



STUDYING MAPS — Joel Stephenson and Carol Scott, from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, review some aerial slides they took as they

For Roosevelt County

Cropland pictures valuable

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If it grows outdoors, the county's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service probably has a picture of it.

With the help of an airplane, a crew, a camera and a computer, the staff at the county's ASCS is able to have on its records pictures of every bit of cropland

belonging to farmers who participate in the federal farm programs.

Such records have always been kept but they haven't been as easy to gather as they are now that the service uses a plane to take aerial photographs and a computerized measuring device with its projector.

Carol Scott, chief performance assistant, said her office has been taking aerial photographs for about three years. Before that, surveys were taken on land, where it might take up to two days to measure a circular field.

With a camera mounted on a tripod over a hole in the bottom of a plane piloted by Jack Jennings, Mrs. Scott and her crew can shoot several miles of crop land a day.

The slides are taken of sections — she may take up to 2,000, half in the spring and half in late summer when the crops are matured.

Once taken, the slides are numbered and filed. All of them are calibrated on a 660 to one scale so they can be projected and fit onto a section map and calibrated by a computer.

This is done quite accurately, says Mrs. Scott, by a new system being tested for ASCS offices around the country.

The computerized projector system is made specifically for calibrating crops and will give you just about any measurements you want based on a slide that is put in it.

For the ASCS, such accuracy is valuable to information needed for crop identification, set-aside and other farm programs.

Jess Dickinson, county director of the ASCS, said the computers are part of a pilot project to see if they are worth government expense. So far, Mrs. Scott says the systems save a lot of time and the accuracy factor is of prime importance.

In the past, before airplanes

and the elaborate computer measuring system was used, the ASCS often relied on what farmers would tell them they planted and set aside but often, Dickinson said, farmers were too involved with their work and would forget to report.

Now, the work can usually be done by air without ever speaking with the farmer, though he usually fills out some forms.

The crew still has to go into the fields for some work such as analyzing a crop for disaster insurance but it is no longer a primary requirement for obtaining statistics.

Dickinson said there used to be 15 people needed to be in the fields measuring. Now only five are needed for this specific project.

Roosevelt County is not the only county Mrs. Scott and her crew photograph.

She and four others exchange duties and go up to take pictures of all of the agricultural counties in the state. Though the other counties don't have computer system for calibrating the aeriels, they do have projectors and measure slides like the local office used to do.

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Sheriff pushing program

Recent workshops on identifying farm and other equipment have been labeled a success, and Sheriff Sonny Carter intends to keep pushing the program to promote identification as a crime prevention measure.

Carter's department will be winding up a program of meetings throughout the county tonight in Dora and Elida but he expects to continue spreading the word about a farm identification system worked out between law enforcement agencies and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Since it is sponsored in part by the Farm Bureau, the program emphasizes identification of farm equipment but Carter says any type of equipment or large items could be tagged.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the program may obtain numbers from Carter's office in the courthouse. The assigned number may then be affixed to the surface of the equipment by using a special marking tool.

Carter said the tool, which allows the number to be imprinted on the equipment, is available by mail order. He said several people in different communities have discussed going in together on it, to cut costs. He said the pricetag is about \$35.

Other than that cost, he said a pamphlet explaining the program and a sticker cost 50 cents.

The sheriff was pleased with the turnout at recent meetings, adding that about 20 showed for the Portales session Monday. Other communities have also had what he called "good sized" audiences.

Roosevelt, Curry and Chaves counties are the pilot counties for the program in the state. Carter said if it is successful, the Farm Bureau plans to extend it to all New Mexico counties.

For more information, call the sheriff's office, 358-4408.

News in brief

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Two men have been accused of murder in the deaths of six persons — five of them children — who were forced into deep water from a boat loaded with Haitian refugees being smuggled into the United States, authorities say.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel issued an official protest today over a meeting between U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young and an official of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The Foreign Ministry summoned U.S. Charge d'Affaires Richard Viets to receive a note in which the government "expressed deep regret" over the meeting last month between Young and Zehdi Labib Terzi, the PLO observer at the United Nations.

DETROIT (AP) — The finance subsidiary of General Motors Corp. will help its counterpart at Chrysler Corp. finance new car inventories for dealers, the GM subsidiary said today. GM said the General Motors Acceptance Corp. would provide \$230 million through the purchase from Chrysler Financial Corp. of receivables — amounts of money owed to a company.

