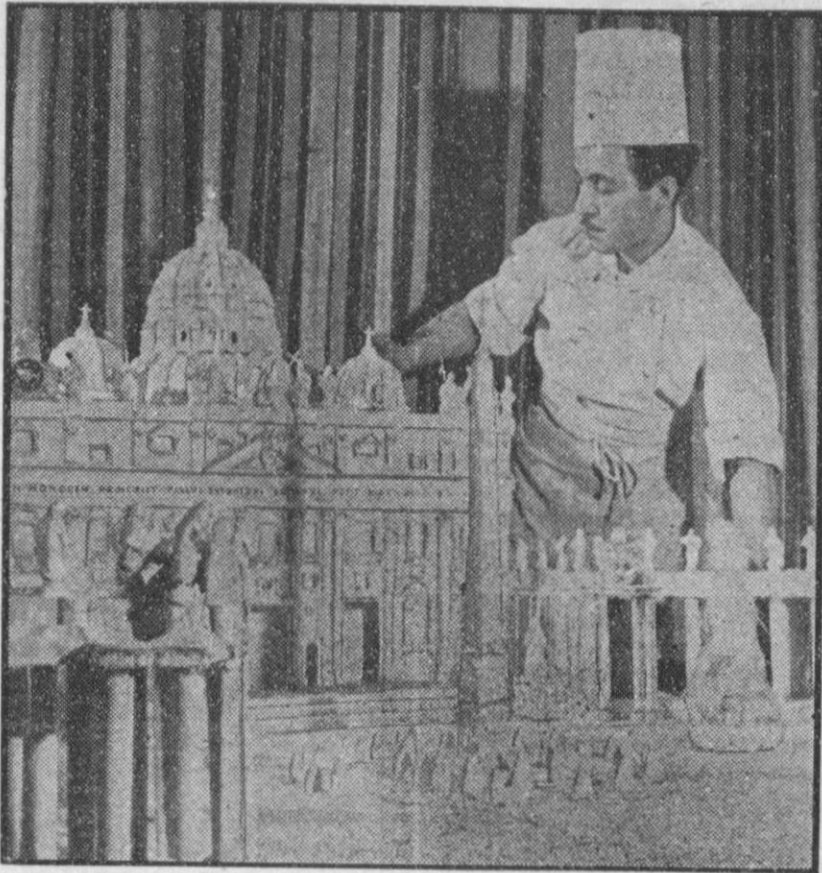
Losing 7 to 5 to the Gainesville Merchants Tuesday night, Muenster's Ruffnecks slipped a notch in the current softball league standing and lost their number 2 position to the Beznar chicks. The game, active and evenly matched all the way through was a treat for the fans and anybody's game to the very end which found the Merchants with a 2 point lead.

Meanwhile Valley View continues to burn up the league with a perfect record. Tuesday night they inflicted a humiliating 32-0 defeat on Saint Jo and in a previous game they bested the Chicks 10-8. The other game of the week was a 6-4 win for the Chicks over Nocona.

League standings after Tuesday night's games are as follows:

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| Valley View | 4-0 | 1000 |
| Chicks | 3-2 | 600 |
| Muenster | 2-2 | 500 |
| Merchants | 1-2 | 333 |
| Nocona | 1-2 | 333 |
| Saint Jo | 0-3 | 000 |

Next on the Ruffneck schedule are Saint Jo Wednesday and the Chicks Thursday, both here.



ST. PETER'S IN SUGAR—Pastry cook Pasquale Cotumaccio used 50 pounds of sugar and took 20 days to complete this model of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. The model, complete to the inscription on the top of the facade, was made to decorate the dining room of a Rome hotel.

Assistant County Agent Will Begin Duties on June 7

A fulltime assistant county agent will begin work in Cooke county on June 7. The assistant, to be graduated from A&M College in June is to be H. W. (Dub) Schlitter, 26, a native of Young county.

Schlitter, whose college major is farm management, is a veteran of world war II, is married and has one child.

County Agent B. T. Haws has had no assistant since the end of last year when Ed McKay was transferred as assistant agent to Denton county.

Employment of the assistant agent was authorized by the county commissioners' court in its regular monthly session last week. The county will pay \$1,200 annually to the assistant's salary.

Replica of Liberty Bell Will Ring in Gainesville Friday

The voice of American liberty and independence will ring out in Gainesville on Friday May 19. A bronze replica of the original Liberty Bell will visit there on that date, to help promote the sale of United States Savings Bonds during the Independence Drive, May 15 through July 4, according to R. W. Briscoe, Cooke County Savings Bonds Chairman.

The bell will arrive there at 3:30 p.m. and depart at 5:00p.m. While there it will be in charge of the county Savings Bonds Chairman and his committee, who are planning appropriate public ceremonies to mark the visit.

This county is one of 87 in Texas that will be visited by the bell, the chairman said. The bell will make its appearance in about 120 Texas cities and towns which represent 85 to 90 per cent of the state's population. The bell started on its 5,000 mile tour following the state "kick off" of the Independence Drive in Fort Worth on May 16. The state quota for the drive is \$25,000,000 in Series E bonds. The slogan is "Save for YOUR Independence—Buy U. S. Savings Bonds."

The bell is an exact duplicate, except for the crack, of the original Liberty Bell which is preserved in Independence Hall at Philadelphia. The crack is simulated in the duplicate bell so that it will have the same "voice" that proclaimed liberty 174 years ago when this nation declared itself "free and independent". The bell will be rung during the ceremonies.

The bell is one of the 49 that the copper industry is furnishing as its contribution to the Independence Drive. One bell each will tour the 48 states and the District of Columbia during the seven weeks of the drive.

New School Work Nears End; Owens To Pilot Point Job

Only a few finishing touches remain to be completed on the new public school job. That fact was indicated Wednesday when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owens, prepared to leave for his next job on the new Pilot Point school. Jack was construction supervisor for the school board here.

Before leaving he stated that the only job unfinished at the school is painting, and it will be finished this week end. He will be back soon to make a final check and expects to do more checking in the weeks to follow.

The building will be ready for use as soon as water connections, now being made are finished. A six inch line from the main on Main Street is now being delayed because of bad digging conditions. However Steve Mosler is confident the connections will be made in time for graduation exercises.

Aged Nun, Pioneer Resident, Dies In Pueblo, Colorado

Sister M. Veronica, a former Muenster resident remembered by local pioneers as Rosa Mueller before she entered the convent died recently in Pueblo, Colorado.

She left Muenster 52 years ago to enter the Franciscan order and for the past 35 years had been associated with Sacred Heart Orphanage in Pueblo.

Survivors are one brother, Peter Mueller of Denver Colo., and one sister, Sister M. Catherine, also a Franciscan nun, of Saint Louis, Mo., and several nieces and nephews of this city. Another sister Mrs. Franz Hesse died here several years ago.

J. M. Weinzapfel and G. H. Hellman represented the Muenster State bank at the 66th annual Texas Bankers Association convention in Fort Worth this week. Mmes. Weinzapfel and Hellman accompanied their husbands. The Weinzapfels were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Hugh Jackson and visited another daughter, Miss Juanita, between convention sessions.

The Frank Phillips of California, well known locally, recently moved from Hollywood to Oakland where they reside at 1508 Leimert Blvd. Mrs. Phillips, the former Nellie Mertis, a sister of Mrs. Ben Hellman, has been ill for several weeks, according to her son, Norman Phillips, who visited here Sunday,

Plans Near Completion For Combined Horse Show and Electrification Day Program

Final plans are shaping up this week for an interesting and entertaining two-day program Sunday and Monday featuring the annual Muenster Horse Show and the annual general meeting of the Cooke County Electric Co-operative.

Through the efforts of the Muenster Community Council, under the chairmanship of Dick Cain the two previously separate events were coordinated this year so that both, combined with the council's special arrangements, could be shaped into an impressive two day affair.

The principal feature unifying the program is the two day exhibition of merchandise inside and outside the big top tent of the Gainesville Community Circus. Equipped with the regular circus seats, the tent will also be used for the co-op annual meeting. It will be set up Friday and Saturday and exhibitors will set up their displays prior to the opening at 1 o'clock Sunday.

As at last year's electrification day display booths will have registrations for cash and merchandise prizes to be given away Monday night. The list of prizes, still incomplete Wednesday, had reached a total value of more than \$300. A visitor need only register to be eligible for these prizes. He need not be present at the drawing.

More prizes are offered by the electric cooperative. Drawings for them will be at the official meeting and the lucky person must be present to claim his prize. Names will be drawn from a complete list of co-op members. Total value of those prizes is \$300.

The horse show, first of the two featured programs, begins at 2 o'clock Sunday with an address of welcome by Rev. Anthony Schroeder, followed by a grand entry to the music of the Muenster band. In general the show consists of 13 competitive events, in which first place winners will receive trophies of bronze horses mounted on wood pedestals, and three special acts by Portis Sims of the Gainesville Community Circus. The show will be held before the grandstand just north of the circus tent.

After the horse show exhibits will remain open until 10 and a short entertainment will be presented inside the tent at 7:30.

Electrification day begins with the opening of exhibits at 10. The annual meeting, at which members will hear B. W. Chesser of the Washington REA headquarters, will begin at 2:30. At convenient times during the rest of the day the co-op will show a series of colored movies on various phases of rural electrification.

Following entertainment and drawings at 7:30 the day will end with a gigantic street dance between First and Second streets on Main. Square dances will be featured and all groups are encouraged to bring their favorite callers for a turn at the mike. The Hogan orchestra of Muenster will play.

LOCAL FIREMEN ATTEND BRIDGEPORT CONVENTION

Fire Chief Herman Fette and Joe Trachta, secretary of the Muenster Volunteer fire department, accompanied by their wives, attended the West Texas Firemen's convention in Bridgeport Tuesday.

Contests in handling fire equipment, addresses, a fish dinner and a dance headlined the program.

Schedule of Coming Events

THURSDAY, May 25, CD of A social, church basement.

Blue Cross Drive In Muenster Now

A.O. Anderson was in Muenster Tuesday and Wednesday, enrolling Cooke County residents in the Blue Cross Plan for hospital care, and the new Blue Shield Plan for doctor's care. He will be back next Tuesday and Wednesday—the 23rd and 24th—to close this special enrollment drive.

Over 65% of the citizens of Cooke County already have Blue Cross membership to protect themselves against the cost of hospital care. This two-week drive is the first time residents of the County have had the chance to enroll in the Blue Shield Plan to protect themselves against doctor bills.

Both plans originated in Texas, but are now internationally known. A member of Blue Cross—Blue Shield can receive care in any state in the United States, or in any country in the world. Over 36 million people belong, including a large number of people from Muenster and other towns in Cooke County.

The Blue Cross is guaranteed by the hospitals, and is the only hospitalization plan officially endorsed by the American Hospital Association. The Blue Shield Plan has the official endorsement of the doctors. People of Muenster can enroll at the Muenster State Bank next Tuesday or Wednesday, or they can join at the Chamber of Commerce Building in Gainesville. This way they can budget easily their hospital and surgical care—so that they won't have to go into debt, or use up all their savings when hospital and doctor care becomes necessary.

News of Sick And Injured

Earl Walterscheid is back in Gainesville sanitarium for x-rays and treatments for a kidney infection.

Mrs. Dick Cain was a patient for dental surgery at Gainesville sanitarium during the weekend.

Mrs. Clarence Hellman and little daughter, Patsy, are both recovering from mumps.

Timmy Hellman, 6 son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hellman is ill with the mumps since Wednesday.

Charlie Morris is in Veterans hospital in McKinney for examination and treatment in an effort to correct severe headaches that have afflicted him lately. He left during the weekend and hopes to be back home by Sunday.

First Half of May Has 6 Inches Rain

To date this month is upholding its annual record for heavy rainfall. The total measure of moisture, including last Saturday's .53, was 6.01 inches, which gives the month a more than even break to match some of the figures of previous years.

The wettest May in recent years was in 1946 when the total reached 10.34. 1947 was next with 9.53 and 1949 had 7.57. The month was comparatively dry in '48 with only 4.91.

Other figures taken from Steve Mosler's official records show that the first 13 days' rain of this month lacked slightly more than an inch of matching all moisture of the previous 4 months. The figures: January, 2.25; February, 2.45; March .09; April, 2.53. Along with this month's 6.01 the total to date for 1950 is 13.33 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cooke and children, Nancy Dean and Don II, of Fort Worth spent the weekend with his parents, the Don Cookes.

Announcements Political

The following persons have authorized the Enterprise to announce their candidacies for public offices, subject to July Democratic primary election.

- Tax Assessor-Collector**
SI A. McCOLLUM
- M. L. (Luther) HELM**, reelection
- Commissioner Precinct 4**
JOHN B. KLEMENT
J. E. (Buck) OWENS
JOE WYATT
ALBERT HENSCHIED
- Commissioner Precinct 3**
J. E. (Earl) TAYLOR
- County Sheriff**
ALBERT M. BIFFLE
EMORY HORN, reelection
- County Clerk**
T. J. (Jeff) DENNIS
COY SHAW
TOM BLOUNT, reelection
- County Superintendent**
HUBERT H. MOSS, reelection
- District Clerk**
WOODROW U. CLEGG
- State Representative**
AUSTIN WESTBROOK
CLIFF C. GARDENER, reelection
- County Judge**
JOHN ATCHISON
reelection

Solemn Communion, May Queen Crowning Held Here Sunday

This year's Solemn Communion class in Sacred Heart parish was composed of 23 boys and 17 girls. The 40 children received Communion during the 8 o'clock high mass Sunday. Father Anthony officiated.

In the afternoon preceding May devotions girls of the class, joined by girls of this year's First Communion class and girls from the first grade, took part in a procession and crowning of the May Queen in Sacred Heart church.

All wore white dresses and little Karen Ann Endres, first grader, crowned the statue of Mary. Karen Ann wore a floor length organdy frock and a white satin cape with a long train. Betty Danglmayr was crown bearer.

