

# House Bills Would Allow Airport, Dormitories, AAA Bldg

## A & M Research Wool Scouring Plant Has Been In Operation For 21 Years

The research wool grading and scouring laboratory, which is operated within the Division of Range Animal Husbandry of the A. & M. College Agricultural Experiment Station, was established by an Act of the Texas State Legislature in 1919 at the request of the Executive Committee of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. This research scouring plant has been

## Moore, Arbuckle to Attend Dairy Meeting

Professor A. V. Moore and Dr. W. S. Arbuckle will represent the dairy husbandry department at the annual meeting of the Dairy Products Institute which will be held in San Antonio Feb. 24, 25, and 26. The meeting this year will feature an ice cream scoring contest which will be staged in cooperation with the A. & M. dairy husbandry department.

Sample of ice cream from Texas creameries will be entered and judged on quality, composition, pasteurization efficiency and other factors.

the respective samples scoured, but call attention to defects such as breaks in the wool, etc., which tend to lower the selling value. Furthermore, as a result of this service, it is possible for wool growers to identify the types of sheep that are producing the highest yielding fleeces.

Since the establishment of the plant, estimated shrinkage of Texas wools have been lowered several points. Leading Texas wool growers have been generous enough to credit this laboratory for this lowered shrinkage figure, which has resulted in an increased net average yield of Texas wool.

The annual Texas wool production (unscoured basis) at the time of the establishment of the wool scouring plant was around 15 million pounds. Today, the production of Texas wool is above is above 80 million pounds annually, an increase to more than five times that of 1919. These Texas wools are estimated to have an average shrinkage between 61 and 62 percent, although some wools shrink as low as 56 percent and others as high as 80 percent.

Until after the establishment of the wool scouring plant, progressive sheepmen had no way of estimating the grades and shrinkages of their respective clips. As a result of this laboratory, which has entailed a large annual saving to them, growers of Texas wools have at their disposal a set-up that is equipped to render an increasingly valuable service.

The wool grading and scouring service is under the immediate supervision of S. P. Davis, a graduate of the Lowell Textile School.

Mr. Davis has also completed a full apprenticeship in wool grading with the American Woolen Company. He has been serving in this capacity since 1928.

## Introduced Tuesday By McDonald

### Passage of Bill Will Enable A&M to Resume Dorm Work

Tuesday a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. W. T. McDonald of Bryan, which will, if enacted, enable the board of directors of Texas A. & M. College to acquire land for and construct and operate airports for the college and its branches, in connection with the teaching of aeronautical engineering.

Another bill introduced by McDonald would empower the college to construct dormitories and an agricultural office building, and also to acquire additional power and steam plant equipment.

It is expected, if this second bill passes, that work will be resumed immediately on the dormitories, for which contracts have been let and ground broken, but on which work has been held up due to a question regarding the financing, raised by State Auditor Tom King. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has made a loan and agreed to accept bonds, but Auditor King has raised the question of sufficient income to liquidate them.

The authority to build an office building, if granted, will solve the problem of housing for the AAA and other federal agencies now housed on the campus. The RFC also has made a loan for this and plans were approved by AAA officials at Washington, but progress was held up by a ruling of Attorney General Gerald Mann that special legislative authority was required by the board of directors before a building could be erected for anything but educational purposes. The plans for the

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## Tonsorially and Pictorially Speaking, Faces Have Always Been the Stock-in-Trade for One Joe Sosolik

By W. D. C. Jones  
Faces have always been the stock in trade for genial Joe Sosolik who knows the physiognomies of more than 20,000 A. & M. cadets who have posed in front of his portrait camera for the past 22 years. Although it would border on the impossible for him to remember all the names of his thousands of customers, he seldom forgets a face or fails to recognize an ex-Aggie as such.

