

2 agricultural leaders given awards at confab

Two of Texas' outstanding agricultural leaders were presented the Knapp-Porter Award last Thursday at the state conference of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

They are Roy B. Davis, general manager of the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, Lubbock, and David G. Gault, general manager of the Mid-Tex Milk Producers Association, Austin.

The award was initiated in 1964 by the state organization to recognize "those few outstanding individuals who have made a substantial contribution to Texas agriculture and family living, who recognize the importance of informal educational programs for adults and youth, and who have assisted in projecting the visionary aims of Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, the originator of Extension demonstration teaching, and

Walter C. Porter, the first farm demonstrator."

Both Davis and Gault were presented a bronze plaque by Extension Director Dr. John E. Hutchison.

According to Hutchison, Davis is an outstanding leader of agriculture, not only on the High Plains of Texas, but in the whole cotton south. He manages the largest cottonseed oil mill in the world and has put together a success story that has extended beyond the cotton fields of Texas to national prominence, beyond agriculture to business and civic leadership and responsibilities.

The agricultural leader was born in Waldo near McGregor but grew up in Lamesa. He was graduated from here in 1927 and served as a county agricultural agent in Gaines and Terry coun-

ties. He took over the reins of the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, Inc., in 1943.

Davis gave strong leadership to the organization of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., now the largest, most effective cotton producers association in the United States. His staunch leadership in organizing the Farmers' Cooperative Compress, Plains Cotton Cooperative Association and Growers' Seed Association has been a tremendous boost to the industry.

Davis has been instrumental in developing and guiding the National Cotton Council and served as its president in 1968. He has worked diligently to expand the export market for cotton in Europe and Japan.

He was named "Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture" for 1965 by the Progressive Farmer.

Gault was born on a dairy farm in Travis County and learned the dairy business at an early age. He currently owns and leases 1,200 cultivated acres and 290 acres of grassland. He is milking 236 cows at present.

According to Hutchison, Gault was a pioneer of the American Dairy Association of Texas and president of the American Dairy Association of Texas in 1955-56. He is also past president and director of the Texas Milk Producers Federation.

He received the "Man of the Year in Agriculture" award from the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association in 1963. Gault was also the recipient of the Land Bank Medallion in 1967 for outstanding contributions to American agriculture.

Other than his present position, Gault is serving as director of the National Milk Producers Federation in Washington, D. C.; member of the legislative committee of the Texas Federation of Cooperatives; and secretary-treasurer of the Austin Dairy Herd Improvement Association.



Looking over awards—David G. Gault (left), and Roy B. Davis (center), eye the Knapp-Porter Awards they received Thursday at the state conference of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Looking on at the far right is the extension director, Dr. John E. Hutchison.

Ullrich appointed to new department

Appointment of A. Edwin Ullrich to the new Sociology and Anthropology Department this fall has been announced by Liberal Arts Dean W. David Maxwell.

Ullrich will be an assistant professor with major responsibility for the department's course in introductory sociology, according to Dr. R. L. Skrabanek, acting head.

The 38-year-old new faculty member has been a teaching assistant at Florida State University where he is a summer Ph.D. candidate in sociology. Ullrich is working this summer as research associate with the American College Testing Program in Iowa.

Topic of his dissertation is "Subsystem - Environment Relationships in Public Universities." Ullrich received the B.A. degree from Concordia Teachers College in Illinois and the M.A. at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

He taught in public and private schools in Florida and held a U. S. Office of Education Fellowship in The Sociology of Higher

Education at the Gainesville institution.

Skrabanek said the Berwyn, Ill., native will lecture large sections of the introductory sociology course the first two class periods each week. Each section will be divided under graduate teaching assistant into three separate discussion groups for the last class meeting of the week.

Graduate teaching assistant will be Ph.D. candidates Raymond Teske Jr. of Waco and Clyde Bullion, and Betty Marie Cummings, Bryan. Teske holds bachelor and master's degrees from Baylor and taught in private secondary schools.

A former Lamar Tech and Southwest Texas State instructor, Bullion earned degrees from Texas Wesleyan and TCU. Miss Cummings studied at the University of Texas at Austin and is working on a master's degree in sociology here.

Ullrich and his wife Joyce have three sons, Mark 13, Keith 12 and Kurt 8.

Celia relief costs said third highest

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Celia may become the third most costly hurricane, in terms of disaster relief expenditures, in the history of this country, the American Red Cross reported today.

Last week the Red Cross sent out a nationwide emergency appeal for a minimum of \$6 million to provide relief and recovery assistance for victims of the storm that smashed into the Central Texas coast Monday afternoon. The \$6 million projected figure is topped only by Hurricane Camille (1969), in which Red Cross disaster relief costs exceeded \$21 million, and Betsy (1965), with expenditures of \$17.5 million, officials said.

They pointed out that Red Cross budgets \$10 million a year for

disaster relief which, under ordinary circumstances, is sufficient to meet the emergency and recovery needs resulting from an average year's catastrophes. But ARC disaster expenditures during the past five years have totaled \$88,000,000, far above the annual average.

It is very possible, officials said, that the costs of Celia may well exceed the \$6 million estimate. The figure was projected after a survey made of the devastated areas only a day after the storm blew through. As Red Cross caseworkers began to plan with thousands of individual families for the rebuilding or repairing and refurbishing of their homes, the cost may go higher than the Tuesday estimate.

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