

LONGBVIEW, Tex., Dec. 10 (AP)—Rogers E. Lacy, a fabulous Texan of a rags to riches fable, is dead. Lacy, who left the life of a small town merchant to "wildcat" founded a fortune in the best East Texas oil discovery of 1921 and was considered one of the richest men in Texas.

One of his latest ventures was a proposed \$10,000,000 hotel to be built in Dallas. Plans had been drawn by Frank Lloyd Wright, modern designer, and the building was to have an all glass exterior. D. Gordon Rupe, Jr., of Dallas, financial adviser to Lacy in planning the hotel, said last night that its future remained with the heirs.

GOP BYPASSES RATIONING
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Republicans shouldered aside today an administration rationing and allocation bill and tried for agreement among Senate-House leaders on an anti-inflation program of their own.

This largely voluntary attack on the cost of living problem brought a cry from Rep. Gore (D-Tenn.) that the majority party is "rubber stamping" for "Big Business."

FRENCH REFUSE RED NOTE
PARIS, Dec. 10 (AP)—The French government decided today that Russian notes protesting the treatment of Soviet citizens in France are "unreceivable" and will be sent back to Moscow.

FEAR "BIG FOUR" BREAKUP
LONDON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Western diplomats today described Russia's demands for \$10,000,000 in reparations from Germany—to be paid largely out of current production—as the issue which probably would break up the Big Four Foreign Ministers conference.

WAC HEADS UT POST
AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 10 (AP)—Male legionnaires of the University of Texas Post will take orders from Commander Edna Lou Callan, ex-Wac this coming year.

BRITAIN WARNS PALESTINE
JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (AP)—High Commissioner Sir Alan G. Cunningham warned today that the British would take severe measures against both Arabs and Jews of Palestine unless they halted the communal strife which has cost 127 lives in 11 days.

SET DATE FOR IKE
NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower will assume the presidency of Columbia University next June 7, it was announced by Frederick Coykendall, who said Eisenhower would come to New York about May 1 to take up residence in the president's house. The house has been occupied by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president emeritus of Columbia, for whom funeral services were held yesterday.

FEAR METHODIST SPLIT
BUCKHILL FALLS, Pa., Dec. 10 (AP)—The Woman's Division of Christian service for the Methodist Church has recommended that the General Conference at its meeting in Boston next April abolish the principle of racial segregation in the church.

At Duncane, Miss. Oscar Wolfe, president pro tem of the Mississippi State Senate, and a prominent member of the Methodist Church in that state, said a plan to abolish the principle of racial segregation in the church would "mean a splitting up of the church again."

ASKS "NO CATTLE" ZONE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—A 40-mile-wide "no cattle" zone well below the U. S.-Mexican border was proposed yesterday by Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Nebr.) as the only effective quarantine against hoof and mouth disease now rampant in Mexico.

RED PRAISES WALLACE
NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, said Monday night the national labor leaders should study the speeches of former Vice-President Henry Wallace in order to "learn a few facts of political life."

RATIFY PAN-AM TREATY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—By a vote of 72 to 1, the United States Senate has committed to join its Western Hemisphere neighbors in fighting off an attack against any one of them. That was the count on ratification of the Inter-American Defense Treaty written at the Rio de Janeiro conference last summer.

"AMBER" CLEAN UP
NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—The motion picture "Forever Amber" no longer is on the National Legion of Decency's "Condemned List."

