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Devoting This Issue to the Importance of Soil Conservation



Mr. W. W. Aiken, Editor,
The Crockett Courier,
Crockett, Texas

Dear Mr. Aiken:

It is a great pleasure for me to send greetings and best wishes to the people of Crockett, and Houston County, on the occasion of the annual tour of county pastures.

Soil conservation, of which pasture improvement and water conservation are vital parts, is one of our most important and challenging problems, particularly in East Texas. The happiness and welfare of future generations of Texans—indeed a large measure of the prosperity of our own era—depend on how wisely we conserve and develop the productivity of our soil.

Any activity or endeavor that brings emphasis to bear on this great program is commendable, and the Courier is to be congratulated on preparing a special edition devoted to soil conservation.

With best wishes for a successful tour, I am

Sincerely yours,
Allan Shivers.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY TOUR IN HOUSTON COUNTY

The annual field day tour of county pastures will be held Friday, May 2. The tour is sponsored by the Houston County Agricultural Mobilization committee. This committee is composed of the following federal and state government agencies operating in Houston County: Vocational Agriculture Department, E. R. Fawcett, Texas Forest Service, W. W. Tallent, Farmers Home Administration, Joe J. Clontz, Production and Marketing Administration, Joe D. Beeson, Soil Conservation, Ted H. Henning, Extension Service, Charlie V. Henning, U. S. Forest Service, O. W. Hanson. Joe D. Beeson is chairman of the committee.

To provide and make the necessary arrangements for this tour the committee has set up the following committees to handle the details: Publicity, C. V. Henning, county agent, and J. Lynn Mauck, PMA administrative officer; refreshments, Joe D. Beeson and Francis E. Christian, PMA; ground committee, John Merriwether, PMA; and James A. Best, farmer; master of ceremonies, Ted H. Elders, SCS; lunch, Crockett and Houston County Chamber of Commerce; John L. Sparks, president, and Ed Munden, secretary; captain of tour, L. L. Chandler, veteran agricultural coordinator. On the tour there will also be county and state police patrol cars to handle traffic

and provide a clear right-of-way for the caravan.

Each agency has had a part in arranging the tour. The caravan will leave the Crockett court house square at 8:30 a. m. A county and state police patrol car will handle traffic and provide right-of-way for the caravan.

Lunch will be served by the Crockett and Houston County Chamber of Commerce at the noon hour. Captain of the tour is L. L. Chandler, veteran coordinator.

The caravan will visit the farm of W. A. Baker, the William McLean ranch, K. W. Shimeall place, the C. N. Sullivan ranch, the Smith and Frances place and John Merriwether farm.

The tour has been arranged to show the public what has been done on farms to improve land and have higher yielding pastures and to see other examples of conservation.

From 300 to 500 people are expected here to make the tour.

The Courier, in cooperation with the Houston County Agricultural Mobilization committee, cordially invites all interested persons to make the tour to see what has been done on farms scheduled as to the better improvement of pastures. We think this committee has done a good job.

Inklings

By H. B. Milburn.

This is just to give you an inkling about this special issue this week. This special issue is more or less to inform and inspire the interest of the general public in conservation practices in the county. This week the



Hubert M. Harrison

E. TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENDORSEMENT

Longview,
April 25, 1952.

Mr. W. W. Aiken, Editor,
The Crockett Courier,
Crockett, Texas

Dear Mr. Aiken:

For a number of years the East Texas Chamber of Commerce has recognized the need to save and conserve our soils. Our program each year includes the encouragement of sound soil practices. We have cooperated in setting up soil conservation districts and in helping to make the survey and program for these districts throughout our territory of 71 counties. All of our counties are now in soil conservation districts and reports are that they are doing well in activating their programs. No doubt more landowners and farmers are more soil minded today than at any time in the past.

During recent years we have recognized that soil conservation alone is not enough. Our worn out soils must be rebuilt and replenished. Our programs are designed toward rebuilding the thousands of acres we have in east Texas which have lost their minerals and humus. Our soil experts are pointing the way to sound practices for rebuilding our soils in close connection with a "save the soil" program. We have been glad to help introduce into our territory such crops as vetch, crimson clover, and other soil rebuilding legumes which within a few years make our soils good as new and highly productive.

Houston County Agricultural Mobilization committee is sponsoring their annual tour of pastures. The Courier, having the honor and distinction of being the county's oldest newspaper now published, has given much publicity to the growth and development of the county over the years, and is in a position to know its importance to the county. The editor has had an opportunity to watch the growth and development of the town and county from a keener viewpoint than most of us. Perhaps that is why he is known in newspaper circles as "Dean" of county newspaper editors.

