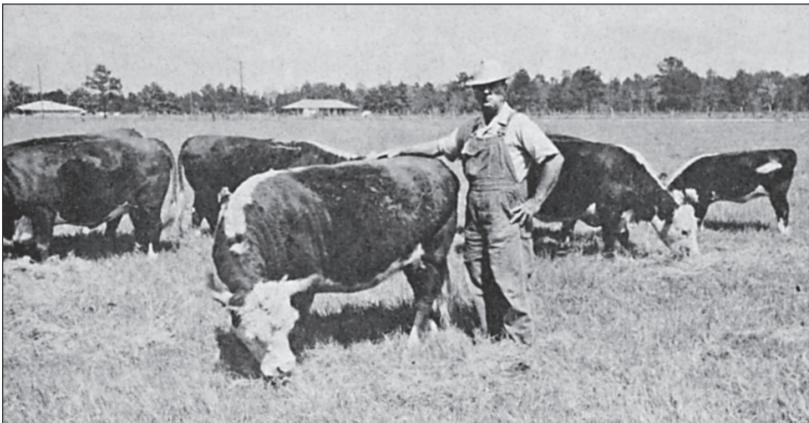


HISTORY & FOLKLORE



Bill Jamison on a tractor shredding a field of maize stubble near Dayton. The heads have been cut and harvested by a combine of the type that is used on rice.



Billie Kirkham with registered whiteface cattle. Kirkham lives on Tarkington Prairie. The grass is coastal Bermuda grass.



Ernest Walker demonstrates a homemade grass seed harvester for harvesting Pensacola Bahia seed. Walker's farm is on Tarkington Prairie.

From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, September 7, 1967 –

The Soil Conservation Service, together with allied governmental offices, has made extensive studies and achieved impressive ends in the lower Trinity Valley in the years since World War II. While there is much yet to be done, the countryside is greatly changed for the better through the cooperation of the agriculture people in the public and private sector. Crop yields have increased and improved almost beyond recognition.

All farm and ranch pictures of the Illustrated Press were made by Louis Neumeyer, Work Unit Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, Liberty. With the visit here last week of Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, a very successful meeting of government folk and farm and civic leaders was held in the city hall of Liberty.

MORE PHOTOS IN THIS SERIES WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT THREE ISSUES.



ABOVE: G.B. Kennedy, Dayton, with chemical weed control spray rig that he built himself.

BELOW: Kennedy checks nozzle of spray rig that he built for control of weeds in pastures using 2-4D.



From The Liberty Gazette, Thursday, May 18, 1972 –

Houston May Drink from Water of Trinity

Houston City Council has authorized Brown & Root, Inc., to study the feasibility of diverting Lake Livingston water to Lake Houston for domestic use.

Estimated cost of the project is \$10 million.

About 200 million gallons of Lake Livingston water would flow daily into Lake Houston, the city's major source of potable water.

The water would flow from a pumping station on the Trinity River, about 10 miles north of Liberty, through an eight-mile pipeline consisting of two 84-inch conduits to Luce Bayou, then about 20 miles through the bayou to Lake Houston.

The Brown & Root study will take about a year and cost about \$80,000.

It would take an estimated three more years for bidding procedures, construction, and securing right-of-way.

The city also would need Texas Water Rights Commission permission to divert the Lake Livingston water.

Lake Houston now yields an average 175 million gallons of water a day.

The city's share of the 1.2 billion gallons flowing daily from Lake Livingston is a minimum 880 million gallons.

The city originally planned to use the Lake Livingston water for industrial customers but has not lined up buyers as expected. Hence, city officials have proposed using about one-fourth of the water for the domestic system.

H.R. Norman, an assistant public works director, said the diversion plan should take care of the city's water needs "for God knows how long."

Houston City Council approved the feasibility study Tuesday on recommendation of Public Works Director E.B. Cape.

Councilman Larry McKaskle objected, arguing that a siltation problem in Lake Houston should be considered before the diversion study is undertaken.

Cape again told council he believes that removing silt from the lake would not be economical.

Cape said dredging an estimated 22 million cubic yards of silt from the 18-year-old lake to return it to its original volume would yield only an additional 11.2 million gallons of water a day, an increase of about six percent.

The dredging, plus acquired 1,700 to 2,500 acres of land for disposal of the silt, would cost "not less than \$100 million," Cape said.

McKaskle questioned E.B. Cape's report. "I don't buy it at all," he said.

He tried unsuccessfully to forestall council action until after a study of Lake Houston by the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

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