Flower girls, carrying bouquets of red roses which they placed at the shrine of the Blessed Virgin, were Dorothy Otto, Patsy Lawson, Margie Knabe, Helen Fleitman, Charlotte Trubenbach, Jane Endres, Dolores Hess, Gerie Trubenbach and Della Mae Hartman. Train bearers were Dorothy Mae Bayer, Shirley Reiter, Veronica Hess, Betty Fisher, Margie Ann Schoech and Carol Lee Sicking.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spaeth and two children of Greggton, Texas, returned to their home Wednesday after visiting since Sunday with their parents, the John Rohmers here, and Mrs. George Spaeth at Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hawthorne and baby of Fort Worth were here for a Mother's Day visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kathman.

Miss Laverna Starke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Starke, will be among graduates receiving their diplomas at Gainesville High school's commencement exercises on May 26.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp and Henry Stelzer in the Stelzer home were Miss Enid Justin and Mmes. Roy Barry, Ruby March and Stubbs, all of Nocona.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daniel of Plainview visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morris, and her brother's family, the Charlie Morrises.

James Hess observed his 13th birthday Sunday with a party for a group of classmates and other friends. His mother, Mrs. Gary Hess, was in charge of hostess duties. Gifts, games and refreshments made the afternoon jolly and entertaining.

RAMSEY ANNOUNCES FOR LT. GOVERNOR



Ben Ramsey of San Augustine, backed by a long record of outstanding service in both the Texas House and Senate, has announced for Lieutenant Governor.

Ramsey resigned as secretary of State Feb. 9 to prepare for the state race, convinced that the thinking people of Texas must take a more active interest in the actual operation of their state government. Ramsey has been a leader in advancing rural electrification in the state and in the farm-to-market road program. (Pol. Adv.—paid for by friends of Ben Ramsey)

WALTERSCHEID-SCHNEIDER RITES SET FOR MAY 29

Mr. and Mrs. Al Walterscheid have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Virginia, to Ed Schneider.

The young couple has set Monday, May 29, for the wedding. It will be solemnized in Sacred Heart church at 8:30.

The Al Yostens have a new blue tudor Chevrolet since the weekend.

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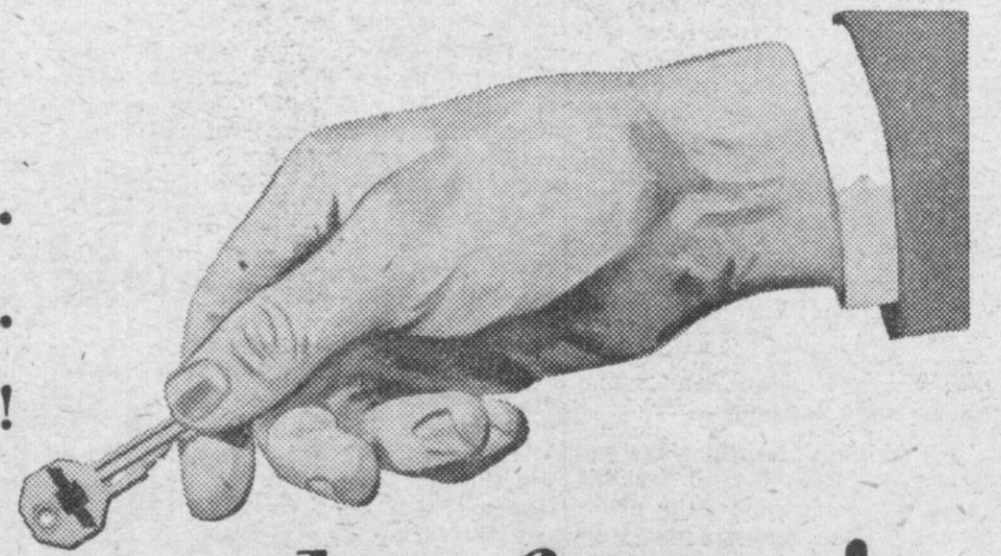
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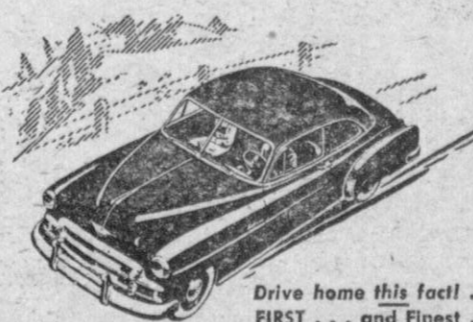
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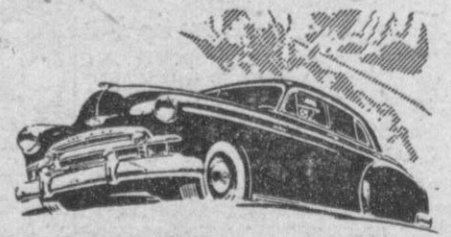


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"Roses" Is Theme Of Garden Club's Annual Flower Show

Stressing the theme, "Roses in the Home" members of the Muenster Garden Club held their annual flower show last Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Lou Wolf. It was a "Placement Show."

Members' arrangements were used throughout the home and winners were awarded blue and red ribbons for merit. Mmes. E.C. Mead, Paul Morgan and Gordon Smith of Gainesville were judges.

Divisions and winners were as follows:

Mass arrangements — Mmes. Lou Wolf, C. J. Wimmer and F.J. Yosten blue ribbons, Mmes. Nick Miller and Frank Kaiser, red ribbons.

Mass line arrangements — Miss Ruby Kelly, Miss Olivia Stock, Mrs. Ralph Maglaughlin and Mrs. F. J. Yosten, blue; Mmes. T. S. Myrick and Nick Miller, red.

Smaller arrangements — Mrs. Wolf, blue; Mrs. Steve Moster, red.

Twin Arrangements — Mrs. Wolf, blue.

Tricolor winners — Mrs. Myrick, mass arrangement; Mrs. Ed McKinney, mass line arrangement.

A blue ribbon was awarded to Mrs. Miller for her arrangement for the mantel, and a blue ribbon was awarded to Mrs. Myrick for her mass arrangement for the refreshment table. The arrangements were brought by invitation.

Mrs. Wolf was general chairman of the show. She was assisted by Mmes. Ed McKinney and Ralph Maglaughlin.

Members gathered at Mrs. Wolf's home at 6:30 for their local pilgrimage. They visited the yards of Mmes. Nick Miller, Jake Pagel and Joe Luke, where lovely and unusual plants and flowers were viewed.

After the members gathered again at the Wolf home they viewed the floral arrangements and engaged in an informal discussion concerning the entries in the show.

A highlight of the evening's entertainment was a musical program presented by the hostesses two daughters, Little Misses Charlotte and LuRena Wolf. The former sang "If I'd have known you were coming, I'd have baked a cake" while her sister played the piano accompaniment. Miss LuRena also presented several piano solos.

Refreshments of punch, fancy sandwiches, cookies, salted nuts and mints were prepared and served by Miss Kelly's Home Economics students.

After the informal hour a short business session was held with Mrs. Miller presiding. Mrs. Myrick asked that members make special efforts to have the trees

in Memorial Park tended before the combined Horse Show—REAday program.

The attendance prize presented by Mrs. Joe Luke was won by Mrs. M. J. Endres. It was a baby orchid corsage.

Mrs. Harry Spence of Gainesville who accompanied the judges to Muenster was a guest and Mrs. J. W. Watts was welcomed as a new member.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Swirczynski entertained with a dinner on Mother's Day in their home. Guests were Messrs. and Mmes. Joe and Bernard Swirczynski and Fred Luttmner and daughter.

Messrs. and Mmes. F. J. Yosten and Steve Moster spent the weekend in Tours visiting Mrs. Yosten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Filer.

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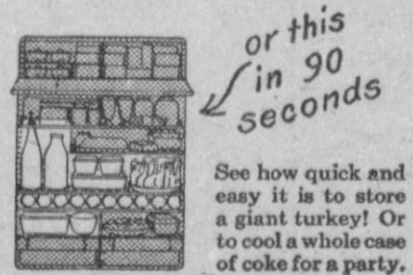
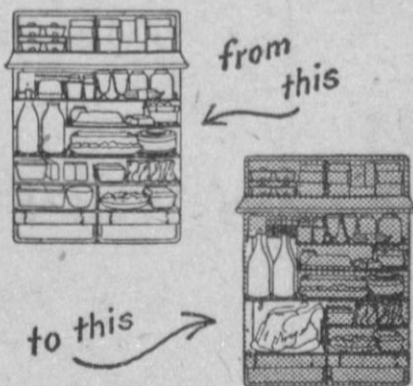
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The American Way Magic Formula

By DeWitt Emery

The drive for economy which was supposed to have developed in the House hasn't and won't unless a whole lot more pressure than has yet been brought to bear is exerted on congressmen.

I can't for the life of me figure out what members of Congress can be thinking about in being willing to go along with the administration on its deficit spending program. Nor can I understand the attitude of the American people who sit back and do nothing, who aren't even willing to invest 20 minutes of their "valuable" time in writing a letter telling their congressman and their senators they want a balanced budget for fiscal '51. I wonder just how valuable their time will be when the Federal Government has spent itself and all of us into bankruptcy.

Maybe I'm all wet. Maybe the fact that our Federal Government has been in the red for 18 out of the last 20 years doesn't mean anything. Maybe by some hocus pocus the bright boys running the Federal Government have discovered a magic formula under which our Federal Government can go on year after year indefinitely each year spending 2 to 10 billions more than it takes in without going broke. That, I'm sure you will agree, would be quite a formula.

If the new deal, fair deal, hand-out-state boys have such a formula, then everything is lovely and we can all sit back and enjoy the great prosperity these guys will provide for us.

On the other hand, if these birds don't have such a formula, then we are headed for trouble, mighty, mighty, serious trouble, and every day we continue along the present course will make the day of reckoning just that much worse when it arrives.

It seems to me that it's up to each of us to make a basic fundamental decision, to decide between the "magic formula"

and "common sense," common sense being such things as two and two make four no matter who says so or what the circumstances may be, that a yard is thirty-six inches, that a ton is two thousand pounds, that a gallon is four quarts and that no individual, no family, no company nor any government can go on indefinitely month by month or year by year spending more than it takes in without going broke.

If you decide that you believe in "common sense" rather than the "magic formula," then I think you should make another decision. You should decide as best you can how much it's worth to you for you and your family to have freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of opportunity and the right to vote.

Having decided in round figures—I'm not even asking you to take the moral and spiritual values into consideration—what these things are worth to you, you should then decide how much of your time and worldly goods you are justified in investing in an effort to preserve Constitutional government and freedom of enterprise in the United States.

Next I'd suggest that you spend a few minutes picturing in your mind what would happen if our Federal Government went broke. There isn't now anything behind the money in circulation in this country except the faith the people have in the ability of our Federal Government to fulfill its promise to pay. If they lose that faith, as they surely would if the Government were unable to meet its obligations, your money would be worthless and all monetary values of every kind and character would be wiped out.

Without money to use as a medium of exchange, what would the City of Detroit, or any city for that matter, use to pay its police and firemen and how long could or would the police force or the fire department continue to function without pay?

Without money, how could you buy groceries, electricity, oil, coal, gasoline, clothing or the

hundred and one other things you now buy and pay for as a matter of course?

The foregoing gives just a small hint of what you and everyone in the country would be up against if our Federal Government went broke. Think it over carefully. Think deficit spending through for yourself. If you do and you come out where I believe you will, I'm sure you will immediately write to your congressman and to both of your senators, telling them in no uncertain terms that the budget for fiscal '51 must be balanced.

THE LOWDOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Friends and countrymen, I have a pertinent question—I crave your idea on the final outcome. First, we support prices at colossal expense. Second, we try to get 30 million acres of land removed from production. Third, the Interior Dept. of our U.S.A. asks for and gets whopping mazzuma for reclaiming more acres upon which still more unwanted crops may be raised. For cuckoo activity, a junior in the high school would take aback seat—and how.

As more acres are reclaimed via more dams, a Govt. power house is sneaked in where a tax-paying private power outfit is already supplying plenti-

ful kilowatts. The plot thickens.

Somebody is going to make himself famous in Congress by standing up and saying that all round-about schemes of turning our U.S.A. into another Europe-type Socialist State, must stop. The voters of this grand but careless land are waiting—and with a welcome—for some gent in Congress with a haymaker to rise up and start the ball rolling that will get us back to the honest ways of our pioneer grandma and grandpa, where, if you choose to sweat plentiful, you could prosper plentiful.

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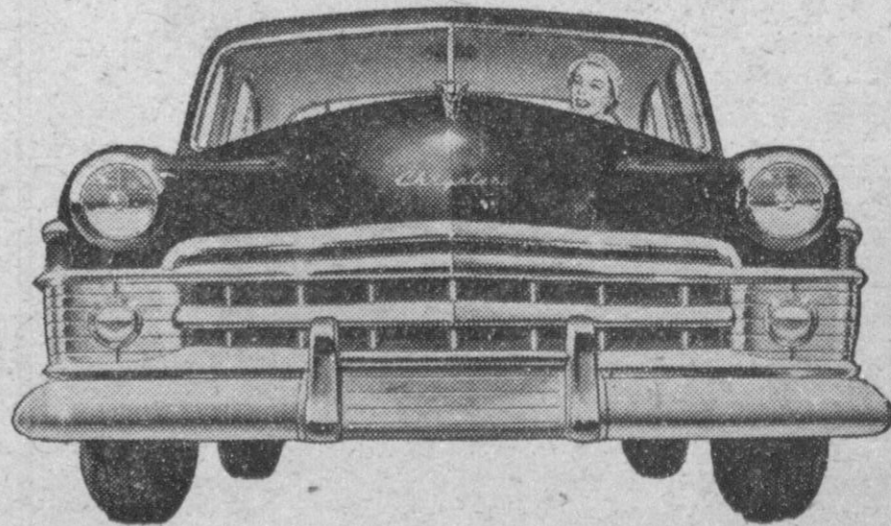
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S. H. Junior-Senior Prom Gala Affair

Candle light, smooth music, artistic decorations, lovely evening frocks and corsages and a jolly crowd of young people combined to make the annual Junior-senior prom of Sacred Heart High school the outstanding such event to date, according to the large number of guests. The affair was held in the K of C hall Tuesday night.

