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Firemen at A. & M. doing their own version of the Hindu magic rope trick—only instead of a rope, it's a ladder they're climbing—suspended in mid-air.

They were here for the Texas Firemen's Short Course, held on the campus Monday through Friday of last week.

Final attendance figures for the course place the number of firemen registered for it at 440, and the number of instructors and honor guests at 123, making a grand total of 563 in attendance, representing 269 towns and cities, 266 of them in Texas.

The first fireman from a foreign country ever to attend this course at A. & M. was here this year. He came from Juarez, Mexico.

266 TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES ARE TO OBTAIN LOWER FIRE INSURANCE RATES

A total of 266 Texas municipalities had their names placed on Texas' Fire Prevention Honor Roll this past week, July 17-22, when they sent their firemen to the tenth annual Firemen's Training School at Texas A. & M. for the five-day course.

Those cities represented at the school will benefit this coming year by a reduction of three per cent in their key rate provided that rate at present is in excess of twenty cents.

The school this year was the largest ever held and for the first time attracted a representative from a foreign country and one to represent a county at-large. Juarez, Mexico, sent Leonardo Solis B.

to enroll for the course, and Maverick County delegated William Lyall, Eagle Pass, to represent them as a unit, although Lyall's home town and other towns in that county also had representatives enrolled.

In addition to lectures on fire fighting and fire prevention, the theory classes also learned about protection of health, bodily hazards, life saving and methods of body recovery. The drills and evolutions covered eight sections which included work with ladders, tools and safety, hose, salvage, attack theory, extinguishment, hazards and disaster operations. All fire-

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Three Sisters, Near Same Age, Have Been Taking Same Course, in Same Class, at U. T.

Three sisters, Lee Una, Ben Dell, and La Verne Sullivan of Waco, are setting an odd record at The University of Texas this summer. Not only do they resemble one another closely, but there are only three years and two months between the oldest and the youngest. Also, all are taking the same course for the same purpose; they are working toward the same degree, after already having one from another college; and each has had some teaching experience. These students, the only children of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Sullivan, are graduates of Baylor University and are enrolled in Paul J. Thompson's course, "Supervision of the School Newspaper and Yearbook." The reason for taking the course is that each expects to be sponsor or advisor for one of the student publications in her respective school next term.

"It was really an accident that all of us enrolled for this course," commented Ben Dell, "because I didn't know my sisters were taking the course. We have never been in the same class before."

Lee Una, the oldest, teaches at Kerrville, Ben Dell at Covington, and La Verne, the youngest, who received her B.B.A. degree June 5 at Baylor, has been teaching for two months at Brownsville. They are primarily interested in business administration, the major study of Lee Una and La Verne, and the minor of Ben Dell. All have taught commercial subjects in high school.

"We went to Baylor because we are Baptists and had planned to be there for a long time," La Verne said when asked why they came to the University, "but we came down here because we thought it would broaden our education." Ben Dell was in the University last summer. This is the first time for Lee Una and La Verne.

Lee Una wants to get her master's degree. Ben Dell would like to continue her study of Spanish and business courses and, perhaps, some day be a secretary in the State Department of Education. La Verne desires to teach awhile. All, however, hope to "have a home sometime."

Ex-Students on Business-Pleasure Stay in Colorado Decide for Placement Bureau

At their business-and-pleasure meeting in Colorado last week, the board of directors of the Former Students Association of A. & M. voted to put into operation in September the proposed placement bureau they have been planning.

Sleeping under blankets with temperatures slightly above the zero mark, fishing for mountain trout and visiting miners' cabins deserted shortly after the Colorado gold rush, were some of the experiences of the members, who returned last Sunday from Lake City, Colorado, where they attended the directors' meeting last week.

Representing College Station was E. E. McQuillen, secretary of the association here.

In Colorado they were guests of Roy Golston, Tyler oil man and former student of A. & M., who is a member of the ex-students' board of directors.

Leaving here on the night of July 14 for Colorado, the group stopped at Carlsbad Caverns en route to Colorado, arriving at the Golston summer home Monday, July 17. They were guests there

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Russell Leaves For Nova Scotia

To Study Famous Cooperative Units

Dan A. Russell, head of the Rural Sociology Department, left Wednesday to go to Nova Scotia to study the farmer and fisherman cooperatives that are so numerous there. The cooperatives in Nova Scotia have been more successful than anywhere else in the western world. Their experiments mean more than those in Europe because these people, like Americans, are descendants of transplanted people. They have their own cooperative wholesale and retail stores, canning factories, truck lines, boats, etc. The objective of Mr. Russell's trip is to gain new ideas and help from these cooperatives and apply his gains to A. & M.'s system. He is being sent as a representative of the largest Student Cooperative Housing project in the United States. While there he will live with the farmers and fishermen to see exactly what they do and how they live.

