

Official Notices

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All summer session classes will be suspended the 2nd period (8:50 to 10:10) next Tuesday, July 1, in order that faculty and students may attend the program given by the Deep River Plantation Singers in Assembly Hall.
Dr. C. H. Winkler.

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ing Program for Out of School Youth.

Tuesday A. F. Wagner talked to an agricultural education class. Bryan Dickson spoke to an agricultural education class. W. R. Horsley, chairman of the Student Labor committee, was in charge of a forum held in the Science Hall. J. C. Kellam appeared on a panel discussion in connection with the school administrators conference.

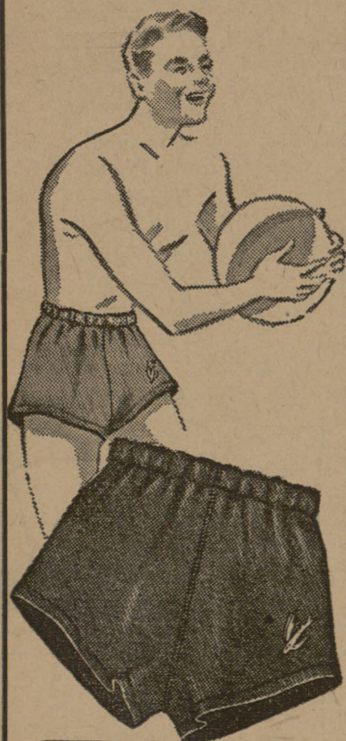
Wednesday morning at 7:30 A. F. Wagner will speak to an education class on Child Accounting. At 8:50 Bryan Dickson will speak on high school methods. At 10:10 A. F. Waggoner will speak to a group on Counseling.

The program was concluded by a panel discussion in charge of J. C. Kellum in connection with the School Administration Conference.

Student work coordinators held conferences with N.Y.A. personnel and Council members each afternoon in the Academic building.

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Survey—

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purposes are to give the students the proper technique in handling instruments and to enable them to do a better job in Civil Engineering work when they get out of school. Also, A. & M. is one of the few schools in the south that offers such a course of summer practice in surveying.

J. A. Orr, associate professor of Civil Engineering and E. L. Harrington, instructor in Civil Engineering, have charge of the summer practice work.

Road Improvements—

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work. The city has in reserve a sufficient amount of money to take care of its part of the proposed road improvement program.

Mayor Anderson said that the city paid all indebtedness occurred by the \$5,000 water and sewage project in the northeast corner of the city. The city has also finished paying for the installation of the fireplugs on the Consolidated School grounds and, which has resulted in a decreased school insurance rate of \$1,400. \$1,000 has been invested in putting transformer conditioning wires and lines in College Park, West Park and Oakwood in top condition.

"As soon as a suitable location can be obtained," Mayor Anderson said, "the present sewage plant in College Hills will be moved and greatly enlarged."

The road east and west from the south school grounds to old Highway 6 has been graded and will be graveled within a few weeks.

Economy Cost Worries Hotard

The number of summer school students eating in the college mess hall this summer is approximately fifty percent greater than in former years. J. C. Hotard, supervisor of subsistence, announced last Monday. He stated further that it is hoped to keep the same low prices during the second six-weeks of summer school as prevailed during the first six-weeks in spite of rising food prices.

"An idea of the increase in prices can be seen by the prices of these representative articles," Hotard said. "The list is as follows and applies to one dozen number ten cans: tomato juice last year \$3.50 now \$3.60, tomato catsup last year \$4.84 now \$5.61, green peas last year \$6.39 now \$6.62, bartlett pears \$5.84 last year now \$6.68, pineapple juice \$5.30 last year now \$5.88, and peach preserves \$8.39 last year and are now \$9.66. There is also a marked increase in the price of butter and meat.