Hall decorations stressed blue and silver, the senior class colors, and quartet tables, arranged around the dance floor were laid with white linen, adorned with honeysuckle and centered with blue candles.

The Gainesville High school orchestra provided the music.

Intermission Treat

As a treat for seniors and their guests, Miss Joan Florine Felderhoff had the group at her home for refreshments during intermission.

PINK AND BLUE SHOWER HONORS YOUNG MATRON

Mrs. C. M. Walterscheid entertained in her home last Thursday afternoon with a pink and blue shower and party for Mrs. Earl Walterscheid.

The party rooms were adorned with roses and honeysuckle.

The presentation of lovely gifts to the honoree, games and visiting were concluded with the serving of a delicious barbecue plate supper to 35 guests. Plate favors were miniature storks, handmade by the hostess from safety pins, ribbon and colored toothpicks.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER HONORS MRS. TISCHLER

Mr. and Mrs. Al Yosten and children were in Celina Sunday to attend a Mother's Day dinner in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tischler, given to honor Mrs. Tischler.

Other guests for the dinner were Rev. Thomas Weinzapfel of Valley View, the Joe Pelzels, the J. C. Tischlers and family and Mrs. Joe Schinler of Pilot Point. Sue Tischler and Velma Schinler of Dallas, and the Justin Jezeks of Celina.

MRS. FISHER GIVES TRAVEL TALK AT ST. ANNE'S MEET

Members of the Saint Anne's Society enjoyed a special treat Sunday afternoon following their regular business session when Mrs. Joe Fisher Sr., gave an interesting account of the trip she and her husband took recently to the shrine of St. Anne de Baupre in Canada.

In a charming manner she told about the novena services, life in the province, meeting with old friends, and odd entertaining little side lights.

Routine business took up the first part of the meeting and members started tentative planning for a benefit social to be given sometime in the future.

Mrs. Leo Henscheid's name was drawn for the attendance prize, a picture.

BEDSIDE PARTY CHEERS MRS. CLARENCE HELLMAN

Mrs. Clarence Hellman, whose birthday occurred on Saturday, May 13, while she was confined to bed suffering from mumps, was cheered with a surprise bedside party in the evening.

Mmes. R. P. Cain, Smyrel

Owens, Joe Trachta and Lyncal Dickerson and Miss Ann Huchton planned the party and arrived in a group bearing a shower of gifts and refreshments. An hour of visiting was concluded with the serving of birthday cake and ice cream.

TWO SHARE HONORS AT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mmes. Joe Trachta and Lawrence Roberg entertained Sunday with a party complimenting their husbands in observance of their birthdays.

The party was held at Danceland 77 where about 40 guests enjoyed dancing and refreshments.

SHILOH CEMETERY WORKING

Members of the Shiloh Baptist church have announced that there will be a cemetery working at the Abels cemetery on Friday, May 26, and ask all members to be present. Those planning to attend are reminded to bring tools to work with and a basket lunch. Work will get under way at 9 a.m. and a picnic lunch will be spread at noon.

CDA COURT SPONSORS SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Officers of the local court Catholic Daughters of America announced this week that the court is sponsoring a subscription campaign for Holland's Magazine.

They ask that all those who wish to renew or subscribe to the magazine to leave the subscription price with any of the local members, all of whom are authorized to solicit in this fund raising campaign. Subscriptions must be turned in within the next three weeks.

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The Norman Lukes Return From Trip Following Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Luke are making their home in Dallas following their return Saturday from a wedding trip. Since their marriage on April 29 they were honeymooning in Mexico City.

Mrs. Luke is the former Miss Evelyn Schaefer, daughter of Mrs. N. J. Schaefer of Shreveport, where the wedding took place in Saint John's Catholic church. Mr. Luke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luke of this city.

The Rev. Harold A. Gaudin, S.J., officiated at the nuptial mass and at the ring ceremony.

The bride, escorted by her brother, Nicholas J. Schaefer, was gowned in antique bridal satin

with a sunburst of seed pearls outlining the sheer yoke of illusion where it joined the fitted bodice at the shoulders. The full skirt, puffed at the hemline, cascaded in folds into a cathedral length train. Her double tiered fingertip veil of imported illusion fell from a calot of the satin embroidered with seed pearls. Her bouquet of white roses was centered with an orchid.

The bride's maid of honor and four maids wore dresses identically styled of taffeta with yokes of marquisette. The bridesmaids' dresses were of spring green, the maid of honor's of petal pink. They wore matching mitts and poke bonnets, tied under the chin and carried arm bouquets of pink roses and larkspur.

Urban Endres of this city, cousin of the groom, was best man. Giles Lehnertz of Shreveport was one of the ushers.

In addition to the groom's parents others at the ceremony from this city were his grandmother, Mrs. August Friske, his uncles and aunts, Messrs. and Mmes. Ben Luke and W.H. Endres and Mr. and Mrs. Urban Endres. Mrs. Emil Herr of Hereford, another aunt, was also among the wedding guests.

After the ceremony the bride's mother was hostess at a reception where the bridal party formally received guests. Mrs. Urban Endres assisted at the punch service.

The gleaming patina of the bride's table dimly reflected the wedding cake in the center, at the side of which the bride placed her bouquet. Flanking this were three-branched crystal candelabra tied with bows of tulle in which flower clusters were inserted.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Friske, Mrs. Herr and Mr. and Mrs. Urban Endres were also among guests at a rehearsal supper honoring the couple.

The bride attended St. Vincent's Academy and Louisiana State University.

Mr. Luke attended the local schools, graduated from Gainesville High school and attended Gainesville Junior College. He received his degree in business administration from North Texas State College in Denton. He served in the U.S. Naval Air Corps for five years, 26 months of which were spent overseas, and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant. During his service he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three gold stars.

He is employed in Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Luke make their home at 2439 1/2 Knight street.

MOTHER DAY DINNER IN NORBERT KOESLER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Koesler entertained with a six o'clock Mother's Day dinner in their home honoring their mothers, Mmes. Alfons Koesler and August Walterscheid.

Present for the meal and a social evening of games and visiting were Messrs. and Mmes. Koesler, Walterscheid, J.D. Caplinger of Sherman, Tony Hermes and family of Lindsay, and Alfons Jr. and Tony Koesler.

TWO MUEENSTER GIRLS RECEIVE NURSE'S CAPS

Misses Doris Hellman and Emma Lou Gehrig were among the student nurses of St. Paul's hospital in Dallas receiving their caps in a capping ceremony on Tuesday night, May 8. Girls receiving their caps have successfully completed nine months of training.

Relatives and friends at the ceremony were Clarence Hellman, Ann Huchton, Misses Mary Nell Hellman and LaQuita Cain, Mrs. Catherine Gehrig and Arthur Hess, all of Muenster, and MSgt. and Mrs. Walter Huchton of Sherman.

Harold Trachta of Dallas spent the weekend with his mother and other relatives.

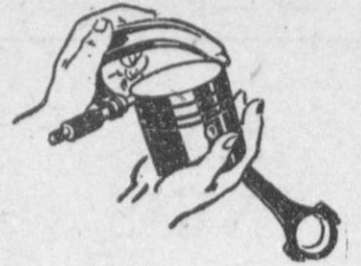
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hoffman of Wichita Falls were here for a weekend visit with his parents and family.

Mmes. I. A. Schoech and John Walter have gone to Springfield, Mo., for a visit with their sister, Mrs. Tom Donohoe.

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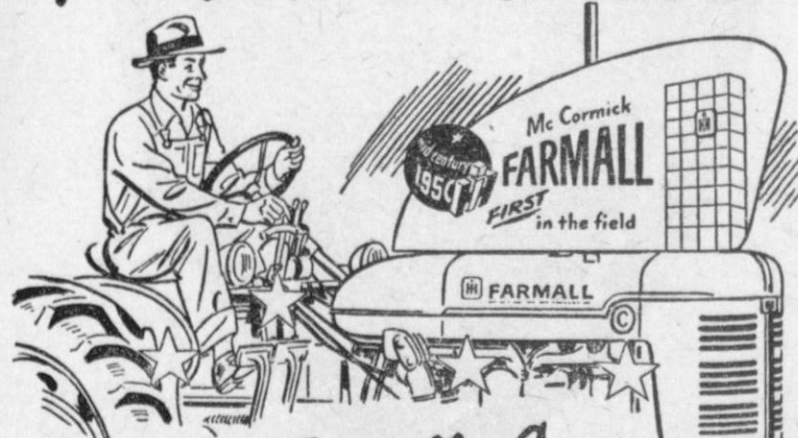
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May 17, 1940

Joseph Geray, 45, dies at veterans hospital in Legion, Texas; burial with military honors held at Lindsay. Garden Club will hold Flower show Wednesday; special program will feature old wedding gown parade and novelty hat contest. Mrs. Jake Pagel is elected grand regent of CDA court. Mary Wiedemann of Wichita gets teacher appointment at local public school. Milk production here nears peak with 46,000 pounds Tuesday. Mrs. John Eberhart is elected president of Mission Sewing Circle. New cafe building for Jim Lehnertz nears completion. Elmer Fette joins staff at Ben Seyler Garage. Edgar

Klement and Miss Rose Sandmann marry at Lindsay. Joe Zimmerman and Stella Fuhrmann exchange marriage vows at Lindsay.

5 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1945

Weather jumps from hottest to coldest recorded for May—from 94 Monday to 47 Tuesday. Locker plant at FMA is opened Tuesday. City water well No. 2 is spudded in Monday. Sacred Heart High will graduate nine students Sunday night. Ten local men join Knights of Columbus in ceremonies here Sunday. More than 200 entries are recorded in the seven divisions of the Horse Show for next Sunday. Pvt. Norbert Hoedebeck is home from Europe. Theresa Mae Felderhoff crowns May Queen in ceremonies Sunday. 42 children are in solemn communion class Sunday.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY GREET'S MRS. LUKE TEMPEL

A surprise birthday party greeted Mrs. Luke Tempel Wednesday night, May 10, when a group of friends gathered at her home with a shower of gifts. Informal diversion entertained the guests. Mrs. John Tempel, sister of the honoree, planned the party and served refreshments including birthday cake and ice cream. Present were Mes. Joe Swirczynski, Ted Gremminger, Nick Yosten, Bob Yosten, Harold Walterscheid, Joe Sicking, Joe Swinger, Johnny Moster, the honoree and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook and Mrs. Edith Tagliavia and son, Joseph, spent the weekend in Healdton, Okla., visiting Mrs. Cook's mother.

Local NEWS Briefs

E. P. Buckley spent three days of last week visiting relatives in Grapevine and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Johnson of Dallas spent the weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Frank Seyler.

Miss Joan Roberg of Fort Worth was here to spend Saturday night and Sunday with members of her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pagel drove to San Antonio to spend Mother's Day with their daughters, Mes. Jack Janicki and Harold Falck.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Helton and daughter spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Waco with their parents and other relatives.

Miss Marilyn Gremminger of Wichita Falls spent Saturday and Mother's Day with her parents, the Ted Gremmingers and family.

Henry Stelzer, joined by his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharp visiting here from Casey, Ill., drove to Sherman and Denison Saturday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Moster and children and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tempel were guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tempel Sunday for a Mother's Day dinner.

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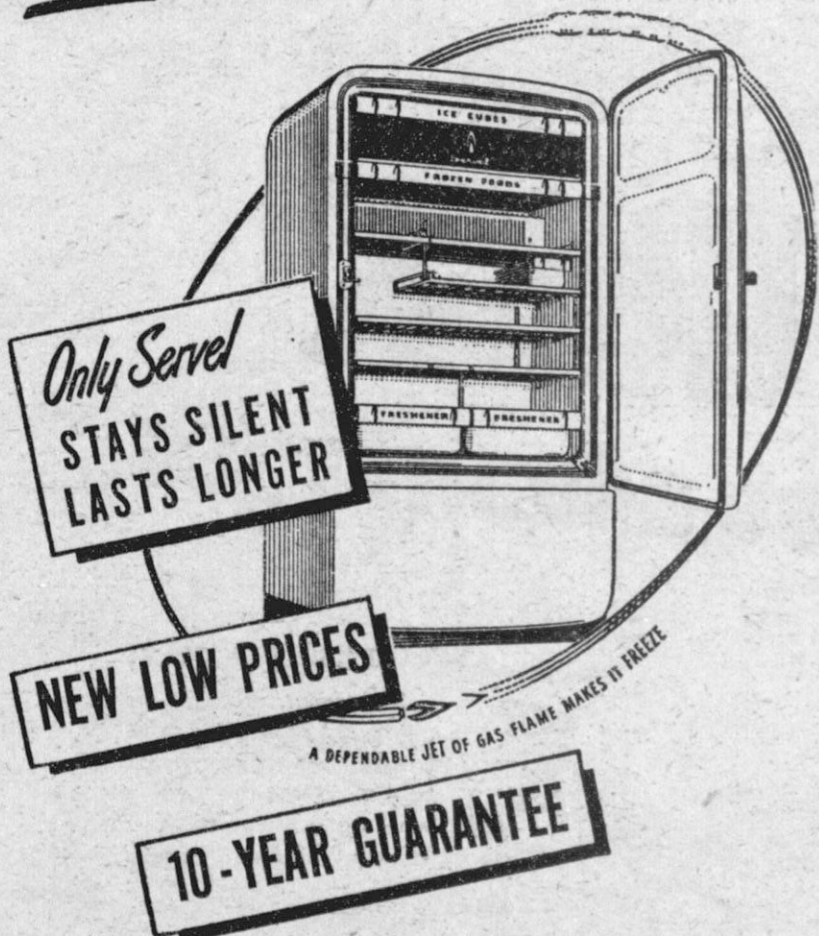
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School Scribblings

By Students of the Muenster Public School

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The FHA girls enjoyed a picnic and skating party in Gainesville last Friday evening. The group left Muenster High School at 5 o'clock, and ate at Leonard Park. After games of baseball, the girls skated until 9:30. Miss Ruby Kelly chaperoned the party.