To join faculty

ENMU begins fall term with 18 new members

Eighteen persons will join the faculty of Eastern New Mexico University this fall in the departments of business, education, physical education, music, English, communication, language, industrial education, and other areas.

Dr. Dennis Adams comes here from Harvard where he has been a visiting scholar. He has been named associate professor in reading. He has his B.A. from the University of California and M.S. from the University of Southern California, and a Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Haluk Bekiroglu, from Southern Illinois University, will join the faculty as a professor of management. He has his B.S. from the University of Washington, M.S. from the University of California and his Ph. D. from Iowa State.

Dr. Melvin Creel, to be an assistant professor in physical education, comes from Southeast Missouri State University. He has a B.S. from the University of Nevada and an M.Ed. from the University of Alabama. He also has an ED. D. from Alabama.

Patricia Luisa Fletcher will be an instructor in bilingual-multiculture and comes from a public school position in Las Cruces. She has both her B. A. and M.A. from Western New Mexico.

Dr. Ronald Hiner will be an associate professor in accounting. He is from Panhandle State University, and his M.S. and Ed. D. from Oklahoma State U.

Robert W. Kehrberg will be an instructor in instrumental music. He comes from Cloud County Community College, Concordia,

Kan. He has degrees from the University of Iowa.

Dr. Martha Kubitschek will be an assistant professor in English. She has her bachelor's degree from Carleton College, and both her M.S. and Ph. D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Sterling Miller will be an instructor in home economics. He was a teaching assistant and research scientist at the University of Texas. He did his undergraduate work at Louisiana State and has a M.A. from the University of Texas.

Dr. Gary Noreiko will be an assistant professor in finance, and comes from California State College at San Bernardino. His Ph. D. is from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Roy Powell will be an assistant professor in business administration. He was a district attorney in Ada, Okla., and attended Louisiana State and the University of the Philippines. His J.D. is from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Santiago Rojas will be an assistant professor in modern languages, and formerly was at the University of California at Davis. His Ph.D. is from the University of California.

Dr. Gilbert Sanchez will be serving as dean of Advanced Professional Studies and Research. He comes here from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, and has his Ph. D. from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Ronald Simmons will be

Death toll rises from India flood

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Unofficial press estimates of the death toll in the Machu River dam disaster ranged from 10,000 to 25,000 today as more monsoon rains hampered relief efforts and the search for bodies.

The Hindustan Times said its estimate of 25,000 victims was based on the populations of Morvi and the nearby villages of Lilapur and Adepur, all hard hit when the swollen river flooded over one dam and broke through another one below it late Saturday in the northwestern state of Gujarat.

The United News of India said the toll could go as high as 10,000, and state officials said at least 1,000 drowned in and around Morvi.

The worst previous dam disaster on record occurred in 1962 at Belluno, Italy, were 2,300 died.

Flights bringing food and rescue workers were canceled Monday because of the weather. Buses were dispatched to Morvi with relief supplies and they were to evacuate survivors. But their progress was slowed by washed out roads.

Morvi is near the center of Gujarat state, about 300 miles

northwest of Bombay. A city of 60,000 people, it was once the capital of a maharajah's realm and was a prosperous community on the banks of the Machu.

Saturday night, after more than 20 inches of rain in 24 hours, the flooded river burst an 80-foot-high earth dam four miles above the city. A wall of water 18 feet high crashed over the sleeping town, burying much of it in mud.

"I rushed into my house only to find that the water-wall was following me," an engineering student, Harjivanbhai Patel, told the United News of India. "I hastily collected my family and climbed to the roof. The water in no time had filled up to the ceiling level."

The flood waters ran off quickly, leaving thousands of shattered buildings and mud up to the second floor of some buildings. Not a single utility pole was left standing, and communications and electric power were knocked out.

United News said a helicopter crew dropped food packages to survivors clinging to trees near Maliya village, downriver from Morvi.

Weather

By The Associated Press

East-Central Plains: Mostly cloudy through tonight with a good chance for showers and thundershowers; brief, heavy downpours possible; variable cloudiness Wednesday with a chance for thundershowers; winds easterly at 5 to 15 mph tonight; gusts near thundershowers. Portales low 60s and near 80.