As a newspaper editor in Houston county he is still devoted to the "cause" of informing the public on news that is worthwhile, on news that will keep Houston county people and Texas people informed on programs which promote progress for the good of the town, county and nation. With the annual tour of Houston county pastures set for May 2 in mind he has heartily cooperated with the Houston County Agricultural Mobilization committee and the businessmen in publishing this special issue to further inform the public on the advantages of conservation; and to join with others in extending best wishes to the sponsors: The Houston County Agricultural Mobilization committee, and congratulations to the farmers, ranchers and land owners in this county who have made great strides in the conservation of soil, water, timber and other natural resources of the county.

The publisher of the Crockett Courier hopes that you will read carefully every single one of these advertisements, for each carries an important message.

The staff also joins in hoping you will like this issue.

Water conservation and utilization are closely connected with soil conservation and soil rebuilding. This is particularly true in our 71 counties where the annual rainfall averages from more than 30 inches to 40 inches. Runoff water from Texas carries 54 million acre feet to the Gulf of Mexico annually. Seventy-two per cent of this runoff water is from east Texas counties. The East Texas Chamber has a strong water resources committee which has a program designed to conserve and utilize our runoff water on the land where it falls. We are encouraging storage water for industrial and municipal purposes and storage lakes on all farms throughout east Texas.

Sound soil conservation practices as terracing, contour farming; the rebuilding of our soils by adding to them minerals and humus taken away by erosion and improper cropping; and the wise conservation and use of our runoff waters, will mean better and richer soils for east Texas. We hope all our landowners and farmers will cooperate in these programs for their own good as well as the benefit of the entire region.

Sincerely,
Hubert M. Harrison.

Hubert M. Harrison/fm

HOUSTON COUNTY'S FARM DOCTORS

The Courier salutes our Houston county doctor farmers and ranchers.

They are: Dr. Sam Barclay, C. W. Butler, John L. Dean, U. S. Lang, John A. McCall, J. T. Lang of Crockett; C. M. Griewold, Bruce McMillan, Homer Prince and John H. Wooters of Houston; Sam Barnes of Trinity and C. E. Rayburn of Loveland.

Most of these doctors are participating in the Production and Marketing Administration production practices. In the 1952 PMA program Dr. Dean has received assistance on his 3041.0 acre farm for Singletary peas, soy, clover, Kobs and Sericea lespedeza, superphosphate and vetch. Dr. Griewold, on his 1247.0 acre farm has received vetch, lime, Kobs and Sericea lespedeza. Dr. McCall has received superphosphate and Singletary peas for his 844.0 farm. Dr. McMillan has vetch, lime, Kobs and Sericea lespedeza assistance for his 437.0 acre farm. Dr. Prince, on his 1045.0 acre place, has Singletary peas, vetch, superphosphate, Kobs and Sericea lespedeza. Dr. Lang has received PMA assistance for vetch, superphosphate, Singletary peas, Kobs and Sericea lespedeza on his 281.0 acre farm. Dr. Barnes, on 180.0 acres, has received superphosphate, lime, Singletary peas, vetch, Kobs and Sericea lespedeza. Dr. Rayburn has received superphosphate on his 89.0 acre place. Dr. Wooters has secured PMA assistance for an earthen dam and winter peas for his 281.0 acre place.

From office records in the PMA office and Soil Conservation Service it is evident that these doctors appreciate these government agencies and are taking full advantage of assistance offered in production practices available to build up their farms.

Houston county without any doubt is the "land of promise" and, if it were not so we would not have our Houston and Trinity doctors farming here. We feel honored in knowing that they selected this productive and ideal place to live or farm in our big state of Texas.

1952-CROP PEANUTS SUPPORTED AT 90 PER CENT OF PARITY

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced March 19 that price support will be available to producers of 1952-crop farmers' stock peanuts at a national average level of not less than \$239.40 per ton. This average minimum support price, which is 90 per cent of the February 15, 1952, parity price of \$266.00 per ton, will be increased proportionately if the parity price at the start of the marketing season (August 1) is higher than the minimum level.

Yield Could Soar, Soil Expert Says

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By Joseph Sterne in Dallas News.

With a skillfully managed agriculture, east Texas could grow enough food for "upwards of 50 million people," C. L. Lundell, director of the Texas Research Foundation at Renner, declared in Dallas Saturday.

He said scientists already have the knowledge and experience to increase agricultural production in east Texas five to six times.

"Even so," added Lundell, "we would just barely be touching the potential productivity of these soils."

The TRF director was one of eight speakers who appeared before the fourth annual Conference of Texas Foundations and Trust Funds at Southern Methodist University, the concluding event on the Lawyers Week program.

"The solution of land problems of individual communities is a legitimate function of private foundations and trust funds," Lundell remarked. "No community is more prosperous, over the long-term, than the land which supports it."

He said Texas needs a dozen research foundations, similar to the pilot farm at Renner.