Dr. Russell will leave from Galveston Wednesday and sail to New York where he will spend two days. From there he will sail to Youma, Nova Scotia from where he will go the rest of the way by rail. He will stop at Antigonish in northern Nova Scotia. His trips will be directed by the Extension Service of the St. Francis Xavier University. Mr. Russell plans to be gone about three or four weeks.

ATTEMPT MADE TO OBTAIN LOWER INSURANCE RATES

At the present time the key rate of fire insurance for the additions surrounding the campus is \$1 for each \$100 worth of property. Those persons living in these additions have recently made efforts to have this rate reduced to the amount that is being charged persons who live on the campus, 32¢ for each \$100 worth of property. The key rate off the campus is equal to that in rural areas where there is no fire protection. As a result of this, the fire insurance commissioner was asked what could be done to lower the key rate off the campus.

Last week Mr. G. C. Hawley, Chief Engineer for the State Fire Insurance Division was here at the Fireman's Training School. Mr. Hawley was accompanied by an inspector who investigated the additions to see just what could be done to lower the present rate. Regarding this, the following decisions were made:

1. Three-way fire hydrants would have to be installed in the business district at North Gate and in the business district of College Hills Estates.
2. Water supply from Bryan would have to be connected to College Hills Estates.
3. The water mains would have to be connected at project houses on the campus and College Park water system, and also between the College Park water system, and the Oakwood water system; thus making a loop to insure enough water supply and power.

When these three things are done, which will take time and considerable money, the rates will probably come down from \$1 to those rates existing on the Campus.

The city also passed an arson reward ordinance, and at the same time created the office of City Fire Marshall. As a result of the above two ordinances, the key rate for fire insurance will be reduced 4¢ on each \$100 property valuation. However, not until the three stipulations decided upon by the Chief Engineer are carried out will the complete reduction be brought about. The lowest rate that will be possible will be 28¢.

Speakers' Table at Press Club Banquet



From left to right are shown those seated at the main table at the Summer Press Club banquet in the mess hall banquet room last Friday night. They are as follows: Col. Ike Ashburn, Dr. C. H. Winkler, Mrs. F. C. Bolton, Margaret Hollingshead, Hub Johnson, Mrs. T. O. Walton, Dean Bolton, Mrs. Winkler, Edith Thomas, and George Fuermann.

Summer Press Club Banquets In Sbis Hall

600 Vocational Ag Teachers Will Be Here August 9-12

Rural Electrification Conference Is Announced

All the vocational agriculture teachers of the state will converge on A. & M. next week, August 9 through 12, for the Vocational Agriculture Short Course. Prof. Henry Ross of the Agricultural Education Department announced today. Some 600 teachers, 130 of whom will bring their wives, are expected to be here. The program will be in charge of ten area supervisors, who will lead the group in the formulation of a program for the next year. Dates for 4-H Club meets, for district teachers' meetings, plans for fairs and shows, and other business will be decided.

Prof. P. T. Montford of the Agricultural Engineering Department has announced that a Rural Electrification Conference will be held at A. & M. October 26, 27, and 28. Approximately 150 are expected to attend.

This week enjoys the distinction of being the only one of the entire summer school during which no short course will have been held. Colonel Ike Ashburn, executive assistant to President Walton, has reported.

BRYAN'S CITY MANAGER, James W. "Jimmie" Aston, who Monday is leaving for Dallas to become its new city manager, last Tuesday night was honored with an appreciation dinner, given at The Oaks by the Young Men's Civic League as a farewell to him.

Summer's Second Pasture Prom To Be Held Next Friday Night In Mess Hall

Charles Ballowe Heads Committee

The summer session's second Pasture Prom will hold sway over campus activities a week from tonight as the Summer Press Club sponsors another informal dance, this time in the mess hall.

Encouraged by the success of the dance which it sponsored during the first semester on July 7, the Press Club will attempt to sponsor a dance which will be even better than the last one which was attended by almost 300 persons.

Once again the keynote of the prom will be informality. Barnyard clothes and barnyard manners will be the order of the day as

in honor of its members during the first semester of the current summer session, the Summer Press Club banquet was held in the banquet room of Sbis Hall last Friday night with an attendance of 37 persons.

The banquet's toastmaster, Hub Johnson, introduced the principal speaker, Col. Ike Ashburn, who delivered a short address on the interest value of the various sections of a modern newspaper.

Following press club tradition, the summer organization invited several guests including Dr. and Mrs. T. O. Walton, Dean and Mrs. F. C. Bolton, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Winkler, Col. Ike Ashburn, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Angell, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wilcox, and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Winstead.