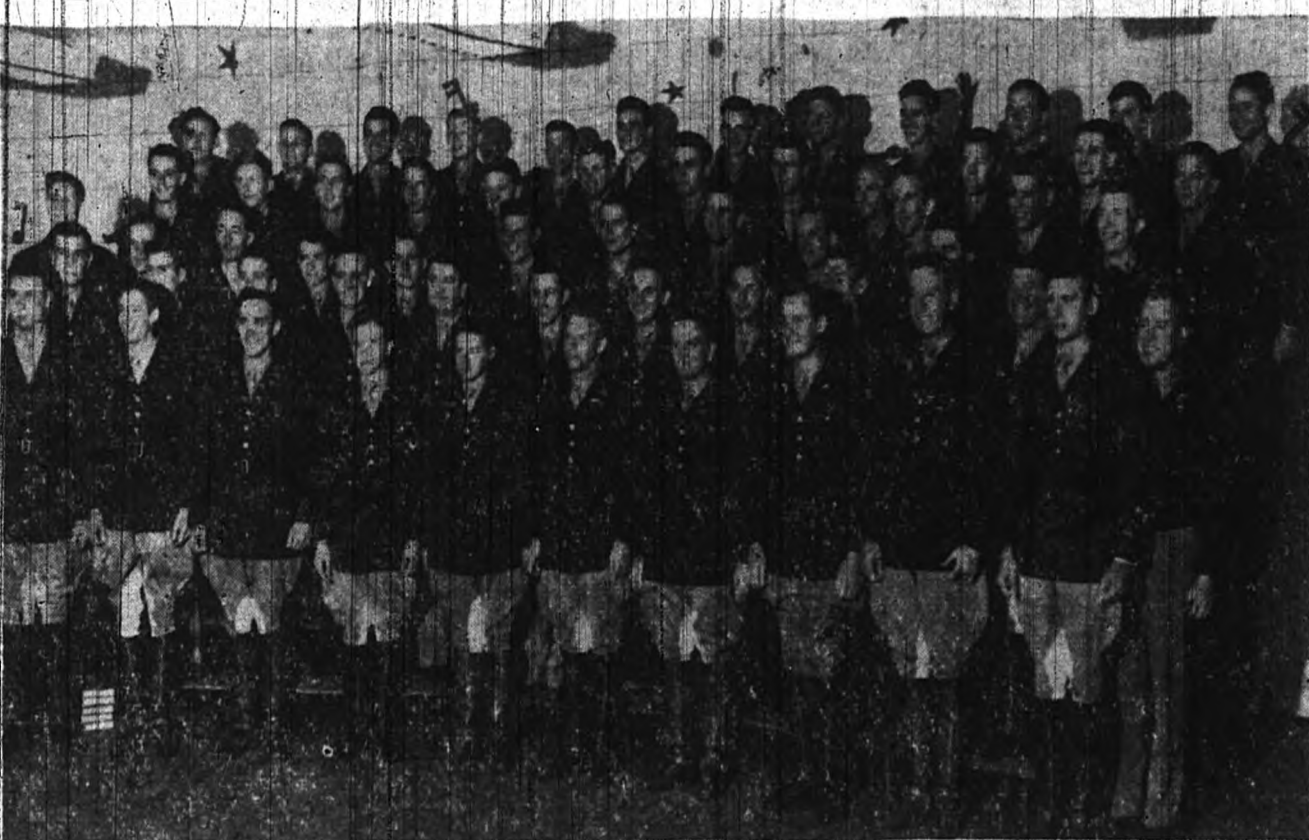
The Legion, a film review body of the Catholic Church, said that due to revisions in the film it had been transferred from the "condemned" category to that of "morally objectionable in part."

LOST HIS SHOES
PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 10 (AP)—A suspect in five fratricide house robberies at Stanford University bolted when campus police started questioning him, but he left two big clues.

They were his shoes, snatched off as he ran.

ASKS U.S. RATIONING
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—The Admin. tion yesterday submitted proposed legislation to Congress which would permit the rationing of meat, gasoline and other commodities while Republicans went ahead with plans for their own substitute, anti-inflation program.

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Singing Cadets and Barber Shop Quartette Get Set to Barnstorm

Below: L to R, Tommy Gould, Ralph Wheat, Bob Stinson, and Helmut Quiram, better known as the Barber Shop Quartette, shine to the mike while fascinating the old style music lovers.

Above: The Singing Cadets, A&M's unofficial Good Neighbor Commission, brace and smile for an official picture.



By R. L. BILLINGSLEY

Long held in the same light of tradition as the handshakes and bonfire, this year's edition of the Singing Cadets has far more claim to fame than being recognized as an institution.

One of the more pleasing divisions of the Aggie publicity corps, the Cadets have made several junkets which have provided, aside from audience entertainment, more good will for the school than anything short of another national championship team. Their campus appearances at department banquets and stage shows have also brought smiles to the faces of program chairmen and listeners alike.

