

Wildlifers "Im-Pail" State's First Flammulated Screech Owl

It must be embarrassing for an expedition scientifically equipped to cope with any situation, to find their important victim drowned in their water bucket instead of caught in a modern trap—especially when the victim is the first flammulated screech owl to be found in the state of Texas!

The students making up the personnel of the expedition were Milo Cox, senior, Denison; Eugene Walker, senior, Llano; H. O. Bergfeld, junior, San Antonio; Gilbert R. Triesch, junior, San Antonio; Charles L. Lehmann, junior, Brenham; and Gavin G. Goodrich, junior, Ft. Worth. Dr. W. B. Davis, Wild Life Department, headed the group.

The group camped out the entire time on a crest which was 2,500 feet above sea level. To reach camp with supplies necessitated a two-to-three-hour climb. This camp served as a base for operations which extended for miles in each direction.

The Guadalupe Mountains are the termination of the Rocky Mountains; consequently animals and birds peculiar to the Rocky Mountains are found on Guadalupe. Black bears, elk, and mountain trout were encountered. Among the rarer birds found was a Mexican spotted owl, the first captured in Texas; and a cuckoo, the first recorded as an inhabitant of Guadalupe.

The capture of the Mexican spotted owl is a story in itself. Goodrich and Lehmann left camp with the determination to secure an eagle. As the time went by, they became hopelessly lost. They were without food or water because they had planned on returning to camp after a short trip. Late the first afternoon they wandered into a bottle-neck canyon where they saw some birds which they described as "just like owls except they had black eyes." Thirty-six hours later they were found by other members of the encampment. They had wandered twenty miles from camp. Then next day some of the group located the canyon and secured one of the birds which was later identified as a Mexican spotted owl.

Martin Starts Strong With Seaboard Here

Paul L. Martin, class of '39, who upon graduation this past June signed a contract with the Seaboard Life Insurance Company of Houston and is located at present in the College Station agency working with Ford Munnerlyn and his associates, really started out strong by leading the entire Seaboard sales force for the month of July.

Martin is going through a training period in the local agency, with which he will be for the present. He will be at Camp Waldemar during the latter part of August for a week's encampment with the Seaboard sales force.

While in school Martin worked at the hospital, where he was one of "Mom" Claghorne's "right-hand men". He was a first lieutenant of Company L Infantry last term.

A. & M. Credit Union Is "A Going Concern"

The A. & M. Federal Credit Union, organized only about two months ago, is already a going concern, according to Dr. Ide P. Trotter, its president. Purpose of the enterprise is to encourage saving among members and to use these savings to supply the credit needs of a group at a reasonable rate of interest.

Loans are made to members so that they may meet any emergencies or for any "prudent or productive purpose". Membership is open to any college worker who pays the 25-cent entrance fee, purchases a \$5 share of stock, and whose application receives an affirmative vote of the directors. The interest rate is only 1 per cent per month on unpaid balances. Control of the Credit Union is in the membership. Net earnings from interest payments are used to build up a guarantee fund and to pay dividends which may equal as much as 6 per cent on members' share of stock.

The business office of the local Credit Union is room 401 of the Agriculture Building. It is open Wednesday afternoons. The directors of the organization are Dr. Trotter, president; C. E. Bowles, vice-president; Dr. G. W. Schlesselman, clerk-retasurer; Dr. C. H. Winkler and Ed L. Williams. Serving on the loan committee are L. P. Gabbard, L. S. Paine, Lloyd Smith, and Harry Boyer. The supervisory committee is made up of W. M. Simpson, Dr. W. E. Paulson, and Dean F. C. Bolton. Selden W. Henslee is the assistant clerk-treasurer.

Great Progress Made In Development Of Petroleum Chemicals

Less than 20 years ago did the chemists of the petroleum industry give serious thought to the development of chemicals from refinery gases. Amyl alcohol and its derivative, amyl acetate, were the two principal products to be produced on a commercial basis. These were used in the formulation of lacquers which brought new standards of style to the automotive industry.

Year by year the chemical substances processed from refinery gases have increased until the list includes hundreds of compounds. These are used chiefly as basic materials for organic synthesis by the American chemical industries. Besides the varied substances that are in commercial production, petroleum chemists have created many other products in the laboratory which will be produced commercially when and if research chemists can utilize them. Samples of these compounds are made available for experimental work in other industries.

Two thousand and five students paid their matriculation fees for the second semester of summer school at North Texas State Teachers College, a decrease of 726 students from the first-semester enrollment, it has been announced.

They Should Be A.&M.'s Healthiest Students



The Aggie stadium, which we associate with football games—the Band playing "Goodby to Texas", the boys yelling "Come on, Army!"—is this semester the center of a new interest. An academic air now prevails; and instead of the crowd cheering the team on to victory, a very calm and well-mannered class listens and takes notes each morning from W. L. Penberthy, intramural director, as he lectures to his physical education class on "The Organization of Health and Physical Education".

Those in the picture above, are, left to right on the first row, Mina Rea Hughey, Lucille Holland, and Mrs. E. F. Sebesta. The boy on the back row is Joe Pritchett; and George Fuermann, another student, didn't get in the picture. That's "Mr. Penny" at the blackboard.

Imagine sitting outside and improving your sun tan at the same time that you're absorbing knowledge! It's an ideal set-up, and right up to date. Outdoor classes are gaining great popularity at schools and colleges all over the country. A. & M. "keeps up with the best of them!"

Mrs. Roosevelt, Many Other Notables, Will Appear at N.T.S.T.C.

