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Prof Papers Due At Science Meet

Fifteen members of the A&M faculty will take active part in the Texas Academy of Science meeting in Houston this weekend December 1, 2nd, and 3rd. Thirteen of them will present papers at the meeting, which will be held at Rice Institute.

Dr. A. D. Folweiler, director of the Texas Forest Service, will present a paper entitled "What Should Texas Expect from Forest Conservation?" He will give the different problems encountered in forest conservation in the eastern and western sections of the state.

Dr. Folweiler will discuss the potentialities of forestry in the mountain, high plains, and cedar breaks areas of the western section. He will point out the difficulty that 68,000 individual land owners in the pine belt of the eastern section present to forest conservation. According to Dr. Folweiler, forest conservation at the present is a matter of selling the public on forest fire prevention and the application of forestry techniques.

Dr. Omer E. Sperry, associate professor of range and forestry, will present a paper entitled "The Distribution and Control of Rayless Goldenrod in Texas Ranges." Rayless goldenrod is a poison weed which has spread recently in the Pecos region of Texas. Dr. Sperry will discuss losses of cattle and horses due to the weed, distribution of the plant in Texas, and methods of controlling the plant. Dr. Sperry said that this plant, which causes the loss of hundreds of cattle along the Pecos River every year, can be controlled by grubbing, fencing, or spraying with 24D.

Dr. V. A. Young, head of the Department of Range and Forestry, will present a paper on "The Noxious Bush Problem of Texas Native Pastures and Ranges." "Hybrid Pines for Texas" is the title of the paper to be presented by Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the Biology Department. Dr. Doak will discuss the potentialities of the hybrid pine as a fast growing tree to be used in reforesting and the promotion of faster production of timber in Texas.

Other members of the Biology Department presenting papers at the meeting are Dr. John Merkle,

assistant professor of biology, "Life Form Spectrum of South Central Texas"; Lawrence S. Dillion, instructor of biology, "A Review of Spermiogenesis in Insects"; Thomas M. Ferguson, assistant professor of biology, "Mamalian Spermiogenesis" Ammon B. Medlen, instructor of biology, "Some Environment Factors Affecting the Reproductive Cycle in Sperm Formation in Gambusia Affinis".

Dr. G. P. Parker, professor of education, will present a paper on "The Science Curriculum and Teacher".

From the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Dr. Robert Skrabanek and Professor Robert G. Cherry will also present papers. The title of Dr. Shraganek's paper is "What Texas Should Expect from Rural Sociology". "Taxation of Manufacturing in Texas" is the title of Professor Cherry's paper.

Aurelius Morgner, associate professor of economics, will present a report on "The Economic Significance of National Debt".

Roy L. Donahue, extension agronomist will present a paper entitled "Texas Should Expect Integrated Conservation".

L. S. Paine, associate professor of agricultural economics will officiate as chairman of the section, "The Social Sciences". S. A. Lneh, head of the Geology Department, will act as chairman of the section, "Earth Science".

REA Course Up For December

Launching its 1950 program of training for employees of Texas Rural Electric Cooperatives, the Industrial Extension Service of A&M will conduct two institutes for REA managers during December.

This was announced today by E. L. Williams, IES Director, who stated that the institutes will be held at Lubbock, December 15-17 and at College Station December 19-21.

Leading the management group discussions in addition to Williams will be R. A. Downard, IES Management Engineer and W. W. Mills, Supervisor Training Specialist, the announcement stated. Slated for discussion will be personnel and training problems, organization for effective management and the development of a continuing management institute program.

Williams announced that the overall IES Training Program for REA cooperatives includes line crew training conducted by five itinerant instructors and a program of foreman training, conducted by a specialist in that field.

The project is financed in part by contributions from the cooperatives and is offered as one of the phases of the training sponsored by the State Board for Vocational Education. The first installment of \$10,000 was paid to the IES during a recent meeting of the Job Training and Safety Committee representing the various REA areas of Texas, Williams announced.

Williams explained that the committee acts in an advisory capacity and aids in the development of the type of training program needed by the various cooperatives.



This was the scene in Saint Joseph's Church in Bryan Tuesday morning as The Right Reverend Monsignor John Gleissner was honored by his church for sixty years of service in the priesthood. Presiding at the solemn mass was The Most Reverend Louis Reicher, Bishop of Austin.

Line Forms to the Rear . . .

