

Committee Formed To Guide Efforts For Special Dam

"You people can have a multiple purpose structure (dam) in Parmer County if you want it badly enough; but you'll have to organize quickly and begin to work out the details."

This was the essence of a discussion Monday by F. F. (Flip) Calhoun, Plainview, chairman of the steering committee of the Running Water Draw Watershed Project, speaking before a group of county residents at Hub.

"Any plans for multiple purpose structures must be organized by the local people, and these people must give proof of organized responsibility before such a plan can be incorporated into the project," Calhoun pointed out.

As per his suggestion, the Parmer County group began its organization. Actually, it had already begun. Community representatives have been named from five of six county communities. Those named include Andy Hurst, Friona; Joe Jones, Farwell; John Gammon, Lazbuddie; Arlan Hartzog, Bovina; and Leon Grissom, Oklahoma Lane.

A representative from the Rhea community is to be named within the week. Grissom, chairman of the watershed committee of the county's Rural Area Development organization, is acting as temporary chairman of the group until such time as it can meet and elect a permanent chairman. Calhoun reported that groups in Hale County and Curry County, New Mexico have pledged

\$45,000 toward the estimated \$70,000 which the planning of the project will cost for a special planning party. He said that if the area can raise the \$70,000, and thereby pay for its own planning, the project might be speeded up from five to seven years.

The State Soil Conservation Service planning parties are able to plan only one or two projects per year, and there are some 30 projects which are as far along as the Running

Water Draw project.

The Parmer County group voted to present a request to

county commissioners to allocate Parmer County's fair share of money toward the plan-

ning fund to speed up the project.

"We feel that the progress

of our project has moved swiftly as compared to others that we are familiar with," Calhoun

said. He traced the history of the project, beginning in October of 1961.

"This is your best opportunity to build a multiple-purpose structure in Parmer County at a relatively small cost," he said. It was pointed out that around \$3 million has been earmarked as the government's participation in the project.

"It is about time we take advantage of the government's generosity and use some of our money here at home rather than sending it somewhere else," someone remarked.

John Gammon, representative of the Lazbuddie Community, said he thought the county would be missing a good bet if they passed up this opportunity to salvage floodwater for storage in the county. "I think

we should try to save every drop that ever comes down the draw," Gammon said. He also pointed up the recharge value of such a structure.

A. L. Black, chairman of the board of directors for the Parmer County Soil Conservation District, backed up Gammon's comments on the water conservation aspects of such a structure or structures.

"With our water table dropping in Parmer County like it has for the past few years, we need to consider saving all the water we can," Black said.

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NEWS FROM THE FARM BUREAU

BY RAYMOND EULER

The wheat referendum meeting sponsored by Farm Bureau was pretty well attended at the Lazbuddie School Auditorium Friday night. There were 60 or more people there to hear Bill Wedemeyer discuss the proposal. Several questions were asked and answered, and some of them, of course, could not be answered, either by Wedemeyer or anyone else, because the answers would be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture in "his best judgement" when the particular subject arose.

We had noticed a few days ago that Wes Izzard, in looking around the offices of the Committee for the U.N., in New York, had seen the names of sponsoring organizations, among which was the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Izzard was very fair in his revelation, in that he "wondered if all the organizations listed were aware of their listing". We wrote Charles Shuman, AFBF president, inquiring about this. His answer was that the U.N. Committee was notified in January, 1963 that the AFBF could not be listed as a supporter of the committee, as a result of AFBF board action on the subject.

We were glad for this answer, because this committee is using tax money to paint a desirable picture of the U. N. by propaganda, rather than letting the citizens determine their opinions solely on the actions of the U. N. Texas Farm Bureau, by resolution, removed the phrase in its creed that had formerly commended the U.N. for its work.

In speaking of the proposed certificate plan for wheat, Wedemeyer made the statement that when a person steals something, he is constitutionally considered innocent until proven guilty. To the contrary, under the proposed wheat certificate plan, any violator is considered guilty until he can prove himself innocent. This, according to recent cases, even under the old program, is practically impossible to do, said Wedemeyer.

CONSIDER THIS: . . . And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen. Matthew 6:13.



