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Improvements For ME Shops Finished

A five year improvement program for the Mechanical Engineering Shops came to a successful close this month and the result is a set of shops with the most up-to-date equipment in the country.

The plan was drawn up in 1944 by members of the department with the idea of improving the facilities then available.

Foremost among the problems at hand, said Crawford, was that of obtaining new equipment for the shops. In this connection R. W. Downard, head of the shops, submitted a unique plan which proved to be the best one possible under the existing circumstances of very little money and future overcrowded classes.

Equipment Sold
Downard suggested that the M. E. Department place on sale 40% of its equipment which had become obsolete but which would bring maximum revenue due to the shortage of machinery brought on by the war.

The money brought in by this sale was to be placed in a special fund for use on shop equipment only.

Downard's plan further stipulated that this fund could be put to excellent use after the war when surplus machinery from government sponsored war plants was put on the market at low prices.

Immediately the unforeseeable questions arose as to what would happen in the event that no surplus equipment appeared for sale, and it was generally conceded that the M. E. Department would be back where it started 20 years ago, Crawford said.

However, it was decided that the gamble was worth a try and we began convincing the powers-that-be that we had a good plan, Crawford added.

Plan a Success
The result was a far greater success than was ever expected and we are extremely proud of our present shop, he said.

A further improvement in shop conditions is the paint job on the inside. The Pittsburg Paint Co. submitted a color scheme which would improve working conditions by lessening eye strain and eliminating certain dangers by painting moving and dangerous parts of the machinery a bright color.

Kuiken Studies Radioisotopes

Dr. Kenneth A. Kuiken, biochemist for the Agricultural Experiment Station, is in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, studying the techniques of using radioisotopes in research.

Dr. Kuiken, who plans to use radioisotopes in metabolic studies of farm animals, is among the 32 scientists enrolled in the ninth of a series of 30-day courses offered by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

The Institute, comprised of 24 Southern universities, conducts a broad program of research, training and education in the nuclear sciences through a contact with the Atomic Energy Commission. The laboratories and facilities available in the program are among the finest of their kind in the world.

Radioisotopes are atoms which give off radiation and thus enable scientists using a Geiger Counter, to trace them through complicated chemical and biological processes. As a result, radioisotopes have been called the most important research tool to be developed since the invention of the microscope.

The most economical method for producing radioisotopes is to subject small quantities of an element to neutron bombardment in the uranium chain-reacting pile—present at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

WEATHER

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Saturday; scattered thundershowers mostly in afternoons; not much change in temperature; moderate to strong easterly winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS—Considerable cloudiness with scattered thundershowers this afternoon, tonight and Saturday; warmer in Panhandle and South Plains in afternoons.

SHOWERS—Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Saturday; warmer in Panhandle and South Plains in afternoons.

Shop improvement was not the only part of the plan, Crawford continued, as much work was done in strengthening the curriculum. New and more beneficial courses were put in and the existing ones were improved.

One important addition to the M. E. department is the vibrations laboratory, Crawford said. For a while it looked as if we wouldn't get one, because the instruments were too expensive due to their delicate nature, but the ordnance corps of the army established a laboratory here and placed it under the directorship of the M. E. department.

Search for Materials
Immediately after the war Crawford traveled to all parts of the country in search of materials, and his efforts resulted in the purchase of machinery valued at many times that sold earlier by the department.

Had this plan not succeeded, Crawford continued, the students not only wouldn't have had the new single unit equipment but the old belt-driven machines would have been lost in the shuffle also.

Many such incidents have aided us in achieving our original goal, Crawford said, but a lot of hard work and worry went right along with it. We're not through yet, but the major headaches are over and the plan as a whole has stuck pretty close to the original schedule and is far enough along that we can breathe easy.

One valuable addition to the department in the last few years is the course on Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture.

Bishop Smith To Officiate In Ceremony

Bishop A. Frank Smith of this area, will officiate Sunday afternoon at the groundbreaking ceremony on the new First Methodist Church in Bryan.

The ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. on the corner of 28th and Houston Street, according to the Rev. Harry V. Rankin, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Bryan.

Bishop Smith will preach at the 9 a.m. and the 11 a.m. services Sunday morning, the Reverend Rankin said.

Edward Bodet of Houston designed the new Gothic church building which will seat 1,000 people and will be air-conditioned. The Sanctuary, educational wing, and library will be built before the present church is removed.

Ten months will be required to finish the building.

The public is invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony, Reverend Rankin said.

60 Years Priesthood . . .

Rev. Gleissner Completes 45 Years of Service Here

By LOUISE JONES

Few Texans have such a record of service as the Rt. Rev. J. B. Gleissner, Catholic priest of Bryan and College Station.

A true Texan, he came here in pioneer days and passed his 60th year of priesthood on July 10 this year. He has spent 45 years of that time in Bryan.

During that time Monseigneur Gleissner has been father, guide, and friend to people all over the state. Coming to Texas in 1889, he spent 14 years working in Texas missions; he has started several parochial schools; and he has lived to see his beginning A&M congregation of 6 Catholic Aggies increase to well over a thousand people.

