

Texas School Administrators Will Hold Seventh Annual Conference Here

Extensive Program Planned for Annual Three-Day Meeting

Texas Association Of County Superintendents Meet Here At Same Time

The 7th annual Texas School Administration Conference will be held at A. & M. June 24-27. The Conference, initiated by Texas school superintendents themselves, has held its six other highly successful meetings here.

The problems dealt with in the Conference are of concern not only to the city and county superintendents, but to all school executives and all students of school administration.

The following constitute the Executive Committee for 1940, which in turn selected the officers of the Conference:

H. D. Fillers, Wichita Falls, Chairman; T. D. Brooks, College Station; Secretary; E. K. Barden, Sugar Land; Murry Fly, Odessa; Porter S. Garner, Victoria; W. E. Lowry, Huntsville; F. L. Moffett, Center; J. W. O'Banion, Austin; C. O. Pollard, Henderson; W. C. Reed, Eagle Lake; J. W. Stambaugh, Pharr; H. W. Stilwell, Texarkana; P. E. Wallace, Mt. Pleasant; G. B. Wilcox, College Station.

Those in attendance at the Conference will be assigned quarters in Hart Hall, one of the best of the College dormitories. If it proves desirable, a special dining room for those attending the Conference will be opened in the Sbia Hall Annex.

Those desiring to stay in the dormitory should go directly to Hart Hall. Others in attendance will register at the meeting places of the Conference. Each building in which the sessions of the Conference will be held is within easy walking distance of Hart Hall and the Aggie.

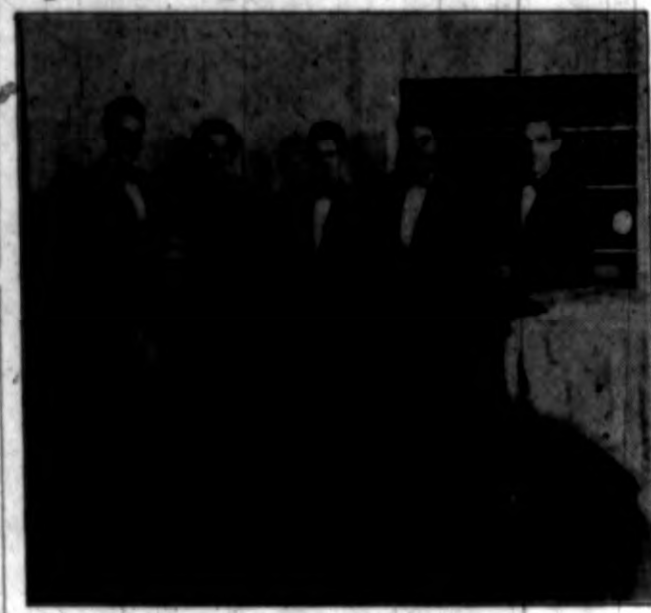
Wanna Do It Again? Juke Box Prom Number Two On Tap Saturday

Last Saturday night Sbia Hall witnessed a new innovation at A. & M. For the first time in the college's history a "Juke Box Prom" was held for summer school students and nearby Bryanites.

The music was furnished by Benny Goodman, Paul Whiteman, Anson Weeks, Kay Kyser, Bob Crosby, and many other famous name orchestras, through the medium of a nickelodeon—a "Juke Box" in hep cat slang. Three hundred persons (mostly stages) attended the opening prom.

Luke Harrison, director of summer sports, announced that the success of the first prom insures the continuation of this event each Saturday night. No alteration of price or regulations have been decided upon for the approaching prom next Saturday night.

Imperial Singers



Imperial Singers First On 1940's Summer Entertainment Series Tuesday

First in 1940's Summer Entertainment Series will be the Imperial Singers who will appear Tuesday, June 25, at 8:50 a. m. in the Assembly Hall.

Like all Summer Entertainment Series programs, this concert will be free and classes will be dismissed to allow all summer school students and faculty members to attend the concert.

The Imperial Singers are a group of well-known American concert artists. Their programs are arranged to make for variety, consisting of quartets, duets, and ensembles, as well as arias from various operas.

The Imperial Singers are particularly well known for their presentation of the lyrical Gilbert and Sullivan light operas and the works of Friml.

