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A&M scientists making marketable mini-melons

by Tanya Yanta
 Battalion Reporter
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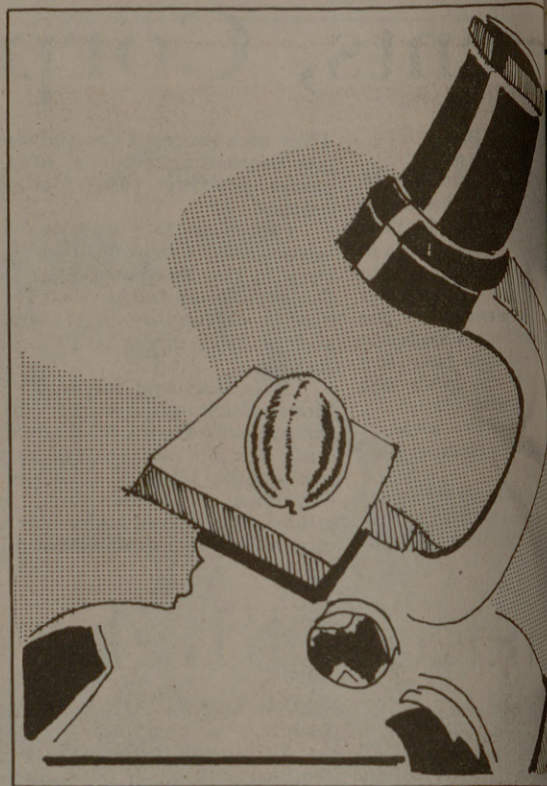
"In Texas, the midget watermelons are poor quality and are susceptible to diseases," Dr. Warren Barham, a Texas A&M horticulture professor, said. "The two most serious diseases that the midget melons get are a foliage disease that keeps the melons from maturing and a root disease that doesn't let water pass through to the watermelon."

The experiment station is trying to find a way to produce the midget melons with satisfactory results in Texas. The station has received seeds from Japan and is testing them to see if they can be grown here with the same quality as those grown in Japan.

Japan has grown the midget melons successfully for many years. They are sweet and aren't susceptible to diseases there.

"Not much interest has been shown in growing the small watermelons outside of restaurants and home gardens," Barham said. "It is easier to produce large melons at less cost."

The midget watermelons can be planted closer together than regular melons. They resemble regular melons and require sandy, well-drained soil. The midget melons have red meat and seeds, but aren't as sweet as regular melons. The small watermelons require special shipping containers because their rinds aren't as tough.



'Bad oil' charges may be unprovable, officials say

United Press International
 DALLAS — Allegations that millions of barrels of substandard oil were fraudulently pumped into the U.S. strategic oil reserve near Baton Rouge,

La., may be impossible to prove, federal officials say.

Authorities say the 44 million barrels of good or bad oil injected into the salt domes at Bayou Choctaw, La., have been mixed thoroughly since 1977-78, the period of suspected infusions of low-quality oil alleged by a Louisiana state employee.

"It's a homogenized Choctaw blend is what I call it," said Clay Neving, petroleum accountant for the Department of Energy's reserve program. "Whatever you get out of those caverns (at Bayou Choctaw) is going to be the same."

Neving also said 7 million barrels of oil withdrawn from the Bayou Choctaw domes in late 1980 and early last year showed no irregularities.

The DOE inspector general's office began taking samples from Bayou Choctaw caverns

last month to test for contamination in the wake of allegations by Steve Johnston, a field auditor with the Louisiana Department of Conservation.

Johnston's attorney, Mike Connelly, said his client's claims include fraud in construction contracts and the "possibility that chemical wastes may have been mixed in with some of that stuff pumped into the dome."

Johnston's main charge,

however, involved being switched for quality oil required by the state. He claimed the switch when the oil was bought from Plaquemine.

The FBI and a committee also are investigating Johnston's claims.

The oil reserve program six years ago, and the storage at Bayou Choctaw and four other sites in Louisiana is 251 million

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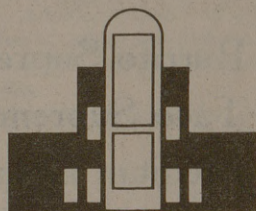
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