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the nation's First Lady, will make her second lecture appearance on the campus of North Texas State Teachers College November 1 on the Drama Series. Lecturing there in March, 1937, on "Problems of Youth," and "Relationship of the Individual to the Community," Mrs. Roosevelt drew the largest crowd ever to attend a lecture of the college.

The engagement of Mrs. Roosevelt brought the total features planned for this series during the coming school year to 29. Four other numbers were added to the list recently. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas, will speak there Oct. 16; Ross Hoogerhyde, acclaimed as the world's greatest archer, will be there Nov. 15; Andrew Weaver of Wisconsin, Nov. 27; and Glenn Cunningham, world's foremost miler, will be there in December.

Artists on the drama schedule making return appearances are: Cornelia Otis Skinner, Nov. 7; Ruth Bryan Owen Rhode, Feb. 14; and John Erskine.

Other celebrities booked include William Beebe, scientist, Nov. 3; Channing Pollock, dramatist, Nov. 6; John G. Neihart, poet and literary critic, Nov. 22; Oliver St. John Gogarty, poet, Dec. 5; Soo Yong, monologist and movie star, Dec. 13; William Lyons Phelps, educator, Jan. 8; Bestita Harding, author, Feb. 12; Thomas Craven, art critic, Feb. 20; William Rose Benet, poet, Feb. 26; Jonathan Daniels, author, Feb. 28; Edward Monks, March 1; Maurice Hindus, author, March 8; Alexander McCurdy, organist, and Flora Greenwood, harpist, April 11.

The Claire Tree Major Company will present three plays during the year and the College Little Theater will give six performances on the series.

LINTLESS COTTON BEING DEVELOPED HERE BY KILLOUGH

Only two problems remain to be solved in the development of a "lintless" cotton, says D. T. Killough, chief agronomist of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. With the lintless cotton he hopes to supply the growing market for cottonseed oil without increasing the present surplus of lint.

If the lintless cotton, with which Killough is working with federal agronomists assigned to his project, is developed, it will give the cotton-growing South a new source of valuable fats, oil, and feed.

"Our experiments this spring and summer have been very promising. For the last two months plant breeders at A. & M. have been making numerous crosses of well-acclaimed linted varieties with our present lintless seed; and this fall and winter is going to tell the story," said Killough.

D. L. Lanford, 38, is with the Soil Conservation Service and is located at Marshall, Texas.

"Saved by a Cup of Coffee," Is Experience of Al Shawe

The proverbial up-turn of the flask to animate the victim of a West-Texas rattler was relegated, in all its life-saving renown, in favor of a cup of coffee drunk by Alfred J. Shawe, an A. & M. Arts and Science student now attending summer school here—a near-victim of the New London school-house catastrophe of year before last.

Shawe, who at that time was serving as a temporary bus driver for the ill-fated East-Texas school, declared in an interview that just a couple of minutes prior to the explosion, he had made his customary visit to the school for his bus. His watch evidenced his earliness, and a cup of coffee seemed the logical way to spend a few intervening minutes until school turned out for the afternoon. He stopped by a small cafe less than a block away from the steel-and-brick school building and ordered a nickel cup of coffee.

Less than half the cup had been emptied, when a blast shook the little cafe and surrounding build-

ings as if a tremendous bolt of lightning had struck nearby—then left the whole community in several seconds of foreboding silence.

Recalling to mind the gripping scene of the wreck as it appeared upon his arrival a moment after the blast, Shawe states that only the framework of that part of the building under which the basement did not extend remained standing. All the rest of the building had been demolished.

Presented and unbelievably gruesome picture of twisted wreckage, in which had just been snuffed the lives of 294 school children and teachers. Shawe asserts that the 295th victim might easily have been under the wreckage where only a few minutes earlier he had momentarily stopped, before changing his mind and going up-town for the "life-saving" cup of coffee.

His three uncles each had their youngest sons killed in the blast. Shawe, himself a youngest son, missed death by a hair's breadth.

TEXAS NEGROES—

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As stated in the bill, the applicant must have been a resident of Texas for more than eight years.

He or she, if applying for graduate work, must hold a bachelor's degree from a college or university approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, or some other equivalent agency. If applying for professional work the applicant must have completed his or her pre-professional requirements.

Applicants may obtain official application blanks by writing Dean T. D. Brooks at College Station. When submitted, the blanks must be accompanied by an official transcript of all college and university work done.

No award will be made to any applicant who plans to study for a master's degree in any field where such work is provided at Prairie View.

All appointments will be tentative until the applicant is accepted by the school of his choice and an official letter of acceptance from that school is received by the committee.

The awards will be designed to compensate the student for the increased costs of tuition and travel necessary to secure graduate or professional instruction in an out-of-state school not provided by a publicly supported institution for negroes in Texas. For example: The matriculation fee for a course leading to a master of science degree at a state-supported school in Texas is \$50 annually, but the

same course at an out-of-state school might be \$200. In that case the award would be \$150.

In the case of applicants for professional study, the committee decided that the amount of the grant would be considered as individual cases, as the aid necessary might run as high as \$300.

The successful applicants also will receive the cost of a round-trip ticket from their homes to the location of the college where they are accepted, less the cost of such a ticket from their homes to Prairie View and return.

No funds are available for reimbursement for any expenses incurred by applicants prior to September 1, 1939; and all applicants for the long session of 1939-40 or the summer session of 1940 are urged to file their applications at once.

A. & M. Boy Elected Advertising Manager

Nick Nance of Lometa, Texas, who was a fourth-year agricultural student of "M" Infantry at A. & M. this past year, has been elected advertising manager of the yearbook to be published by the 57 collegians employed by the Borden exhibit, "The Dairy World of Tomorrow," at the New York World's Fair.

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