The personnel of the company consists of artists from the Cleveland and includes several radio artists. This summer will be the Imperial Singers' fourth year as a singing ensemble.

Graduate School Establishes New Enrollment Record With 293 Students

Together with a great increase in the summer registration of undergraduate classes, the graduate school also has a record summer enrollment. There are 293 graduate students enrolled, representing a ten per cent increase over the enrollment last summer.

The Agricultural and Industrial Education Departments have the largest graduate enrollment with the Education Department coming third with a large increase over previous summer sessions.

Dean T. D. Brooks, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Dean of the Graduate School, is particularly proud of the large number of visiting faculty members from other colleges and universities who are taking graduate courses at A. & M. Men in this group include Charles S. Wilkins, Assistant Dean and Registrar of John Tarleton College; and W. H. Wiley, member of the Animal Husbandry Department at the University of Arkansas.

The 1940 summer Graduate School also has many visiting professors. Dr. Frank H. Thornton, of the College of the City of New York, is exchanging professorships with Dr. F. B. Clark, head of the Economics Department at A. & M. Other visiting professors are Dr. Frank B. Morrison, head of the Animal Husbandry Department at

Cornell University, who is teaching in the A. & M. Animal Husbandry Department this summer; and Dr. Creighton E. Hays, Supervisor of the Occupational Adjustment Service in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Hays is teaching in the Industrial Education Department.

Foundations Near Completion On New Laundry And Dorm

Work on the new laundry and dormitory for the dining hall employees is well under way as the foundations near completion. These new buildings, erected at an approximate cost of \$170,000 will replace the old buildings now in use which will be torn down to make room for other improvements on the campus.

The buildings are scheduled to be ready for use at the beginning of the fall term of this year.

Bill Smith, an ex-Aggie who is in charge of construction, is employing approximately fifty men at present, many of whom are Aggies. When the actual construction of the buildings gets under way there will be many more men employed.

The new dormitory will contain 63 rooms, each large enough to accommodate four persons. The laundry will be a one story, fire-proof building which will be equipped by the American Laundry and Machinery Company at a total cost of \$28,934.

The new laundry will be located immediately northwest of the power plant and the new employee's dormitory will be north of the residence of the Board of Directors.

Roosevelt Offered All A. & M. Facilities For National Defense Use

H. G. Danford Will Lecture On Safety Education June 24

As a part of a series of intensive drives on safety education which will be conducted in cooperation with various colleges and universities during the summer by the New York University Center for Safety Education, Howard G. Danford, administration assistant and instructor at the center, will lecture on "Problems of Accident Control Through Education" at 8:00 p. m. Monday, June 24, in the "Y" chapel.

Danford has been engaged in teaching and directing programs in health, physical education, and safety for the past fifteen years. He is co-author of the "Every

New Summer Record; Including 87 Women, You're 1,471 Strong

Registrar E. J. Howell announced that registration figures have reached a total of 1,471; thus setting a new high over last summer's first semester which totaled 1,357. Eighty-seven women are registered which is a decrease of two as compared with last summer's first semester total of 89.

An increase over the present enrollment is expected next semester so some of the students who are now attending the various R.O. T. C. camps will be back to continue their work.

Gilchrist Attends Meet' At Capital

A. & M. Could Train 4,256 Men in Various Skilled Trade Fields

If national defense requires it, Texas A. & M. can train 4,256 men in skilled trades, technical, and non-technical work according to an announcement made by Dean Gibb Gilchrist who returned Monday from a special conference held in Washington, D. C.

Gilchrist further pointed out that this figure included 1,856 men who can be trained in a single shift in such skilled trades as electrical work, mechanics, and welding. This number might be doubled by running two shifts.

2,400 men can be trained in second-grade work which consists of such technical and semi-technical fields as drafting, sanitation, radio, and material-testing.

The meeting held in Washington was part of the National Defense Program now being effected

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Texas University May Soon Offer A. & M. Military Competition If Proposed R. O. T. C. Unit Is Installed

Regents of the University of Texas met in Austin Saturday, June 15, to consider various ways in which the University might cooperate in the new national defense program.

President Homer P. Rainey announced that the University had indicated to the Federal Government "some time ago" the desire to "be of service" in any way that would be successful.