Aggie Mid-Month Poverty Makes Bucks Turn Rapidly

BY DAVE COSLETT

Poverty and prosperity come in waves around Aggeland. That's the observation made by George A. Long, the man in charge of the student labor office.

Long should know, too—one of his main duties is lending money to Aggies. Through his doors passed what could well be the most consistently broke bunch of college men in the nation.

Housed in the student labor offices are three loan funds with a combined working capital of more than \$3,000. Many times that amount of money finds its way to and from students' pockets each year in the form of short term loans.

Last year, for instance, Long began lending from a capital of \$2,797.10. In the 12-month period between Sept. 1, 1948 and Aug. 31, 1949 he forwarded or made 2,430 loans amounting to \$36,437.37 or almost 12 times the figure he started with.

The three loan funds from which the needed cash is doled out were all started by donations. The most well-known of these, and the oldest, is the Davis "Buck" Fund started April 1, 1943 by W. K. Davis of the class of '16. Davis originally donated \$5. The fund now contains \$621.61.

The Ernestine Gaber Loan Fund was begun July 1, 1944 with a balance of \$401.47. It now has a balance of \$3,326.55. The fund was turned over to A&M by the B'Nai B'Rith Hillel Foundation through Mrs. Esther Taubenhau. Since that time it has been sponsored mainly by Mr. Leo Gaber of Houston.

The most recently instituted of the funds is named in honor of Lucy Jane Breazeale of Crockett, Texas, who was the mother of two Aggies and a Tessie. She was born two days before A&M was founded. Her son, "Brezzy" Breazeale is now Assistant to the Dean of Men at the Annex.

When her death was evident in April of 1948, he requested that College not send flowers when she passed away, but take the contribution intended for flowers and initiate a student loan fund in her memory.

On the other hand, the Breazeale Loan Fund which now has a working capital of more than \$600. It is kept at the Annex for the benefit of the students there.

The loans to students are made with no interest asked. The funds are increased by voluntary contributions from the borrowers and by appropriations voted by other college sources.

Last year 455 thankful recipients kicked in with a total of \$337. Donations from other sources amounted to \$198.00.

Advances are handed out on a first come, first serve basis. The average loan, incidentally, is \$13.50. All three sources of the filthy lucre usually go broke before the month is half gone. Most repayments are made around the first of each month.

And when Aggies go broke, they seem to do it all together. An occurrence before the Thanksgiving holidays illustrates this.

Long was being faced with a big demand for, and a small supply of, ready cash. A few days previously the Student Life Committee had allocated slightly more than \$300 to be divided between the three funds.

With all three buck funds flat busted, Long decided that he needed the extra cash immediately. A quick trip to the Student Activities produced the needed money. The whole sum, a total of \$304.21, lasted exactly 35 minutes.

Who says that A&M is no longer a poor boy's school?

Houston Aggies Planning Ball

The Houston A&M Club is planning to hold its annual Christmas Coronation Ball in the Emerald Room of the Shamrock Hotel on Thursday night, December 29.

All members of the Houston Club are requested by G. P. Monks, president, to turn in pictures of their girls to the presidents of their chapters. A committee from each chapter will decide the princess for that chapter, Monks said.

On Tuesday night December 27, an old fashion barn dance will be held at the Blossom Heath night club located on Bellaire Boulevard. All Aggies will be admitted free upon showing their Houston A&M membership card. Tickets for outside guests will be \$1 per couple.

Invitations for the Shamrock dance and membership cards for all Houston Aggies are available from any Houston club or chapter officer. Invitations and membership cards may also be procured from Johnnie Lee in Dorm. 2, Breece Baker or John Whitmore in Dorm. 3, Bruce Semoneaux in Dorm. 4, Dick Marks in Dorm. 5, Jack Cockran in Dorm. 8, G. P. Monks in Dorm 9, Dick Graves in Dorm. 10 and John Gossett in Dorm. 12.

Advanced Contract Applications Taken

Today is the opening date for submission of applications for Advanced ROTC Contracts in the second semester of 1949-50, according to Lt. Col. John J. Kelly of the School of Military Science.

Application forms may be obtained from the Senior Branch Instructor concerned and when completed should be returned to the same individual, Kelly added. Applications are required of all students desiring a contract effective for the second semester of this school year, including elective students, non-corps students and corps students.

