

County Agent Notes

Catfish, Shrimp Farming Meeting Topics

Catfish farming, its possibilities, management, and problems, will be covered in an educational meeting from 10 a.m. to noon April 8, in the County Building at Dickinson. Dr. Homer R. Schmittou, extension wildlife specialist, will present the program.

Catfish farming has become an important business enterprise in the past five years. Of course, it requires, like all businesses, good management, adequate capital, and labor. The market is there

for a tremendous expansion of the industry. Anyone interested is urged to attend and obtain the facts on this growing industry.

The program will also include another area of growing aquatic food. This is the growing of shrimp in artificial ponds and has become known as Mariculture.

Hoyt Holcomb, extension marine advisory program assistant at Angleton, will present a series of slides of the project conducted near Angleton last summer. Mariculture is now at

the stage that catfish farming was 10 years ago. The possibilities are exciting, but the problems are still there, so come out and hear the details on this program.

Remember the date, April 8, 10 a.m. County Building, Dickinson.

Pecan growers, whether they are backyard growers or commercial producers, will be interested in an educational meeting on April 6 and 7. Dr. Artie Powell, extension horticulturist from College Station, will demonstrate budding and grafting pecan trees.

He will also discuss recommended varieties for the area. This meeting will be in the County Building, Dickinson, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The next morning, April 7, Dr. Powell will demonstrate the budding and grafting at Carbine Park in La Marque. Anyone interested is invited to attend either or both meetings.

THE COUNTY 4-H Quarterhorse judging elimination contest was held last week at Runge Park. Winners of the Senior division are: Jan Bowling, Dickinson; Nancy Walker, Texas City; Lydia Walker, Texas City; and Pat Box, Texas City. First alternate is Otis Army, Woodland 4-H, La Marque.

The junior team is Connie Cornett, Algoa; Jackie Trehern; Santa Fe; Lydia Walker, Texas City; and Pat Box, Texas City. First alternate is Otis Army, Woodland 4-H, La Marque.

The 19th Annual Swine Short Course is scheduled for April 6-7 at Texas A&M University.

The meeting, to be conducted in the Memorial Student Center, brings together leaders in research, extension, industry and production for talks on all phases of swine production.

In addition, the 1969-70 winners of the Litter Testing Program and the Master Pork Producers Award will be presented.

Programs will include information by several out-of-state speakers. Gerald Gehlbach, a Lincoln, Illinois pork producer, will outline how he developed a successful confinement system. Dr. H. W. Dunne of Pennsylvania State University will discuss a swine health program for the 1970's. Several pork producers will serve on panels to discuss management practices and sow confinement. Bob Fleming of the Texas Water Quality Board, Austin, will talk on the pollution problems facing the swine industry.

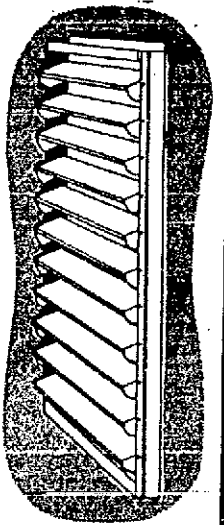
Potential for increasing numbers of pigs at farrowing will be discussed by Dr. D. B. Hudman of the Wilson Agribusiness Co. of Oklahoma City. He was formerly extension swine specialist in Texas.

Dr. T. D. Tanksley of A&M will speak on swine nutrition and Dr. Leland R. Tribble of Texas Tech University will discuss the effects of temperature on pig production. Dr. W. W. Sipple, executive director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, will tell of a new service for pork producers in their swine health programs. In addition, W. S. Allen, agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will speak on planning ventilation systems for hog houses, a vital part of port production.

INADEQUATE FEEDING of beef cows during the winter will result in delayed conception and even reduced calf crops. Currently there is a shortage of roughage of sufficient quality and quantity to maintain cows and bulls in top breeding condition. Producers are advised that under these conditions, consideration should be given to the feeding of high energy feeds, such as grain sorghum. The total digestible nutrient requirement is twice as high for a cow with a nursing calf than for a dry cow. Each group should be fed separately.

If a man could stand on the surface of the sun, he would weigh about two tons.

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LONG TRIP AHEAD—Miyoshi Takouchi, 23, professional fisherman and sailor, plans to sail from Oakland, Calif., to his home port of Shima, Japan, to promote publicity for a yacht harbor and sports fishing center he plans to develop.

