

Schmidt Addresses Fish and Game Club

Karl P. Schmidt, head curator of zoology, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois, with his son and Mr. Barber of Hot Springs, Arkansas, were recent visitors on the campus of A. and M. College.

Schmidt is an internationally known authority in the field of reptile study having done extended field work in Central and South America as well as the United States.

Monday afternoon he addressed a meeting of the graduate-senior seminar in fish and game, and in the evening the regular meeting of the Fish and Game club.

Extended conferences were held with members of the fish and game department, with special reference to plans for the annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists in Chicago in June.

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Turkey Raisers' Course Scheduled Here This Summer

Texas turkey raisers will soon be talking turkey—as well as eating it—for three weeks of turkey talk is scheduled for July 21 to August 9 when Dr. V. S. Asmundson, noted turkey authority of the University of California, begins the first intensive course in turkey production ever held at A. & M.

Members of the teaching, research and extension divisions of the college will assist Dr. Asmundson in teaching the course and a number of special lectures will likely be included. Prof. D. H. Reid, poultry husbandry department head, has said.

The course will include lectures on feeding, breeding, marketing and on general management. Practice periods will consist of work in breed identification, selection of the breeding stock, grading market turkeys, processing turkeys for market, visits to successful breeding farms and demonstrations of improved methods of care and management with modern equipment. Eight hours a day will be devoted to lectures and to practice periods. College credit will be given to all but poultry majors. A small fee will be charged those enrolling for the course.

The facilities of the poultry division of the Experiment Station are being made available to those taking the course. R. M. Sherwood, chief, has said. In addition, Mr. Sherwood and his assistants will deliver a number of lectures during the three weeks course.

All Texas turkey breeders and agricultural workers who have a part in bringing to market more than three million turkeys yearly are urged to attend part or all of this school. Those interested should write the college poultry department for further details.

Need \$3,200? Here's Another Civil Service Quiz

An examination for positions as automotive spare parts expert, paying \$3,200 a year, has been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission. Employment will be in the War Department under the Office of the Quartermaster General. Qualified persons are urged to file their applications at once, although applications will be rated as received at the Commission's Washington office until further notice.

Seven years of responsible experience in the automotive industry are required. Not more than 3 years of this experience may have been in the capacity of mechanic; and at least 3 years of the experience must have been in both the control and the management of spare parts for a major manufacturer of automotive equipment. Under certain condition, college study in engineering may be substituted for part of the general experience. The maximum age limit for applicants is 55 years.

Appointees will requisition stocks of spare parts for corps areas and depots and will instruct regarding the reclamation or repair of parts, units, and accessories. They will also review complaints and make remedial recommendations, as well as performing other duties relating to stocks, inventories, and mortality tables.

Full information as to the requirements for this examination and application forms may be obtained at the post office in this city.

Reid Named Texas Fair Vice-President

D. H. Reid, head of the poultry husbandry department, has been named honorary vice-president of the State Fair of Texas for the tenth year, according to an announcement just received from Harry L. Seay, State Fair President.

Professor Reid has actively participated in the state fair activities each year and during the Texas Centennial he directed all the poultry work and was responsible for the introduction of egg laying contests and other displays.

The poultry department displays a large number of birds at the state fair each year.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has begun five research projects on the utilization of commercial feeds in growing, fattening, and finishing livestock and poultry for the market, according to a Texas magazine.

A & M's Veterinary Medicine School is Largest on Continent

School Is Only One of Its Kind In the Southwest

A Battalion Feature Largest of North America's 12 schools of veterinary medicine is that of Texas A. & M.

The only school of its kind in the southwest, a current enrollment of 376 students from 34 states and nations, and a contributing factor in national defense, the school is headed by Dean R. P. Marsteller, graduate of Ohio State University and the University of Michigan.

Today, as in the past world war, veterinary medicine is of prime importance to the various branches of the armed service.

A unit of the Surgeon General's division of the Army, the work of the Veterinary Corps today includes the inspection of meats and dairy products, laboratory work and general animal activity both in war and in peace time.

Previous to 1938, graduates from the nation's schools of veterinary medicine were commissioned as first lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Reserve Corps.