To be eligible for an advanced contract, a student must be a classified junior, have a grade point ratio of one or better, have completed the basic senior division ROTC course (or have credit for it, in the case of veterans) and must be physically qualified.

Low Income Group Can Invest, Students Told

Investing is not an activity limited to the high income group and can be successfully practiced on a modest income group of 200 A&M students; and Bryan-College Station residents were told at the first meeting of the "Merrill Lynch Investment Course" held last night.

Meeting in the Chemistry Lecture Room, the group was first addressed by Jack Wiggins Jr. resident partner from the Houston Branch of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane.

Wiggins briefly outlined the course and turned the program over

to David Hull, account executive in the Houston Branch, who gave a detailed outline of the purposes of the course. Our course, said Hull, is an attempt to enlighten the public on the importance and value of investments.

Idle Money Can't Produce

"People leave their money idle when it could be producing for them because they are uninformed on how to invest, he said. Primary failure of the average stockholder and investor is the lack of attention given to his holdings.

An investor must keep acquainted with the effect current business is having on his stock and be prepared to sell when the time comes. Investments seldom pay off unless they are kept active, Hull said.

Speed Essential

Speed is the essence of buying and selling stocks successfully, Hull said. Using his own company as an example, he explained the methods used to increase the speed of customer's transactions.

Houstonians wanting to buy or sell stock notify us and we wire the information direct to the floor of the exchange involved. This

saving of time may mean the difference in making money or losing it, Hull explained.

"Why Invest-Who Should Invest" was discussed by Henry F. Weghorst, sales manager at the Houston Branch of the Merrill Lynch firm.

Comparison Made

Comparing the investments of stockholders with the time spent by primitive man to fashion an arrow ready for fishing, he said that invested capital makes money by increasing productivity, just as the cave man increased his productivity by catching more fish with his arrow head.

Getting down to the actual business of considering an investment, Weghorst outlined four questions that the layman should ask himself in order to determine whether he should invest his money.

First question is "do you have adequate insurance?" Second, consider whether you have provided for the future needs of your family, such as education. Third, "do you own your own home?" Last, "is your income stable enough to stand the changes that may occur in the value of your investment?"

Invest only after you are sure you have taken care of your responsibilities and are sure that you have a surplus, Weghorst said.

Three Objectives

Safety, amount of return on your investment, and the growth of your investment are the three objectives to be considered when you have decided that you want to invest, Weghorst explained.

Following any one, or all of these depends a great deal on your financial status and your personality. Decide whether you are fundamentally conservative or fundamentally daring before settling on your objective as an investor, he said.

Young men can easier consider a more risky investment with chances for a higher payoff than can the man with prominent future responsibilities. As the income you try to make on an investment increases, so increases your risk, Weghorst pointed out.

Questions Answered

Questions from the audience followed the close of Weghorst's discussion. During the question session, it was pointed out that individuals could get information on investing just for the asking.

Merrill Lynch will provide information to anyone requesting it and give them the benefit of their entire research department, Wiggins said in answer to a question from the audience.

"Types of Securities" and "How to Read a Financial Report" are the topics scheduled for discussion at the next meeting of the group next Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Chemistry Lecture Room.

The course is being sponsored jointly by the Merrill Lynch firm, the Business Department and the Business Society on the campus.



Jo Gregory is one of Sul Ross State College's representatives at the Inter-collegiate Rodeo to be held on the campus Dec. 2 and 3.

White House To Be Remodeled

Washington (AP)—President and Mrs. Truman are going to have room for extra guests when they move back into a safe and modern White House in late 1951.

They'll have space, too, to store all those things that people don't like to throw away.

They will find it expanded into a 77-room mansion with a two-story basement when the repair job about to get underway is finally completed.

The present 150-year old structure, to be completely renovated inside, has 69 rooms and no basement.

Engineers disclosed today that eight additional rooms will be built on the top—or fourth—floor, possibly for use by guests.

Actual work on repairing the home of presidents will get underway in about a week. An underpinning subcontract was let yesterday.

Batt Begins Gift Guide Tomorrow

BY DAVE COSLETT

What you getting that little gal for Christmas? And how about Mom and Dad, and the rest of the family? You'd better start thinking about it, fellow—the bewhiskered chap with the king-sized middle aged spread comes a callin' in just 25 days.

And in case you haven't heard, you don't get your Yule-tide reprieve from this fair campus until Thursday, Dec. 22. Doesn't leave much time for Christmas shopping, does it?