New Mexico: Considerable cloudiness through Wednesday with scattered showers and thundershowers; highs upper 60s and 70s mountains and extreme northeast, 80s most other sections; lows tonight 40s and 50s mountains, mostly 60s lower elevations.

For Ute Dam project

Eastern NM cities given last chance

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Facing a prospect of less water for more cost, the Eastern New Mexico Inter-Community Water Supply Association has once again set a deadline for its members to stand up and be counted concerning a plan to supply this area with water from the Ute Reservoir.

The association, which consists of 10 eastern New Mexico cities, held its annual board of directors meeting Monday at Portales City Hall.

In an unanimous vote the directors agreed to hold a special meeting in Portales at 1-p.m. on the last Monday in March in which members will be required to say yes or no to the water project.

The meeting was originally proposed for January, but was set back to allow member cities to include the issue in city elections. Four Portales city councilmen are up for election in March.

The water project, which would channel excess water from the Ute Dam Reservoir into the municipal systems of 10 eastern New Mexico cities, was originally proposed in 1962 and has been a tough and controversial issue for city officials.

A similar request for decisions on the proposal last year yielded no significant resolution, with only Clovis and San Jon submitting supporting resolutions on the project. Portales voted to decline to participate "at this time."

However, new information and the feeling that many of the members had misunderstood the

issues prompted the second request for resolutions on the project.

The major new finding could, however, make the issue no easier to decide.

In a letter dated Aug. 6, the association was informed of an adjustment in the original water projections.

Instead of expecting 31,000 acre feet of water each year, the Bureau of Reclamation wrote "at the present time, the firm yield (without any shortages) is 16,000 acre-feet, which, when adjusted for an average seepage loss of 2,800 acre-feet, leaves a net firm yield of 13,200 acre-feet."

And the cost of the project continues to climb. When the Portales City Council made the decision in November not to join the project they were looking at an estimated price tag of \$133 million with a cost to Portales of \$11 million over a 50 year period, which would skyrocket city water bills.

Tuesday, Mayor Don Shafer said "\$200 million might not even touch it."

The association is unsure what

the actual cost will be. At the annual meeting, the association elected the first new president since the group was formed 16 years ago.

Fred Tharp, of Clovis, who has been association vice president, was elected to succeed Lloyd Calhoun, of Hobbs, whose commitment to the area's water needs was lauded by association members.

Portales Mayor Don Shafer was elected treasurer of the association, with Bob G. Carter named vice president and Mike Gross named secretary.

These officials will all be available to help any of the communities with the decision to support or withdraw from the Ute Dam water supply plan.

After the election, Calhoun and Tharp both addressed the need of action by association members.

"We've floundered in the last few years," said Tharp. "Stay together and pray for rain and hope for miracles. (This) seems like all we've been doing."

"I need to see how many of you really want to make a commitment to this project," he said.

Sen. Bob Wood also advocated action by members.

"The legislature has done everything we can do for you, the Interstate Stream Commission has done everything they can do for you," said the senator. "You've got the ball and I think you've better get on with the program or forget it."

The legislature in 1978 approved a bill authorizing \$10.5 millions in revenue bonds to finance the raising of the Ute Dam gates on the condition the Interstate Streams Commission find the additional water impounded would be of beneficial use. The ISC has approved the gates construction.

Once a commitment is verified by association members, the Ute Dam water project will go to Congress, where hearings must be held and congressional approval gained before the Office of the Budget can decide to issue a loan to finance the pipeline and other costs of the project.

In addition to Portales the member communities include Clovis, Hobbs, Eunice, Jal, Lovington, San Jon, Tatum, Logan and Tucumcari.

Administration to watch over industry prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's chief inflation adviser says he hopes the food industry will "look again" to make sure it is giving consumers a fair shake on food prices now that it knows the government is looking over its shoulders.

Alfred Kahn made the statement after Carter summoned 16 food industry representatives, including top executives of major supermarket chains, to the White House Monday to demonstrate his concern over rising retail prices.

Carter told the group he was "particularly disturbed" that supermarket prices have been going up when farm prices have been coming down. "We are very concerned about this trend," he emphasized during the meeting, which lasted more than an hour.