"These prices are up because of the demands of the national defense program in this country. The fresh vegetable situation has been particularly bad this year because of the freeze that killed the crop in

Induction Causes Change Of Position Between Friends

The present army draft has produced some strange and also humorous coincidences, Lieutenant Lewis Adams, assistant plane and training officer of the Sixth Training Group Headquarters, at Camp Wallace can personally attest. In February of this year Lieutenant Adams was called to the service as a reserve officer. Just about the same time his ex-boss and college instructor, James L. Van Atten was being inducted as a buck private. Both are from Corpus Christi, Texas.

They were good friends during high school and had enrolled here together where Van Atten, as a student instructor, had taught Adams in several laboratory and field courses. Subsequent to graduation, the two men continued on together working for the same pipeline concern, with Van Atten always in the capacity of boss, Adams as assistant.

Then the national defense program changed everything and for a time after Van Atten's induction, they lost track of one another completely. A month or so elapsed before they happened to stumble on each other unexpectedly at a Camp Wallace post exchange, Adams in officer attire, Van Atten as a private. Previous to their meeting neither knew of the other's whereabouts.

Different duties naturally prevent them from seeing much of each other now, but they have gotten together at home to a present opposite sides of the army picture. Van Atten claims Adams is a Simon Legree while Adams calls Van Atten a gold-bricking private, but it's all very good-natured in this neat reversal of civilian roles. At the present time Van Atten is trying to qualify for officer's school to complete the

the valley and the defense program has made it hard to get vegetables from other markets."

During the month of May the records of the subsistence department show that there was an increase of seven cents per student per day more than the average of all the previous months of the past school year. This was caused in part by the Mother's Day function, the large number of guests during the closing of school, and the increased activity on the campus which kept many students on the campus who would ordinarily have gone away.

On week-ends when it is thought that a large number of students will leave an allowance is made in the food prepared and the saving is used to improve other meals, or are returned to the students as was done last year when before January meals were costing students sixty-nine cents a day. From January to April 8 they were costing the student 63 cents a day. After April 8 and until June 7 expenses were further cut and meals were given the students for 60 cents a day.

Old Plants, New Plants, Many From Foreign Countries Are Found in The College Museum

Little known to the student is the Herbarium located in the Museum and under the supervision of Mrs. J. J. Taubehaus who does the preparation and mounting of the specimens.

The Herbarium occupies the east wing of the Museum and houses a collection of 60,000 specimens of plants, the majority of which are mounted, classified, and catalogued so as to be made available to students and research workers. It is made up of four distinct collections, and bears the name of S. M. Tracy Herbarium, the botanist whose collection of the Gulf coast plants formed the nucleus around which the Herbarium was built. The Tracy Herbarium was acquired by purchase in 1923 from the Tracy estate.

Tracy, a botanist of the old school is little known in the world outside his field of work. He was a veteran of the Civil War. Tracy was special agricultural agent of the United States Department of Agriculture at Biloxi, Mississippi, and director of the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station. The Tracy collection, though primarily of Gulf coast plants and numbering 10,000, contains also specimens from all over the world, which Tracy obtained in exchange for specimens of his own.

One comes across plants from Egypt, Palestine, Australia, Mex-

ico, Central Europe, with annotations in Latin, French, and Spanish.

A mounted plant from Valois, France, dates as far back as 1801 and is in a remarkable state of preservation. There are many others of equal historic interest.

The first addition to the Tracy collection was made by Helge Ness, botanist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station for a period of thirty years. During his connection with the Experiment Station he added about five thousand specimens to the Tracy collection which he mounted himself.

But the bulk of the contribution to the Herbarium, both from the standpoint of volume and of its interest to the State of Texas, is the Parks and Cory collection. Parks is chief of the Division of Apiculture at the Texas Experiment Station located near San Antonio. Cory is range botanist for the Experiment Station located at Sonora, Texas.

