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Dancers at last Saturday's dance in The Grove group around the band stand and the Aggie Combo. Spike White is at the microphone in the quiet shirt and maestro Bill Turner studies the crowd in the background.

Seven Men Enrolled in Dairy Improvement Training Course

Seven men are enrolled in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and Official Supervisors Training Course being held on the campus this week by the Dairy Extension Service, A. M. Meekma, assistant dairy husbandman, announced today.

These men are being trained in various dairying problems so they may fulfill positions as supervisors in any of the various county DHIA organizations over the state, he said. The course began at 10 a. m. Monday and will last until noon Saturday.

Dairy Herd Improvement Associations are organized on a local basis by farmers and are operated as agricultural extension demonstration projects, Meekma said. They are under the supervision of state extension dairymen and county agricultural agents in cooperation with the Bureau of Dairy Industries.

Purpose of Program
The program is designed to teach dairymen how to collect and keep data for use as a basis for feeding programs, culling herds, and a yardstick in their breeding programs.

The short course consists mainly of problems, discussions on good dairy practices and management, and several lectures on artificial breeding. Meekma gives all of the lectures except on artificial breeding, which are conducted by R. E. Burleson, also an assistant dairy husbandman.

Problems involve determination of daily and monthly milk weights, calculating the percent butterfat in milk, figuring pounds butterfat on a monthly basis, and computing the value of the product in relation to feed consumption for each individual cow and for the herd as a whole.

Exc-Aggies
Four of the men enrolled in the course have attended college for various periods, and three already have jobs if they successfully complete the course.

G. Roy Helfrin Jr. attended A&M for three years, majoring in agriculture, and will go to work for the Parker County DHIA.

Weldon Goin was a student at North Texas State College for two years, and he has a job with the Denton-Wise Counties DHIA.

Jack Walters, a graduate in B&A from the University of Texas, has a job with the Johnson County Association.

Calvin Beckendorf has two years at Blinn Junior College to his credit.

Bingo Goes . . .

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BY LOUISE JONES

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Starting Salaries At \$250 For June Grads

Church Conference In Progress Here

Two hundred fifty persons, the largest group ever to attend the yearly Rural Church Conference, are here for the fourth annual church meeting, according to Professor Dan Russell of the Rural sociology department.

Registration began at 3 p. m. Monday at the YMCA for the conference that will close at noon on Friday, June 24. More than half of those in attendance are pastors of Texas rural churches.

Nurserymen To Hold 3 Day Short Course

Seventy-five men and 15 women from all over the state are expected to attend the Texas Association of Nurserymen's Short Course here this week, today through Friday.

In making this statement F. R. Brison, chairman of the short course committee, also said that a complete program had been worked out and that personnel to take part in the course had been chosen.

These plant growers came from all over the state, said Brison, and all phases of the nursery business are to be covered.

Wednesday morning was devoted to the study of propagation problems, which included lectures on "problems in seed germination, and results of recent tests with difficult seeds;" "plant hormones;" and a special panel discussion with questions and answers on propagation methods.

Thursday morning will be given over to plant physiology and pathology with lectures dealing with the uses of chemicals in nursery operation, plant diseases and actions which take place inside the plant.

On Thursday afternoon, the entomologists take over and go into the insect problems of plant growing. This will include such subjects as control of insects, available insecticides, and pests likely to be encountered in spraying.

A general program on Friday will end the course at which time fertilization, irrigation and other broad topics will be discussed.

Brison said further that the course was designed by the nurserymen themselves with the idea of covering those topics most needed by them.

A survey made by the Placement Office of June '49 graduates to determine the number of men registered with the Placement Office who were employed as a result of campus interviews, and the average starting salary has been completed, W. R. Horsley, director of the Placement Office, announced.

This survey was started just before the end of the spring semester and consequently does not reflect the full results of placement activities for the term, Horsley said.

In the School of Agriculture, 337 degrees were conferred, with 243 of the graduates returning questionnaires to the Placement Office. Of the 243, 111 were employed, eight are going to graduate school, and 124 were unemployed.

Starting salaries averaged between \$200 and \$250 a month with seven starting at \$300 or more.

The most popular course in the School of Agriculture was animal husbandry with 107 June graduates. Agricultural education was second with 61 receiving their degrees.