THE HIGH PLAINS FARM AND HOME

COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN discuss prospects of a multiple purpose structure on Running Water Draw in Parmer County during a meeting at Hub Monday night. From the left are John Gammon, Lazbuddie; Andy Hurst, Friona and Leon Grissom, Oklahoma Lane, all community representatives on the county-wide committee.

Eligibility Discussed As To Wheat Vote

Producers who have an interest in a 1964 farm wheat allotment are eligible to vote in the 1964 wheat marketing quota referendum. General voting eligibility reminders are as follows:

A person can cast only one ballot in the referendum regardless of the number of wheat farms in which he is interested. Individual members of a partnership shall each have one vote but the partnership as such shall not have a vote.

A person may vote as the representative of an organization such as a corporation (such an organization is entitled to only one vote).

A person may vote as the administrator or executor of an estate or as a trustee or guardian but the persons whom he represents are not eligible.

Producers who have an interest in a 1964 wheat allotment include:

Landlords who receive all or a share of the wheat crop or proceeds thereof. Landlords who rent their land to tenants for cash are not eligible to vote.

In Texas which has community property statutes, owners of community property (both husband and wife) are eligible to vote if the allotment is on community property.

Tenants or sharecroppers having an interest in the farm wheat allotment because of sharing in the wheat crop or proceeds thereof are eligible to vote. Producers who lease land as joint tenants (both names on the lease) are each eligible to vote.

Examples: Husband and wife both sign written lease to oper-

ate farm -- both are eligible to vote. Only the husband signs the written lease to operate the farm -- only the husband will be eligible to vote. Husband and wife leased the farm on a verbal lease with the owner and the county committee determines that both are responsible for carrying out the tenant obligations under the lease--both are eligible to vote.

The important thing to remember is that the wife of an owner of a farm where the allotment is on community property is automatically eligible to vote whereas the eligibility of a wife of a tenant or sharecropper depends on the terms of the lease agreement.

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400 Bu. @ \$1.00 equals \$400 (20 A. diverted @ 50%)	(Remember, if the certificate plan is adopted, all production above "normal" is \$1.30 wheat.)	Non-Certificated Wheat--360 bu. @ \$1.30 equals \$468 (20% of 90% of '63 allotment @ 20 bu./A.)
1600 Bu. @ 18c equals \$288 (direct payment)		Diversion Payment--60 bu. @ \$2.00 equals \$120 (30% of 10% of '63 allotment @ 20 bu./A.)
Total 1963 Income \$3600		TOTAL 1964 INCOME \$3,468

THIS IS ONE OF THE REAL ISSUES IN THE COMING WHEAT REFERENDUM AFTER 1964... What Then For Wheat?

This is NOT just a program for 1964--look at what you might get after 1964 if the Certificate Plan is Approved!

Decision of the Secretary for YOUR farm	Indicated for 1964	?After 1964?
Mandatory diversion below 1963 allotments	10%	0-27%
Portion of remaining farm allotment to be "certificated"	80%	*50-91.5%
	(At Minimum Quota of 1 billion bushels)	
Support price for "certificated wheat"	\$2.00	\$1.62-2.24
Support price for "non-certificated" Wheat	\$1.30	\$.00-???
		(Discretion of Secretary)
Payments for "mandatory" diversion below 1963	30% normal prod. 0-50% (0 after '65)	
Payments for "voluntary" diversion below allotment	50% normal prod. 0-50% (0 after '65)	

Look before you leap -- Think before you VOTE!
THIS IS ONE OF THE REAL ISSUES IN THE COMING WHEAT REFERENDUM
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 YES -- means: Supply Management
 NO -- means: More Freedom And Opportunity

1. A reduced market divided among "family farms" by government.
2. "Fair" prices and income as determined by USDA.
3. A franchise to grow wheat even for food and/or feed.
4. Cross compliance with all crops on a farm and cross compliance on other farms as determined by the Secretary.
5. Heavy penalties for violators, including 10-year jail sentence, for all citizens who produce, sell, buy, manufacture wheat or its products.
6. Idle land required and managed by government.
7. The management of all agricultural commodities.
8. People control.
1. Prices as determined by demand.
2. The right to grow wheat.
3. A revised government farm program.
4. The right to be a large or small producer.
5. Increased markets for wheat at home and abroad.
6. The removal of incentives to be dishonest.
7. The removal of government imposed penalties.
8. The right to manage your land.
9. Freeing feed grains and livestock from one of the threats of control.
10. Continued opportunity for young or beginner farmers to enter farming.