Realizing this fact, The Battalion is instituting a new reader service beginning in tomorrow's edition. A shopping guide, designed to familiarize Batt readers with the facts on who sells what for how much in this area will be run tomorrow and each succeeding Friday until Christmas.

A short consultation of these pages should save lots of shoe leather for the seekers of the tidings of good will.

Meats Men Win National Meet

Albert S. Agnor, senior AH major from Marshall, was high man in judging beef carcasses, and Horace E. Riley, senior AM major from Canton, was high man in grading beef carcasses in the National Meats Judging contest which was held at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

Members of the meats judging team are Albert S. Agnor, Horace E. Riley, W. G. Dunkum, senior AH major from Marlin Falls; B. J. Bland, senior AH major from Merkel; and O. D. Butler, coach. Butler is a professor in the AH department.

The teams judged four classes of beef, three classes of pork, two classes of lamb, and graded and judged 25 beef carcasses.

The A&M team placed 12th in overall team standings with first place team honors going to Oklahoma A&M. Twenty one teams were in the contest from colleges and universities all over the country.

Corpus Club Will Meet Tonight, 7:15

Corpus Christi A&M Club will meet at 7:15 tonight in the Academic Building to discuss plans for the Christmas dance to be held Dec. 29, at the Officer's Club of the Naval Air Base, Clark Edwards, club reporter, said today.

Those wishing to attend should make reservations at the home-coming meeting or see Donald McClure, Dorm. 12, he added.

All persons in the Corpus Christi area are invited, Edwards concluded.

Foreigners Feted At Womens Dinner

The Bryan and College Station Professional Women's Club Tuesday night held a special banquet honoring foreign guests who are either residents in Bryan and College Station or who are studying at Texas A&M.

The members of the Texas A&M Latin American Club were introduced as guests of honor at the banquet.

Included in the program was a talk on Guatemala by Dean Kyle, former ambassador to that country. Dean Kyle's talk was supplemented by color movies of Guatemala. The Banquet also featured songs arranged by Mrs. Aline Carrier and some impromptu Mexican ballads sung by Al Trevino who accompanied himself on the guitar.

Miss Myrtle Murray, chairman of the International Relations Committee of the club, had charge of the program.

Outa Chute Number Nine, on 'Turpentine' . . .

Eight Cowgirls to Compete In Two-Day, College Rodeo

BY JOHN WHITMORE

"Hold 'er Newt, there ain't no sech thing as women in a rodeo." Well believe it or not, there are going to be girls in the first annual Intercollegiate rodeo, to be held tomorrow and Saturday in the AH Pavilion.

Yep, eight girls from Sul Ross, three from Oklahoma A&M, and one from Texas A&I will compete in the wild cow milking.

Vaqueros and vaqueroesses from 15 colleges will try to out-ride, and out-rope all competition to win the hand tooled saddle, which is to be given to the best all-round cowboy. This saddle was donated to the rodeo by the King Ranch's Bob Kleberg.

The saddle isn't the only prize worth a few broken bones. Eight \$75, gold and silver buckles; five hand tooled belts; a bridle and hings; three Western shirts; one Martingale; several pairs of "Levi's" and \$25 in greenbacks will ease the bruises.

Stock used in this rodeo isn't going to be the regular barn-yard variety either. The 60 bucking

horses, 25 Brahma calves, and 20 Brahma bulls will be supplied by the Double-S Rodeo Ranch at Ki-leen.

The brief reliefs from the muscle-straining and ligament-pulling will be provided by a professional rodeo clown, according to Charlie Rankin, president of the National Inter-collegiate Rodeo Association.

Schools already signed up for the occasion are Colorado A&M, New Mexico A&H, Oklahoma, University of New Mexico, Texas Tech, Sul Ross, TU, Hardin-Simmons, Texas A&I, Stephen F. Austin, Arlington State College, Baylor, Weatherford College, West Texas State Teachers College and A&M.

Winners of this, the last NIRA rodeo of the calendar year, could decide the winner of the first national championship.

The NIRA, which was organized last February, keeps a record of all of the points won by the member teams throughout the year.

At the last count Sul Ross State College in Alpine is the number one contender for the championship slot. A&M is a close second, and a win by either of these

schools could well determine the outcome of this year's competition.