Although this is no longer the case, many of A. & M.'s graduates become reserve officers through the channel of advanced military science.

Since the A. & M. school of veterinary medicine was organized in 1916 by the famed Dr. Mark Francis, 240 men have graduated from the school, 73 will graduate this June and, of that number, more than 200 have reserve commissions.

Outstanding in the school's work—aside from the education of slang-phrased "hoss doctors"—is the vast service to Texas stockmen and horse breeders.

The college's veterinary clinic handles more than 7,000 cases a year treating livestock and small animals. Although the principal purpose here is to provide actual cases for classroom demonstration, this also acts as an important service for statewide assistance to diseased farm animals including poultry.

"In this way," Dr. Marsteller pointed out, "A. & M.'s school of veterinary medicine has an opportunity to assist in the improvement of public health."

In the field of research, too, the school is an important factor. Greatest contribution in this field was Dr. Francis' development of a method to immunize cattle from tick fever by inoculation.

One west Texas cattleman put it this way: "Dr. Francis' work in solving the tick fever problem was the greatest single factor in saving the Texas livestock industry."

Six departments make up the school, including veterinary anatomy, hygiene, medicine and surgery, parasitology, pathology and bacteriology, and physiology and pharmacology.

Leading to the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), the five-year course consists of a year of preparatory work and four years of veterinary study.

The so-called "society trade," consisting of the pet animal trade, although one of the most lucrative branches of the veterinary practice, is actually only a small part of the trade's service to the state and nation.

A. & M. graduates in veterinary

College Veterinary Clinic Treats 7,000 Sick Animals Yearly

medicine begin work in such widely varying fields as meat, milk and food inspection—an important factor in public health; research work; commercial production of curative and preventative biologics; service in the Veterinary Corps of the Army; work in and for boards of public health, state and federal bureaus of animal industry and medical centers; and foundation training for other fields of biology.

During recent years the A. & M. veterinary medicine school has investigated and diagnosed the diseases of wild life and particularly those of game animals, birds and fish.

The economic significance of the sport and the industry associated with the field of wild game and fish is tremendous. Millions of dollars are spent each year for the sports of hunting and fishing. Even further, some diseases of the

Eco Professor At TU to Be Guest Of United Science Club

The United Science Club is making plans for a meeting to be held on May 12th or 13th and has invited Dr. R. H. Montgomery of the department of economics at the University of Texas to give a talk on "The Relation Between Natural and Social Sciences."

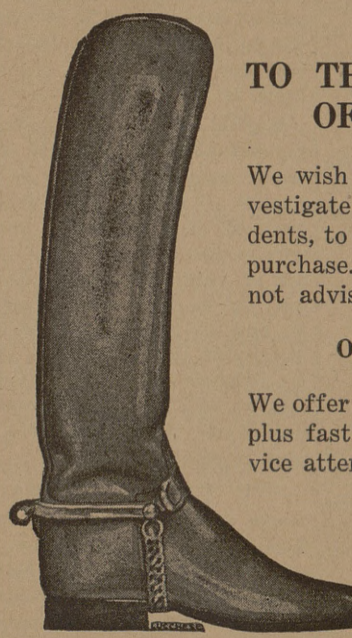
The United Science Club is a composite club consisting of members of the following science clubs at A. & M.: Biology, Pre-Med, Entomology, Fish and Game,

game animals and fish are of importance where public health is concerned.

Housed in a \$150,000 plant and capably staffed, A. & M.'s school of veterinary medicine is fast becoming one of the outstanding institutions of its kind in the world.

Kream and Kow, Junior Collegiate F. F. A., Student Chapter of the American Society of Agronomy and the Student Chapter of the American Vet-Med Ass'n; and has a total membership of over 400 students who are interested in the contests sponsored by the Collegiate Division of the Texas Academy of Science. These contests consist of research papers which are read at the meetings of the Academy and prizes which are awarded to the best ones. The United Science Club at A. & M. is for the purpose of giving students a chance to practice preparing and presenting these papers by holding competitions among themselves.

The Club is also considering an invitation from the East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce, Texas, asking the A. & M. club to attend the regional meeting of the Texas Academy being held there on April 25-26 to present research papers and be the guests of the College.



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