This referendum is not just another vote on another one-year wheat program. Wheat has been chosen as the "guinea pig"--testing whether or not the American farmer will submit himself to a totally planned economy where his individual farming operation and personal income are determined by those who govern him. If supply management is to work as it was conceived, all commodities necessarily will have to be involved.

PARMER COUNTY FARM BUREAU

FOOTSAVING EDUCATION
by James E. Edwards

Why can't I find cheap play shoes that fit as well as good shoes?

There are at least six good answers for this question--let me first ask a question--why cheap shoes for play? Many men and women who work in industries have long since given up the practice of buying cheap work shoes. Good work shoes mean more to a person whose work requires standing than a comfortable car means to a traveling man. We parents hate to see a good pair of shoes made to look old in a few days of hard play but the abuse taken by the shoes should indicate to us that good shoes are much more important for hard play than they are for sitting in school or in front of a television.

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PLANTING SEASON in Parmer County has been underway for some time, with most farms through by now, and many fields of cotton and grain sorghum already "up." Here, Darrell Norton, who farms near Farwell, loads up his planter.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

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 WD - Gerald E. Wright - Dale E. Houlette - W 65' Lots 7 & 8, Blk 39, Friona
 WD - Carl McInroe - McFarland C. Osborn - NW/4 Sec 8 & part Sect 5, Harding
 WD - Bessie D. Drake et al - Elmer Euler - Lots 2, 3, 6, 7, Blk 10, Drake Rev. Sub. Friona
 WD - Warren Embree et al - R.L. Fleming - part of original Blk 74, Bovina
 DT - W. B. McQueen Jr. - First Nat'l. Bank, Memphis - Sect 25 & 26 T7S R2E
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PLANTING MAIZE in Parmer County, the state and nation's number one maize-producing county, is Darrell Norton, on his farm near Farwell. Norton has about 600 acres in maize this year, as the county will once again shoot for "number one" in production.

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 The greatest single use of fresh water in the United States is for irrigation—75 billion to 100 billion gallons a day, or about half of the fresh water we use annually.
 Next largest consumer is industry and steam power plants. According to Karl O. Kohler, Jr., writing in the 1955 Yearbook of Agriculture, they require about 70 billion gallons of fresh water daily. It takes 18 gallons of water, for example, to refine a barrel of oil and about 300 to make a barrel of beer.
 Kohler notes that application of irrigation water is relatively inefficient. Annual delivery to a farm may range from less than an acre-foot (325,850 gallons) up to more than 7 acre-feet (2,280,950 gallons) to an acre.
 A cutting of alfalfa requires about 325,800 gallons of water an acre, and a crop of cotton, 800,000 gallons.
 In 1959 more than 33 million acres were irrigated as compared with about 20.5 million acres in 1944. Most of the irrigated land is located in the 17 Western states, Louisiana, and Hawaii.

Polling Places Listed For Wheat Referendum Tuesday

There will be ten polling places in the county next Tuesday for the wheat referendum. Voter's names are listed in the polling place nearest their residence. They are urged to vote at that place, but this isn't mandatory.
 Those who vote where their names aren't listed will be

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4-H Club Reaches Milestone On Tractor Safety Program

