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## Supervisors Hold 16th Annual Meet

### Improvement of Rural School Program Is Theme

The sixteenth annual conference of county superintendents and county supervisors will be held at A. & M. next Monday through Wednesday.

The purpose of this conference is to study methods for improving the quality of the rural school program.

Many outstanding speakers and lecturers will be here for the conference. Prominent among these will be Dr. Mycie Southall, Professor of Elementary Education at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. The theme of her lectures will be "The Improvement of the Rural School Program." Other speakers include Dean T. D. Brooks of Texas A. & M., President S. H. Whitley of East Texas State Teachers College, President C. E. Evans of Southwest Texas State Teachers College, President A. W. Birdwell of Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College, President G. B. Wilcox of A. & M., president of the State Teachers Association; and Dr. L. A. Woods, State Superintendent.

All lectures will be in the Y. M. C. A. Chapel. Monday meetings will be held at 9 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the meetings will be at 8:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

Wednesday evening at 6:30 the annual banquet will be held in the college mess hall, which functions will officially close the conference.

## Plans for Farmers' Short Course Made

A preview of the program for the annual Texas A. & M. College Farmers' Short Course plus the interest expressed by farm and ranch families, has led H. H. Williamson, director of the Texas Extension Service, to predict that the 1939 session will be one of the most successful in recent years.

As in 1938, the current meeting will be divided into two sections—one on July 5, 6, and 7 for 4-H Club boys and girls, and a second one on July 12, 13 and 4 for adults. Division of the Short Course allows the institution to provide sufficient accommodations for the crowds.

The 4-H Club program will consist of selection of outstanding club members, talks by representative to the recent National 4-H Club Encampment at Washington, D. C., and social activities, and will be climaxed by the colorful ceremony of the gold star awards to the 100 boys and 100 girls selected for this honor.

The theme of the adult program will be land use planning, with farm people taking the major part. Guest speakers will be headlined by A. F. Lever of South Carolina, former congressman who was joint author of the Smith-Lever bill on which extension work is based. Walter Jenkins of Houston will again lead the group singing.

D. W. Williams, head of the A. H. Department, is making an extended tour of Europe this summer.

## To Speak for Special Course



Shown above are speakers for the special lecture course in Agricultural Economics 423 being conducted at 10 a. m. daily during the first summer semester by the Ag Eco Department, and open to all. The course deals with "Our National Resources and Their Conservation," and is the same as that being presented by ten other colleges and universities of the Southwest.

Paul A. Cunyus (left), associate agronomist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Tyler Area Office, speaks this morning (Friday) on the subject "Pasture and Range Management in Soil and Water Conservation."

Dr. H. N. Wheeler (center), chief lecturer for the U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D. C., will speak tomorrow on "The Lure of the Forest."

Tuesday, W. R. Horsley (right), assistant forester of the Texas Forest Service, College Station, will lecture on "Texas Forests and Forestry."

Wednesday, P. F. W. Prater, forest supervisor of the U. S. Forest Service, will speak on "The National Forests in Texas." And Thursday, W. E. Webb, state manager of the Prairie State Forestry Project of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will lecture on reforestation.

## L. Elmore Company Cancels Program Here

The Lucile Elmore Company, which was scheduled to present a program of songs, dances, mimicry and ventriloquism July 5 for the Summer Entertainment Series, is now playing in California and will be unable to appear here at that time. Dr. C. H. Winkler, director of the Summer Session, has announced. The program has therefore been cancelled, and the next one will be Tuesday, July 11, when Salom Risk will present his outstanding lecture, "The Americanization of an American."

## 104 Attend Last Week's Cottonseed Short Course

With a record registration of 104 the eleventh annual short course for cotton seed oil mill operators opened at A. & M. College Monday.

In addition to those from Texas, there were superintendents from mills in the Republic of Mexico, Arkansas, Alabama, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and California present. The registration this year more than doubled the session held in 1937 when 45 men attended. None was held in 1938.

Cooperating with A. & M. in presenting the short course were the Texas Cottonseed Crushers' Association and the National Cottonseed Oil Mill Superintendents' Association. College members of the advisory board include Dean F. C. Bolton, Dean Gibb Gilchrist and Dr. C. C. Hedges. The course was held under direction of F. F. Bishop, professor of chemistry and chemical engineering, in the Chemistry Building.

Summer Press Club meeting will be held next Monday night beginning at 7:30.