The Senior Class of MHS selected the red rose as the class flower in the class meeting Tuesday morning, May 16. The motto, "No man has as much to learn as he who thinks he knows it all," was chosen by the boys.

The Seniors were recipients of graduation gifts from Leo M. Kuehn, owner of the Manhattan Shop in Gainesville. The packages contained pen and pencil sets and were presented to the seniors at the Junior-Senior Banquet by Superintendent Cowan.

Friday, May 12, the third period Homemaking class enjoyed an experiment luncheon at the home of Margle Baumhardt. Jeanette Fisher and Jeanette Walter helped prepare the luncheon. The menu consisted of tuna fish salad, buttered carrots, ritz crackers, tea and strawberry shortcake. Orange juice was served as an appetizer.

The local FFA and 4-H club boys will exhibit their projects at the REA Day Monday. There will be dairy stock, hogs, chick-

ens, and some other animals. Everyone is encouraged to come see this stock because most of it is registered or pure bred.

The FFA boys are going on a skating party Tuesday evening, May 23 at Gainesville Skating Rink.

The Texoma camping trip scheduled for last weekend for the FFA clubs in this district was postponed because of rain.

Jane Hellman was hostess to the first period class of Homemaking Tuesday morning at her

home. Doris Reiter, Norma Vogel, and Jane Hellman prepared and served a dinner of Spanish steak, baked stuffed potatoes, buttered peas, stuffed celery, salad, and ice cream. Guests were Anna Grace Fette, Lynette Walterscheid, Joyce Grewing, Anna Grace Herr, Rosebell Haverkamp, Joan Klement, Pauline Myrick, Bonnie Nell Hammer, Patsy Hobbs, and Miss Kelly.

Don't miss the dance in the new gymnasium Friday night, May 19.

Mrs. Ben Hellman had as her guest Sunday her nephew, Norman Phillips of Los Angeles, Calif., who with his private secretary, was enroute to Miami, Fla., to board a plane for Puerto Rico where he will be engaged in business. During the afternoon, other relatives and friends called at Mrs. Hellman's home for a visit with Mr. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hess and daughter spent last Wednesday in Yarnaby, Okla., visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Travis and Mrs. Cecil Cain and daughter attended the homecoming at Shiloh Sunday.



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Guests in the Don Cooke home last week were Mrs. Willard Knowlton and daughter, Judy, and Mrs. A. C. Halliburton of Beaumont, Calif. The former is Mrs. Cooke's niece. Another guest of the Cookes on Tuesday was Mrs. Horace Lindsay of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Earl Shephard of Dallas visited Saturday with her parents, the John Herra and family. Mrs. Leonard Bengfort of Lindsay joined them for a visit in the afternoon.

TWO LOCAL 4-H BOYS ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING
Donald Bayer and Douglas Robison represented Cooke county 4-H boys at a meeting in Gainesville Saturday to organize a District Four 4-H Club council. Patsy Miller of Era represented the girls' clubs.

Others present at the meeting included delegates from 16 other counties in the district, county agents and home demonstration agents.

District Agricultural Agent W. I. Glass, and District HD Agent Miss Linda Cooper of Denton conducted the meeting in the Community Center building.

Also discussed at the meeting were plans for the district 4-H encampment to be held at Trinidad on June 28, 29 and 30.

The John Otto family has moved from the Gus Stelzer house to make their home in the house vacated by the L. H. Baumhardts. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tempel will move soon to occupy the Stelzer place.

Mrs. T. S. Myrick attended a tea last Wednesday afternoon honoring Mrs. John D. Shea, wife of Dr. Shae who recently established a practice in Gainesville after moving there from Denver, Colo.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Peggy Huey Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 16th District Court of Cooke County at the Court House thereof, in Gainesville, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of June A. D. 1950, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of April A. D. 1950, in this cause, numbered 15676 on the docket of said court and styled Emmett John Huey Plaintiff, vs. Peggy Huey Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:
A suit for divorce from the bonds of matrimony for the reason of abandonment of plaintiff by defendant on or about the 28th day of August 1946, without any provocation whatever, and has continued living apart from him, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas this 29th day of April A. D. 1950.
(SEAL)
Woodrow U. Clegg, Clerk
District Court, Cooke County, Texas
By Ruth Wilson, Deputy
(24-5-6-7)

Dog Mother of '49 Is Expecting Again
ALBANY, N. Y. — Albany's "Dog Mother of the Year" in 1949 is expecting again. She already has had 82 pups.

The 7-year-old Welsh Terrier's next litter is expected late this month, says Jimmy Carroll, her 15-year-old owner.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: J. L. Grockett, Defendant, Greeting:
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A brief statement of the nature of

this suit is as follows, to wit:
Suit for divorce with plaintiff alleging that defendant's actions and conduct generally are of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable, and the premises considered, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gainesville, Texas this 22nd day of April A. D. 1950.
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Gene Lehnertz And Jeanette Sweet Wed In Houston May 13

Miss Jeanette Sweet and Gene Lehnertz of Houston exchanged marriage vows Saturday, May 13, during a nuptial mass in Queen of Peace church in Houston. The pastor officiated at the double ring service and at the mass.

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Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a white linen suit with aqua linen accessories. She carried a white prayer book topped with an orchid corsage.

Miss Dolly Lehnertz of McKinney, sister of the groom, and David Lehnertz of Houston, brother of the groom, attended the couple.

Miss Lehnertz wore a navy blue linen dress with a white linen bolero and navy accessories. She carried a hand bouquet of baby orchids.

Mothers of the couple were attired in navy ensembles and wore shoulder corsages of baby orchids.

After the services the bridal party and close relatives were guests for breakfast in the Shamrock Hotel. In the afternoon a reception was held in the bride's home for about 50 guests. Miss Martha Kashner of Greenville, Pa., registered the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lehnertz presided at the cutting of their wedding cake which was served to the guests.

The reception preceded the couple's departure on a wedding trip to Old Mexico. When they return they will make their home at 5910 Southridge in Houston.

The bride was reared and educated in Houston. Mr. Lehnertz is a native of Muenster, attended the local schools, and served in the army during the war. After his discharge from the service he attended the University of Houston from which he graduated last year. Since his graduation he is in business in that city.

Muenster relatives and friends attending the wedding and reception were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lehnertz and sons, Claude, Donald, Floyd and Quintin, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swirczynski and Mrs. Leonard Yosten. Former Muensterites, also guests, were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart of Houston.

Catholic Daughters Retain Mrs. Roberg As Grand Regent

Mrs. Lawrence Roberg was returned to the office of grand regent of the local Catholic Daughters of America court for another term last Friday night when the annual election of officers featured the regular monthly meeting.

Other officers reelected are Mrs. Ben Seyler, prophetess; Miss Olivia Stock, treasurer; Mrs. Martin Trubenbach, sentinel.

New members of the executive committee are Mrs. M. J. Endres, vice regent; Mrs. Francis Wiese, financial secretary; Mrs. Herman Fette, historian; Mrs. Paul Fisher, monitor; Mrs. Steve Moser, lecturer; Miss Juanita Weinzapfel, organist. Two 3-year trustees elected are Mmes. C. A. Fisher and John Mosman. Mrs. Ben Hellman was elected one-year trustee to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. Al Walterscheid.

Members decided to sponsor another women's ball game soon and Mrs. Paul Fisher accepted the chairmanship.

The court also decided to have a silver tea or an evening garden party in the near future. At this time delegates to the state convention will give their reports. Mrs. Ben Seyler offered her home for the affair and Mrs. Herman Fette accepted chairmanship to work out details. The date will be announced later.

Hostesses for this month's social on May 25 are Mmes. W.H. and Urban Endres.

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Blue Cross has lots of merits. In fact it offers practically all of the benefits that can reasonably be expected in a socialized medicine plan. But there is one point of difference which makes all the difference in the world.

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On the other hand socialized medicine, if it should be adopted, will be imposed on every citizen whether he likes it or not. It is compulsory. No matter how poor the service gets or how high the cost runs the country is stuck with it and nothing but an act of congress can get rid of it. And considering the success other bureaus have had in perpetuating themselves, the chances of doing that are remote indeed.

Another thought worth considering is that present voluntary insurance systems have to be good and stay good to get along. People will not continue buying if they don't get their money's worth. However compulsory insurance can become inefficient and corrupt and still carry on. The public controls one, the bureaucrats control the other. That

makes a vast difference.

So, without endorsing any one insurance company, this column suggests that people who want health insurance consider carefully the relative merits of the voluntary and compulsory varieties.

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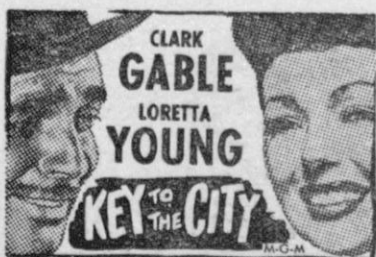
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Auxiliary Ladies Complete Plans for District Meeting

Members of the Muenster VFW Auxiliary met Monday night to complete their part of the plans for the program on May 27 and 28 when Muenster will be host to several North Texas posts for the annual district meeting.

According to program plans of the VFW and the Auxiliary the affair will begin with a banquet and dance Saturday night. Separate district meetings will be held by the two organizations the next day.

Other business at the meeting was the appointment of three members to attend district meetings during the year. They are Mmes. Steve Moser, Ray Wilde and David Trachta.

Eighteen members attended the session and Mrs. Lawrence Roberg was welcomed as a new member.

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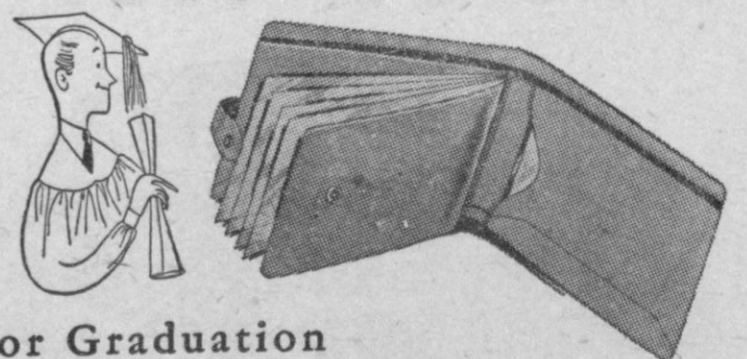
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Waterways Are Important to Success of A Farm's Soil Conservation Program

The farms around Muenster are taking on a 'New Look' all their own since their owners started cooperating with the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District. All conservation practices tend to improve the general appearance of the farm lands but it is the waterways that have been chiefly responsible for the "New Look."

In an area such as that around Muenster, where most of the farmers depend on small grains, all but the roughest land is likely to be in cultivation, and when there is a lot of cultivated land that needs terracing to prevent soil erosion and reduce water loss there arises the problem of where to empty the terrace water. Bermuda and Buffalo grass waterways have solved that problem and have given the farms in this area a new appearance.

Since 1940, when the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District was organized, one of the most serious bottlenecks to getting farm conservation plans into effect has been the establishment of waterways for safe disposal of terrace water. Every cultivated field that slopes so that it must be protected from washing by terraces must have an area of grass sod nearby where terrace water may be carried away safely. Sometimes the terraces can be emptied into pasture sods, but if the pasture land is not so situated that the terraces can empty onto it then it becomes necessary to sod or seed a grass waterway in the cultivated field to safely handle terrace runoff.

Bermuda and Buffalo grass are usually selected for waterway duties because they form a dense sod faster than most other grasses and at the same time will stand up better under heavy grazing, a fact that is very

One Acre Pond Can Keep Average Family Supplied With Fish

If managed properly, a pond of not more than an acre can provide all the fish the average family can use.

In stocking a pond the right kinds and numbers of fish should be taken into consideration. If a pond is clear bass and bream are suitable. If it is a muddy pond use channel cat. Fish should be stocked in numbers according to surface acres in the pond.

To increase production commercial fertilizer (6-8-4 or 8-8-4) may be added to the water at the rate of about one hundred pounds to the surface acre per month from April to November. Just scatter the fertilizer in the water around the shore. If the pond is muddy, one ton of barnyard manure per acre put in every two weeks for a month or two will help clear it. Fertilizer not only improves fishing, it also keeps down moss and other undesirable plants. Cotton seed meal or cake may be substituted for commercial fertilizer. Stake about a half sack in the water and when fishing drop the lines around the stake.

Ten or twelve months after the pond is stocked it should be fished as much as possible. If fishing gets poor and stays poor for a season the chances are the pond is over stocked. An overstocked pond is like an overstocked pasture, there just isn't enough grazing to go around. Overstocking can be checked with a minnow seine between July and October. Make several hauls along the shore. If you catch many tiny bream and a few fingerling bass, fish are in balance. If overstocked with bream you find only one and one-half to three inch fish in the seine. Seine out as many bream as possible and restock with bass at the recommended rate.

A pond can be kept in balance better by fishing it hard. Fishing by your neighbors and town friends won't hurt the pond.

important in a grain producing area, where the pastures are usually small and overgrazed.

Buffalo grass is usually obtained by planting the treated seed in a well prepared but firm sodded, but may be chunk sodded. If the chunk method is used the sod must be set out so that the grass is not covered by soil. This method requires much labor and is not widely used.

Bermuda grass may be chunk sodded or the sprigs (dirt free roots) may be planted in rows. In the Muenster Work Unit area, by far the majority of the waterways are put in by the sprig method. Bermuda grass roots are plowed up in nearby sandy areas in the early spring while the grass is still dormant. A springtooth harrow and side delivery rake is used to shake the sandy soil loose from the roots. The sprigs are then easily handled and are dropped into furrows of well prepared seedbeds and covered immediately with well pulverized soil to eliminate air spaces and prevent drying. The land is then harrowed to level it for future mowings.

Both Buffalo and Bermuda grass respond well to applications of commercial fertilizers (Continued on Page 6)

District Sponsors Grass Contest for FFA and 4-H Boys

During 1949, Supervisors of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District, for the first time, conducted a district wide grass judging contest for FFA and 4-H club teams.

