Health Department Officials Address Educators Conference

The classroom teacher working with the child's family physician is the first line of defense in the control of communicable disease in the classroom, Dr. C. F. Moore, Jr., State Department of Health, told delegates to the 23rd annual conference of County Superintendents and County Supervisors meeting here last week.

Dr. Moore urged teachers not to wait "until you can recognize a specific disease overtaking a child," but to report it immediately. "Nearly all communicable diseases in a child look alike," he said.

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D. B. Taylor, acting director Division of School Health Services, State Department of Health, pointed out that "it is a task of the teacher to exclude children from school whose appearance deviates from the normal" and, it was also stated that it is a cooperative task between teaching personnel and the community to carry out the program of communicable disease control.

Taylor said that four to six out of every 100 children in school in Texas have hearing difficulty.

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Visual and auditory health are essential to the general health of the nation's children, E. H. Rolston, education consultant for the division of school health service, State Department of Health, said. In pointing out the need for attention to visual and auditory deficiencies, he declared that 25 per cent, or one-fourth of the school children of Texas need visual correction of some sort.

"A large segment of children will be handicapped unnecessarily throughout life unless we do something about these diseases," Rolston said.

"The means of detecting children who need assistance along these lines is simple," Rolston said. He advised that the wisest procedure is to organize an overall program in a county so that every child within the county can benefit from whatever program is undertaken. "Enlist the aid of parents, doctors and civic clubs," he told his audience.

Rolston pointed out that the program undertaken in schools is to detect deficiencies, not to prescribe for them. "We only test," he said, "and then if we find there is a need, advise parents that the child should have medical attention.

"Equipment is available," Rolston said, "that will enable school authorities, with little training, to test accurately whether or not a child needs further attention."

These tests can be given at the rate of about one child every two minutes, he said.

To illustrate his talk, Rolston demonstrated the State Health Department's approved methods for testing vision and hearing.

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About 30 per cent of elementary school children have posture defects, and this percentage rises with age, Mrs. Billie Louise Crook, health education consultant, division of maternal and child health, State Department of Health, said at the Wednesday afternoon session.

"Proper posture," she said, "consists of easy uplift and easy carriage without undue strain." There is a vital need for a well-rounded program of body mechanics in the public school system, she said.

Mrs. Crook showed wax models of actual feet to illustrate foot health and to emphasize posture and walking defects.

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Dr. W. A. Buckner, dental consultant, division of school health services, State Department of Health, emphasized the vital role played by the public school teacher in the maintenance of dental health. He spoke on "Mouth Difficulties and Some Screening Procedures for Them."

"Our office," he said, "stresses daily observation rather than daily inspection."

By careful observation a teacher can detect most dental difficulties among students in time for the dentist to correct them before they do any permanent harm, he said.

Lyman, Robinson, county superintendent of Collin County, was elected president of the Association at its closing session Thursday.

Other officers elected Thursday include Roy Boyd, Lubbock County, vice-president and W. D. Bunting, of Brazos County, treasurer.

The new executive committee elected includes Mrs. Connie McKnight, Rusk County; Ruth Richerson, Donley; W. T. Volding, Wharton; Beeman Justice, Nacogdoches; J. D. Betts, Cass and J. Hall Sheppard of Harris County.

State Senator James E. Taylor of Kerens, chairman of the Gilmer Aikin committee, delivered an address Thurrday morning, reviewing the hopes and the work of the committee. The committee was set up to study the school situation in Texas.

Senator Taylor urged the delegates to submit a program that will take care of the needs of Texas schools for maybe 50 years to come. "Let's not do it in dribbles—let's build and plan for years to come," he said.

Smith And Meek Tell Advance Of Cotton Research

H. P. Smith of College Station, and William E. Meek of Stoneville, Miss., the nations two leading authorities on cotton mechanization, presented the latest information on mechanical cotton production and harvesting at the Ninth Annual Cotton Research Congress in Dallas last week, according to an announcement by Burris C. Jackson, general chairman of the statewide cotton committee.

The theme of the congress was "Cotton Counts Its Opportunities." Domestic markets for cotton and cotton seeds, technical research, cotton production, and cotton in world trade were discussed at the meeting. Representatives of the cotton industry and research institutions from a number of states and several foreign nations attended.

