

### Civil Engineers Visit Houston's Parker Brothers On Inspection Trip

Recently the civil engineers of A. & M. paid a visit to Parker Bros. and Co., Inc., of Houston. After visiting the various departments, the students and accompanying professors were guests of the company at dinner.

Parker Brothers, producers and distributors of shell, sand, gravel, and cement, are acclaimed as being the most modern and efficient company of this kind in the South.

The plant is situated at the foot of Engel St. on the Houston Ship Channel in Houston, Texas, the site consisting of approximately 200,000 square feet, with a frontage of 1,200 feet on the channel itself. Some 750 feet of this frontage is occupied by a concrete dock, where sand and gravel from the San Jacinto River and shell from Galveston Bay are unloaded by crane into stock piles paralleling the dock and extending its full length.

The raw materials are fed by gravity through gates to an enormous conveyor of belts and wheels which extends the entire length of the stock piles; this system, though only 30 inches wide, moves 300 tons per hour while operating at "cruising" capacity. The overall capacity of the plant is fixed by the main conveyor, which while designed for fifteen hundred tons per day, quite frequently delivers more than 50,000 tons per month. All material prepared for local use is delivered in hydraulic dump trucks of four yards' capacity. In addition to this equipment, there are garages for 50 mixer and dump trucks, as well as a repair shop, a club room for the employees, a cement warehouse, and an office building; all of these departments are connected by a loudspeaker intercommunicating system. Also the plant has its own short-wave radio station used for the purpose of directing tugboats and dredges, either en route or at work.

#### 'PAR TO WIN' IS OUT; IT TAKES SUB-PAR NOW

Golf professionals are agreed that par-busting has been greater this winter on the gold-paved circuit than ever before. Ability to hit par golf is getting to mean a lot less than it once did. The big money is going to sub-par hitters most of the time now.

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### CONSOLIDATED CONCERT MAY 8 IN GUION HALL

#### Dunn To Direct Little Symphony Orchestra

Pupils from the first grade through high school will participate in an all-school music festival being sponsored by the A. & M. Consolidated School Wednesday night, May 8, in Guion Hall. The College Station Little Symphony Orchestra, the Rhythm Band, and the Choral Club will be included in the program.

The Little Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Col. R. J. Dunn, was the first-place winner last year in the State Contest at Huntsville, as well as the first division soloists in the National Contest in Abilene. The orchestra, which now includes thirty-one players from the fourth grade through high school, has also won four other awards in music contests.

The present Choral Club was organized by Miss Caroline Mitchell to foster group singing among high school girls. The group now has thirty-two girls.

The Rhythm Band, made up of fifty first-grade children, was first organized in 1936. This year it is under the direction of Mrs. A. E. Jones and Mrs. R. R. Lyle. The children are taught melody and tempo by playing percussion instruments, following a melody played on victrola or piano.

Tickets for the concert may be obtained from any student taking part in the program or they may be obtained at the door. Prices are 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

#### I.

##### Rhythm Band

1. National Emblem March
2. Schottische Skip
3. High Stepping Horses
4. Dolly Goes A-Walking
5. Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?
6. Amaryllis
7. Soldiers March

#### II.

##### Choral Club

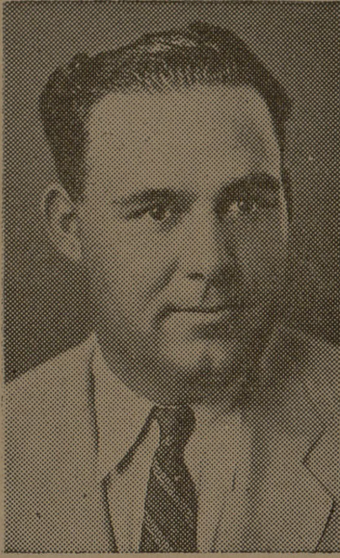
1. Thank God for a Garden—Teresa Del Riego
2. Trees—Rasbach
3. Come to the Fair—Martin

#### III.

##### Little Symphony Orchestra

1. Three Brothers Overture from Opera "The Horatii and Curiatii"—Domenico Cimarosa
2. Passacaglia and Fughetta—Harold M. Johnson
3. Solo for Violin: Concerto No. 1 in A Minor Played by Mary Leland—J. B. Accolay
4. Angel's Serenade—G. Braga. Played by Graduating Seniors, Violins: Alice Silvey, Beatrice Ivy; Violoncello: Tom Leland; Clarinets: Benton Taylor, Douglass Lancaster; Piano: Peggy Paine.
5. In a Persian Market—Albert Ketelbey
6. Memories of Stephen Foster—Stephen Foster

### Steve Steps Out



Steven A. Debnam, '26

Steven A. Debnam, '26, for the past seven years county agricultural agent at Midland, resigned recently to devote full time to his personal business, operation of the West Texas Range Improvement Company, and the manufacture and sale of a contouring furrowing plow which he has perfected and patented. He will continue to make his home at Midland.

Associated with Debnam in the West Texas Range Improvement Company, is R. S. Elliott, '38. They have three units operating at present in counties near Midland.

Debnam has gained nationwide prominence in soil conservation work, due to the progress made on ranches of Midland County in pastures furrowing under his direction. He has perfected a plow for such work which includes a dam at intervals, preventing washing of rain water down the furrows themselves.