Twenty one teams composed of five boys each participated in the district contest in September of 1949. This prepared the teams for the State-wide contests held at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas; Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Ft. Worth; and Houston Fat Stock Show. The association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts sponsored the State contest.

The Muenster FFA placed first in the District contest. The team was composed of Wilfred Klement, Douglas Robinson, Glenn Hellman, Emmett Walterscheid and Billy Whitt with Donnie Muller as alternate. It was coached by Ralph Maglaughlin, Muenster vocational agriculture instructor.

Muenster FFA scored first with 1305 points out of a possible 1500; Sherman FFA placed second with 1296 points; Gainesville FFA placed third with 1109 points. High point individual was Wilfred Klement of Muenster. A trophy was presented to the local team by the district Supervisors.

Fifty plants were used in the district contest with each contestant being required to identify the plants and score the characteristics of each one as to whether an annual, biennial, or perennial; cool season or warm season plant; native or introduced; and grazing value—good, fair, or poor.

In October, thirteen teams represented the Upper Elm-Red District at the contest held at Dallas. Fifty teams from over the entire state participated. Sherman FFA placed fifth in this contest, Gainesville FFA placed ninth and Muenster FFA placed thirteenth.

Contests of this kind will mean much toward making Texans really know about grass. A mighty few people realize that the leaves of grass plants are just as vital to its health as the roots.

It is a grand sight to watch a hundred or more boys at one time working like beavers over the most important, the most neglected, and the most abused crop in the world—Grass.

District supervisors this year plan to conduct a similar contest again in September for FFA and 4-H teams from over the District.



The board of supervisors of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District, pictured here in one of their regular monthly meetings, are farmers elected by their neighbors for the purpose of supervising the policies, practices and administration of the soil conservation program in their district. They are G. E. Blackmon of Bowie, Zone 5 representative; J. W. Hess of Muenster, chairman and Zone 3 representative; John Rice of Collinsville, secretary and Zone 1 representative; V. W. Redman of Saint Jo, vice-chairman and Zone 4 representative; Willard Kemplin of Valley View, Zone 2 representative.

Tony Walterscheid Wins Zone Award In '49 Soil Program

Tony Walterscheid of Muenster and John Alexander of Era are the Cooke county farmers to be granted awards at the first annual Upper Elm-Red Conservation district awards dinner in Gainesville this Thursday night.

Award winners were selected on the basis of their work in soil conservation in 1949. Selections were made by the district's board of supervisors in co-operation with the district bankers' conservation committee.

Claude Jones, vice president of Gainesville's First State Bank and general chairman of the district bankers' committee, announced the winners Friday.

The individual winning farmers, one from each of the district's five zones, will each receive a \$50 savings bond. A cash award of \$50 will be presented to each of the outstanding neighbor groups—one from each of the zones.

Award winning groups in the two Cooke county zones are the Trubenbach Neighbor group of Muenster, composed of seven district cooperating farmers, and the Flat Creek Neighbor group, near Era which has 11 farmer members.

Farmers and groups will be recognized at a banquet in the Turner Hotel at 7 p.m.

Award winning farmers are: Walterscheid, who lives 7 miles northeast of Muenster (zone 3, east part of Cooke county); Alexander, (zone 4, west part of county); W. H. Jackson of Nona (zone 1, Montague county); H. L. Dennis, Saint Jo (zone 2, Montague county); C. L. McConnell of Gunter (zone 5, Grayson county).

In addition to the Trubenbach and the Flat Creek Neighbor groups winning groups are: zone 1, Preuninger group, Bowie; zone 2, Shady Grove group, Saint Jo; zone 5, Whiting group, Sherman.

Principal speaker on the program will be Paul Walser of Tempel, state conservationist for the United States Soil Conservation service.

Mr. Walterscheid will receive his award for work done on his 212 acre farm. Conservation measures he employed are: Contour farming, 45 acres; cover crops, 200 acres; crop residue management, 155 acres; pasture improvement, 30 acres; seeding pasture (Buffalo) 23 acres; sodding pasture (Bermuda) 22 acres; farm pond, one; terraces, 2.4 miles; diversion terraces, 1,000 feet, and collective terrace outlets, two.

The Trubenbach Neighbor group works 2,496 acres of land. During 1949 every one of ten farms in the group had one or more conservation measures applied.

Bank is Sponsor of Waterway-Pasture Improving Contest

The Muenster State Bank is the sponsor of a waterway-pasture improvement contest that has a total of 69 participants in the Muenster area. Each of these sixty nine farmers has a plot of ground that he has either plowed, cleared of brush, sodded to grass, seeded to grass, planted to adapted legumes, mowed, grazed or deferred from grazing, fertilized or subjected to a combination of these treatments one or more times.

The contest ends July 1, 1950 and seven winners will receive the cash prizes offered by the Muenster State Bank and the sacks of feed offered by the Muenster Milling Co.

Some of these plots are now producing as much or more income than any other area on the farm acre for acre and some still need some more work on them. Most of the plots however will soon be one of the most improved. (Continued on Page 6)

Walser Speech Will Feature District Soil-Award Dinner



Paul H. Walser of Tempel, state conservationist for the United States Soil Conservation Service in Texas, will be principal speaker at the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation district awards dinner at 7 p.m. May 18 in the Turner hotel's roof garden.

To be honored at the banquet are five district farmers who are cooperating in the Elm-Red district's conservation program and who did the best conservation jobs in 1949. Also to be recognized for outstanding work last year are five "neighbor conservation groups."

Walser, widely known as an eloquent public speaker, is much in demand at agricultural and civic gatherings.

He is thoroughly experienced in agriculture and the conservation of soil and water resources. He became identified with the government's soil conservation work in 1934, shortly after the first national approach to the conservation of soil resources was begun by the Soil Erosion service which was set up in 1933. His first job was an extension agent at Lindale, Texas, site of pioneer soil conservation work. Early in 1935 he was transferred to the same position to the Soil Conservation service, which had been created by congress as a permanent agency of the Department of Agriculture and had supplanted the Soil Erosion service.

In December, 1935, Walser was made associate regional conservator with office at Fort Worth. A few months later he became state coordinator. In 1942 he became state conservationist.

It's pretty hard on the farm. You go to sleep with the chickens, get up with the roosters, work like a horse, eat like a pig, and they treat you like a dog. (Continued on Page 6)

Conservation Pledge

I GIVE MY
PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN
TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY TO
DEFEND FROM WASTE THE
NATURAL RESOURCES OF
MY COUNTRY — ITS SOIL
AND MINERALS, ITS
FORESTS, WATERS,
AND WILDLIFE

State Conservationist Explains How Farmers Control Their Own Districts

By Paul H. Walser
The U.S. Soil Conservation Service carries on the major part of its operations through soil conservation districts to give landowners themselves the opportunity of assuming the responsibility of taking care of the land.

The idea of democratic soil conservation districts has proved so popular that every state has passed legislation that enables the people themselves to carry out the task of controlling erosion by using the land for what it is able to produce best and treating it in such a way as to maintain its productiveness permanently. There are about 2,000 of these districts throughout the United States.

The soil conservation district law in Texas was passed by the state legislature in 1939. Since then 151 districts have been created, covering about 85 percent of the state's land area. The general Texas area is almost entirely within districts.

The soil conservation district set-up in Texas is democratic from start to finish, administration of the law being 100 percent in the hands of landowners.

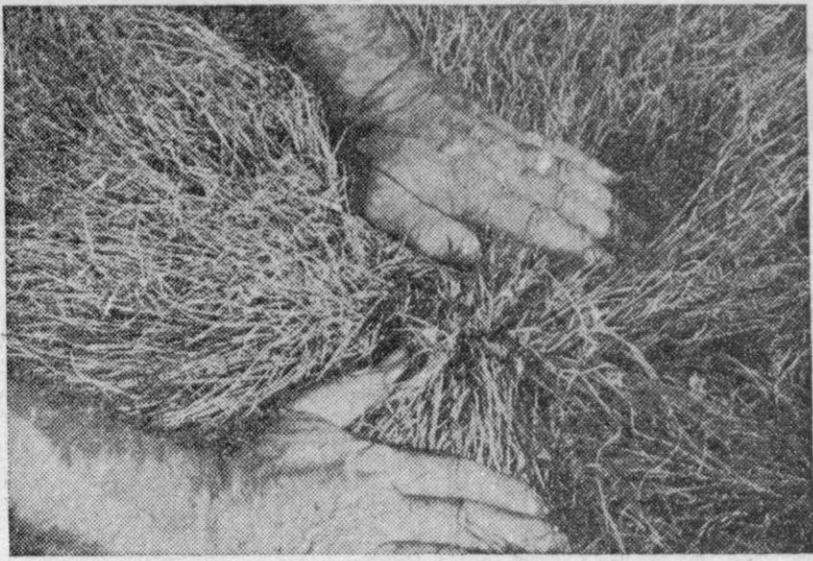
To begin with, the state soil conservation board, which has administrative functions, is composed of five members who are elected by the landowners. The state is divided geographically as nearly evenly as possible into five regions from each of which one board member is chosen. Thus all of Texas is equally represented. And each board member must be a landowner residing within the area he represents and actively en-

gaged in farming or animal husbandry.

Before a soil conservation district can be organized, the state board must receive a petition requesting a public hearing on the proposal to organize a specific area. The petition must be signed by at least 50 landowners or a majority in case less than 100 landowners are involved in the proposed district. Upon receipt of a petition the state board is required by law to arrange a public hearing at which the landowners of the proposed district voice their views regarding organization. From the hearing the board determines whether the people believe they need a district, whether they want one and whether they are sufficiently interested to operate it successfully if one is organized. At the public hearing every landowner in the proposed district has full opportunity to speak his piece.

If the public hearing is favorable to the organization of a district, the board orders an election. At the election the landowners vote for or against the organizing of the proposed district. The voters must live within the proposed district and they must be natural persons. That provision of the law eliminates absentee owners and impersonal entities like insurance companies, trust companies, corporations and banks. Two-thirds of those voting must favor organization of the district to warrant further steps and enough landowners of the area must go to the polls to convince the state (Continued on Page 6)

On Range or Crop Land Adequate Cover Pays Dividends



Whether on range land or crop land adequate cover pays in many ways.

Experience has shown over and over again that properly managed range grasses such as the lush growth pictured above pays off handsomely in increased milk or beef production. Likewise a good cover crop of Madrid Clover or vetch, as seen in the accompanying photo enriches the land with nitrogen and organic matter in addition to providing ideal temporary grazing and a profitable cash crop of seed.

A quality that both have in common is soil saving. Dense growths of grasses or legumes not only retard the off-flow of water but actually serve as a filter to hold many particles of

dirt that might otherwise be carried away.

Their most effective value as soil savers, however, derive from their amazing value as water savers. By conditioning the ground to absorb much greater quantities of water in a shorter period of time, grass and legume crops normally do their erosion-checking job simply by preventing the off-flow of water. Only in case of abnormal downpours are they required to strain and retain silt from the drifting water.

Experiments by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service have established some interesting facts in that regard. They revealed, for instance, that the deep rooted grasses of an "excellent" range will absorb rain at the

rate of 12.48 inches per hour whereas shallow rooted grasses of "poor" range land absorb rain at the rate of only 1.8 inches per hour. Furthermore the total absorbing capacity of excellent range land is 9.02 inches of rain in 36 inches of soil whereas the absorbing capacity of poor range land is 6.94 inches in 36 inches of soil.

While the total capacity of poor range land is sufficient to hold most normal rains the significant fact is that the absorbing rate is not fast enough to soak up a heavy down-pour before it runs away.

Comparable qualities apply to crop lands treated with legumes. The experiments showed that land conditioned by two years of a good legume will take in

rain at the rate of 7.5 inches per hour whereas land not conditioned by legumes will absorb only .26 inch per hour. Regarding total absorbing capacity the contrast again is not so great... the legume conditioned land absorbing 10.6 inches of rain in 36 inches of soil while non-conditioned land absorbs 7.86 inches in 36 inches of soil. But the significant point again is that only a light drizzle has time to soak into the non-conditioned land. In case of a heavy down-pour water starts flowing off immediately carrying precious top soil with it. To make matters worse the land that's left behind does not have enough moisture to sustain normal plant growth.

He moved onto the farm in 1932 facing a dismal future. The two previous years had been 100 per cent crop failures. The sandy hill in the southwest corner was severely gullied.

Like Desert

"I guess you'd call the rest of it desert in 1932," said Mr. Inabinet.

"The old three-room house was in bad shape. There were no fences, no barns, no buildings, no anything."

All health had forced him to retire from public works and his finances were low and the depression was on. He also had a wife and three daughters to support and one of the girls was going to college.

Spirit Blazed

"Uncle Johnny" had three factors in his favor, however. He had a tremendous love for the soil and the independence of farm life. He owned the land. And in him blazed an indomitable spirit.

His livestock ate up his feed troughs and his wooden gates in their hunger for minerals and were going down hill.

Then he took the advice he had given a neighbor—advice to try some feed from the blackland.

Mineral Deficiency

That's when he determined that the deficiency of minerals might be corrected by supplying minerals through proper fertilizer.

Meanwhile, there was the problem of his "desert." He strip-cropped his sand with peanuts and bloom corn and got a stand of the latter. He left it in the field and for the first time had something to halt the wind erosion.

He discovered the value of cowpeas after renting half his field to a neighbor.

Ill Health Strikes

By 1936, he was having success with his legume program and his yields were coming along rapidly. But fate struck him a severe blow. His health cracked up to such an extent that he didn't see his fields for two years and his doctor told him the hardest work he could ever hope to do in the future would be to gather in the eggs.

But in 1938 he was out there, farming once more.

He became a T.V.A. fertilizer demonstrator and was thus able to expand his soil-building program.

Organized District

Mr. Inabinet was active in helping organize the Upper Leon Soil Conservation District in 1941 and immediately became a co-operator.