During 1963, the one millionth 4-H Club member will be trained in the fine points of tractor care and operation.
 For nearly two decades the 4-H tractor program has emphasized the value of preventive maintenance and safe operation of farm tractors and machinery. Working with one to a dozen or more tractors on the home farm, each youth has contributed to the efficient use of farm power.
 More than 3,000 Oklahoma 4-H members and 1,300 Texas members this year are completing one of the four units of the tractor program. Usually one year is devoted to each unit. After that the 4-H'er continues in the educational program to increase his skill and knowledge.
 While volunteer adult leaders are the backbone of this extension-supervised learn-by-doing 4-H endeavor, hundreds of the older club members are trained to become junior leaders of their local clubs. They help teen-agers solve mechanical problems and improve their driving know-how.
 To aid adults and members, special tractor books, bulletins, guide sheets and the like have been produced by authorities in the field. These are made available through an arrangement with the 4-H tractor program sponsor, Humble Oil & Refining Company, the Cooperative Extension Service and the National 4-H Service Committee, Chicago.
 Tractor club members say that 4-H training has enabled them to save hundreds of dollars annually in fuel bills and repairs. The greatest benefit, they claim, is that the tractor is "always ready to go."
 Besides learning to drive the tractor safely in the fields, the country youths learn to drive it with skill and ease. The annual 4-H tractor operators driving contest gives them a chance to show how good they are. On a carefully plotted course spotted with obstacles,

the young drivers display a remarkable control of nerves and dexterity in manipulating the big machines.
 Humble Oil has sponsored the program for seven years. Awards include a \$500 national 4-H scholarship; all-expense paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress held each fall at Chicago; up to four gold-filled medals in each county.
 Last year the Sooner State produced a national scholarship winner. He is Chuck Robinette, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinette, who operate a large farm near Douglas, Garfield county.
 The Texas state award winner for 1962 was Jimmy Lowe Jr., 18, a student at Southwest Texas State College, whose home is Raymondville, in Willacy county.



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Design drawings for plaques which won first place and honorable mention in a county com-

petition, recently sponsored by the Federated Women's Clubs and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce for the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, will be exhibited in the foyer of the Amarillo City Auditorium May 16-18 during the run of "My Fair Lady" and thereafter for graduation guests.

The winner from Parker County whose work will be exhibited is Brad Billingsley from Farwell. Honorable mention drawings from the county contest, which also will be exhibited, belong to Jimmy Grimley, Wake Coker and Mike Smith, all of Friona.

The winning designs will be carved in stone and mounted on the wall of the new outdoor

theater in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Drawn by high school students, the designs represent the outstanding characteristic of each of the 41 Panhandle counties entered in the contest. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latham, representing the Fine Arts Council of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, handled the complicated details necessary for the smooth functioning of the contest, which was initiated last January, and members of the Federated Women's Clubs in the respective counties made the school contacts and took responsibility for the judging.

The contest was part of the Panhandle-wide program of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation for preserving the heritage of the north plains, and for the completion of the Canyon amphitheater, where a musical drama built around the history of the whole area from Indian days, through the early settlement stage to the present era of prosperity will

be produced. Numerous descendants of settler families are underwriting the cost of various units of the theater and the production as memorials to their pioneer forebears.

The drama, which will have some resemblance to the all-time-favorite musical "Oklahoma" but with deeper significance, is now being written by Paul Green. His "Lost Colony" at Roanoke County, N.C., and "The Common Glory" at Williamsburg, Va., which is the dramatization of Thomas Jefferson's struggle for democracy, are only two of the nine outdoor dramas which this Pulitzer-Prize-Winning author now has running in the United States. He has several others in the planning stage. Some of his productions have been running since 1944, bringing unheard-of prosperity to the areas sponsoring them. The musical score for the Palo Duro Canyon production is being written by Issac Van Grove, Hollywood composer-director, who had collaborated with Green on oth-

er productions. Recognized professional actors and singers will perform in the production.

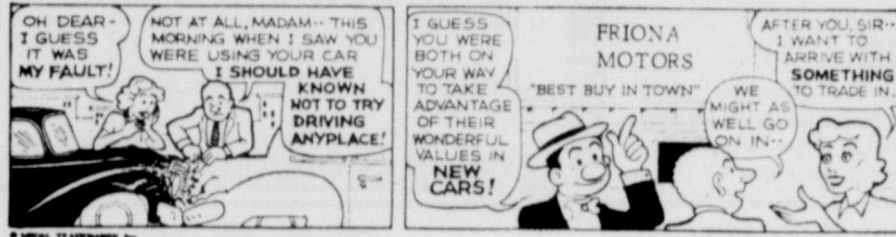
Mrs. Ples Harper is president of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation and sev-

enty-five prominent Amarillo, Canyon and Panhandle area men and women serve on the board of directors. The Heritage office is at 416 16th Street, Canyon, Texas - Box 268.

