

For June in B-CS

Rainfall figures below normal

Summer rainfall averaged 3.5 inches in June in Bryan-College Station.

In May the Carters Creek catchment area averaged 11 inches of rain. Amounts are taken from mea-

surements by observers in a gauge network operated by TAMU's Meteorology Department.

While the average is not official by National Weather Service standards, it is more indicative of B-CS

rainfall than a single site measurement at Easterwood Airport.

Individual amounts ranged from 1.14 to 5.76 inches, according to data assembled by Dr. Dennis Driscoll. They were gauged, respectively, in the 1000 block of Holt and near the Ethel and Esther Streets intersection.

Two other five-inch readings were reported. These also came from northwest of Villa Maria Road.

Five rain gauges in East Yegua Creek basin area west of Caldwell averaged 4.36 inches for the month.

The norm for July is 2.56 inches. This figure has already been exceeded at several points in the twin-city area.

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Aggies choose Reveille IV

Texas Aggies have found a successor to Reveille III, their mascot Collie that died in June.

Reveille IV visited the TAMU campus this week to be examined at the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Bob Vanderberry, 1975-76 mascot corporal and Don Jones, 1974-75 mascot corporal, chose the dog after reviewing the pedigrees of several Collies and looking at one other. Born May 1, 1975, Rev IV was donated to the TAMU student body by Dr. Thomas L. Godwin, Deer Park veterinarian. Arrangements for her selection were made by Mike Clark, 1975-76 commander of Company E-2 in the Corps of Cadets.

Her American Kennel Club registration papers are due shortly.

Vanderberry said Rev IV will attend A&M football games this fall, although Vanderberry may have to carry her in pre-game parades.

He hopes, however, to have her leash-trained. Rev's first pre-kick off run across Kyle Field will probably come in 1976.

One of her first duties will be to attend burial rites for Reveille III. The service was postponed so TAMU's 1975-76 student body could be present.



Reveille IV and Bob Vanderberry, 1975-76 mascot corporal

Sunflowers may become important cash crop

West Texas farmers are introducing sunflowers as a new money crop.

Recent planting intentions indicate that enthusiasm is high. Sunflowers are economically attractive for two reasons. They can be planted late in the season on cropland destroyed by hail or frost. Also, there is a good market for sunflower seed oil.

A team of scientists is embarking on a two-year project to produce low-fiber sunflower meal and food grade flour.

The USDA financed operation involves varieties of sunflowers developed in Russia and improved in the U.S. Their seeds yield around 50 per cent oil. Texans have planted about a quarter-million acres of sunflowers, approximately one-fifth of the U.S. total.

"These sunflowers are different from the birdseed variety and what is sold for human snacks," said Dr. Karl Mattil, head of the Food Protein Research and Development Center.

"In improving the oil content of the seeds the hulls have become hard to remove," he said. "The oil mill has difficulty removing them from the seeds, and as a result the

meal is gray with high fiber content. It can only be used for feeding cattle, sheep and goats.

"What we intend to do is reduce the fiber content so that sunflower meal can be used in human food and as swine and poultry feed," Mattil said.

Production of sunflower oil has increased steadily since commercial crushing of sunflower seeds began in 1967. Experience has shown that sunflowers are an alternative cash crop in certain areas of the Cotton Belt and in the Midwest.

Plains co-op managers are currently contracting with growers for sunflower seeds. They already have oilseed processing equipment.

Sunflowers offer an attractive potential because they can be processed with little or no change in equipment, Mattil said.

"The investigation will commence shortly after the seed from the 1975 sunflower crop is available," Mattil said. "It is estimated that the research plan can be accomplished in about a two-year period."

Members of the team include Dr. Carl M. Cater, Dr. Peter J. Wan and Stanley W. Matlock.

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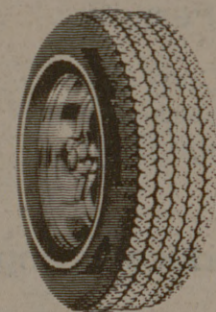
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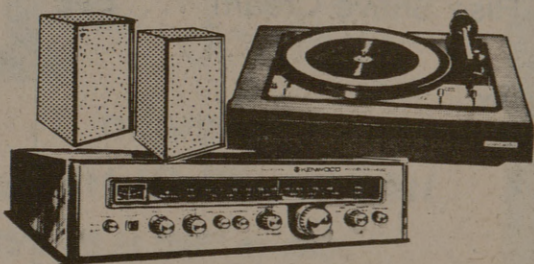
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Shuffler dies after lengthy illness

Henderson Shuffler, former director of information and publications for the TAMU System, died Sunday night in a Houston hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were to be held today at 3 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio.

Shuffler headed information activities for TAMU from 1947 until 1962, when he joined the University of Texas staff to direct an expanded Texana program. He was named executive director of the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio when the University of Texas took over the facility.

A 1929 TAMU graduate, he joined his alma mater's staff in 1943 as executive director of the development fund. He was named the college's director of information and publications in 1947 and was given system responsibilities the following year.

Prior to joining TAMU, he was in the newspaper business at Odessa. He began his career as editor of the weekly News-Times, which became a daily in 1938 and later merged with another paper to become the Odessa American. He was general manager of the paper at the time he came to TAMU.

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