Although he has converted most of his land to orchard, he made more than \$1300 worth of peanuts from seven acres last year. His fruit trees also produced well. Even the formerly gullied hill next to his farmstead is now set out in four-year-old peach trees. Growing vigorously, the trees produced better than two bushels per tree last year. The soil is mellow. It is hard to believe this once was a critical erosion area. He now has 10 acres of peaches, 68 acres of apples and 11 acres of pecans. His place is a garden spot show-place now.

VETCH HILGLY PRAISED IN MONTAGUE COUNTY

In the fall of 1945, Charles Manning and Buster Gibson made a trip to Shreveport, La., and returned with a truck load of hairy vetch seed.

This was the first seed of any quantity to be brought into Montague County. Actually there has been planted 14,000 acres of hairy vetch in the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District.

Vetch has been a six-way crop: it is being used for soil

improvement, soil protection, a cash crop when seed is harvested, as grazing for livestock, for hay, and as a honey crop.

Farmers in this section are high in praise of vetch. Charley Goolsby says that vetch has improved his soil so that he can now produce an average of 35 bushels of corn per acre from land which formerly yielded only about 15 to 20 bushels per acre. Ernest O'Neal of the Spencer conservation group states that following a vetch crop, his sandy upland farm has yielded four times as much cotton as before this soil building crop was used.



EROSION VICTIM!

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He really didn't start farming until he was 57 years old and in ill health. His farm was so wind-blown that it looked like a desert.

A doctor said he would never be able to do anything but gather up eggs. Friends thought he would die like the land he tried to farm.

But J. D. Inabinet didn't die. He let the eggs gathering go to the women folk. He did the heavy work.

Today at 75, Mr. Inabinet is a state champion among farmers. The grand old man of Pioneer, near Rising Star, did the greatest job in the state in restoring a worn-piece of land, in the opinion of the judges in the 5th annual SAVE THE SOIL AND SAVE TEXAS awards program.

This father of eight children, the grandfather of 22 and the great-grandfather of eight will be presented with a \$500 check

for having achieved this distinction.

Called 'Uncle Johnny'

They call him "Uncle Johnny" Inabinet in Erath County, where he moved by ox-wagon from Louisiana in 1883.

"Uncle Johnny" tried farming numerous times, but invariably switched to something else. He became a merchant in Alexander, Erath County, in 1901. He operated a cotton gin and thresher. He even went to work in the oil fields of Ranger, Eastland County, in 1919 and then in Desdemonia and Sipe Springs in Comanche County.

Family Objected

When "Uncle Johnny" in 1929 decided to buy a 113-acre farm in Pioneer—a farm that had been idle for ten years—his family objected vigorously.

"But I couldn't help it," said Mr. Inabinet. "I loved to see things grow."



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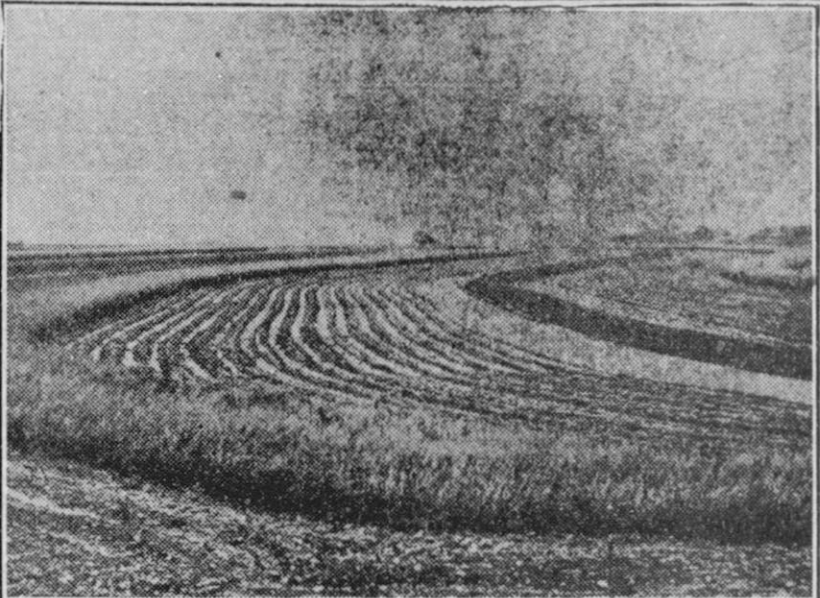
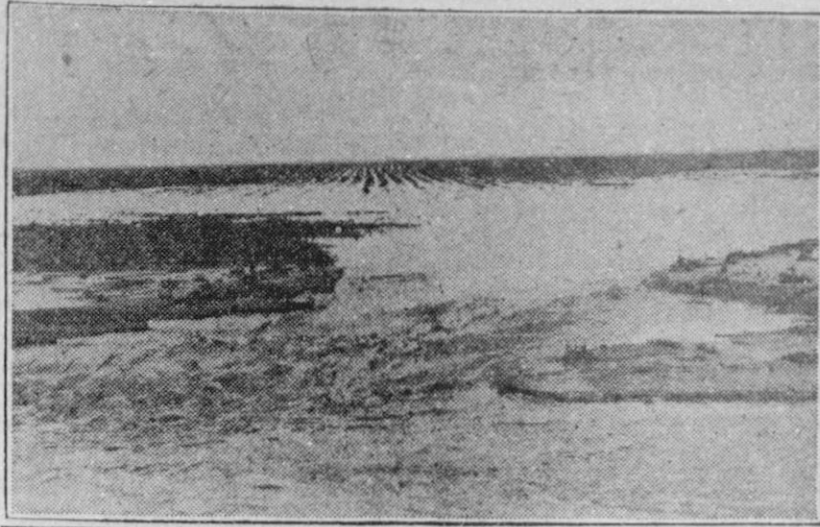
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The value of terracing and contour farming is apparent in a comparison of these two pictures. Above: Unretarded rain water rushing down straight rows eventually gathers to form a torrent carrying precious top soil away. Below: Rainwater controlled by terraces and contour farming stays put except in heavy rains . . . and then flows off gently carrying a minimum of topsoil. "Water walks away from terraces. It doesn't run."

GRASS

(Swiped & revised)

Look out across your farm. Look out from your store or office window or just over the rolling landscape. Try to visualize the same scene a hundred years ago, five hundred years ago, a thousand years ago. The scene would be almost the same regardless of the time. A rolling sea of tall grass would blanket the countryside. Tall, deep green grass bending before the breezes. Grass, tall grass, was everywhere. That was the Muenster area of a long time ago.

Grass, millions of acres of tall grass, broken here and there by the wakes of herds of buffalo or the first herds of cattle grazing belly deep in nature's feed lot. Grass was King. Clear springs gushed from the lower slopes, streams ran clear, floods were almost unknown. All nature was in almost perfect harmony. There was no erosion.

Only a little over a hundred years ago, almost yesterday, man entered the picture. White man with plows and ambitions. Empire builders with schools, churches, cattle, railroads, cotton and wheat-grazing, burning, plowing, dreaming dreams. Grass wavered, retreated, almost vanished. Gullies cut deep, springs disappeared, streams went on rampages, even the sun darkened

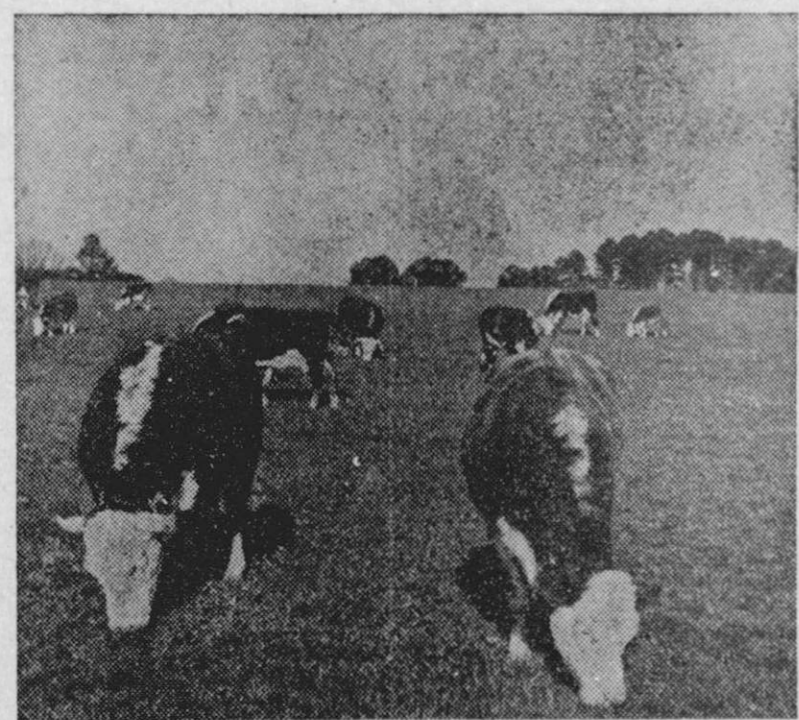
from the blowing soil before its face. The landscape looks different.

Today man, with his source of food supply dwindling with each new rain, looks forward in some confusion. Eroded fields, increasing population, depleted wastelands, and angry floods make him wonder if he has won.

If man goes away, perishes from his greed and folly, grass will return. Grass, tall grass will creep into the city streets, the farm yard and the fields. Gullies will heal over and smooth out to blend with the landscape, buildings will crumble, ambitions will be forgotten. Grass will grow beneath the plow. Man and his scars will be only unpleasant memory of a temporary visitor; only a splash in the eternal sea of time. For grass is the forgiveness of nature, her constant benediction.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START YOUNG CALVES ON CREEP FEEDERS

COLLEGE STATION— Many ranchers and stock farmers in the state have found that creep feeding for calves is a practical and economical practice to follow. According to U.D. Thompson, assistant extension animal husbandman of Texas A & M College, now is the time to start the young calves on creep feeders.

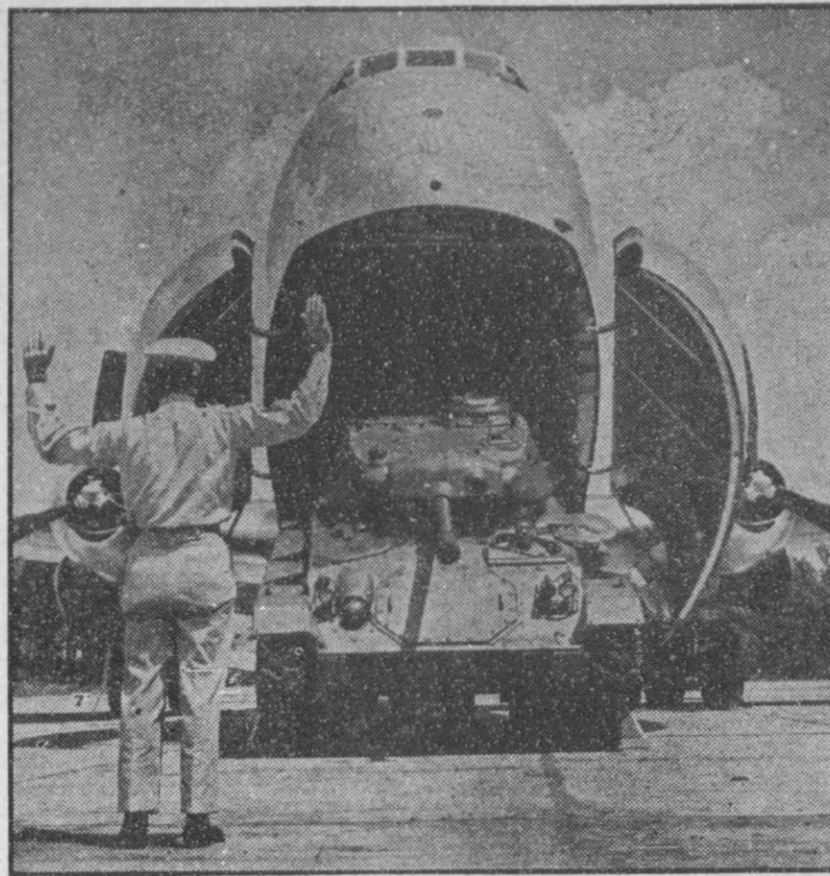


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Wildcat Wells Cost Big Money

Last year, the "American Petroleum Institute announces, the oil industry drilled about 7,250 "wildcat" wells—the greatest number in any one year since the discovery of oil in 1859.

"Wildcat" wells are test wells which the oil men drill in the course of exploring new production. Our proved oil reserves have now reached the enormous figure of nearly 27,000,000,000 barrels—and the "wildcats" are largely responsible for that.

A "wildcat", however, is not a safe, sure and conservative piece of business. It involves great financial risks since four out of five of them turn out to be dry holes. The science of geology has made great progress, but it isn't foolproof by a long shot. The only sure way to prove that there is oil in any given place is to go down and look.

Last year's "wildcats" cost the oil industry more than \$350,000,000 in drilling expense.

Since only one out of five was a producer, the average cost of finding a worthwhile well was about \$250,000. And that doesn't include the huge sums paid to landowners for leases, the cost of geological and geophysical exploration, and other heavy and necessary costs. In 1949 the total costs of exploring for oil and gas within this country was over \$1,000,000,000.

He says the feeders are easy to build and are not expensive. The enclosure or fenced area should be constructed with an opening large enough for the calves to get through but too small for older cattle. Place the feeder inside the enclosure and fill with whole grain. He points out that it is a good idea to confine an older animal in the creep pen as a decoy for the calves and also as an aid in getting them to eat from the feeder.

He points out that as much as 100 pounds of meat may be added to the calf's weight during the first six to eight months through use of creep feeding. It has other advantages too; permits marketing at an earlier age; the mother cows stay in better condition; calves are uniform; shrinkage is less at weaning time; it shortens the feeding period after weaning and serves as a good market for home grown feed grains.

There are certain disadvantages that might make creep feeding impractical on some farms and ranches and Thompson points them out. Extra equipment may be needed and there is the problem of getting the calves to eat. Hogs, sheep and goats must be kept out of the feeders and it would be well to check the prices you can expect for the calves when they are ready for market, the extra cost of production might not be justified. Creep feeding doesn't work so well pastures that contain more than two sections and sometimes the location of the creep creates a problem.