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Recharge Tests Improved At High Plains Station

Improvement in facilities for silt and solids control in the recharge of surface water to the underground Ogallsa water bearing sand have been made at the High Plains Research Foundation, according to James Vallaint, Associate Water Engineer at the Foundation.

A concrete pit sixteen by twenty-four feet and five feet deep was constructed in the plays lake replacing the dirt pit previously used to hold the various systems to remove solids from the water flowing by gravity through the recharge well to the underground water bearing sand. Several filtering devices are under study to find the most efficient method of control.

The concrete pit will speed up the study of each of these filters. The pit will allow filters to be changed when the lake contains water because of solid walls and flooring. Each filtering device can be tested in sequence with the new concrete

pit. This will decrease the study time for each.

A recording water level indicator to be used in pumping tests was installed at the recharge well. This will be used in pumping tests carried on in cooperation with Frank Raymer of the Texas Water Commission.

Dr. Earl Collister, Director of the Foundation, stated that this new research installation would not have been possible without the assistance from a number of business firms. Firms that gave material and cooperated were Arrow Concrete Co., Pioneer Natural Gas Co., Plains Machinery, Swayze Brothers, Peterson Construction and Clifford-Hill Western.

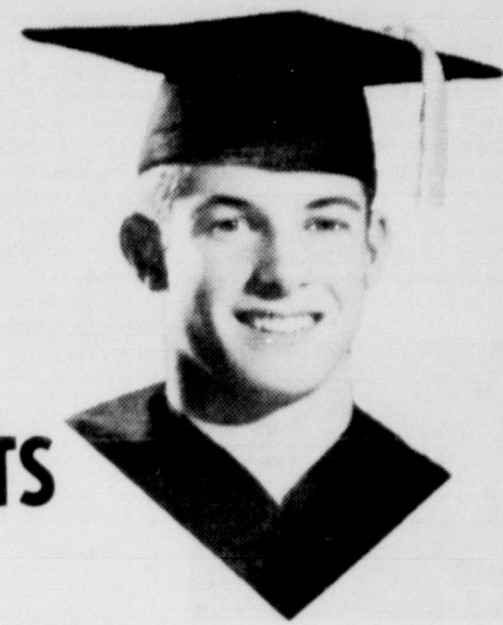
Littlefield Gets Angus Membership

Carroll Littlefield, Friona, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announces Frank Richards, secretary.

Carroll Littlefield was one of 46 breeders of registered Aberdeen-Angus in Texas elected to membership during the past month.

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SCD Schedules Special Election

Farmers in the Lazbuddie area will vote May 21 to choose a new supervisor from subdivision 5 for the Farmer County Soil Conservation District board. The election will be concurrent with the wheat referendum, and will be conducted at the same voting places.

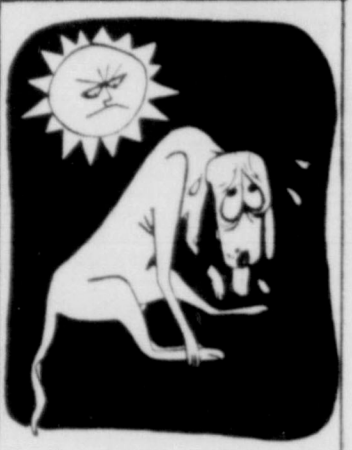
Three names are on the ballot -- John Littlefield, Wesley Barnes and Alton Morris. There is also space for write-ins. The election was made necessary due to the resignation of T. O. Lesley, who is moving from the county.

The election will choose someone to fill out Lesley's unexpired term, which has a year to run.

Voting places for the supervisor election will be Shirley Anderson Elevator and Clay's Corner Gin at Lazbuddie.

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A great deal of the cotton is up, and what isn't should be up soon. Generally speaking, cotton at this stage is very susceptible to thrip damage.

Heavy infestations of thrips on young cotton may delay plant maturity for a few days to a few weeks. Thrips normally cause heaviest damage from the time of plant emergence until early squaring. Serious damage may continue for longer periods. The first sign of thrip damage on newly emerged cotton is wilted, wrinkled, blackened leaves and terminal growth. The number of thrips and time of occurrence vary from season to season.