Presided over by chairman Delbert Whitaker, the banquet committee included Sara Allen Cofer, Margaret Hollingshead, Edith Thomas, and Hub Johnson.

Summer Battalion Goes on Air Monday Night; So Will "Bat" Next Regular Term

Beginning next Monday night, The Summer Battalion will make a weekly invasion of the airways via station W.T.A.W. The programs will last fifteen minutes beginning at 8:30 p. m.

The programs will be announced by C. W. Wagner, W.T.A.W.'s student announcer and they will be arranged by George Fuermann, managing editor of The Summer Battalion. Each fifteen-minute program will be divided into three units: news, sports, and the "Backwash," one of the Battalion columns.

Team Represents A. & M. at World's Poultry Congress

Texas A. & M. will be represented in an intercollegiate poultry-judging contest at the World's Poultry Congress meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, tomorrow—the first time this congress has ever been held in the United States. The A. & M. team consists of the following members: Alexander Warren, Louis Jurcak, and Fred Price; and E. D. Parnell, associate professor of poultry husbandry, is coach of the team and accompanying the boys on the trip.

The contest will include competition in exhibition, breeding, bird selection, and market grades of both live and dressed birds. Teams from all states are invited, and a wide participation is expected.

The team members and coach left College Station Wednesday, and will return next Friday, August 4.

Both Jurcak and Warren were members of the Texas team that placed fourth in the Midwest Intercollegiate contest held at Chicago last November. Jurcak was high in production judging and third high individual in the entire contest. All the team members are students in the School of Agriculture and are majoring in poultry husbandry. Price will be a junior next fall. Warren and Jurcak seniors.

The World's Poultry Congress, which meets every third year, is meeting this year in this country for the first time. The convention opened yesterday and will last through August 7. About sixty members usually participate in the congress. Every operation in the industry from nest to table is shown. Every known breed of fowl is on display. Scientists from all parts of the world participate. Over twenty acres under roof is utilized to house the exhibits.

Among the prominent men who will take part in the Conference, are C. M. Evans, regional director, who is planning a similar conference in Oklahoma; V. R. Smitham, state director; and C. T. Watson, assistant state director.

Three A. & M. Men Are Soil Conservation Leaders in the State

Informality Will Again Be Keynote

ment regarding the selection before Sunday night; and a good one is promised.

As usual at A. & M. dances, several administrative heads and faculty members will be invited to attend as chaperons. This list and other details of the prom will be announced over The Summer Battalion's radio program next Monday night at 8:30.

Those persons who are planning to attend the dance are assured that it will be cool, as the affair is being held in the mess hall, where there are plenty of fans.

F.S.A. Meet Begins Here On Monday

More Than 650 Persons Will Attend

College Station will become the scene of one of the most unique and interesting of the summer short courses when the Farm Security Administration holds its fifth annual conference here Monday through Friday of next week, July 31 to August 4. The meeting will be attended by 650 county and home agents with their entire secretarial staff.

"Helping Others Help Themselves" is to be the keynote of the conference, and the main problems to be dealt with will be centered in the fields of livestock, poultry, dairying, horticulture, food preservation, and insect control in the house, garden, and field. One of the most interesting features of this year's conference will be the showing of miniature exhibits along the corridors of Guion Hall. In many cases, real objects will be used in the exhibits.

The program will be officially opened at 7:45 p. m. Sunday at the Assembly Hall with an address on "The Importance of Public Relations". C. M. Evans, regional director, will preside at the meeting at Guion Hall in Monday morning; Dr. T. O. Walton, president of the College, will deliver an address; H. H. Williamson, State Director of the Extension Service, will speak on "Facing Facts"; Dean E. J. Kyle will speak on "The Present Responsibilities Confronting Agricultural Leadership"; and "Washington's Viewpoint" will be presented by C. E. Baldwin, assistant administrator, and J. O. Walker, director of the Resettlement Division. A full program of events has been planned for each morning and afternoon of the week, and various forms of recreation will be presented in the evenings, among which will be a banquet and dance on Thursday.

In addition to the regular conference program, various panel programs have been planned which make this short course of interest to the clerical staff as well as to the county and home agents. "The School for Clerk Typists" is the feature for the meeting of the Texas F. S. A. personnel. It is being given at the same time as the regular short course, and it will consist of a series of lectures planned to be of interest to clerks and stenographers.

For those interested in project management, a project management division program will be held Monday and Tuesday. There will also be a program for liquidation clerks on the same days.

The A. & M. Extension Service always cooperates in arranging for the programs here, and the planning this year is to be supervised by Roy Snyder, supervisor of the specialist work of the Extension Service division.

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