Thompson suggests that you check your own situation and if the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, give the creep feeding program a trial.

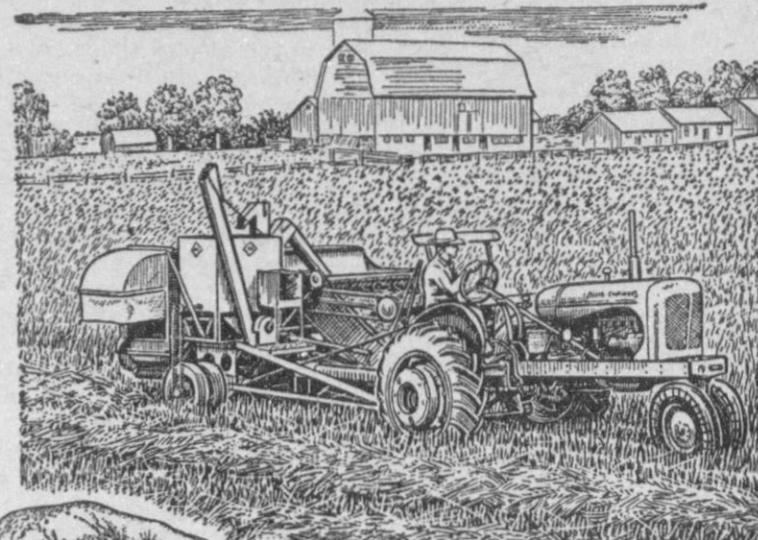
PEANUT YIELDS UPPED WITH CLOVER

BOWIE, —W. M. Preuninger and U. L. Faulkenberry, farmers who are cooperating with the Upper Elm Red District in the Bowie Work Unit Area, state that they have greatly increased the yield of peanuts on their land by use of soil conservation practices. Some of their land has more than doubled in yields after several crops of soil improving legumes have been grown as a winter cover crop.

Mr. Preuninger states that he produced a good crop of corn on some of his poorest land after it had been in vetch for three to four years.

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Future Farmers See Soil Conservation As Key to Future Prosperity on Farms

By Ralph Maglaughlin

What does Soil Conservation mean to the Future Farmer of America?

That question may be asked, and answered, by the boys themselves. In the study of soil conservation in the class room and on field trips these future farmers see the results of years of washing and wearing away of the soil; they see pastures with huge gullies that are result of overgrazing; they see soil that is low in organic matter and the essential plant food nutrients; they see livestock that are thin because the grass doesn't have the mineral and other necessary food nutrients in it to meet the feed needs of the cattle. When the boys see these things, then hear the question, what does soil conservation mean to us, the Future Farmers, they are ready to answer the question for themselves.

This article isn't to be aimed at what could and should be done about conserving the soil, but more on what the boys studying Vocational Agriculture in high school find out about controlling soil erosion and the methods used for saving and rebuilding soil.

The first thing these boys learn to do is determine the need for soil conservation. This is done by studying crop reports of the past and comparing them with those of today; by studying the livestock picture of the past and comparing it with those of today's. They study in the class room reports of experiment stations statistics showing what they have found out regarding conservation and rebuilding soil. A careful study is made concerning the best types of conservation practices to use on various types of soil.

A study is made of winter cover crops, which varieties give the best results in their immediate area, when to plant these crops, how much to plant, inoculation of legume seed, cultural practices for these crops, the amount of growth necessary for best results as a soil building crop and why legumes are generally more useful as a cover and soil building crop than non-legumes.

Planning a crop rotation system for individual farms is studied in relation to soil conservation. These boys learn to work out a plan whereby they can have a certain portion of their farm planted to cover and soil building crops each year. They learn the value of replacing organic matter and humus in soil through the use of legumes and non-legume crops. They study reports of experiment stations and other farm agencies regarding the increase in water holding capacity of soil planted to various legumes over soil that has been cropped to death and never had soil building crops planted. They learn how legumes when

inoculated with nitrogen fixing bacteria have the ability to take free nitrogen from the air and store it in their roots instead of draining the soil of nitrogen.

Terracing is another important factor in the study of soil conservation for these boys. They learn and study the different kinds and types of terraces, which lands need to be terraced, grades to give terraces, how far apart terraces should be, sodding of waterways, where waterways should be established and when, and the best grasses for waterways. These boys go on field trips and observe the difference in fields that have been terraced and those that have not, then they run and stake out terrace lines giving the proper grade and emptying them in the proper drainage area.

A study is made of strip cropping as a soil conservation practice. Contour farming is studied and its advantages learned.

Pasture management which so many people fail to consider as a soil conservation practice is studied. The best adapted grasses for the area are studied and how to manage these grasses for the most profit to the farmer. Seeding of pastures, mowing, fertilizing, deferred or controlled grazing and clearing of brush are also important factors studied in Agriculture.

Class room study alone will not teach these boys how to conserve soil by all of the various practices mentioned. Field trips are of utmost importance when learning the various practices used in conserving our soil.

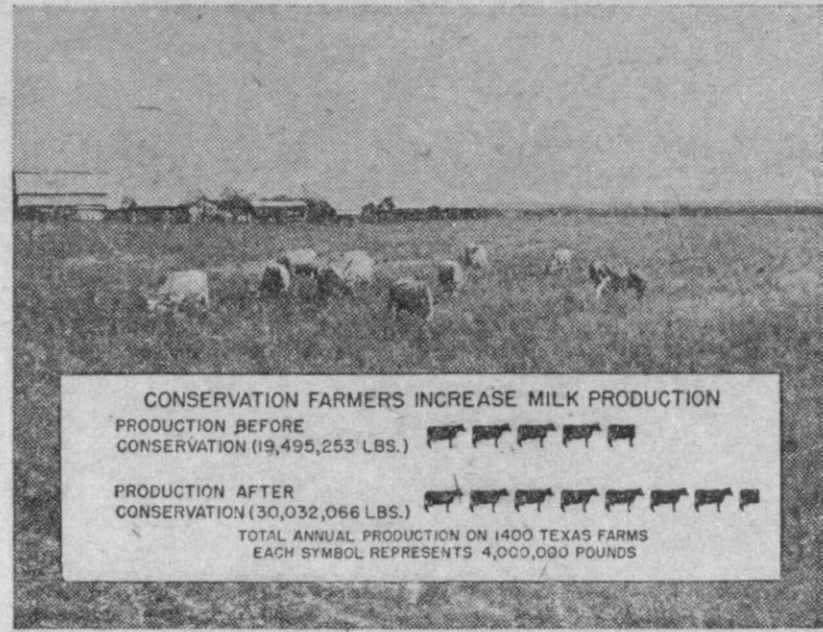
Conserving the soil we have and rebuilding our wornout soil is a serious matter to these Future Farmers and the interest they show and the work they do seem to indicate a better agriculture for the future.

In Bowie Area Peas Thrive

Dixie wonder peas are proving to be a very good cover crop following peanuts in the Bowie Work Unit area in the Upper Elm Red Soil Conservation District.

In this area, due to the lateness in harvesting peanuts, it is hard to get a quick cover of vetch or Austrian winter peas to protect the land from winter blowing.

Dixie wonders will germinate and grow so much faster that a good cover can be provided in just a few days. These peas also furnish a lot of good winter grazing and will mature much earlier than other winter cover crops, thus, making it possible to plow them in as green manure and get the land in condition for a crop to follow three to four weeks earlier.



Soil Conservation Program Is Vital to Continued Progress of School District

By Weldon Cowan

Soil Conservation is a must in the Muenster Community. Our farm population is dense, farm income is low, and our soil erosion problem is the most serious of the nation's main agricultural regions. The farm program is meeting definite needs and through our Soil Conservation District definite forms of assistance are being given to our farmers.

It is to the advantage of everybody in Muenster and surrounding communities—farmers, farm women, boys and girls town and city people, and those engaged in the professional and all lines of business and industry to know how the District Program affects them. All should understand its aims, the opportunities it offers, and its accomplishments.

Near Muenster there has been eight school districts dissolved in the last 25 years. These schools have become a part of the Muenster Independent School District. In most of these districts the cause is traceable to one thing—SOIL EROSION. Because of rolling land, heavy rainfall, and a preponderance of row crops, most of the Muenster District has been subject to severe soil erosion. Lack of understanding and lack of means with which to adopt soil building practices also have contributed to soil erosion.

Here are some of the effects of soil erosion:

1. Low farm income
- a. poor housing
- b. poor schools
- c. low standard of living
- d. rural slums
2. Destroys land completely

Insecticide Can Be Planted with Seed To Control Insects

COLLEGE STATION — Someday farmers may put insecticides in the soil at planting time and forget about insects.

That's probably a long time off, but last year three USDA entomologists, E. E. Ivy, Wm. Iglinsky, Jr. and C.F. Rainwater, in laboratory tests at Texas A & M, found cotton plants would take up poison from the soil and that the treated plants killed cotton aphids and red spider mites. If they used enough poison, they got the fleahopper, too.

Scientists have long dreamed of getting plants to pick up insecticides from the soil. They even had a name ready for it—systemic entomology. But the plants would never cooperate until 1947, when it was found that corn roots would take up parathion and that the leaves and stalks of treated plants were toxic to the corn borer.

Parathion is one of the new organic insecticides. Plants won't absorb the others, such as DDT and BHC; but parathion is a phosphorous compound and phosphorous in the form of superphosphate is one of the three main plant foods elements used as fertilizer.

Parathion didn't get the job done on cotton insects in 1948 soil tests at A & M but in 1949 another of the many new phosphorous organic insecticides, octamethyl pyrophosphoramidate showed a lot of promise in tests run under a Research & Marketing Act project. Among other things, as little as one-fifth of a pound per acre applied to cottonseed at planting time took care of aphids and red spider mites for two months.

Now Dr. R. D. Lewis of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has announced that two acres of seed treated with octamethyl pyrophosphoramidate have been planted in the Brazos River field laboratory.

It is the nation's first field test of systemic entomology.

Dr. J. C. Gaines, the research entomologist who is making the tests, says it will be a big thing for the cotton farmer if the plants absorb the insecticide under field conditions and keep off aphids and mites during the critical two months when cotton is in the seedling stage.

One thing he is worried about is that the seed might absorb the phosphorus and so be unfit for cottonseed cake, margarine and other seed products. He doesn't know the answer until this fall.

Right now the new insecticide is very expensive, but if manufacturers go into production on it seed treatment—which would be similar to use of ceresan for plant disease control—should get down to about 50 cents an acre.

Dr. H. G. Johnston, head of the A & M department of entomology thinks systemic entomology has a lot of possibilities, not only for cotton but for other crops, but warns that it will be a long time before all the details are worked out.

"It would be unusual if we hit it on the first trial," he pointed out, "but if octamethyl pyrophosphoramidate doesn't work, maybe something else will."

"We're testing eight new organic phosphate compounds at A & M this year that aren't much past the test tube stage. We already know three of them are stronger than octamethyl pyrophosphoramidate."

- a. tenant moves
- b. whole area suffers
- c. no food and feed for home needs.

What should Muenster do? It is my belief that Muenster should, through their organizations adopt a conservation type of program that would give a richer community life to everyone surrounding the town of Muenster. This is being done for us to a certain extent by the County Agents, Soil Conservation Service and our Vocational teachers. However we have a long way to go in the job of saving

our SOIL.

The farmer's dollar always goes to town. When farmers prosper, the people in towns and cities also prosper. More income and greater security for farm folks are factors that help schools and all lines of business and industry.

Muenster is for the most part an agricultural community. It must depend on agriculture to grow and prosper. Everything possible should be done to improve our soil, so that it will support our churches, our schools and our people.

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SOIL CONSERVATION MADE STATE CHAMPION FARMER OF DREAMER

The early 30's were belly-hungry days on the farm and anything but slave-work was a luxury.

But even hungry men can dream and skinny, raw-boned Merrell Stewart was a dreamer. He didn't have a job, he didn't have any land to plow, he didn't have good clothes.

His ribs stuck out like clothes pins that kept the taunt skin from breaking. Merrell didn't have anything but his dreams and he told them to his sister.

Little Men Dream

"Some day I'm going to own me a piece of land and I'm going to have a white house with green blinds, a red barn and a good pickup truck and a red tractor."

The sister laughed in his face. Imagine Skinny Stewart ever bewowed he'll pay it out even if it took more than a laugh to stop Merrell Stewart of Garretts Bluff.

There was no stopping him in the early '30's when he decided to earn his livelihood on the impoverished soil. There was no stopping him in 1935 when he married his childhood sweetheart, Miss Loneta Haynes, and became a tenant farmer.

No stopping him in 1941 when he bought a 156-acre farm and vowed he'd pay it out even if it took 40 years. No stopping him in 1950 when judges in the SAVE THE SOIL AND SAVE TEXAS conservation awards program examined 2000 farmers and ran-

chers to find the top man of the soil.

Field Narrows

The field narrowed down to 100.

When the judging ended, Merrell J. Stewart—the dreamer—was named the outstanding farmer in Texas. Top prize is \$500 cash.

Mr. Stewart, now 41, makes from \$9000 to \$10,000 a year on his small Lamar County farm. He gets his money from 15 sources from a diversified farm that tops the state. Every dime he ever earned was wrested and coaxed and sweated out of the soil he loves with his life.