The Cadets are under the direction of Bill Turner, and the student officers are Whitney Wilson, President; Bill Evans, Vice-President; and J. A. Byrd, Librarian; while Helmut Quiram and Jimmie Jones are Business Manager and Historian in that order.

This semester's first trip was to Grapeland for the annual festival there, followed by a journey last week-end to TSCW for the Fine Art Series. Later they plan to sing at the Jefferson High School Auditorium where they will be sponsored by the A&M Mother's Club and Ex-Students Association of the city, and at the Brooks Field Hospital. They are also considering programs in Fort Worth, Beaumont, Port Arthur, and NTSC in Denton in addition to their local appearances.

In their last appearance at Guion Hall, the most favorable audience response was to the Fred Waring arranged spirituals which the Turner-men are featuring this semester. Naturally a big ovation is always afforded the school songs, with the War Hymn being an un-failing show clincher.

Organized originally as a fill-in for the main group during intermissions and scene changes, the organization's Barber Shop Quartette now threatens to steal the spotlight from its parent. Made up of Tommy Gould, Ralph Wheat, Bob Stinson, and Helmut Quiram, the balladeers make their appearances in the customary aprons, bow ties, and handle bar moustaches, but flaunt convention by having a tenor encased in senior boots.

The boys still make their entry as the main group pauses for a breathing spell, but the encore demands have grown to such an extent that the remainder of the club can now go out for coffee as well. The junior group is also branching out in public appearances, having made several guest spots at service and fraternal clubs, and is scheduled to broadcast over two Dallas stations early in December.

Taken as units or as a group, the Singing Cadets are one of the brightest lights on the College Station entertainment horizon as well as a field. So if on the next crop trip to Muleshoe, some nice old lady inquires, "who were those charming young men in that same uniform who sang here last summer," don't feel chagrined at being scooped in your journey. You are traveling in the wake of diplomatic as well as talented predecessors.

Indian Studies Breeding in U. S.

S. P. Dhamale, formerly officer-in-charge of cattle breeding of the Agricultural and Extension Division of India, has been on the campus since Monday studying the animal breeding practices carried on here.

Dhamale has been in the United States since December 1945 and received his master's degree in animal breeding at Iowa State College in August of this year. Since that time he has been studying various breeding practices throughout the United States.

Trotter Tells How Texas Pioneered In Extension Work

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the Range and Forestry Club last night, Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of Extension Service here, reviewed the history of the Extension Service. He also told of the opportunities for employment and, for those who show promise, further education while being employed.

Farmers who asked why they couldn't receive information directly from the Agricultural Experiment Station were responsible for the creation of the Extension Service, Dr. Trotter explained. He pointed out that Texans have good reason to be proud of the work here, because Texas was the site of the first real extension programs as they are known today. Texas A&M has played a leading role in the building-up of the Extension Service, as it has been the main source of the men now working in extension service fields in Texas, Dr. Trotter said.

Citation Awards Highlight Review

Battery "B" Artillery will be presented Unit Citation Cards at a Special Corps Review, which will be held today at 5:15 p. m. The awards will be presented by Colonel Charles E. Kamp, US Army, retired, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

The Citation Cards are being presented to Battery "B" for being named the outstanding unit of the year 1946-47 in reviews and inspections.

Premed Costume Ball Saturday

The Premed-Premed Society will hold a costume ball in Sbis Hall Saturday, December 13, at 8 p. m. The wearer of the most original costume will receive a prize in a contest judged by members of the Premed-Premed Advisory Committee. Immediately after the contest, a buffet supper will be served.

Candidates For Judging Teams To Meet Thursday

All sophomores and juniors interested in trying out for the 1947 and 1948 meat judging teams are invited to attend a meeting in the meat lab of the A&I Building at 5 p. m. Thursday, Roy Snyder, head of the animal husbandry department announced today.

The team will go to the Fort Worth Livestock Exposition in February. The 1948 team will also attend the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City and the National Livestock Exposition in Chicago to compete against school teams from all over the country.

Rio Grande Club Will Plan Christmas Dance

Christmas dance plans will be completed at the Rio Grande Valley Club Thursday evening at 7:30 in the "Y" reading room, according to Neal Galloway, president of the club.