President Gibb Gilchrist of A&M was the program chairman. L. T. Murray, Texas Cotton Association, Waco; D. T. Killough, Texas Experiment Station, College Station; and Walter B. Moore, National Cottonseed Products Association, Dallas, participated in the program.

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B. Mann, Vice President, American Potash Institute, and also with Robert C. Jackson, Washington representative of the American Cotton Council.

A highlight of the trip came June 19, when the group visited the nation's capital. Here they met the local representative Olin E. Teague. He escorted the party to the House of Representatives and to the Senate. The group also spoke to Senator Tom Connally.

On the way to Washington the group visited the campuses of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; North Carolina State at Raleigh; and Duke University at Durham, North Carolina.

June 20, the group left for Marcus Hooks, Pennsylvania where they will visit the plant of the American Viscore Corporation.

6 Future College Homemakers Will Attend Convention

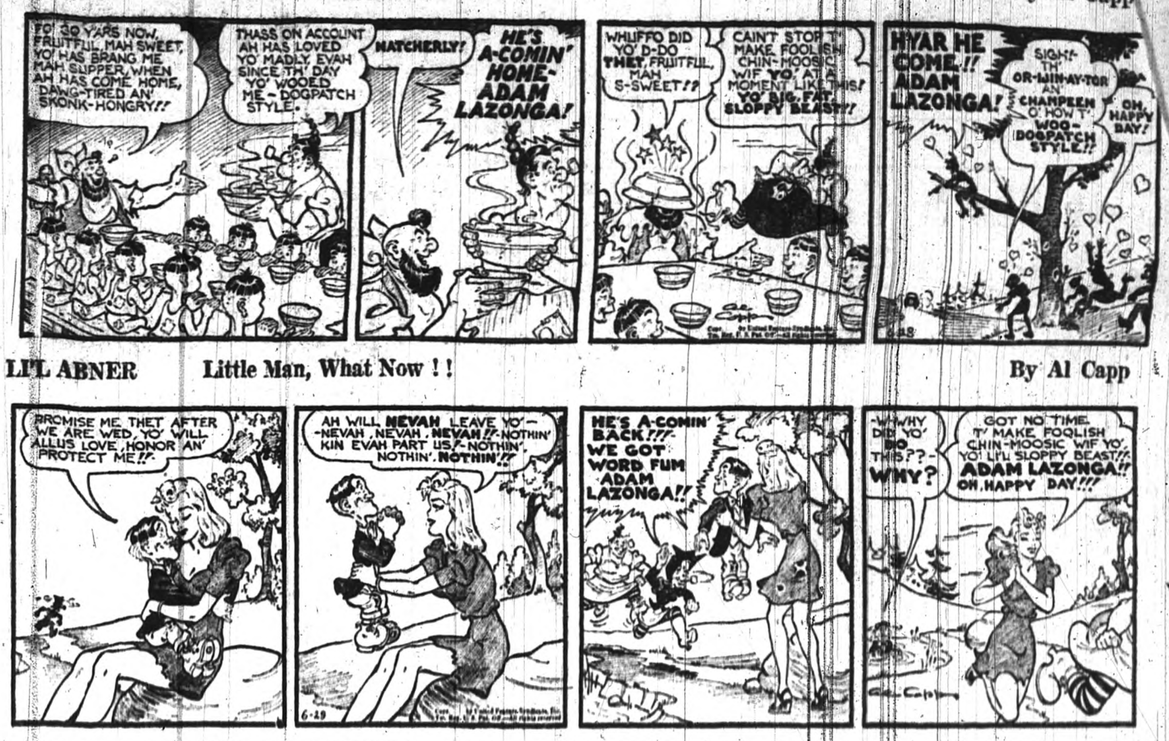
Six Future Homemakers of this area will attend the first national convention of the Future Homemakers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, July 6 through July 9, Mrs. Carl W. Landiss, chapter sponsor, has announced.

The Future Homemakers who will attend the convention are Joyce Patranella, Louise Street, Patsy Saxon, Shirley Long, Lou Burgess, and Lou Ann Smith. They will sing the "Song of the Future Homemakers," on the opening day of the meeting. The group is scheduled to leave College Station July 4.