Money invested in agricultural research, he continued, has returned \$5 to \$10 for every dollar spent during the past quarter century.

Lundell refuted theories which hold that the world faces starvation through overpopulation. "The world has at its disposal enough resources to provide an adequate diet for everybody, everywhere."

He said much of the world's land holds a promise comparable to that in east Texas.

yields and enhanced farm and ranch incomes proclaim a greater rural prosperity. While signposts everywhere indicate that progress has been made, the big part of the job is yet to be done. I have no doubt but that it will be completed in true East Texas fashion.

You may certainly depend upon my wholehearted cooperation in furthering this valuable program.

Cordially and sincerely,
Mrs. Nevelle H. Olson,
State Senator,
5th District.

On to California.

Second Lt. Sallye J. Callaway left Friday for Camp San Luis Obispo, California. Second Lt. Callaway has been visiting her mother, Mrs. C. H. Callaway, and other relatives here, stopping by Crockett en route from a camp in Virginia to the army base in California.

Our people in East Texas felt that Conservation, like charity, should begin at home. Farming on contour is now an everyday sight. Increased

Annual Tour County Pastures Slated May 2

Houston County Pasture Tour, sponsored by Houston County Agricultural Mobilization committee for May 2, 1952:

Schedule—8:30 a. m., assemble courthouse, Crockett.

9 to 9:30, W. A. Baker farm—to observe developing old fields into permanent pastures, crimson clover; bulldozer and saw clearing.

9:40 to 10:15, William McLean farm—improved pastures—ten varieties of clover; clearing with saw and shredder.

11:30 to 10:50, K. W. Shimeall farm—volunteer Singletary peas, oats and vetch on old fields being developed into permanent pastures.

11 to 11:30, C. N. Sullivan farm—crossfencing for better distribution of grazing; crimson clover and dozer clearing.

11:45 to 12:30, Smith & Francis farm—clearing timber fire-quarries; Kentucky Fescue, White Dutch clover, oats, vetch, crimson clover and peas. (Refreshments by R. A. Harling, Manager.)

1 to 1:45, John Merriwether farm—clearing and improved pastures.

1:45 to 2:45, Lunch—served by Crockett and Houston County Chamber of Commerce and Crockett businessmen.

Every one is cordially invited to make the tour.

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SUPPORTED AT [90] [uncertain]

PER CENT OF [PARIT}] [uncertain]

[unty itlee, ners,] [uncertain] The [8. Depertinent] [uncertain] af Agricu this sure announced [March] [uncertain] 10 that epic [rides}] [uncertain] support will be available to producer [ater,] [uncertain] of [1052-crop] [uncertain] farmers" [atock] [uncertain] peanut ca of at national average level of nv lone than 9230.40 per ton. This ave our- late minimum support price, which fully [90]

[uncertain] per cent of the February 15, 195 [rilee-] [uncertain] parity price of \$266.00 per tun, wi [rtant] [uncertain] be increased proportionately if tt parity price at the apart of the ma [you] keting] [uncertain] season [August] [uncertain] 1) [Is] [uncertain] high than the minimum level.

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Yield Cout Soil Exper [SOILCONSERVATION] [uncertain] ENDORSED BY STATE SENATOR

[Austin,] [uncertain] Texas, April 26, 1952. Mr. W. W. Alken, Editor The Crockett Courier [Crockett,] [uncertain] Texas Dear Mr. Alken:

I am gratified to learn that you are planning to dedicate another [spe-] clal] [uncertain] edition of your paper to [Soil] [uncertain] Conservation," and I wish to [congratu-] [uncertain] late you on your continued [enthusl-] asm] [uncertain] in glaring publicity to this [im-, portant] [uncertain] subject.

You are rendering a worthwhile service In keeping us reminded of the fact that much of the strength of nation comes from its [soll,] [uncertain] The [his-:] [uncertain] tory of the world reveals that, when [nationg] [uncertain] and [pecples] [uncertain] have permitted) the al of their country to become exhausted, the strength of that nation

nile in about the same [proportion] [uncertain] as the [atrength] [uncertain] of its [soll] [uncertain] has called.

valleys of the Tigrts and the Eu- [phrates] [uncertain] were once prosperous agri- cultural area where numerous flocks grazed on the hill sides and the fruits of the fields and the grain of the!

harvest supported a contented and happy people. Today, the valleys of these two rivers are almost desert waste, largely because at time passed" on, the fertility of the sail became!

depleted and the people perished [or}] [uncertain] migrated to other lands.

Recorda also reveal that we Ameri-

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[actwa] [uncertain] of land, over half of which was suitable for [crope,] [uncertain] pasture or range.

