

### Golf Course? . . .

What happened to the proposed golf course for the Aggies? Spring is rapidly coming to the campus, and with the budding trees, blooming flowers, et al, a lot of men around here just naturally start thinking about getting out the woods, iron, and putters and polishing them in preparation for the game they like best of all.

Since the Board of Directors authorized a seventy thousand dollar allotment for improving the A. & M. College's recreational facilities early last fall, there hasn't been a bit of construction done. A committee for planning the uses of the money placed the golf course as number one on the list, with a major part of the allotment going toward the improvement of the meadows south of the main drive.

Other colleges have their golf teams practicing on their own collegiate green; then why can't Aggieland do the same in the very near future?

### Aggie House--Marms

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Presented herewith is the second of a series of thumbnail sketches on the house masters in charge of the non-military dormitories on the campus.)

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### DDT Dusting Used On Black Gnats In Experiment

How wartime equipment can be adapted to peacetime use was demonstrated on the Navasota River near Millican last week by attaches of the Bureau of Entomology in an effort to halt an infestation of black gnats that have been known to destroy livestock, dogs and wild game.

W. L. Barrett of the Dallas office of the USDA and C. C. Deonier of Orlando, Florida, were here working with Dr. S. W. Bilzing of the Texas A. & M. College department of entomology on the Alec Moody place near Millican.

About 600 acres in the area were sprayed with DDT, the new insecticide, from an army plane with special equipment. Another method employed to protect livestock against the ravages of the black gnats was the earosol method of treating the animals with a fog generated with special equipment.

The scientists discovered that the gnats' larvae is in the stream, and when the eggs hatch the black gnats attack animals of all kinds in the immediate vicinity. They collect in the nostrils of the animal and their blood-sucking technique or their suffocating numbers often proves fatal.

According to Dr. Bilzing the visiting entomologists were not able to report on the effectiveness of the treatments, but the tests did open up a new line of research on the use of the airplane dusting and earosol methods of combatting pest infestation.

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## FEATURES

### Bugs Bunny Joins Aggies In Singing The Railroad Song

"I've been working on the railroad . . ." were the not-so-melodious strains emanating from Guion Hall yesterday and today. And it was none other than the perennial favorite, Bugs Bunny, who gained the approval of every Aggie witnessing the show. Naturally, he held up a large sign with the letters "P. U." very plainly emblazoned on it. Best cartoon that's been here in a long time.

### Museum Displays Poisonous Plants

One of the largest collections of poisonous plants ever brought together in the Southwest will be on display in the A. & M. College Museum for the next three weeks. This display is to bring certain plants of a whole State to a class in Botany at A. & M. For the three weeks these students will have the rare chance of studying the plants themselves and becoming acquainted with plants that they must

know before they can qualify for grades. The public is invited to see this collection and to see what makes the Aggie the man with the information. The class for which this show is being made is Biology 102, Taxonomy of Flowering Plants, with Dr. J. J. Sperry in command of 88 students.

The exhibit will last only three weeks. All are invited. The Museum is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each



## Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

Picnic manners: Although most picnickers are careful about putting out fires, there are many who seem utterly unaware that leaving an untidy mess is pretty poor thanks for the use of a beautiful park or roadside space.

When you eat a lunch on the roadside or at picnic grounds you need not observe all of the table manners you do at home but don't omit good behavior. Untidiness and actions of poor taste will be

just as unpleasant on a picnic as anywhere else.

All the etiquette books say fried chicken, at a picnic, may be eaten in your fingers—that, however, should not be the only motive for a picnic.

Picnics should furnish relaxation and recreation and the chance to enjoy, with others, a lovely spot. A picnic is just about the best way for an organization or club to have an annual get-together.

### Mexican Movie to Be Shown April 3

A movie, filmed in Mexico by Otto Mayer and sponsored by the Spanish and Latin American clubs, will be shown free of charge in the Lecture Room of the Chemis-

try building Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. Filmed in natural color, the movie is set to music and narrated by Mayer. It was taken last summer in parts of central, southern, and southeastern Mexico, including Mexico City, the Floating Gardens of Xochimilco, Taxco, Patzcuero and shows scenes from the Aztec Sacrificial dance at the Pyramid of the Sun, the Mexico City bull ring, and various snow-capped volcanos and rare tropical flowers.

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