The 84 year old Father is a modest man who speaks with energy and enthusiasm of his work.

"I decided to come to the United States," he said, "to help priests in the German-speaking communities." Born in Bavaria, a section in southern Germany, the Father studied in Holland and completed his education at Niagara University in New York when he was 24.

Monseigneur Gleissner recalled that he was the only German-speaking boy among his Irish classmates. "I certainly learned to speak English in a hurry, but what English!"

Remarkable to say, the Father wanted to come to Texas because of what he had heard about it.



Taking the oath as Second Lieutenants, Field Artillery Reserve, are John W. Flanagan, far left; James E. Kirkland, third from left; and Charles J. Maisei, on the right. Administering the oath is Major Neal C. Galloway, assistant PMS&T, University of Oklahoma. Flanagan, Kirkland, and Maisei are June graduates of A&M.

Never Had It So Easy . . .

Geologists Attend Summer Camp in 'Heart of Texas'

By PATRICK RAMSEY

One-half of the senior geology students of Texas A&M are now at summer camp with headquarters at Curtis Field, 3 miles North of Brady, "the heart of Texas."

The self-styled "Smith's Foreign Legion" under the direction of Professor Fred E. Smith have been hard at work since the first day of camp.

The average working day is eleven hours long, while the average sleeping night is only six hours. But from our great benevolent leader come the inspiring words, "you have never had it so easy."

At 8, night life starts and all the eager rock hounds who do not want to make an A or B in Geology 300's head for Brady.

After arriving at the square, there are exactly three things to do, sit on it, look at it, or walk around it.

The dateable women are divided into two groups: the ones too young to be married and the ones who can't get married.

Due to the fact that some of the men's mothers, dads, girls, read The Battalion, all names have been deleted from this section, but both groups are dated.

Every girl in the county was in town to greet us when we arrived. Instead of the expected hugs and kisses we were greeted with, "Do you know Big Al; do you know Chris; do you know Red?"

It seems as if some other geologists had mapped this area before us.

Paul Enloe was well equipped

for the first day in the field with compass, hand level, knife, hammer, acid bottle and binoculars. Late in the evening when he was finally found he said, "Gee this is easy country to get lost in."

Wednesday night he had the first quiz, or should I say the first quiz had us. It was a typical, straight forward, non-am-

biguous, strictly lecture note quiz.

Seriously speaking though, the people of Brady have been wonderful to us and the only thing we lack is mail, so if you happen to know any of the members of this forgotten legion, please write in care of Texas A&M College, Curtis Field, Brady, Texas.

Chanute Aggies in Front With 'Rams' and in Intramural Play

By BERT HUEBNER

Chanute Field Batt Correspondent

The Aggies certainly are out in front here, or perhaps I should say they lead all the rest. In this outfit four Aggies lead the "gie" list and the other five are far from being "low men on the totem pole."

But receiving rams isn't the only field in which the Aggies excel. Aggies on F Squadron's championship intramural football team include Jack England, of Abel Cruz, of Dave Cravey, of Ty Collins, 3b; Maurice Dobbs, of John Kibbe, of; and Dave Collier, manager and catcher.

This team is scheduled to play the Chanute Field championship football team.

Nick Holland and Dick Harris of Squadron H were members of the championship volleyball team. Kenneth Huddleston, also of Squadron H, won both the low and

high hurdles and placed fourth in the broad jump at the intramural track meet.

Now comes the ridiculous part of this report. As of last week there were only six men out of the 800 here that still had a perfect score in the maintenance school, and 10 and behold, there were three Aggies names on that list.

E. J. Hatzenbuehler, W. T. Harris, and R. H. Harris were the geniuses (?). If you know them as well as I do, you can draw your own conclusions as to just how they did this.

Lt. Col. Dexter L. Hodge, former PMS&T for Air at A&M, was on the base last week. He is at present the director of the Air ROTC for the Continental Air Command, and was on a tour of all of the bases training ROTC men this summer.

Just one more week and we'll be heading back south of the Mason-Dixon line. However, there may be a few of us here for a few more weeks—walking off rams.

Endrizzi Receives Nicholson Award

John E. Endrizzi, senior Agronomy student from Dallas, has been named recipient of the Robert Nicholson graduate fellowship in plant and seed breeding here.

The award honors the late Robert Nicholson of Dallas, a pioneer in the development of the seed business in the Southwest. Endrizzi will do graduate study to prepare himself for scientific field work on the production of better seeds from forage crops.

Endrizzi entered A&M in June, 1946, after serving 32 months in the Coast Artillery. He is a veteran of 18 months' combat service in the Pacific area and holds the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

A candidate for a degree this August, Endrizzi has served as the president of the Agronomy Society and as a member of the Agronomy Council.

First Dallas County Bale Brings \$1,339

Dallas, Aug. 5—(AP)—Dallas County's first cotton bale of 1949 sold for \$1.17 a pound Wednesday on the floor of the Dallas cotton exchange—highest price paid for a first bale in the history of the exchange. C. C. Witherspoon of Ferris, who produced the bale, was smiling as Jack Allen, Vice-president of Eugene B. Smith & Company made the final bid.

