



THREE CHIPS OFF THE SAME BLOCK—JOE, WILL and BOB WEATHERFORD (right to left above) are three brothers from Houston majoring in floriculture at A&M. All three plan to join their father, J. W. WEATHERFORD, in his floral business in Houston after graduation.

Brothers Study Floriculture To Follow Father's Footsteps

By BILL ROSE
Quite often one sort in a family is just a chip off the old block, but three chips are not an every day occurrence.
Such is the case of the J. W. Weatherfords of 1617 Ruth Street in Houston. J. W. Weatherford

operates a floral shop in Houston and his sons, James W., Jr., Joseph L. and Robert H. are all at A&M majoring in floriculture. The boys prefer to make their homes in Houston, and they intend to return there after graduation and work in the firm, their

father founded 21 years ago. "But," they say, "we'll go anywhere Dad thinks we will be best fitted."
The Weatherford brothers bear a marked resemblance to each other. All are around six feet tall, but Bob is a little heavier than his two older brothers.

James, who prefers to be called by his middle name Will, owns a car. "I only know where it is about a quarter of the time," he says. He served three years in the Field Medics as a sergeant during the war. He reentered A&M upon his discharge, and he hopes to graduate in another year. He likes football and ice hockey, but his favorite sport is sailing. Many week-ends see him headed for the Galveston Bay.

Joe forced ahead of his older brother in college during the war. Twenty-one, he will graduate in January. He is expected to head straight back to Houston because "it has so many fine young ladies." He declined to admit that any particular girl made him feel this way about his home town. Joe is fond of flying. He entered the cadets during the war and was discharged before he completed his training.

Bob, the youngest of the trio, is the family financier at A&M. "How did I get that way? Don't ask me," he says. "I just arrived last, and maybe had saved a little bit more while my big brothers were in service. At any rate, I often pay the bills."
Bob is in his second year. If all goes well he should graduate with the class of '51. He is the

only brother who is in the Corps now. He thinks it was somewhat understood that he come to A&M. "But the dye was cast back in 1941 when my big brother put a freshman cap on my head and said, 'You'd sure look good in that.'"

Bob says he likes both of his older brothers' sports, and to them he adds riding as a favorite leisure occupation. But the favorite, his brothers contend, is pursuing a very cute blonde pianist from Houston.

A&M and Houston have something of a partnership in Will, Joe and Bob Weatherford, for the three brought with them to A&M a vital interest in floriculture. They will take back to Houston from A&M much of the know-how and practical knowledge for which the college is noted.

Reservists Who Miss One Drill In 10 Not Draft Free

To remain draft exempt, organized reservists must not miss more than one out of ten drill periods, Secretary of Defense Forrestal said at a recent press conference discussion of the new Selective Service Act.

Another qualification is that the reserve unit must have at least 35 scheduled drills a year, or the equivalent.

After consulting with experts of the Army, Navy and Air Force, Forrestal issued a memorandum to the services. In substance, it said:

If a man was a member of an organized reserve unit by midnight of June 24 and the unit had at least 35 scheduled drills a year, or training periods equivalent to that, he is exempt from induction. But there must be "satisfactory participation" by the reserve member. If his absence from drill exceeds 10 percent, he will become eligible for the draft once inductions get under way in late September.

Men who were members of federally recognized National Guard units, either ground or air organizations, by midnight of June 24 will be exempt.

Forrestal asked the secretaries of Army, Navy and Air to furnish him with a list of the reserve components which qualify under the definition set up. As a general proposition, Forrestal said the units include, in addition to the National Guard and Army and Air Force reserve, organized reserve units of the Navy, including the Associated Volunteers with a regular drill status, electronic warfare companies, and the Platoon Leaders Class of the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Ag Expert May Be Ireland ERP Head

E. N. Holmgreen of Bryan, '22, is mentioned as the probable head of the Marshall Plan program in Ireland by the Associated Press in its weekly news features. Holmgreen has been in Greece the past year with the Greek-Turkish Aid Mission as coordinator of distribution of supplies.

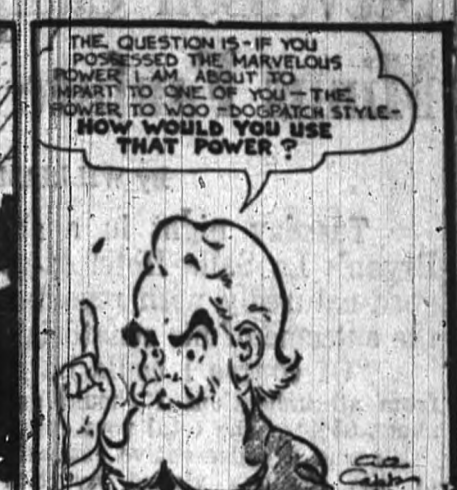
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Texas Forest Fire Losses Show Great Decrease Over '47

J. O. Burnside, protection chief for the Texas Forest Service, believes that Texas isn't going to lose as much timber from fire causes this year as it did in 1947.

Comparative figures for the first six months of this year show a marked decrease both in number of acres burned over a similar period last year. From January 1 to June 30 of this year Forest Service fire fighters reported 963 fires as compared

to 1,437 fires for the same months in 1947. The damage in terms of acreage burned is considerably less than half as great—41,618 acres so far this year as compared to 108,747 acres for the first half of 1947.

There is a good reason for this marked decrease in acreage burned, he said. Twenty-one fire fighting jeeps and a third patrol plane have been added this year, and stepped up educational program in the newspapers and on the air waves has also helped in getting greater cooperation from the public, Burnside said.

The French used to call the tomato "pomme d'amour" (love apple) and French beaux used to give tomatoes to their ladies.

"WET" WATER is used to put out a stubborn movie-film fire at the Firemen's Training School. P. L. ANDREWS, assistant training officer of the Dallas Fire Department, squirts liquid on burning film, with assistance from H. F. BROWNE, Dallas office, U. S. Bureau of Mines. Extinguishing technique was developed by Dallas Fire Department and Bureau of Mines.

Kiwanis Trustees Named to Direct Youth Center

A board of trustees to administer the affairs of the Kiwanis Youth Center was named Tuesday by the Kiwanis club board of directors. Joe H. Sorrels was named temporary chairman of the group.

The board is composed of Sid Loveless, Joe Sorrels, J. C. Culpepper, J. G. McNeely, Chas. LaMotte, C. A. Bonnen and Sam Hopper.

The committee on underprivileged children reported on its work at the club's luncheon meeting at noon. It was pointed out by Chas. LaMotte, in charge of the program, that the cooperation of all citizens is urged and "the cooperation we have received has been most beneficial."

Defective hearing among school children was described by the various committee members, when not detected in time to "give the child the advantages of life."

Hearing, it was pointed out, is one of the most important parts of a child's speech. The chances of rehabilitation among children hard of hearing was reported good.

Ten or twelve million persons in the U. S. are hard of hearing, it was stated. As a means of detecting and aiding a child, an instrument was displayed and its workings explained.

Joe McNeely presided in the absence of President Loveless.

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