Some [40°] [uncertain] of it was virgin forest and the remainder was [desertwand] [uncertain] moon:

[tuins.] [uncertain] Today, our story is a different one, We have only [17*.] [uncertain] of that 40% of timber left and only 400,000,000 [Jacrea] [uncertain] of crop lands, With 3 billion tons of topsoil washing or blowing away from our [Ameri] [uncertain] firm every 12 months, we are brought to realize that there is per [haps] [uncertain] no more important public policy

than a wise program of [soll] [uncertain] conser- [jvatlon.] [uncertain] For that reason, our [atate jjand] [uncertain] national governments have both established conservation policies [p}] [uncertain] which are the basis of long range Program through ants by which our country will retain [(te) [uncertain] greatest [icpj] [uncertain] source the oil,

Our people in East Texan felt that Conservation, like charity, should be. [g{} [uncertain] kin at home. Farming on contour lit now gn everyday sight. Increase

Annual Te Pastures [S] [uncertain]

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permanent pastures, Crims

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ten varieties of claver clearing

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peas, oats and vetch on old fib ij. Pastures ce 11 to 1) 0, C. N. Sullivan [ret ribution] [uncertain] of grazing; Crimson o [11:45] [uncertain] to [12:30,] [uncertain] Smith F quarts; Kentucky Fescue, Whit clover and peas.

[(Refreshmen] [uncertain] 2, 1 ta [1:46,] [uncertain] John Merriwet [iN}] [uncertain] pastures oa [1:45] [uncertain] ty [2:45, Luach—serve] [uncertain] iT

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[Every-one] [uncertain] is cordially Invite [folume LXII—Number] [uncertain] 15 [servation] [uncertain] d Soar, t [Says] [uncertain]

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By Joseph Sterne in [Dalian] [uncertain] News.

With a skillfully managed agriculture, [enst] [uncertain] Texas could [gruw] [uncertain] enough [fuod] [uncertain] fox upwards of 50 million [peo. ple,"] [uncertain] C. [L.] [uncertain] Lundell, director of the Texan Reacarch Foundation at Renner, declared in Dallas Saturday.

He and scientists already have the knowledge and experience to Increase agricultural production in east Texas five to six times.

Even [s0,"] [uncertain] added Lundell, we would just barely be [tuoching] [uncertain] the potential productivity of these soils."

The TRF director was one of [eight apeakern] [uncertain] who appeared before the fourth [annusgl] [uncertain] Conference of Texas Foundations and Trust Funds at Southern Methodist University, the colluding event on the Lawyers Week program.

The solution of land problems of individual communities is a legitimate function of private foundations and trust funds," Lundell remarked. No community is more prosperous, over the long-term, than the land which supports it."

He said Texas needs a dozen re- search foundations, [sinillar] [uncertain] to the pilot farm at Renner.

search, he continued, has returned \$5 to \$10 for every dollar spent during the past quarter century.

Lundell refuted theories which hold that the world faces [starvation] [uncertain] through ever population. The

world has at its disposal enough resources to provide an adequate diet for every- body, everywhere." He said much of the world's land holds a promise comparable to that in east Texas.

[yielde] [uncertain] and enhanced farm and ranch incomes proclaim a greater rural prosperity. While [slgnposts] [uncertain] every- where indicate that progress has been made, the big part of the job is yet to be done. I have no doubt but that it will be completed in time [Exst] [uncertain]

Texas fashion. You may certainly depend upon my wholehearted cooperation [In] [uncertain] furthering this valuable program.

Cordially and [slocerely,] [uncertain] Mrs. Nevelle [1H.] [uncertain] Colson, j State Senator, 5th District.

Oa to [California.] [uncertain]

Second Lt. Sallye J. Callaway left [r] [uncertain] Friday for Camp San Luis [OBispo, ICalifornia.] [uncertain] Second Lt. Callaway has been visiting her mother, Mrs. C. H. [t] [uncertain] Callaway, and [other] [uncertain] relatives here, [latopping] [uncertain] by Crockett en route from a camp in Virginia to the army base [djl] [uncertain] California.

Our County later May 2 our, sponsored by Houston County [nittee] [uncertain] for May 1952:

[emblem] [uncertain] courthouse, Crockett, [m—to] [uncertain] observe developing old fields on a bulldozer [und] [uncertain] saw clear- clean [farm—improved pastures—] [uncertain] g with saw and shredder. [imeall farm—volunteer] [uncertain] Singletary [kts] [uncertain] being developed into permanent [farm—crossfencing] [uncertain] for better [disclosure] [uncertain] and dozer clearing. [rancis farm—clearing] [uncertain] timber fire. Dutch clover, oats, vetch, Crimson [ita] [uncertain] by R. A. Harling, Manager.) [ther farm—clearing] [uncertain] and improved by Crockett and Houston County rocket [buaineasmen,] [uncertain] to make the tour,