But a supermarket spokesman, Robert O. Aders of the Food Marketing Institute, said Carter was told he had been given faulty data on food prices. Aders also said the food representatives stressed that they were not gouging the consumer.

"I'm sure we convinced the president there has been no profiteering at all," Aders, who is president of the institute, told reporters after the meeting.

He didn't deny that retail prices might still be increasing while farm prices are declining, but said this reflects the normal food industry time lag and that the trends even out over time.

Aders also said any real relief from rising food prices depends on controlling inflation, as the cost of food goes up along with everything else. "It all depends on the general inflation rate," he said.

Aders, the group's spokesman, said several supermarket

executives told Carter they were not increasing their overall profit margin at consumers' expense. But he said he didn't know whether this was true of the entire industry.

About 30 retail food firms have been named by the administration's Council on Wage and Price Stability as probably not complying with the government's voluntary price guidelines. However, none of these firms was represented at the meeting.

Supermarket chains that were represented included the Kroger Co., Pathmark, Albertson's, Safeway, Jewel, A&P, Winn-Dixie and Super Valu.

Representatives of the meat industry also attended.

Kahn told reporters Carter voiced skepticism over the assertion that the government's food-price figures were wrong. The data, Carter said, showed that while farm prices declined at an annual rate of 17 percent in the last three months, retail prices increased at an 8 percent annual rate.

"We've been particularly disturbed recently because the price of the food to the farmers has been going down substantially and the price of food to the consumers at the retail outlets has still been going up quite rapidly," Carter said.

Lightning strikes barn three times

A barn containing 5,000 bales of hay was destroyed by fire Monday after lightning struck the shed north west of Floyd.

Weldon Reed, who owned the barn, estimated its value at \$10,000 while he said the hay, belonging to his son Ken, was also valued at about \$10,000.

According to Vernell Reed, lightning struck the barn at about 6 p.m. Volunteer firemen from Floyd and Melrose attended the fire, which she said quickly engulfed the structure.

She said firemen managed to get one tractor out of the barn and moved several pieces of equipment close to the barn away from the blaze.

The Reeds said that firemen from both departments stayed at the scene until 4 a.m. to make sure nothing else ignited. At one point, she said the wind was blowing in toward the Reed's house.

Leon Nail, Mike Lee and Ken Reed all kept a watch on the fire through the morning.

"We had a lot of help but there was really nothing anyone could do. Once it caught fire, 'every bit of it burned,'" Mrs. Reed said.

She said some people who were on the highway had seen the lightning strike and said it hit the structure three times. "We heard the thunder and Wilton went out to look around the house but we didn't even look at the hay barn," she said.

Janice Lee of Floyd tipped the News-Tribune about the fire.

Guerrillas, Moslem factions continue clashes in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Leftist guerrillas and right-wing Moslem zealots today clashed for a third day in a widening split between factions that supported the February revolution engineered by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The fighting was between about 350 members of the People's Fedayeen guerrilla organization and a band of Moslems described as "anti-Fedayeen," the official Pars news agency said. The Fedayeen had gathered in downtown Tehran and marched past Tehran University to protest the takeover Monday of their headquarters by club-wielding government-backed revolutionary guards.

Pars said revolutionary troops fired their guns into the air to disperse the combatants, who met in front of the Fedayeen headquarters. There was no report of injuries.

The split in the Iranian

revolutionary forces between leftist opponents of Khomeini's conservative sectarianism and militant supporters of the Shiite Moslem patriarch appeared to be widening.

More than 300 guerrillas of another leftist group, the Mojahedeen, began a sitdown

under armed protection in front of their headquarters to prevent attacks by groups of Moslem zealots marching by.

Other groups of Moslem extremists armed with knives and clubs were reported circulating through the city harassing pedestrians.

34 years ago today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty-four years ago today, President Harry S. Truman announced to the nation that the Japanese had surrendered unconditionally and that World War II was over.

The anniversary passed without ceremony here today. Truman coupled his cease-fire order with the appointment of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as supreme allied commander to receive the formal surrender from Japan.

Nineteen days later, on Sept. 2, 1945 — V-J Day — the surrender ceremony took place on the deck of the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Setting it straight

In Monday's paper, it was reported that Ron Cepelak said people who sell produce on the square Saturday will not have to follow any regulations. Cepelak said today that by regulations, he meant people will need no special license to sell the produce.