Regional Constitution Adopted at Dallas Meeting

NSA Backs Non-Discrimination in Schools

By J. T. MILLER

A concentrated effort by member schools to disseminate information regarding discrimination against Negroes and Latin-Americans in the Southwest was decided by delegates to the regional meeting of the National Student Association at Southern Methodist University this past weekend. The decision was perhaps one of the most important of many voted upon by the seventy representatives of fifty colleges and universities in the Texas-Oklahoma region.

The group convened Saturday morning to consider first the proposed constitution for the two-state region. Based on the provisions of the national constitution of the NSA, the table of laws and by-laws was adopted after much spirited discussion and debate. As in most meetings concerned with decision-making powers, the smaller universities and junior colleges were sensitive to any proposal suggesting unequal rights or disproportional voting privileges.

The remainder of Saturday afternoon and night and most of Sunday was spent in panel discussions. Representatives were divided into three large panels under the following general classification:

Panel I. Student Government, and Social, Cultural, and Physical Welfare.
Panel II. Educational Opportunities and Standards.
Panel III. International Student Activities.

Waterfowl Decline In Number, Davis Tells Kiwanians

The decrease in the waterfowl population in the United States was cited Tuesday at the Kiwanis Club meeting in Sbis Hall by Dr. W. B. Davis of the fish and game department.

"The pre-season estimate of ducks in Texas was 800,000," the speaker said. "There are 130,000 hunters—that is, there are that many Texans who have secured hunting licenses," he pointed out.

"The waterfowl population in the United States last year was 50 to 70 million, whereas it had been 200 million," Dr. Davis said. The speaker said that Texas is the only state with a split duck season. The split season is an aid to hunters, he declared. Among other things he pointed out that the decrease in waterfowl is due to the increase in the number of hunters, more efficient weapons and better transportation.

"The habitat of the waterfowl is being destroyed," Dr. Davis said. "This is particularly true in Canada, due to drought, drainage and other man-made measures."

He described a trip he had made recently to the southern area of the state and that there are more ducks in the inland area of Texas than along the coast.

A survey of the waterfowl population, including their habitat, food supplies, and practically everything pertaining to them is now under way, he said.

Stuffed ducks were displayed and Dr. Davis said that the mallard is the most sought after fowl and the pintail duck is the most popular along the coast. He related that the rose-head, which at one time was almost extinct, but was protected by law, now is second among the most sought-after by hunters. The pintail is first in the kill and the mallard is second, he said.

VA Official to Be Here

Charles W. Meeker, registration officer of the regional office of the Veterans Administration in Waco, will be on the campus Thursday and Friday, December 11-12. Any veterans who has not been receiving his subsistence allowance checks is urged to call upon Meeker in Room B, Hart Hall.

Church Supper To Be Held Tonight

A Presbyterian Supper and Bazaar sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will be held today at 6 p. m. in the Consolidated Gym.

maintaining big-name dance bands and orchestras in this section of the country due to prohibitive costs, the panel will contact booking agents in this section for information about possible joint dances and other pooling arrangements. Symphony orchestras and other large musical groups will fall into this category.

Other plans of action adopted by the group include the formation of a regional NSA public relations committee, a student vocational information committee, a student government information center (to collect information regarding the organization of the various student governments of this region), and the recommendation to the member schools that classes be established to teach parliamentary procedure to interested students.

Panel II recommended many items for consideration by the main body, the most important of which was the stand taken on racial discrimination. Each of the eight delegates on the discrimination sub-panel contributed their bit towards better understanding of minority races. Two of the members of the sub-panel were vitally interested in the work which was accomplished by the group; one was a Latin-American, the other a Negro delegate from Texas State University.

The Samuel Huston College representative offered the services of his school's choir, The-

plans, and a nationally-famed Negro soprano to any school in the region.

The sub-panel on academic standards was interested in A&M's proposed Great Issues course. Reports on the success or failure of the course will be made to the chairman of Panel II after it has been functioning at A&M for a period of time.

The A&M group was instrumental in the adoption of a Teachers Evaluation Plan, by which professors and instructors in colleges and universities of the Texas-Oklahoma region are to be rated by pupils at given intervals as to their abilities as teachers.