It meant that, with premiums added by members of the exchange, he pocketed a total of \$1,339.92 for the 526-pound bale. The cotton was classed as middling inch staple.

City Budget Discussed At Hearing Last Night

Gibson Is Named 'Man of the Month'

G. G. Gibson, director of the Texas Extension Service, has been named "Man of the Month" for August by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Gibson, a native of Trinity, became the active head of the largest agricultural extension service in the world on June 1. The Texas Extension Service has approximately 800 employees including all county personnel, headquarters, and the clerical staffs.

B. S. Degree at A&M
He is one of the youngest state extension service directors in America. Gibson received his B. S. in agriculture from A&M in 1929 and in 1930 received an M. S. from Iowa State College.

After attending the University of Texas law school during 1933-35, he was admitted and licensed as an attorney and counsellor at law by the Supreme Court of Texas on December 16, 1935.

The tall, red-headed, slow-talking Texan, known to his friends as "Hoot," served as dairy specialist with the Iowa State College before coming to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in 1935 as an assistant dairyman. In 1943-44 he was manager of the Neale Dairy Farm near Waco. He then returned to the extension service as dairy husbandman, which position he held until he was named director.

The author of a number of outstanding extension publications in the dairy field, Gibson is known in Texas for his practical approach to agricultural problems. He is a farm owner and believes in conserving and utilizing the resources of his farm.

4-H Interests
Gibson has long been interested in the rural youth of Texas, and dairy work among the 4-H club boys and girls of the state has increased considerably as a result of his work. The 4-H enrollment in this particular field more than doubled during the time he was on the staff and the quality of 4-H

owned animals has greatly improved. Dairy cattle judging contests for 4-H members have been one of his favorite projects and three years ago the national winning team at the All-American Jersey Show came from Texas.

Dairy herd improvement associations were directed by Gibson for several years, and he is still called upon for advice and guidance by those charged with the responsibility of doing the testing work for the dairymen.

The training schools for the herd improvement field men held here have made it possible for these men to do a better job in the counties where they work.

Up Through Ranks
Gibson came up through the ranks and is therefore well acquainted with the many and varied problems that are faced daily by the personnel in the organization he now directs.

He is a family man and is very proud of his three daughters. His wife, although a native of Iowa, has about been converted into a full fledged Texan after 15 years in Texas.

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Some of these practices include terracing, contour farming, proper fertilization, growing of cover crops and construction of farm reservoirs.

Vance will appear on the program at the Watermelon Festival in Atlanta, Texas at which Rep. Wright Patman will preside. From Atlanta, Vance will go to Washington, D. C. where he will attend a conference on August 9th and 10th with officials of the Department of Agriculture.

Vance will be accompanied by his wife and their three children, Betty, Buddy and Billy. While in the Northeast, the Vances will visit Niagara Falls, Canada, and other scenic spots.

Three Local Men Pass CPA Exams

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Farrar is an associate professor and Packenham an assistant professor. Lott is now connected with a Chicago concern.

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Latest Polio Figures

Washington—(AP)—Latest figures on polio show 8,299 cases through July 30, as compared with 5,793 during the same period last year.

Also, the number of new cases reported in the July 24-30 week was 1,963 as compared with 1,839 in the worst week last year (the one that ended Sept. 18).

GROVE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 5—Square dancing.
Saturday, August 6—Dance with Aggie Combo.
Sunday, August 7—Skating.
Monday, August 8—Bingo.

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The College Station city manager received a boost in salary last night at the city council meeting. The meeting was called to discuss the 1949-50 municipal budget, but eight citizens remained after the meeting to discuss the salary increases and several other measures.

A police car and a uniformed patrolman is provided for in the budget, however, several members of the meeting objected to this saying instead that it would be better if the money were spent on traffic lights and other more urgent problems.

It was pointed out that at least one patrolman was necessary in College Station as the traffic problem was becoming acute. As an example, the speeding of the Greyhound buses and some of the trucks that come through here were indicated.

Two-Man Force Abandoned
A previously proposed two-man police force has been abandoned, and it has been decided that Constable Lee Norwood will patrol college station streets in a patrol car with a three-way radio which will keep him in constant contact with the Bryan police station. The sheriff's office and the State Highway patrol.

Bryan's broadcasting facilities have been made available to College Station at a cost not to exceed \$25 a month and a direct wire from the city office at College the Bryan police station will be arranged if possible.

Mayor Langford missed the meeting in order to me with his brother, Clyde Langford of Corpus Christi, who was in Houston yesterday for a check up on a recent throat operation. Doctors pronounced the operation a success.

Mrs. S. W. Bising suggested that a pamphlet be printed by the city for distribution to all new citizens to make known the facilities that are available. She also said that many people were here because they wanted to be and that the people of College Station should talk more about their good points such as schools, churches, etc.

Activities Co-ordinated
L. F. Gabbard suggested that the interests of the city be exploited by the co-ordination of activities of the school board, the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council. This operation would be the job of an intra-city committee made up of members from the above organizations, Gabbard said.

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