Liberal Arts
In the School of Arts and Sciences, 321 received degrees and 191 requested aid from the Placement Office in securing jobs. Of that number, 81 were employed, 16 plan to go to graduate school, and 94 remained unemployed.

Starting salaries for liberal arts students averaged about \$240, with 11 receiving \$300 or more.

Ninety business majors graduated, making business the most popular course in the School of Arts and Sciences. Next popular was accounting with 38 degrees conferred.

The School of Veterinary Medicine awarded degrees to 72 graduates. Of the 48 that registered with the Placement Office 33 are now employed and 15 are unemployed as the last report, Horsley said.

Starting base pay for vet medicine students averaged over \$300, with only four graduates starting at salaries less than \$300.

School of Engineering
In the School of Engineering 596 degrees were conferred, with 468 graduates registering with the Placement Office. Two hundred eighty were placed in jobs, 15 plan to do graduate work and 173 have not as yet been employed.

The majority of the engineering graduates started at salaries ranging from \$275 to \$325. Mechanical engineering and civil engineering were the choice of most of the graduates, with 135 and 86 degrees respectively awarded.

The totals of the various schools showed 1,256 degrees conferred, 950 graduates registered with the Placement Office, 505 employed, 406 unemployed at the time the survey was made, and 39 planning to do graduate work, Horsley concluded.

Senior Graduates Should Order Now

"Seniors who will graduate this summer should order their graduation announcements now," said Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities. "No orders will be accepted after July 14."

There will be only one order taken this summer, Elms said. This order will be delivered by August 15.

Three types of announcements will be available, leather bound, cardboard, and a French fold type. The leather bound announcement has included a list of the candidates for degrees and three etchings.

A list of candidates for degrees and the etchings are also included in the cardboard announcement, but the French fold type does not include either of these two features.

The leather bound announcements are 50 cents each, the cardboard type is priced at 25 cents apiece, and the French fold announcements are nine cents each, Elms concluded.

Williams Attending Vocational Meeting

E. L. Williams, director, Industrial Extension Service at A & M, is attending the Louisiana Vocational Association Conference at L. S. U., Baton Rouge, today. Williams is president of the American Vocational Association and will be the principal speaker at the general session Tuesday night, discussing "What Vocational Education is Doing in American Public Schools."

Williams addressed industrial art teachers Monday afternoon on "The Contribution of Industrial Arts to an Expanded Vocational Education With Industries Needs."



Gloria Martin, makes her local debut in "Chocolate Soldier". She will sing the part of Mascha.

Moss, Martin Make Debut in Operetta

BY COUNTESS JONES

Dolly Moss of Bryan, and Gloria Martin of Dallas will make their first appearance before an Aggie audience July 7 in "The Chocolate Soldier."

The Oskar Straus operetta will be presented in the Grove.

Both girls portray men-less women, who haven't seen a man for years, as all good Bulgarian men have been engaged in a lengthy war against Serbs. This makes it hard on naturally flirtatious women. The plot thickens, however, and the women's fight begins when a strange good-looking man appears on the scene.

Miss Moss will sing the part of Aurelia, a scatterbrained mother and would-be nagging wife, and Mrs. Martin, the part of Mascha, Aurelia's cousin, a snippy little cat who spitefully upsets the appacart in act two.

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Saw Varsity's Horns Off . . .

Old Batts Show Times Do Change But Aggies Don't

By W. K. COLVILLE

Angry Professor: "How dare you swear before me?"

Student: "How did I know you wanted to swear first?"

This is an example of the railery that dripped from the pages of the Battalion back in 1899, then a monthly publication. When this anecdote was related to the current editors, they went off in a spasm of laughter, and it was a while before they were convinced that it had already been used, and a reprint of it would be against literary ethics. As time goes by, including on Editor's humor and Guion movies change very little.

Some of the more vivid examples of these appear below:

Advertisement:
Attention, Cadets! Remember that for Toilet Requisites such as Hair, Tooth, and Nail Brushes, Perfumes, Toilet Waters and Soaps, Fine Stationary and School Supplies, as well as Drugs, you get the best and the most for your money at Reals Drug Store. Special Prices to Cadets. Fifty years of progress and we're still getting special prices.