The walls of his studio are lined with examples of his art, any one of which is better proof of his ability and advanced training than a dictionary full of words. The most striking picture of the thousands Joe has taken is a view of the entire campus snapped from the top of the observatory tower. "Believe me, it was real work climbing that tower with one arm and holding a big rotating camera under the other one!" said Joe. "When I reached the top, I was nearly exhausted. However, the picture that stands out in my mind more than any other I have taken is the one of President Roosevelt and Dr. T. O. Walton—with their mouths wide open and laughing as hard as they could." (The picture he had reference to was taken during President Roosevelt's visit to the campus in April, 1937.)

Joe was born January 11, 1892, in Zlin, Czechoslovakia, where he lived for 20 years. His education consisted of the compulsory six-year course which was all that was offered and was equivalent to our grammar and high school courses.

As an apprentice he studied barbering at Zlim for three years with no pay, as was the custom. Since the training was gratis, his services as a beginner in the field of barbering were necessarily free of charge and limited to such customers as could be persuaded within range of his razor. The hours were long—from 7:00 a. m. to 8 p. m.—and the work was difficult. In September 1911, Joe came

to America and settled in Ennis, Texas, where he established his first barber shop. While there he became interested (romantically) in a local girl whom he later married. After a year in Ennis, he moved to Bryan with his wife and there plied his trade for five years.

When the war was declared in 1917, he enlisted in the United States Army but received an honorable discharge after two months of service because of a physical ailment. His brother, who was a photographer, interested Joe in the business, and, as a result of this and the tiring labor of standing on his feet day after day as a barber, he went to the Illinois College of Photography in Effingham, Indiana, where he later received a degree as a portrait and commercial photographer.

Returning to Bryan, he established a studio there in the fall of 1918, and remained in business for two years, but found that business was much better in College Station. His first location here was called "The College Studio", which was located almost in the middle of the street close to the present location of the Aggie Land Pharmacy. Fire razed the building, however, in March, 1923, and he was forced to find another studio. Dr. W. B. Bizzell, then President of the College, allowed him to work in the basement of the Mechanical Engineering Shops until 1925, at which time he moved to the second floor of the College Exchange Store.

Tired by the apparently endless incendiary plague, Joe moved to his present location in the fire-proof building at the North Gate in October, 1934, and he has since almost become a tradition.

An ardent golf player, Joe is a familiar figure on the Bryan Country Club Golf Course and recently won second place in the Annual Invitation Open Golf Match there, being defeated by only a few points by Aggie Henry Hauser. He also enjoys swimming and a game of checkers or chess, but devotes most of his spare time to golf which is his main hobby.

His only child, Helen, who was born in Bryan, recently reached senior standing at the University of Texas; but she is more interested in her father's profession and intends to take professional courses in photography in the near future.



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## Dr. Joseph Dunner, Noted Lecturer, To Speak at A. & M., in Bryan Sunday

### Nazi-Purged Writer Will Address Hillel Club Here Sunday Night

Dr. Josef Dunner, lecturer, novelist, and war correspondent, will be presented at an open forum lecture Sunday, Feb. 16 under the auspices of the A. & M. Hillel club.

Dr. Dunner will discuss the "Future of American Democracy" in the light of the present world crisis. Dr. Dunner will speak in the morning in Bryan at 11 a. m. at the First Baptist church and again on the campus at an open meeting of the Hillel Club at 7:30 p. m.

Like Thomas Mann, Leon Feuchtwanger, and many others, Dr. Dunner is a refugee of the Nazi regime because of his exposure of Nazism. As early as 1928 he wrote a pamphlet entitled "What is National Socialism?" in which he predicted the downfall of German democracy. As a result he had to flee his native land when Hitler came into power.



Dr. Josef Dunner

In 1937 he published a novel "If I Forget Thee" describing student life in Pre-Hitler Germany.

Dr. Dunner is now making his fourth coast to coast American lecture tour speaking on the European crisis. His present tour is sponsored by the B'Nai Brith Hillel Foundation of American colleges and universities, and is offered free to the public.



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