

# Champion Aggie Hitchhiker Brings New Distance to Old Ride Thumbing Custom

# Five Hundred Girls Attended Corps Ball

By Stanley Gunn, in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The world's champion hitchhiker from Texas can now add New Guinea to his record. He is Keyes F. Carson, 28, of Cuero, who won national news attention several years ago by thumbing.

Carson got into his hitchhiking method of locomotion while a student at Texas A. & M. College and wound up as an organizer and president of the United Collegiate Thumbers Association, with 4,000 members, including 2,000 Aggies.

He elevated thumbing procedure to a professional basis, with such newfangled equipment as credentials and reflectors. As president he gave neophyte members a mark to achieve by managing to travel 250,000 miles in six years—and at

an average speed of 37 miles an hour.

His first front-page publicity came when he thumbed his way to Washington to deliver a live turkey to President Roosevelt. Then he went on to greater accomplishments by traveling from coast to coast in four days. By this time hitchhiking was in his blood. Like some people play golf or marble machines, Carson enjoyed the recreation of a nice trip somewhere, just to see how fast he could do it. In 1941 he went international by hitching to Mexico City with another famed Cuero turkey, this one for President Camacho.

I found Carson out here yesterday, in officer candidate school.

"I swore off hitchhiking after that trip," he said. "Then the Army got me."

The Army made him break his pledge. He was sent to New Guinea as a sergeant in the Signal Corps and made a telegraph line maintenance chief.

"They would call me anytime—two or three o'clock in the morn-

ing—and tell me where a wire was down. I'd grab my tool sand start out. Lots of time my jeep would bog down and I would be stranded. So I would hitchhike a ride."

Revealing the secret of his technique to the world, Carson added, "It's not any trouble to catch a ride, when you've got some tools or equipment of some kind."

On his travels at home, Carson carried a handbag with a built-in radio. "I carried it all over New Guinea with me," he said. "It's been in a lot of foxholes."

Carson found the New Guinea natives proficient in his art and he praised their finesse with professional interest. "I didn't have to teach them a thing," he said. He resisted an impulse to organize a New Guinea branch of his thumbing association.

His association back home had high standards. It was proud of its craft. All members signed liability release forms to give to drivers and carried membership cards to prove their good standing.

Carson kept complete records of his "patrol." He rode in 6,681 cars and only three of them had flats. He never got wet and never was in an accident.

After a year in New Guinea, Carson was chosen for officer training and if all goes well for him in this double-tough OCS he will be a second lieutenant in three months.

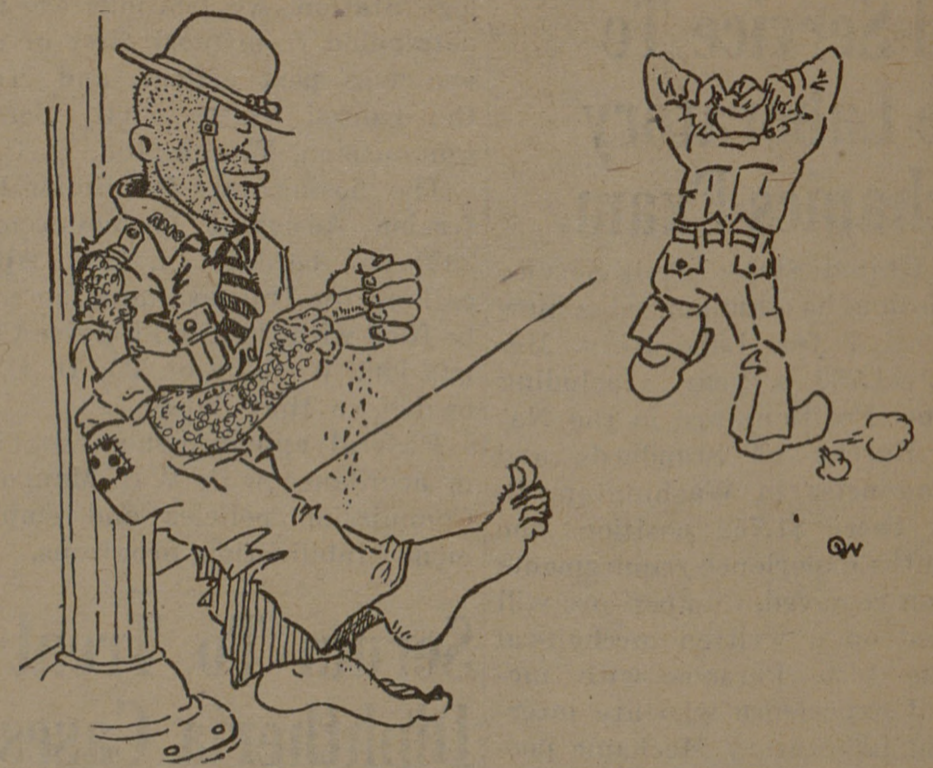
Those gold bars will retire the world's champion thumber. It ain't legal for an officer.