Several relatively minor but individually important points adopted by the delegates include the possible resurrection of dead scholarships, a proposal remedying loss of credits by students transferring from one school to another, and a well-defined system of individual counseling for underclassmen, especially freshmen.

A Regional International Commission was established at the University of Houston to disseminate information concerning the establishment of reciprocal foreign travel scholarships for the students of the Texas-Oklahoma Region.

Included in the work of the commission will be surveying student organizations in Latin America and the distribution of international

student publications, such as the World Student News, the International Activities Bulletin, and the National Student Association News.

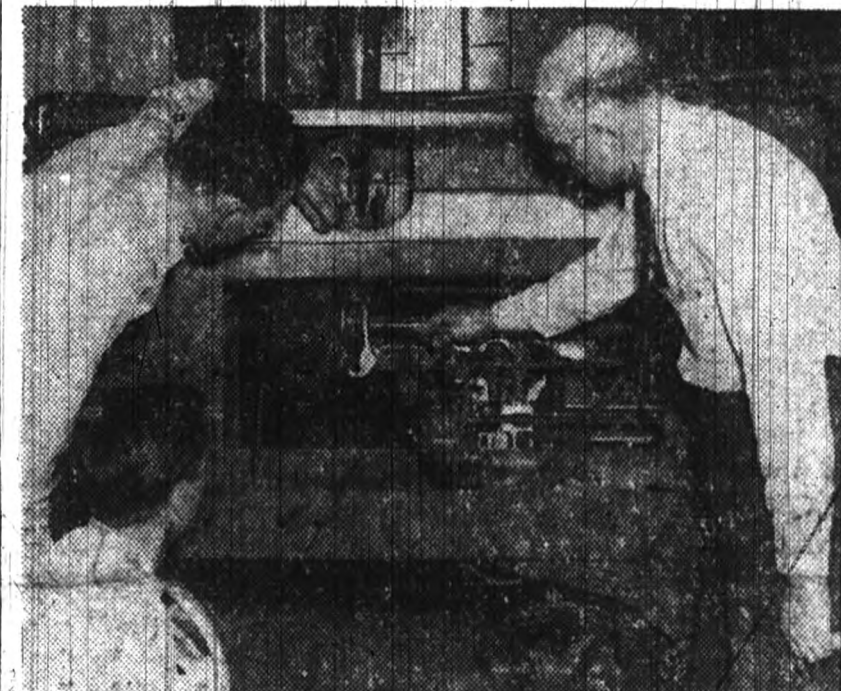
The report of Panel III urged that the NSA be represented at the forthcoming Pan-American Student Conference at Lima, Peru.

Between the reports of Panels II and III, Miss Isabella Crimm, regional chairman of the World Student Service Fund, addressed the group. She urged member school representatives to establish committees to actively engage in a relief drive for foreign campuses. The fund needs \$1 million at the present time.

Miss Crimm discussed the work of the WSSF in the field of cultural and intellectual activities. She disclosed that three seminars are planned for Western Europe this summer, including one "under the rose curtain" in Budapest, Hungary.

Regional officers elected at the meeting include Leo Goodman, University of Texas, president; Neil Morgan, Tulsa University, vice-president; LaNelle Boydston, University of Houston, secretary; and Vernon Fuller, Texas State University, treasurer. Both the president and the vice-president were re-elected to their respective positions.

Three regional commissioners, each representing one of the panels, were selected by the group. Fred Bates, University of Houston, was elected commissioner of Panel I. Panel II, on educational opportunities and standards, will be headed by Richard Brickley, of Texas Christian University, and Bruce Meador, of the University of Texas, was elected commissioner for Panel III, concerned with international student activities.



CARBURETOR on the new cut-away row crop tractor recently presented to the agricultural engineering department is here pointed out by FRED R. JONES, department head. Two agricultural engineering seniors, AUBREY PARSONS of College Station, and M. E. CANADY (kneeling) of Weaver, see "what makes it tick."

Clothing Drive for Europe And Asia Begins Tuesday on Campus

By WILSON H. BEARDSLEY, JR.

A clothing drive began Tuesday for war-torn Europe and Asia under the direction of Corps Chaplain Cliff Harris and will continue through Tuesday, December 16.

