is a practical crop for San Diego County from the standpoint of production.

But, adds Ed Daniels, Southern California manager for the Holly Sugar Co. at Brawley, there are two reasons and perhaps three why sugar beet farming may not come about in this county.

Sugar beets usually are grown as a field crop on large tracts and the availability of enough land in the county is questionable, Daniels says.

RAIL PROBLEM

Secondly, the economics of rail transportation to plants in Santa Ana or Brawley is questionable.

Transportation would be more questionable without large acreage, which would also have to be sufficient to justify erection of a $40,000 to $50,000 receiving station, Daniels says.

"However, if there is no restricted acreage allotment next year it's possible we might get some sugar beets grown in the county," he said.

Because of the Cuban situation acreage allotments were lifted this year, but there is talk of reimposing them next year. The industry is split on the question, Daniels says.

HIGH YIELDS

Chino's plots, on less than an acre, showed yields of 30 to 40 tons per acre, clean weight, as compared to the state average of 21 tons. But Daniels says the fertility of the specific fields made the yield higher than it might be elsewhere.

Sugar content of the Chino beets was from 12 to 16 per cent by weight. Daniels said 12 is low, 16 high.

The tests showed that production here would be average or better, Daniels says.

Chino's tests were watched by Dr. Jack Hills, extension specialist in field crops at the University of California at Davis, and Grant Hall, farm advisor on field crops here. Hills was here for the harvest.

Tests were made on spacing, varieties, fertilizer, time of harvest and direct seeding as compared to transplanted beets.

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

The Chino tests were made larger to give two Japanese trainees technical experience in planting, growing and harvesting of beets.

Also present for the harvest was Ruichi Okada, director of the Association for International Collaboration of Farmers, Japan.

Okada, in charge of 38 trainees from Japan, has headquarters in Berkeley. The trainee program has been changed, he said, to allow the farm students to remain in this country a year instead of a few months.

He said sugar beets are being studied here, in Imperial Valley, Salinas, and Sacramento areas.

"Japan imports 95 per cent of its sugar, and southern Japan in particular needs a substitute crop for grains," he said. "We are interested, too, because of the value of sugar beets for cattle feed and as a soil builder."

The trainee program, under which Chino and other San Diego County farmers have hosted young farmers from Japan, is in its 10th year.

—Marilyn Kirkland Photo

Kaoru Katagi, Japanese farm trainee, weighs sugar beet harvested from test plot on Junzo Chino farm near Rancho Sante Fe.

formed improvement district and for the first time to the house of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Whaley on Ryan Drive.

SIX-YEAR STRUGGLE

It meant for them the ending of a six-year struggle, marked by unusual courage and determination, during which they had to haul by truck every drop of water they used — an average of about 10,000 gallons a month.

Whaley, 34, an automobile painter and weekend church choir soloist, his wife Harriett, also 34, and their two daughters, Charlene, 15, and Donna, 12, bought their six acres on a barren hilltop just north of Lake Hodges because they wanted to raise cattle and avocados.

They first built the house themselves piecemeal and then began the search for water. They drilled seven wells, one of them 260 feet deep, all without success. Confident a water district soon would include their land, the Whaleys took to hauling the water temporarily in 50-gallon drums from the Green Mutual Water Co., 1½ miles away.

SEVERAL TRIPS

Mrs. Whaley, heroine of the six-year effort because her husband was at work most of the time, said she made two or three trips a day in the family pickup truck for the water. In between, she drove a school bus as she still does.

"We'd need 75 gallons for the Monday wash alone," she related, "about 500 gallons a week for the house. The rest was for our plants and flowers which we wanted to make the place more livable and homelike."

She said she approached the Escondido Mutual Water Co., a rural area water retailer, and was told it would cost $5,000 to join the system. Inexplicably, a bank refused to loan the money because the Whaleys' land had no water!

Mrs. Whaley went to the Rincon district more than two years ago to seek help. Many talks, frustrations and negotiations later, she presented the district with a petition signed by 22 property owners, mostly absentees, to form an improvement district.

PERMISSION NEEDED

The paper work and other details took a year or so. The second Colorado River Aqueduct was only 500 yards from the Whaley property, but the Rincon district had to get San Diego County Water Authority permission for a new connection to it.

Fifteen-year bonds for $144,808 were issued and 13,763 feet of pipe plus a 350,000-gallon storage tank were constructed for the 320-acre district which includes only six homes. It will cost the Whaleys about $20 a month for their new water and what it takes to get it there.

The running water still is so much of a novelty that the family keeps flicking the switches in the house that used to bring the hauled water from the tanks into the plumbing. And they are using the last remains of the old water on their patio garden.

Mrs. Harriett Whaley, left, and her daughter, Charlene turn on the Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District gate valve to send running water into their rural home for the first time. District Manager Loren Sisson looks on.

Farm-City Week Tours Announced

Bus tour schedules for the annual Farm-City Week observance, Nov. 17-23, have been announced by Harry Roche, chairman.

Businessmen will visit farms Tuesday, Nov. 21. Farms to be visited are the Kent Poultry Ranch, Escondido; the Calavo Avocado Packing Plant, Escondido; the Boudewyn De Jong Dairy, San Marcos, and the Encinitas Floral Co., and Weston Greenhouses, Leucadia.

Farmers will visit the city Monday, Nov. 20. They will tour a Pacific Telephone Co. plant, where they will have lunch, and the 10th Street Marine Terminal.

The observance is sponsored by the County Farm Bureau and Kiwanis Clubs of the area.

Garlow To Head County 4-H Group

The San Diego County 4-H Council has elected Everett Garlow of Escondido president for 1961-62, David Hirshaw, University of California farm adviser, said yesterday.

Others elected were George ... of Johnstown, vice president; Mrs. Mary Tschum ... of El Cajon, treasurer, and Mrs. Esther Chandler of ..., secretary.

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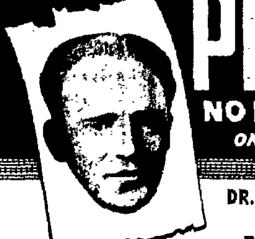

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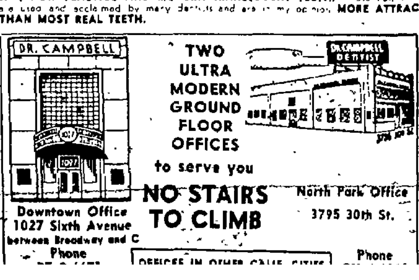

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