

### Government Program Of Using Cotton For Bagging More Cotton Cuts Surplus

One good way for reducing the cotton surplus is in bagging cotton. The program for using cotton in its own production, is a plan being carried out by the Department of Agriculture.

The program is designed to encourage use of American grown cotton for cotton wrapping or bagging. A normal crop of cotton in the United States would require the use of about 135,000 bales in the bagging program if it were

all wrapped in cotton. A maximum of a million wrappings will be used for the current year's crop and the six manufacturers who have received contracts will get payments of 25 cents per wrapping to offset losses from small volume.

The cotton bagging was first tried in 1938, when less than 17,500 bales were so covered. In 1939, the number of bales of Texas cotton covered with cotton patterns rose to 233,976.

### Former President of A. & M. Succumbs in New York City

Dr. David F. Houston, LL.D., educator, cabinet member, and business executive who died in New York Monday, September 2, was the eighth president of Texas A. & M. College, coming to the college from the University of Texas in 1902, succeeding President L. L. Foster, who died in office in 1901.

Prof. R. H. Whitlock served as acting president from December, 1901, until the following summer when Dr. Houston was appointed. Prior to his assuming the position of president of Texas A. & M. he had been professor of political science and economics at the University of Texas from 1892 until his resignation in 1902.

He remained at Texas A. & M. during the three school years from 1902 to 1905 and resigned to return to the university as its head. After three years there he again resigned to become chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and remained there until he was called into President Woodrow Wilson's cabinet in 1913 as Secretary of Agriculture, which position he held until 1920 when he succeeded William Gibbs McAdoo as Secretary of the Treasury. He remained as head of the treasury department until the end of Wilson's second administration when

he went to New York to begin his long association with some of the largest business organizations in the country.

In the History of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, written in 1935, Clarence Owsley had this to say of Dr. Houston.

"President Houston's administration was the third notable epoch in the history of the College. The first was the organization and the beginning of technical education following the removal of the first faculty. The second was the Ross administration which established public confidence. The Houston administration raised the standards of scholarship in the faculty and the entrance requirements of student to real college grade. Pioneering was past; the time had come for thoroughness, for expertness, for scientific knowledge and skill of the highest order. Himself deeply learned, he had the scholar's respect for real learning and his contempt for false pretense. Moreover, he had a philosophy of education which comprehended technical as well as academic training for life, and with this fine intellectual equipment he had the courage both to plan a larger sphere of usefulness for the College and to insist upon execution by those charged with the responsibility and by Legislature in furnishing the means through State appropriations.

"In his first report to the Board

### 'Wildlife' Has New Meaning, Says Taylor

The term "wildlife" has taken on a new meaning to the American public, according to Dr. Walter P. Taylor, head of the department of fish and game. Only a short time ago, according to Dr. Taylor, the term "wildlife" was greeted with a smile by individuals or groups before whom some wildlife manager or naturalist might be speaking. Today, the term stands for a very definite idea in conversation and, as one of the government officials recently put it "the liveliest, most widespread, and perhaps the most socially significant activity in the field of American biology today is the technology known as 'wildlife management'."

The potential wildlife resources of Texas are so vast that this statement is particularly true for our state, Dr. Taylor holds. In former years Texas had a great number of wild game species including the buffalo, the pronghorned antelope, the Texas grizzly and several varieties of white-tail as well as mule deer and an abundance of fishes, furs and small game.

Wildlife technology had its origin in the search for better methods of game restoration on private estates. It has been very largely taken over, however, by at least four federal agencies—Forest Service, Soil Conservation Service, Tennessee Valley Authority and the Fish and Wildlife Service. It is being given increased emphasis by state agricultural colleges, state game departments and the other state conservation agencies.

Among the federal organizations the Fish and Wildlife Service is recognized as the wildlife arm of the executive branch of the government, and its research, administrative and other related activities have been helping to build wildlife resources for 55 years.

Within our own state the Texas Fish, Game and Oyster Commission, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Texas Wildlife Federation, The North Texas State Teachers College, The Sam Houston State Teachers College and many other institutions and private organizations are vitalizing and contributing to the wildlife conservation program.

Of special interest is the work of the Texas Cooperative Wildlife

of Directors, submitted on Sept. 22, 1902, he remarked that serious work of the college had been hampered by large numbers of immature students sent to the college for domestic convenience and not for technical training. He caused the minimum age limit of entrants to be raised to 16 years and their scholastic requirements to be broadened. As a consequence he noted a 'slight decrease in attendance at the opening of the session but a marked improvement in the quality and attitude of the student body.'

"Several vacancies in the faculty had been caused by resignation during the preceding session and the Board, on recommendation of President Houston, had called men of proved scholarship and training so that the administration was greatly strengthened in this respect."

It is interesting to note that some of the faculty appointed at this juncture in the institution's march of progress still remain as members of the present staff, and include Dean E. J. Kyle, Dr. O. M. Ball, Dr. C. B. Campbell, J. B. Bagley, Alva Mitchell, and Dr. R. P. Marsteller, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. F. E. Giesecke is the only other member of the present staff who was a member of the faculty during President Houston's term of office.

Research Unit, established at the A. & M. College through the cooperative action of the College, the State Department, the American Wildlife Institute, and the Fish and Wildlife Service of the federal government.

For freshmen and sophomores Fish and Game 201—Wildlife Conservation and Management is offered by the School of Agriculture in the Department of Fish and

Game, and for juniors Fish and Game 406, Survey of Principles of Fish and Game Development is on the list. These courses discuss not only the highpoints of fish and game and the value of conservation, but national problems and public policy in the wildlife field as related to conservation and development of soils and other natural resources.

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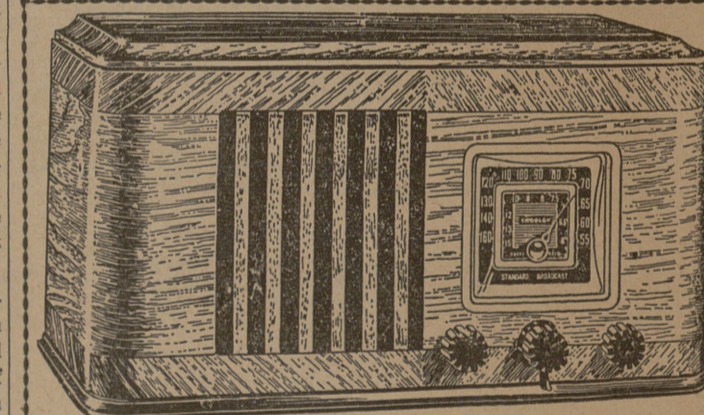
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