Major J. R. Parten, Houston, Chairman of the Board of Regents stated that with the highly trained personnel available in the faculty and in the research bureaus, the University could be of valuable assistance to the defense program

in many ways other than the training of reserve officers.

"The Board of Regents took action Saturday, authorizing the President to communicate to the War and Navy Departments that the University of Texas stands ready to be of service in the national defense program, and ask in what respects the University might be of greatest use, whether in the institution of specialized training units based on mathematics and science, or in the establishment of an R. O. T. C.," Parten said.

The Austin Reserve Officers' Association was also on record as favoring universal military training. A resolution to that effect was

passed unanimously at the last summer meeting of Army, Navy, and Marine reserve officers Friday.

"An association committee to urge the establishment of the R. O. T. C. unit at the University of Texas will be appointed soon," Captain M. B. Harris, association president, said.

Alfred Petsch, representative of the Eighty-fifth legislative district for seven terms, has urged passage of his voluntary R. O. T. C. bill at the last two regular sessions of the legislature.

He stated that both times the bill was defeated by a crowded legislative calendar and by the opposition of pacifist organizations, among them the American Student Union.

Petsch said, in part, "This great privilege of training in the R. O. T. C. is extended in practically every University in the land—except Texas. Certainly the Board of Regents will take the bull by the horns, push aside all silly opposition, and take up the matter of arrangement for the R. O. T. C. with the federal government."

The possibility of securing an R. O. T. C. unit for the University of Texas has been discussed several times in recent years, veteran board members stated. In each instance, however, when the matter was presented, the majority of the students have been opposed to such a unit. What is the attitude of the present student body of the University of Texas, in view of the new international situation, is not known.

Peterson Named To Represent College At A.S.M. Meeting

Randolph L. Peterson, who has just completed his junior year at A. & M., will be a delegate of the Fish and Game Club at the meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists at Denver, Colorado, June 24 to 28. He will present a paper entitled "Some Notes on the Peccary in Texas," written by B. E. Lademan and himself.

Peterson is majoring in the Department of Fish and Game. He has been employed for the last two years as Student Assistant Curator of the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Research Collection of Birds and Mammals at the Texas A. & M. Museum. His main interest lies in museum work, especially taxidermy and the preparation of fossil vertebrates. The A. & M. Museum has several natural history exhibits consisting of birds and mammals which he has mounted.

This is the second time that Peterson has represented the Fish and Game Club at a national conference. In March he was their delegate to the Fifth North American Wild Life Conference in Washington, D. C.

Lower Fire Insurance Rates, New Water And Electric Rates For College Station

City Taxes Will Up To Meet New Expense

Recent meetings of the College Station City Council have resulted in the transaction of a volume of important business which has included the passing of several ordinances and the final success in lowering the city's fire insurance rates.

College Station has received a rating as a first key town by the State Fire Insurance Commission. In the past College Station fire insurance rates have been based on a county rating. The new key rate, which went into effect June 15, is 32¢ per \$100 valuation as compared to the old rate of \$1.00 per \$100 valuation. The saving on the

Ordinance Requires Building Permits

average College Station residence will amount to more than the city taxes on the residence. In order to get this reduction it was necessary to spend several hundred dollars completing loops in the water and sewer lines and in the installation of fire plugs. A new fire plug will be installed near the Post Office in the near future and others will be installed later which may lower the rate still further.

For the past few months, a flat rate of \$1.60 per family has been charged the residents of the city with the exception of College Hills Estates. However, beginning July 1, water will be paid for in accordance with the amount used. The new rates will be 75¢ for the

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first 1,000 gallons, 40¢ per 1,000 for the next 2,000, 20¢ for the next 3,000 gallons, and 20¢ per 1,000 for all used over this amount. The city has been paying \$1.60 per family for the water and delivering it to the residents at the same price, making no charge for collection. College Station is now under contract to deliver water at the same rates at which Bryan does.

In furnishing electricity to the residents of College Station, the city will profit \$1.50 per 100 kilowatt hours provided this much is used by a family each month. This profit, together with that from the new water rates, will pay for utilities and maintain the city government. When these utilities have paid themselves out, the profit will be used to further improve the city.