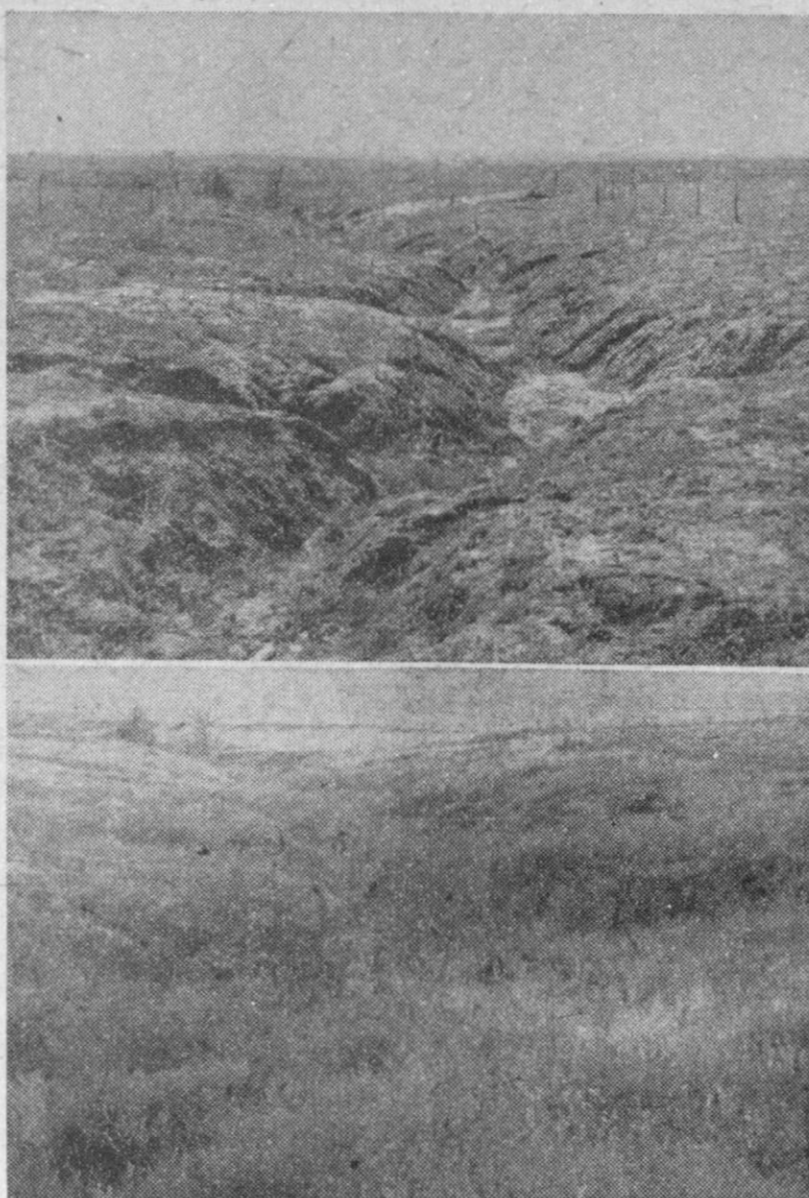
The Farm Home Administration offered a normal way for him to buy a farm. For \$3315 he could acquire 108 acres—and 40 years to pay.

Looked Ahead

Mr. Stewart didn't look back. The land was part of the estate of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dancer of Boswell, Okla., and stretched from the south bank of the Red River to the Garretts Bluff community.

The Red River moved north and gave him more land, since his deed called for all the south boundary of the Red. A break. He deserved it.

When he wasn't working in the fields, he was putting up a barn and a poultry house, a garage and a smokehouse. He was building his home too.



PROPER TREATMENT according to sound conservation practice can restore productivity to eroded land, as indicated by these "before" and "after" pictures. Formerly gullied and practically useless, this land has been converted to profitable grazing land.

He signed Up

In 1943, he became a co-operator in the North Texas Soil Conservation District. With district assistance, he set up a system of terraces. He pumped his county agent for information. He put in a complete soil conservation program. It paid off. The first year he grossed \$42 more than the farm cost him. His net was \$1487.

Last year he got the following: Eggs, \$380; poultry, \$29; hogs, \$2182; cattle, \$1881; cotton, \$1499; corn, \$798; popcorn, \$465; peanuts, \$237; Irish potatoes, \$205; hay, \$132; peas, \$109.

Income from his committee salary added \$365.

Made \$10,000

In 1947 he grossed \$10,333. That year his big money crop was peanuts—\$1100. Peas, potatoes, popcorn, sweet corn and pecans and watermelons added up to \$3239.

His present herd of 31 cattle includes two Jersey milk cows and a registered Hereford bull. The rest are Herefords.

He also has 24 head of hogs, mostly Poland China and a flock of 60 Black Minorca chickens.

The lettering on his farm, "Stewart's Diversified Farm," speaks the truth. He recently bought some more land and now has some 300 acres and his original purchase is being paid off swiftly.

Named by Board

Mr. Stewart's own board of district supervisors selected him as

the outstanding conservation farmer in his district not only because he had installed a complete conservation program on his farm but because he had done outstanding missionary work for the promotion of soil conservation work and the district program.

He has served as a conservation group leader of the Garretts Bluff Community Conservation Group—since the group was organized. He has made arrange-

ments for two meetings a year and always has his group present.

Mr. Stewart's leadership was recognized when he was elected Garretts Bluff Community Center president. The center won \$500 last year in a farm contest.

When a man decides to get married, it is the last decision he is allowed to make.

Marie: "What does t-e-r-r-i-f-y spell?"

Lloyd: "Terrify".

Marie: "What does t-i-s-s-u-e spell?"

Lloyd: "Tissue".

Marie: "Now, say them together."

Lloyd: "Terrify tissue."

Marie: "Not at all."

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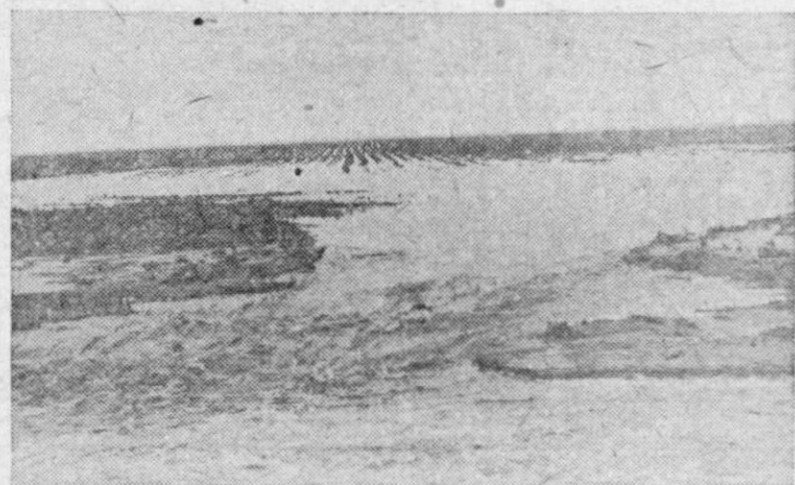
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Waterways - - -

containing nitrogen. In some cases the fertilizers are put in at planting time, in others the grass is top dressed with fertilizer after it has become established. Many cooperators with the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District are also learning that by overseeding an adapted legume in their waterways they can obtain additional nitrogen for their grass through its close association with the nitrogen-fixing legume plants. They also benefit from the extra grazing obtained by using legumes.

By their nature Bermuda and Buffalo grass are low growing plants, and cannot tolerate too much shade. For that reason they should be mowed for weed control and grazed to eliminate the taller growing Johnson grass. Better and faster establishment of these grasses has always resulted when waterways are fenced and grazed immediately after the grass is put in.

Waterways in the Muenster area vary greatly in length and width. They range from a few hundred feet to a mile in length and from fifty to four hundred feet in width. The size of a waterway is determined by the number of terraces emptying into it, by the amount of water it will have to carry and by the shape of the waterway. Water has less cutting power when it is spread out, so waterways need to be broad and saucer shaped. The length of a waterway is determined by the distance be-



The extensive watershed of the Trinity River, as outlined on this map, includes that portion of the Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District which drains into the Trinity river. Because of that circumstance some of the local district participants in two separate conservation funds . . . the regular federal appropriation applying to all districts of the nation and the special appropriation for Trinity Improvement. Soil Conservation is one of the principal objectives of the Trinity improvement program because "soil retained on the farm will not silt the Trinity."

between the top terrace and a stable outlet. Often a waterway must carry water from the top

terrace which is only about five feet off the top of the highest point in the field, across the entire field, to a pasture or meadow area. Natural drains in a cultivated field are preferred for waterways because they are already shaped to carry water and to terrace across them would result in a very crooked, hard to farm terrace system. Many waterways are wide strips of grass along a fence row or alongside a road, others form a long wide lane that connect two pastures.

It is these grassed waterways with their varying shapes and sizes, with their new fences and neatly mowed appearance following the meanderings of natural drains that is giving the farmland around Muenster the new look—a look of progressive farming and soil protection.

of a district, the board proceeds with organization. The next step is for the local people to subdivide the district into five parts as nearly equal geographically as possible in order to attain equal representation on the district's governing body which is called a board of supervisors.

To complete the organization, the board of supervisors applies to the secretary of state through the state soil conservation board for a certificate of organization. When the certificate is issued, the district becomes a legal operating subdivision of the state government. In Texas there are only three other political subdivisions like it. They are counties, incorporated cities and independent school districts. Unlike these three however, a soil conservation district does not have the authority to levy taxes or issue bonds.

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portant areas on the farm, the terrace outlet waterway.

Felix Becker probably deserves a prize for being one of the most persistent contestants. He has seeded bermuda grass on his waterway twice and sodded it twice, the second time this spring. He recently fenced the waterway and thinks he has it going now. If bad luck should follow him this year, Mr. Becker will be sodding grass again next spring because he intends to get that conservation job done.

Tony Walterscheid probably has the longest waterway; nearly a mile long. Henry N. Fuhrman was one of the first to get his waterway established, and fenced. Paul Fisher was one of the first to get his waterway established and the terraces built

to outlet onto it. Others deserve mention for the good work they have done.

The pasture plots and waterways were seeded to bermuda grass, buffalo grass, K.R. Blue-stem, native bluestem or weeping lovegrass, sodded to bermuda grass or native stands of grass were renovated.

The best waterway or pasture plot does not necessarily win the prize. The winners will be based on the improvement that has been accomplished.

The judges will have a job on their hands July 1. If they are not expert before they start the judging, they will get some good training before they get through.

Judges have not been named but they will be a vocational instructor a SCS man and a farmer.



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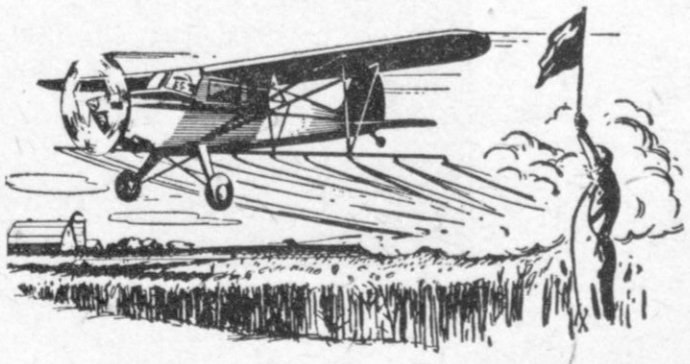
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Walser Explains

board that a district is really wanted.

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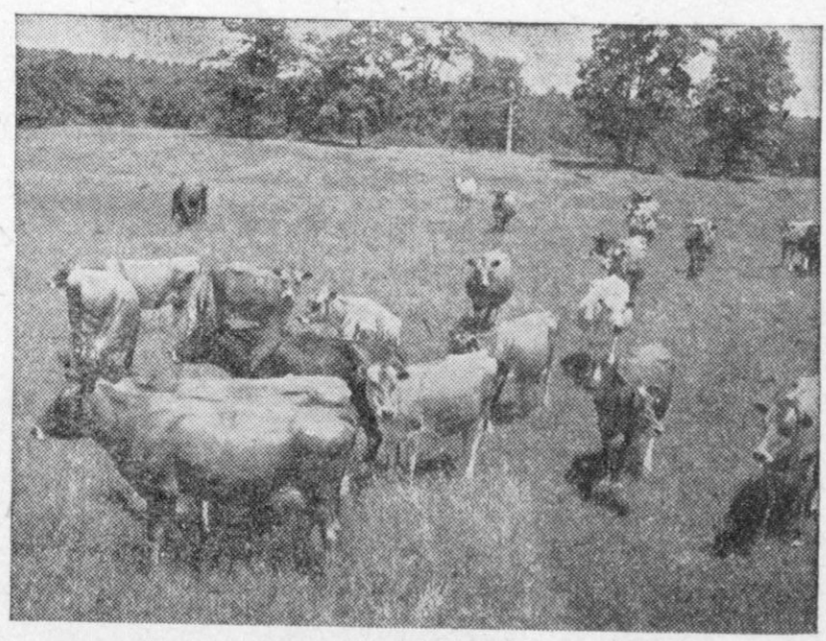


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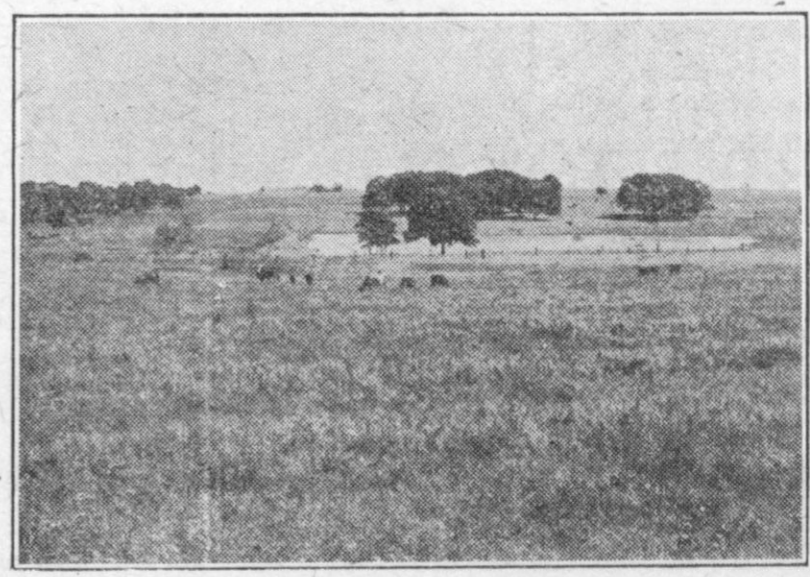


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See the supervisors of the local Soil Conservation District or the representative of the Soil Conservation Service in your area about a complete soil and water conservation program for your land.



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