Mrs. Landis, who will accompany the group to Kansas City, expresses her appreciation to local civic clubs and citizens who have provided the financial support that makes the trip possible.

What's Cooking?

FFA, 7:30 tonight in the Ag. Engineering Lecture Room.



A&M And Conservation Board Pledge Closer Co-operation

Closer co-operation between A&M and the state conservation board has been pledged in a new memorandum signed between the two.

The memorandum revises and extends the original one signed in 1939. The terms include:

The extension service, through county agents, will continue the educational conservation programs and other basic phases of sound farm and ranch management under the terms of the federal Smith-Lever act of 1914.

The county agents will conduct educational work in connection with the formation of new conservation districts, attend meetings and assist district board supervisors in the formation program.

The agricultural experiment station, through staffs of the main station and 30 substations and laboratories will assist in the analysis of problems and the development of programs of the conservation districts.

A&M will assemble for district supervisors information on the latest conservation research and continue to feature soil conservation work in its curriculum.

D. W. Williams, vice-president of agriculture, said that the memorandum provided closer co-operation with the state board.

J. D. Prewit, acting director of the state board, has scheduled 14 meetings over the state to acquaint county agents and conservation district supervisors with the new memorandum.

Loveless Attends Houston Meeting

Sidney L. Loveless, manager of the College Station agency for the American General Life Insurance Company of Houston, is spending the week in Houston at the semi-annual Management Conference.

Plans for the last six months of 1948 agency activities are being made at the meeting. Ford Munnerlyn, vice president and agency director, will conduct the conference.

Former Geologist At A&M Promoted

C. R. Wallace, geology instructor at A&M from 1930-33, has been appointed assistant division manager of the production department, geophysical division, of the Texas Company at Houston.

Wallace is a graduate of the University of Missouri, receiving his AB degree in 1928 and his Master's degree in 1930.

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cherished pages of The Bible. The issues did much to raise the morale—and it sure . . . needed raising.

We're in full swing at camp. We thought that perhaps we would have a rest from academic work, but we have had eight hours of class each day.

Intramural athletics have gotten underway. It is practically teams of Aggies against Aggies. Few of the cadets from other schools participate. Even the army supervisor, Lieutenant Herb Carter, is an Aggie.

Friday we got a true picture of army life. First call was at 4:15 a.m. The whole day was spent on the rifle range firing carbines. From 5 until 6 p.m. we staged our first formal review, and as a finishing note we prepared for the Saturday morning bedside inspection.

Jack Krueger and Jimmy Seymour had been planning a week-end trip to Oklahoma City, but their plans were disrupted when they were placed on guard duty Saturday night.

Curtis Timmerman was one of the first Aggies to be placed on extra duty for military delinquencies. Wednesday afternoon he spent an hour of his leisure time scraping the lawn in front of his barracks with a field shovel.

New Books Added In Browsing Room

Special editions of books which are favorites with adults as well as children are in the Browsing Room of the library, according to Mrs. Wilnora Arnold, Readers' Advisor.

Among this collection of books are Carroll's "Alice In Wonderland", with illustrations by John Tenniel, the original illustrator; Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe" with color illustrations; Hathorne's "The Scarlet Letter" and Melville's "Moby Dick."

These books published by the Heritage Press of New York have a high grade of printing and illustrations, many of which are in color, added Mrs. Arnold.

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Interested faculty members See V. M. Faires, Austin Hall.

Merit System Will Offer Examination

Competitive examinations for positions in public health laboratories have been announced by the Merit System of the Texas State Health Department.

These positions in the State Department of Health and its affiliated local units will result from an evaluation of training, experience, and an oral examination.

Veterans preference will be granted honorably discharged applicants from the armed forces who make passing scores on the examination.

Qualifications include graduation from an accredited college or university with major emphasis in appropriate sciences, and experience in public health laboratory technique.

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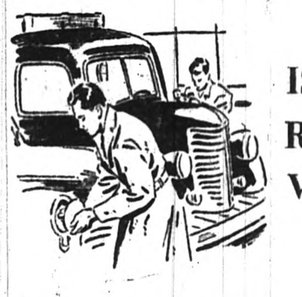
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