It will be necessary to raise the city taxes for the coming year as the city cannot operate on the \$4,200 collected this year. However, investigation shows that taxes are lower in College Station than in any other town that does not furnish utilities.

The taxes in College Station will be considerably lower than in towns where the utilities are privately owned. College Station (Continued on Page 4)

BARGER SERVING AS EXCHANGE PROFESSOR

J. Wheeler Barger, Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, will serve as an exchange professor at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, for the first summer session. He is expected to return to the college about the first of August.

Dr. Samuel L. Rodriguez Is First Exchange Professor From Puerto Rico

By W. D. C. Jones

Dr. Samuel L. Rodriguez, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Puerto Rico, is acting in the capacity of Visiting Professor of Agricultural Economics at A. & M. College this summer as the result of an exchange of professors between A. & M. College and the University of Puerto Rico. This is the first time an exchange has been accomplished between A. & M. and the U. of P. R., but the University of Puerto Rico has, for a number of years, been carrying on this activity with universities and colleges throughout the United States.

Dr. Rodriguez will speak on Station WTAW today for 12 minutes beginning at 11:30 a. m. on the subject "Understanding Puerto Rico". His talk was prepared with the idea in view of presenting a bird's-eye view of the present economic situation in Puerto Rico. Having been busy with social

and teaching activities since his arrival on the campus Tuesday, June 11, Dr. Rodriguez has met almost every prominent personage in College Station and in Bryan. He said, "I believe I have profited here more than I expected. I don't believe that I can ever forget my visit to A. & M. and I trust that this is only the beginning of an educational program of an exchange of professors between A. & M. College and the University of Puerto Rico, as well as the beginning of a great commercial program between Texas and my native country."

He left Puerto Rico by boat, the "S. S. Maiden Creek," Tuesday midnight, June fourth; and after a pleasant trip, arrived in Tampa, Florida, Saturday, June eighth, where the rest of his trip was resumed by rail.

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, he received his grammar and high (Continued on page 4)

Too many dry counties between Fort Worth and Pecos:

From Rifle Ranges To K.P. Duty — From Juarez And Its Spanish Flavored Belles To Edgewood Arsenal's Southern Draws — Things Are Well Under Control Now That The Texas Aggies Are In The Saddle

Editor's note: This is the lead article in a series of camp columns from the various R.O.T.C. camps now being attended by A. & M. seniors-to-be. Camp columnists include James T. Anderson, Infantry; C. J. "Foots" Bland, Field Artillery; E. R. "Buster" Keeton, Signal Corps; David Yarborough, Engineers; Graham Purcell, Cavalry; Harold Hausman, Chemical Warfare Service; and Joe Slicker, Coast Artillery.

The columns have not appeared previously as the various camp columnists have been occupied in getting settled at their respective camps. Material for the following article is based on columns received from Graham Purcell and

David Yarborough. From the rifle range to K. P. duty . . . From Juarez and its Spanish flavored belles to Maryland's Edgewood Arsenal and its southern draws . . . From the rigors and sweat of hours of drilling to the monotony of cleaning rifles—that's what a few hundred Texas Aggie R.O.T.C. students are living with for six weeks of the current summer session.

Most of the men are down Bullis way—and they've got company in the form of the New Mexico Military Institute, Arizona University, Oklahoma Military Academy, and the University of Colorado. The entire lot of cadets and colleges have been scrambled together in alphabetical order; which has proved toughest for the non-Texas-Aggies.

But as far as the mess hall and the food is concerned, things are pretty much on the up-and-up. It seems that a few of the lads from out of state are on a diet—mainly because they haven't learned Aggie terms for food. The other collegians haven't yet learned the difference between "cush" and "bullneck," or "scabs" and "gunwaddin'." Reports indicate that they're learnin'—or else they don't eat.

Where the uniforms are concerned there doesn't seem to be much difficulty; they come in two sizes only—too large and too small, so take your choice.

With typical Aggie thoroughness, the cadets arrived at the various camps in as many different ways as there are transportation facilities—by bus, train, "camp cars," but mostly via the thumb route. In respect to the "highwaying," one Aggie writes, "Highwaying across Texas is O. K. if it weren't for several dry counties between Fort Worth and Pecos. We almost died of thirst!"