The many friends of Debnam and Elliott wish them every success in their new undertaking.

### Five Cadets Will Fence in Coming Conference Meet

Falling in line with the big weekend of sports all over the Southwest Conference this week will be the fencing meet at Austin Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11.

Little has been heard of the Aggie fencing team this year although they have gone through the year with a half-and-half average.

Five men will compose the team to represent the cadets in Austin next weekend and will attempt to defend the Southwest Conference Championship which they now hold.

Tom Akarman, team captain, will be defending the foil championship, Jim Rominger the epee championship, and Leroy Everett will be attempting to hold the saber title.

Baylor will be the threat team of the meet as they carried off Fort Worth last month and with Shaudies at the head will deal Texas, Southern Methodist, A. & M., and possibly Rice and Texas Christian a bit of misery.

The team is practicing in the freshman gym each evening and a good freshman turnout has been shown.

### Poultry Club To Honor D. H. Reid

Professor D. H. Reid, head of the Poultry Husbandry Department of Texas A. & M. College since 1924, will be honored at a special banquet at Sbsa Hall, Saturday, May 25, Fred Price, president of the A. & M. Poultry Science Club, reports. All poultry husbandry graduates, Texas hatcherymen, poultry breeders, feed manufacturers, and others in the poultry industry or allied industries are being given special invitations to attend.

Professor Reid has been active in poultry improvement in Texas since he came to A. & M. College from Wisconsin University 16 years ago. His school work was done at Wisconsin under Professor Jimmie Halpin. Professor Reid has been chairman of the poultry improvement committee of the Texas Baby Chick Association since its appointment. He has supervised the training of all flock selecting and testing agents qualified by the Hatcherymen's Association. The poultry farm at the College has been built into a modern two thousand hen capacity plant, and every phase of the poultry enterprise is being taught under his direction.

The banquet plans are under the direction of Alex G. Warren, President of The National Collegiate Poultry Science Club, and member of the local club.

### Pt. Arthur's New City Manager



Bill N. Taylor, '19

Bill N. Taylor, '19, city manager of Longview since 1928, has resigned that position to accept the city managership of Port Arthur. He moved to the latter city and assumed his duties there on April 30.

Taylor received his degree from A. & M. in civil engineering in 1919. Prior to going to Longview as city manager in 1928, he was with the Standard Oil Company of Texas. He has served Longview as its city manager during the period of that city's greatest expansion brought about by the development of the East Texas oil fields. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, has served as president of the Longview Rotary Club and as vice-president of the League of Texas Municipalities. He is married and has three children.

As a student at A. & M., Taylor was a member of the Ross Volunteers, and a captain in the cadet corps commanding D Company Infantry in his senior year. Citizens and city officials at Port Arthur have expressed great satisfaction in his acceptance of the managership of their city.

### Edith Thomas Named TSCW Vice-President

Heated campaigning put Miss Edith Thomas of College Station in the position of vice-president of the senior class at Texas State College for Women for the coming school year 1940-41.

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Thomas, Miss Thomas has been active in extracurricular affairs. She is majoring in business administration and is now a junior student.

Going into office in the fall, Miss Thomas will be an officer in the campus College Government Association and will work with the Student Council.

### GOLD MEDALS ARE AWARDED WINNING JUDGES

Gold medals were awarded to the three high scoring judges in Saturday's poultry judging contest, the first contest ever held for those students taking Poultry Husbandry 201.

The gold medals given to the winners were donated by the Howell Lumber Company, G. S. Parker Lumber Company, and the Woodson Lumber Company, all of Bryan.



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### INTRAMURALS

By Jack Hollimon

The final for the volleyball championship was played Wednesday and F Battery Field Artillery came through to win by a score of 2 to 1 over the scrappy 'A' C.W.S. team. The final was a fitting climax with the game see-sawing back and forth until the final whistle found the Field club on top. Merriman, Sedberry, Morgan, and DePasqual turned in stellar performances for the winners, while Brown was the star for the losing A C.W.S. team.

Softball diamonds saw several tight games take place with C F. A. being defeated by E Infantry 7-6, B Coast being taken by 3rd Hq. Field Artillery 3-1, and 1st Hq. Field Artillery nosing out G Infantry 9-8. After "Farmer" Black was shelled off the mound in an early inning, Leo Weber went in to quell the noisy bats of E Coast Artillery, but the Hq. Cavalry went down to defeat 11-5, despite his fast one.

In the horseshoe pitching, A Engineers galloped over the A Battery Coast Artillery by a score of 3-0. In the B class competition, the Infantry Band was victorious in the quarter finals by dropping E Engineers 2-1.

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### STATE CONFERENCE FOR VOCATIONAL TEACHERS TO BE HELD IN AUGUST

The annual state conference for teachers of vocational agriculture will be held at Texas A. & M. College, August 7-10, according to an announcement made here by Prof. E. R. Alexander, head of the department of agricultural education at the college.

R. A. Manire, state director of agricultural education, State Board of Education, Austin, will serve as chairman during the four-day meeting. Approximately 700 teachers, supervisors and superintendents are expected to attend.

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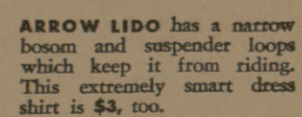
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