Cory has collected around his station at Sonora 7,000 specimens of grass plants, and he and Parks in their joint collection have contributed to the Herbarium over 30,000 specimens of plants. The Parks and Cory collection forms the bulk of the Herbarium and is of particular significance because it is an all over Texas collection. This is the first State-wide coverage of scientific importance

partial training he received at Texas A. & M. and Adams is his strongest backer.

Rural Sociology Class Makes Observations On Houston Trip

E. A. Norton, Chief of Physical Surveys division, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, is coming to College Station the first three weeks of the second semester of summer school to offer a course for technical workers in Agriculture. Those working in soils, agronomy, and other phases of technical agriculture, who have a B. S. degree in Agriculture, are eligible.

This course is Agronomy 410, Soil Classification and Mapping, and will run for three weeks from July 21 to August and the credit is for three semester hours. The course presents a great opportunity to every technical workers in soil survey, land classification, land use planning, and instructional work connected with those phases of agriculture.

The course deals with the various types of soils, soil genesis, and the great soil groups of the United States; the classification of land according to use capability, preparation of base maps, and the collection of supporting data for the preparation of base maps. Aerial photographs are used and their importance demonstrated in making base maps. Special emphasis will be given to the value of land, erosion, and agricultural use.

National publicity has been given this course in "Journal of American Society of Agronomy," June, 1941 issue, and also in the Soil Conservation magazine.

of the flora of Texas. While the distribution of plants in Texas has been studied intensively in small localities, no State-wide study of scientific caliber that compares to the Parks and Cory collection has as yet been undertaken.

Texas with its variation of life zone from boreal to the tropics, from sea level to 10,000 feet altitude, represents a range of flora which is of unusual interest. Parks and Cory covered more than 3,000 miles of Texas area, visiting fields and forests, swamps and prairies, deserts and mountains, and brought back with them stacks of specimens which they identified in the fields and further confirmed the identification by additional studies in the laboratories, checking and rechecking doubtful specimens.

Embodying their study and field work, Parks and Cory have published two bulletins: "Catalog of the Flora of Texas," Bulletin 550, and "Valuable Plants Native to Texas," Bulletin 551, giving a list and classification of plants which they collected representing years of study and research.

A small but valuable contribution from a sentimental as much as a scientific standpoint is a collection of mounted specimens from the department of Biology, the work of A. & M. students, dating as far back as 1888.

Conner To Direct Cotton Program At Waco Congress

The second annual meeting of the Cotton Research Congress will be held June 26-28 at Waco, Texas, A. B. Conner, director of the Experiment Station and chairman of the program committee of the Congress, announced.

The purpose of the Congress is to stimulate and develop research and the use of research results in growing better cotton, and exhibit more uses of cotton products. The meeting will be for all who are interested in cotton—the growers, handlers, and processors. Cotton is a crop which yields a great number of products, and it has never before been realized to what extent each group depends upon the other, Conner said.

The Congress will feature exhibits which are to be in the Roosevelt Hotel, under the direction of D. T. Killough, agronomist in the Agriculture Experiment Station. These exhibits came from all over the cotton country. The Agronomy department sent up eight panels on cotton as it is taught here.

Two of the panels should be of special interest. Each shows a map of the world, one of them

Sociology Class Makes Survey Trip

Members of the short course in Rural Sociology 506 took an all-day trip on Friday to several spots of interest in the southeastern part of the state to visit N.Y.A. groups and other various projects.

The first stop was at Navasota where they visited the woodworking construction project. From there the party proceeded to Brenham where they inspected the machine shop, and construction project, and the Blinn Resident Center.

The third stop was at Hempstead to see the Community Center. At Prairie View they inspected both the girls' and boys Resident Centers.

They went to Houston after visiting Prairie View to attend a buffet luncheon and to visit the South Houston Resident Center. A wood-working shop was then visited by the party. In addition, both the Bayland Shore Home for delinquent children and the DePelchin Faith home were inspected while in Houston.

is a representation of the extent to which the cotton tours have reached, and on the other shows the places from which the people have come here to study cotton.

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