Research in these areas shows that substantial savings can be realized by basing early season control on infestation counts. The early season control program in most years will be conducted primarily to control thrips and fleahoppers.

Regular and thorough insect checks by the growers are necessary to obtain good insect control. If the cotton producer knows the insect situation in his field, he can determine when he needs to apply insecticides. Every grower should know how to make insect population numbers and how to recognize the damage by different cotton insects.

The grower who follows an early season control program based on infestation numbers uses insecticides only when needed.

Below is a chart, published by the Agricultural Extension Service, that gives recommendations for early season control program.

Insects	Insecticides	Pound per acre of actual insecticide to be applied as spray	Remarks
Cutworms and certain armyworms	A. Toxaphene-DDT (2-1 mixture)	2.0-3.0	Examine seedling cotton for presence of these pests.
	B. Endrin	0.3-0.4	Apply treatment as needed.
Darkling beetles	A. Heptachlor	0.5	Brown to black beetles which feed around base of seedlings. Damage resembles cutworm attack. Begin control when damage warrants it.
	B. Dieldrin	0.375	
Thrips and fleahoppers	A. Dieldrin - DDT	0.2-0.25*0.5	Thrips -- Begin control measures as soon as damage is apparent on seedling plants. Damage is characterized by wilted, deformed and blackened leaves. Silvering of the lower leaf surface also is common. Apply spray at 7 day intervals. If difficulty is encountered in controlling thrips substitute methyl parathion at 0.25 lb. per acre for DDT. Fleahoppers -- After cotton is old enough to produce squares, examine the main stem terminal buds (about 3-4 ins. of top of plant) of 100 cotton plants at several representative points in the field. As cotton reaches the fruiting stage, apply control measures when 15-20 fleahoppers are found per 100 terminals. As plants increase in size and fruit load, larger populations may be tolerated without serious damage. Later treatments should be based both on numbers of fleahoppers and on damage as indicated by excessive loss of small squares. Apply sprays at 7-day intervals.
	B. Guthion	0.125-0.25	
	C. Strobane-DDT (2-1 mixture)	1.25-2.25	
	D. Sevin	0.5-1.0	
	E. Toxaphene-DDT (2-1 mixture)	1.25-2.25	
	F. Heptachlor - DDT	0.25-0.375/0.5	
	G. Endrin - DDT	0.2-0.3/0.5	
Cotton Aphids	A. Malathion	0.625-0.9	In early season, apply insecticides as needed. In late season, begin treatment when honeydew appears. Demeton, parathion, Malathion or Methyl Parathion may be combined with other sprays.
	B. Methyl parathion	0.25-0.375	
	C. Parathion	0.25-0.375	
	D. Demeton	0.125-0.25	

I would like to caution you that all insecticides are poisonous. Follow carefully all precautions on the label. Take special precautions in handling parathion, endrin, methyl parathion, demeton, D1-syston, Guthion, and phorate (Thimet) to avoid prolonged contact with the skin or breathing of the vapors or drift from either spray or dust.

Be mindful of insecticidal drift that may contaminate neighboring vegetables or forage crops at the time cotton is sprayed or dusted.

A great number of farmers have used systemic insecticides, and if anything abnormal should show up or if you don't get thrip protection for the first three or four weeks, I would appreciate hearing from you.

"Reduction Cotton" Cost Area Farmers \$4 Million

"Reduction cottons" - cotton reduced in price and loan values because of micronaire readings below 3.0, gin damage, or excessive foreign matter - cost High Plains farmers approximately \$4,000,000 in revenue during the 1962-63 crop year according to an estimate by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., of Lubbock.

PCG made its calculations after receipt of the United States Department of Agriculture report which sets out the number of bales of such cotton by causes in the southwestern area. Some of the loss of course was unavoidable, but much of it could have been saved with proper cultural and harvesting practices, PCG officials say. The report itself states that "Many causes of reduction cottons are beyond the control of mortal man but these causes are far outnumbered by causes that man can control."