'Misunderstood Terms' Farmer Fights Rock Festival

DICKENS, Tex. (AP) — A farmer who claims he already has under lease land rented for the Southwest 70 Peace Festival goes to court Monday in an effort to halt the controversial musical event. T. J. Conway, who operates the 32 acres, 14 miles northeast of this Texas plains town, said he misunderstood the terms of a verbal agreement made with a lawyer at Lubbock, Tex. The farmer seeks a temporary restraining order in 110th Dis-

Muskie Opens Office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine is opening a new Washington political office which could one day become the base for a budding Democratic presidential campaign. For now, the downtown office is described by a Muskie spokesman as part of his campaign for re-election to the Senate this year. But Robert Shepherd said it will help also to handle research, speechwriting and operations aimed at a broader, national constituency. In fact, Muskie is expected to face little difficulty in his re-election bid. But that campaign itself is now viewed by Muskie men as the starting point for a likely move into 1972 presidential politics. Muskie, the Democratic nominee for vice president in 1968, is expected to concentrate on national issues as he campaigns in Maine. "How can he avoid talking to a national audience?" asked Shepherd. The downtown office will be headquarters also for two book-writing projects. Muskie is about to sign a contract for a book this year on problems of the environment, and for another, due in 1971, on a broader range of national issues.

Fine Long Overdue
BLEKINGE, Sweden (AP) — Helge Lindgren received a letter reminding him he had not yet paid a two dollar fine assessed against him for giving a friend a lift on his bicycle. The letter was delayed in transit. Lindgren committed the crime Nov. 20, 1937.

Scamardo Trial Resumes Today

EDINBURG, Tex. (AP) — Testimony in the murder for hire trial of Pete Thomas Scamardo resumes Monday with indications that the defense may soon wind up its case.

A total of 83 witnesses have appeared in 82nd District Court for the trial of Scamardo, 31, a Hearne cotton broker accused as an accomplice in the 1968 slaying of Sam Degelia Jr. The indictment alleges that Scamardo offered Charles Harrelson of Houston \$2,000 to kill Degelia.

Scamardo and Degelia, who grew up together, were partners in Commodity Marketing Co., a Hearne grain and cotton brokerage, until a few months before Degelia vanished while on a grain buying trip July 6, 1968, in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Degelia's body was found southwest of McAllen July 11, 1968. An autopsy revealed he had been shot twice in the head with a .25-caliber pistol.

The prosecution, headed up by Hidalgo County Dist. Atty. Oscar McInnis, claims Scamardo hired the killing of Degelia in order to collect on a \$25,000 life insurance policy put in force while the two men were partners.

The defense, headed by Percy Foreman of Houston and Thomas G. Sharpe Jr. of Brownsville, contends that several persons had a reason to kill Degelia.

The defense claims that Degelia was involved in a gun running scheme with a group of Houston men.

Scamardo testified last week that Degelia was involved in a scheme to smuggle guns to Costa Rica for delivery to anti-

SA Crime Rate Said Highest

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Rep. Henry Gonzalez appeared before the grand jury for nearly four hours Saturday talking about crime in San Antonio.

In a 20-page statement to the jurors, Gonzalez said that although Washington is said to have the nation's highest crime rate, San Antonio actually has more crime involving attacks on personal property.

Only 743 policemen protect San Antonio, an area almost equal in size to Washington—which has 4,100 police officers, Gonzalez said. He based his figures on 1968 statistics, which he said were the latest available.

Gonzalez had asked to appear before the grand jury to discuss information he has received through private channels—some of which he said even local police do not have.

The San Antonio congressman also told the grand jury the nation's biggest problem in drug abuse is the export of synthetic drugs such as barbiturates from the United States to foreign countries. These then are smuggled back into the United States and sold on the black market, he said.

He said he hoped to introduce legislation to attack the problem on a national level.



FAMED ZEPHYR ON LAST RUN—Feather River Canyon will never be seen again by passengers on the California Zephyr, shown crossing the canyon. The 300-passenger train made its last run to Salt Lake City from Oakland, Calif., Saturday on its 21st birthday. The ICC said it could no longer afford to subsidize what was primarily a sightseeing excursion, as the company was losing \$20 on every passenger the Zephyr hauled.

Don't believe everything you hear about gas.

For some reason there's a few old wives' tales kicking around about gas. With about the same validity as the one about the moon being made of green cheese.

One we'd like to squash right here and now is that the vent on a gas clothes dryer is to carry away some kind of "evil" fumes.

Baloney. A vent on a gas dryer is there for the same reason it's there on an electric dryer. To carry away hot air and the humidity that comes from the clothes as they're dried.

An electric dryer needs a vent just as much

as a gas dryer does. To keep your laundry room from becoming a steaming jungle.

What you can believe is that gas dries your clothes faster (fast enough to keep up with your washer) and cheaper (costs about half as much to use).

Now. Can you think of one good reason to dry your clothes any other way?

See your appliance dealer or Southern Union Gas Company

If you want the job done right, do it with gas.