Activities:
Visit to Austin . . . The hotels, boarding houses, and private residences showed our party every kindness. Queenlike upon her hills sits Austin, the embodiment in dignity and beauty, if not size, of what Texas represents to the world . . . her noble Capitol building, her department offices, her governor's mansion, elegant churches, abodes of refined citizenship, the beautiful river at her feet, her charitable asylums . . . (Sigma Nu, perhaps?)

Locals:
What cadet and professor played hide and seek coming back from San Antonio? . . . at least they hid in '99.

Despite the fifty year time lag between the old Battalion and today's edition, there were several things that looked amazingly familiar.

On the sports page there was the disgruntling news that Varsity (the University of Texas' 1899 cognomen) had defeated the Aggies by a score of 6-0. The sports writer covering the game allowed as how the game wasn't so bad and that the Aggies might even have won if it hadn't been for one minor detail.

The officials, the sports scribe wailed in maroon and white tones, were all against the Cadets. I wonder . . . could it have been that Ab Curtiss was covering the game that day?

Kiwanis Hear D. E. Lindstrom

Dr. David E. Lindstrom, professor of Rural Sociology at the University of Illinois, discussed the significant rural life trends in America today, before the College Station Kiwanis Club at its noon luncheon Tuesday.

Dr. Lindstrom is on the campus as one of the principal speakers on the program of the fourth annual Rural Church Conference.

Dr. Lindstrom outlined five principal rural life trends in American life today. These included the spreading of urban influences; decreasing farm population and increasing commercialization of agriculture; changing neighborhood, community, and organizational life; transition in rural values; and changing social controls.

In discussing these trends the speaker emphasized the fact that any sound rural program should include a recognition of the divine in man, the importance and worth of the individual, true loyalty to the democratic state or society, emphasis upon the dignity of labor, and the necessity for sacrifice.

"Our modern agrarian philosophy," Dr. Lindstrom concluded, "must be developed on the basis of knowledge and willingness to produce and market efficiently, learning how to make the home a modern consuming center, nurturing the cultural arts, developing a meaningful community life, working for family owner-operation of the production enterprise, and having basic concern for man, land, and the Christian way of life."

Fish and Game Club Has Fishing Party

The Fish and Game Club of the Wildlife Management Department met Sunday afternoon at the Country Club Lake for a fishing party, Bob McAdams, club president, said today.

Bryan Veteran Recommended For Marshal

Clifton C. Carter, member of the Bryan city commission, has been recommended to President Truman for appointment as U.S. Marshal for the Southern Federal District of Texas.

Carter's appointment received the recommendation of Senators Tom Connally and Lyndon B. Johnson. They sent his name to the President, who in turn may send a formal nomination to the Senate.

President of the Bryan Junior Chamber of Commerce, Carter is active in the Senior Chamber, the Community Chest, the Lions Club and is a member of the City Commission.

He came to Bryan after the war with many decorations for his battle record with the Texas National Guard 36th Division. He emerged from the Army as a lieutenant colonel.

Carter went into service as a second lieutenant on Texas University where he was a football player in 1938 and 1939. Earlier he had played for Schreiner Institute at Kerrville.

Carter was born at Smithville, Bastrop County, on August 2, 1918. His mother still lives there.

If the appointment is confirmed, Carter will succeed Frank Hammond of Houston, who retired May 31 after serving as Marshal for over 15 years.

Ralph Daniel to Be Married July 21

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Geneva Nell Ross, to Edwin Ralph Daniel. The marriage will take place July 21, at the First Baptist Church of Jefferson.

Daniel, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Daniel, Jefferson, has played on the A&M football team for the past three years as fullback. He will graduate from A&M in Petroleum Engineering this summer.

Daniel's brother, Robert Daniel will serve as best man. Groomsman will be George Joseph, Edward Davis and W. J. Frances.

Port Arthur Club Postpones Meet

The meeting of the Port Arthur Club scheduled for Wednesday night has been postponed, Ralph Gorman, club president, announced today.

The meeting has been postponed until Monday, June 27, and will be held in the north solarium of the YMCA, Gorman said.

Ermyne Moss, Aggie coed from Bryan, will play the role of Aurelia in the forthcoming operetta "The Chocolate Soldier."