By far the most costly of the

causes for reduction is cotton classed as "wasty", which is that with low micronaire readings, largely caused by immaturity of the cotton at harvest. Some 140,000 bales produced in the 23 county area covered by PCG fell in this classification, reducing the price on each bale by about \$20.00. Early freezes and drought conditions which cause immature cotton cannot, of course, be controlled, but there is no doubt that early use of harvest aid chemicals is directly responsible for much of the 1962 low micronaire cotton. In this instance a goodly portion of the almost \$3,000,000 loss could have been

avoided by wiser use of defoliants and desiccants.

"Barky" cotton was the second most expensive to the farmer in 1962, and High Plains losses to this cause came to \$450,000 and more. Here again farmer income could have been increased substantially by selecting varieties better suited to mechanical harvesting and by exercising care in the operation of strippers.

Grass in cotton also places it in the "reduction" class, and the remedy, of course, is obvious. Losses for this reason were only a little over \$11,000 on the plains in 1962 indicating that most farmers do realize

Care Urged In Use Of Insecticides

Pesticides and insecticides are poisons. And what's poison to insects can be an irritant or worse to people, according to Changing Times, the Kiplinger Magazine.

In the current issue of the magazine, the editors list the following basic rules for home gardeners:

-- If using a spray: Don't breathe the vapors. Don't smoke when spraying. After spraying and before eating or smoking wash hands and face thoroughly.

-- If using a liquid or powder: Wear gloves to keep the poisons off hands. Should poison accidentally spill on unprotected skin, wash immediately. Always wash hands and face after using.

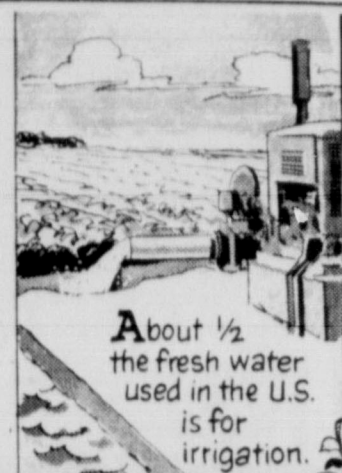
-- Read the label carefully before opening the package. Failure to do so may result in misuse or injury to the person handling the poison.

-- Never store the contents in anything but the original container with the label intact. When the container is empty, get rid of it. Even a small residue of the poison might be disastrous if young children find it.

-- Don't store the container on the same shelves with household cleaners or food packages. Pesticides should be kept in a separate area, out of reach of

children and pets and, as a double precaution, with a warning POISON sign prominently displayed in the area.

the importance of clean crops. Cotton reduced in price by classers as the result of "preparation" is that cotton which has been gin cut or suffered similar damage in the ginning process. This can be either the result of the condition in which the cotton was received at the gin or of faulty machinery. Only 4,496 bales of High Plains cotton fell in this category, and the loss would come to about \$37,000,000.



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Small Farmer Position In Wheat Vote Outlined

The president of the Texas Farm Bureau said this week that small wheat growers eligible to vote May 21 will not be subject to wheat quotas and penalties if the wheat certificate plan is voted down in the referendum.

C. H. DeVaney said that small wheat owners in many parts of the state are being misled into believing that if the plan fails to carry they will become subject to quotas and penalties, anyway.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," the farm leader asserted. "Those growers with less than 15 acres will be free to plant as much as they

please, the same as larger growers, if the wheat control plan is defeated. Any wheat farmer, if he chooses, could stay within his allotment and be eligible for price support at 50 per cent of parity."

The Texas Farm Bureau president explained that when small growers elected in writing to become co-operators should the plan pass, they were only complying with regulations to make themselves eligible to vote.

"Obviously, if the wheat control plan is voted down and no new legislation enacted, they could not be made to comply with non-existent provisions," he said.

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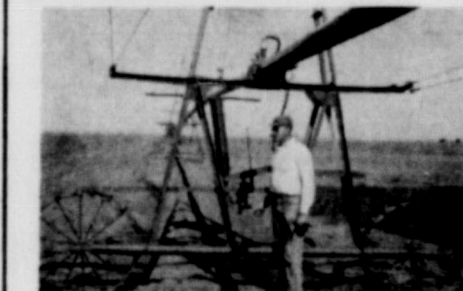
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