## New Rule Affects Graduate Students

The A. & M. graduate school, which is even more important during the summer session than during the long session, will enroll more than 300 students during the two semesters of the current summer school. This figure represents a considerable increase over the enrollment last summer and is a new attendance record for the graduate school.

One of the principal reasons for this increased attendance is a rule recently passed by the faculty which vitally affects graduate students. The rule states that all credits obtained more than six years previous to work toward a graduate degree may not be applied to the degree after September 1, 1939. For this reason it is expected that many persons will do graduate work during the present summer session in order to get under the deadline provided in the faculty ruling.

Among the other important reasons for the increased summer school attendance of graduate students is the fact that many teachers and county agents take this opportunity to do work toward their graduate degree during their summer vacation.

Despite the fact that A. & M. does not confer degrees on women, several women are also enrolled in the summer graduate school. Most of them, however, intend to use the credits obtained at A. & M. at some other college which does confer degrees on women.

Head of the graduate school is Dean T. D. Brooks, who is also Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

## A. & M. Credit Union Makes Rapid Progress

Dr. G. W. Schlesselman, instructor in the Agricultural Economics Department, who was one of the founders of the local Credit Union, has released the following information relative to the Union:

The Texas A. & M. College Federal Credit Union was recently organized, for the purpose of assisting employees of A. & M. and their families to save money. Saving can be accomplished in two ways: by steady deposits in share holdings, and by being able to borrow money at cheaper rates of interest than from loan agencies where there are handling charges. Under both these plans a person can save by being able to buy at a discount by paying cash for purchases.

## Aggie, Vincent White, Wins \$100 First Prize In National Contest

Vincent White of Amarillo, this past term a junior at A. & M. in Petroleum engineering, of Battery F Field Artillery, who is now attending the R. O. T. C. summer camp, Camp Bullis near San Antonio, has just been notified by the Goodall Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, manufacturers of Palm Beach suits, that his letter sent in as an entry in the company's intercollegiate prize contest has won first place and a cash prize of \$100. Students from approximately 250 colleges and universities of the country competed.

Here's the letter White entered in the contest: "Playboy or grind—one thing a college man has to have is clothes sense. And what could better fill his needs than Palm Beach? It fits him, his pocket book, and the weather." You can spot an educated man—he's wearing Palm Beach."

## Administrators To Meet Here

### Dean T. D. Brooks Is Conference Secretary

Administration of safety education and cooperation with industry in industrial education will be principal topics of the Sixth Annual Texas School Administration Conference to be held at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas next Tuesday through Friday, June 27-30, according to Dean T. D. Brooks, head of the School of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School, conference secretary.

P. E. Wallace of Mt. Pleasant is general chairman, and others including Dr. Brooks who are members of the executive committee are H. W. Adams of Caldwell; E. K. Barden, of Sugarland; W. C. Blankenship, of Big Spring; S. V. Burks, of T. C. A. & L., Kingsville; G. O. Clough, of S. M. U., Dallas; S. B. Graham, of Galveston; John H. Gregory, of McAllen; F. L. Moffett, of Center; L. C. Proctor, of Temple; Henry Stilwell, of Texarkana; E. O. Tanner, of San Marcos, and L. A. Woods, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Austin.

The conference, initiated by school superintendents themselves, has held five highly successful meetings, Dr. Brooks said. "The problems dealt with in the Conference are of concern not only to city and county superintendents, but to all school executives and all students of school administration, and all such are welcome to the conference."

Those in attendance will be assigned quarters in one of the newer dormitories at A. & M. at a nominal fee, and meals will be available at a number of convenient establishments. There is no registration fee or other charge for attendance.

Prof. George B. Wilcox of the A. & M. Department of Education, and president of the Texas State Teachers Association, will lead a discussion of "What State Aid is Necessary" each day of the three-day session. "The plans of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Evaluating and Accrediting High Schools" will be discussed by T. Q. Srygley, assistant superintendent of Port Arthur. Supt. W. C. Davis of Memphis will lead a discussion on "Interpreting the Present Day School Program to the Public" in (Continued on page 4)

## Ranchmen's Round-Up Is Postponed

Due to the recurrence of infantile paralysis in the general vicinity of the Sonora ranch sub-station of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station whose headquarters are A. & M., it has been decided by Superintendent W. H. Dameron of the Sonora station that postponement to a later date is advisable for the Tenth Ranchmen's Round-Up held annually by that station for ranchers and farmers of the state, at which results of the experiments of the past year are shown each year.

The Round-Up, originally scheduled for June 27 and 28 will probably be held early in the fall.