The main events of the contest will be saddle bronc riding, steer ribbon roping, bull-dogging bare-back riding, and the girl's wild cow milking.

The judges for the affair will be men who are well known in rodeo circles for their feats in Madison Square Garden rodeos. They are Manuel Enos of Ft. Worth and Jack Favor from Arlington.

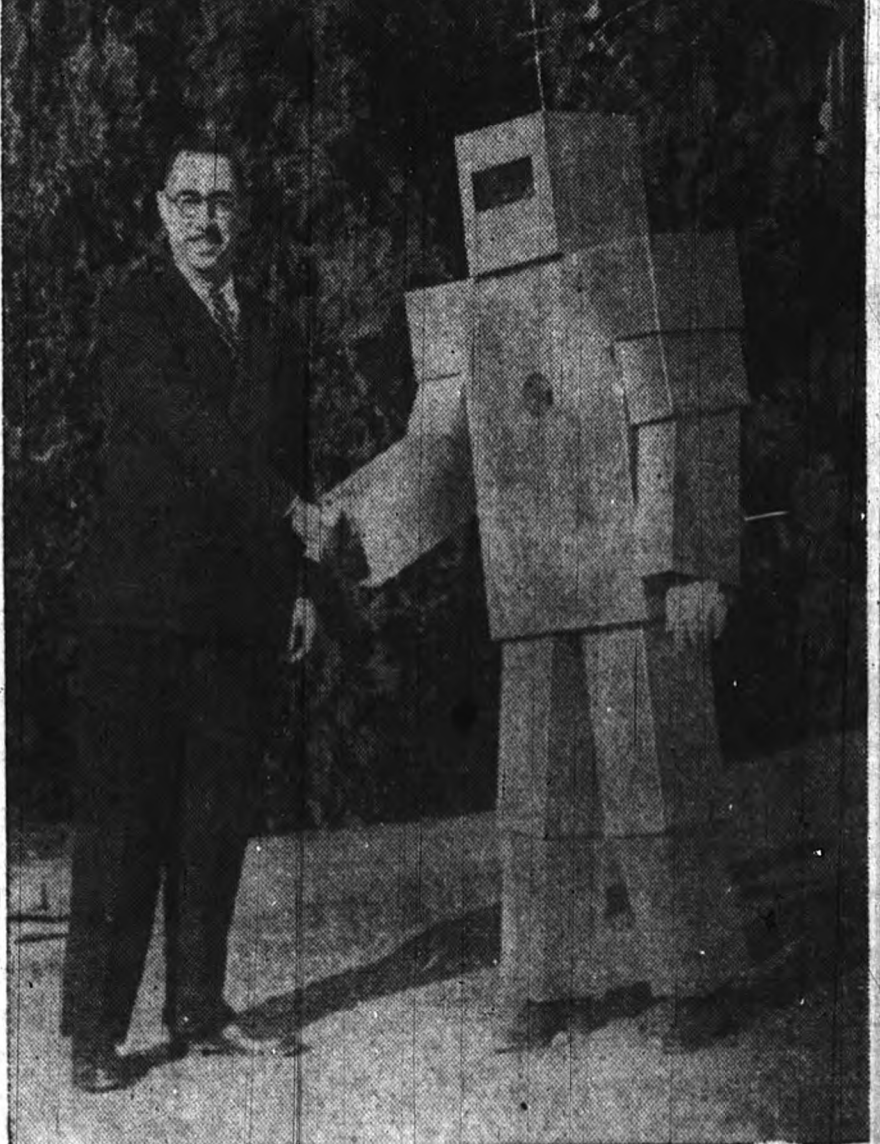
Enos was the Garden's champion bronc rider and Favor is an ex-championship bull-dogger.

There are 350 members in the NIRA representing 29 colleges in 10 states, on the roll at the present time.

A parade to usher in the event will start Friday at 2 p. m. in Bryan.

The tickets for the fray will be \$1.50 for reserved seats, \$1.20 for general admission, and .60 for children.

Tickets are now on sale at the Campus Treater, College Station Shoe Repair, The AH Department, Student Activities Office, and Court's Shoe repair in Bryan.



Willie the Robot, probably the only mechanical man on the campus who wears cowboy boots, met Dean of the School of Engineering Howard W. Barlow last week. Willie was on the campus to discuss R. U. R., the Aggie player's production scheduled for the nights of December 7 and 8.