According to announcements from the Student Activities Committee the dances which were held last weekend in Sbisa and in the Grove were very successful. Expenses were well taken care of including compensation to the Aggieland Orchestra which played for the dance.

Estimates place the attendance at the Corps Ball in Sbisa at about 1300 people while the dance at the Grove which was an all service dance only drew 800 frolickers. The Aggieland Orchestra played for both dances.

According to figures from the room assignment sheets in Harry Boyer's office about 300 girls spent the weekend in the two dormitories reserved for guests. A check on the other housing facilities around College Station brought the estimated total of visiting girls near the 500 mark.

Plans are being made by the Student Activities Committee for a series of dances to be held throughout the summer. Announcement of these will be made at a later date.



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## Farm Labor Advisory Commitee Will Meet

A state Farm Labor Advisory Committee composed of farmers, recently set up to aid the A. and M. College Extension Service in determining policies affecting the farm labor program in Texas, will meet here July 17 and 18.

Acting Director J. D. Prewit says the committee will advise with him and with another state labor committee composed of agency representatives which has been in existence for nearly two years. The agency committee members serve as technical advisors.

Both groups will be asked to review the entire farm labor picture in the state at the July meeting, Prewit says, and a representative from the Army's Eighth Service Command will be present to confer on the use of prisoners of war for farm work.

## Jewish Problems Is Topic At Bryan USO

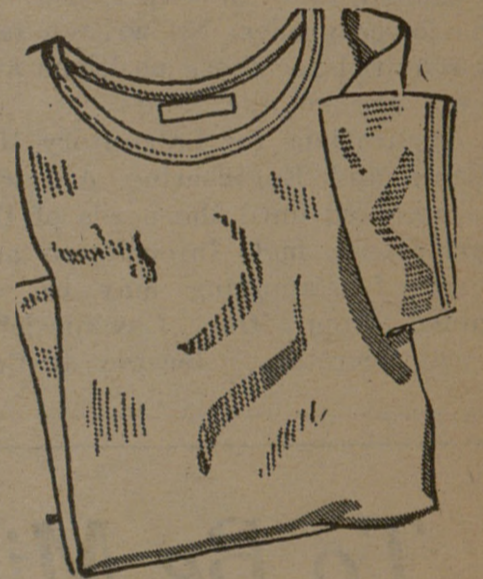
Dr. Joachim Prinz, prominent scholar and lecturer will address a group of servicemen and civilians at Temple Freda, 205 S. Parker Ave., Bryan, on Saturday, July 22, at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Prinz will speak on "Post War Jewish Problems" under the auspices of the Bryan USO Club, the directors announce. Admission will be free to all.

Dr. Prinz, Rabbi of Temple B'nei Abrahama of Newark, New Jersey, one of the largest Jewish congregations in the United States, has been in this country for almost seven years. At the end of 1937, he was expelled by order of the secret police in Germany, and came to this country upon invitation of Dr. Stephen S. Wise. In the years 1938 and 1939, he travelled in hundreds of cities on this continent. Since 1939 he is the Rabbi of Temple B'nei Abraham in Newark.

Dr. Prinz, who received his Ph.D. at a German university and is a graduate of the oldest Rabbinical Seminary in Breslau, Germany, was the Rabbi of the Jewish community in Berlin. In his writings he is particularly concerned with the field of Jewish History and that of Jewish education. He is the author of a great number of books. He is the founder of the largest Jewish adult education institution in Germany, the Chaim Nachman Bialik College, and was a member of the Executive of the Zionist Organization of Germany. During the Hitler regime he was called upon to become the spokesman of German Jewry and it was in his

book, "We Jews" that he tried to lay the foundation for a solution of the Jewish problem. It was because of his attacks against the German Government and his outspoken attitude against the regime that he was finally expelled from the country.

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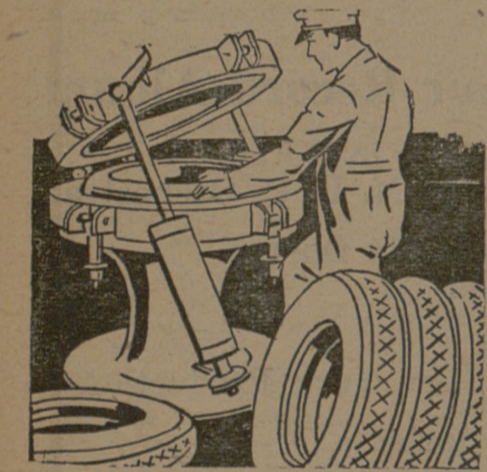
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