At a meeting Monday evening, Harris explained to the unit supply sergeants, who will take up the clothing in the organizations, the plan and purpose of the drive. The student Senators have been asked to help collect the clothing in the veteran dormitories. They may designate their room as some vacant room in which to put clothing until it can be taken to the YMCA or Room 103, Dorm 10, the Corps Chaplain's office.

This drive for usable clothing and shoes will be A&M's specific attempt to help Europe, Asia and other devastated areas.

What should we send? Primarily they need shoes, preferably without holes in the soles; clothing of any size, shape, type or variety, just so it is clean and in good condition, blankets, quilts or quilt material (wool), sheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths, sewing materials, and soap and toilet articles.

Veterans' wives are asked for any type of clothing, and specifically shoes which are three inches wide and low quartered. Socks are also much in demand.

Distribution of these garments will be through the American Friends Service Committee, which won the Nobel Prize for being the most humanitarian organization in 1947. They handle the shipping and packing of the garments, as well as the distribution abroad. They work in Poland, China, India, Japan, Finland, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Germany, and France.

In the new area veterans can turn in clothing donations to their respective Student Senators as follows: J. E. White, 228, Dorm 1; J. B. Thompson, 219, Dorm 3; and Mack Roach, 223, Dorm 5. In the new dorms partially occupied by ROTC units, veterans are asked to turn in clothing to the organization supply sergeants.

Other Senators and representatives in the veterans' dormitories are as follows: Joe Cullinan, H-2, Hart; Charles Kirkham, 4-E, Eustis; T. G. Larose, 1-A, Law; R. F. Buntin, 156 Bizzell; Thomas O'Dwyer, 20 Leggett; Scott Hood, 47 Milner; Marvin Kuers, 24 Mitchell; N. G. Galloway, F-4, Walton; Ralph Rothman, 214, Dorm 16; J. T. Poole, 101, Dorm 15; A. D. Bruce, 214, Dorm 14; and L. E. Terry, 120, Dorm 17.

Married representatives of Senators are Harry Saunders, 7B-V.V.1; James Hill, 2-A Project House; W. H. Beardsley, Trailer G-3, and E. D. Dusek, College View A-6-C.

Today millions of people in Japan, hundreds of thousands in Poland, and 75 percent of the people in Hungary need shoes and clothes, to mention a few of the world's less fortunate. This clothing drive can be our contribution to peace and the American way of life.

Scout Executive Visits Campus To Form Aggie Group

An organization of former Boy Scouts should be started on the campus to keep alive an interest in Scouting, a four-man committee of Scouting and college officials recommended Monday.

Dr. C. D. Harris, head of the Educational Training Program of the Boy Scouts of America, met with Dean of Men W. L. Penberthy, J. L. Nicholas, local Scout executive, and Dan Russell of the rural sociology department to encourage a scout training movement among A. & M. students.

A group of former Scouts would act as a service organization to continue the ideals of Scout service, it was felt. The leadership training program would be open to all students.

The committee agreed that a Scout Day should be held at A. & M. once a year, at which time Scouts and Scout leaders from all corners of Texas would meet for a field day. In this way, it was also felt that many boys in Scout training would be encouraged to attend A. & M. upon graduation from high school.

Russell pointed out that a Scout organization would encourage further interest in a course in the organization of Boy Scout work now being offered in the rural sociology department.

The committee decided that a local Scouting organization would tend to develop interest in a select group of A. & M. students who may consider entering professional scouting.

Engineering Prof To Attend Chicago ASAE Convention

Joe P. Hollingsworth, rural electrification research assistant in the agricultural engineering department, will leave this week-end for Chicago to attend the mid-winter meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers to be held there December 15-17.

This annual meeting features programs of its four technical divisions, power and machinery, farm structures, rural electric, and soil and water.

Grain and forage crop drying, of special interest in connection with the current food shortage, will receive attention in a day of combined sessions of the rural electric and farm structures divisions. A separate group meeting of those interested in rural electrification will discuss farm wiring, the use of electrical equipment to increase productive efficiency, and possible use of radiation in agriculture.

Other items on the farm structures program will be devoted to grain storage and livestock feeding; main subjects to be considered in the power and machinery program are flexible power transmission, power take-off drives, self-propelled field machines, and new farm machines.