

More Teachers Needed - Doak

The teaching field now offers more opportunity than ever before, Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the Biology Department, said recently.

"Enactment of the Gilmer-Aikin Bill has greatly liberalized teacher's benefits. The loss of a generation of teachers has created a shortage which is now being felt by the schools of this state. This is particularly true of biology teachers," he said.

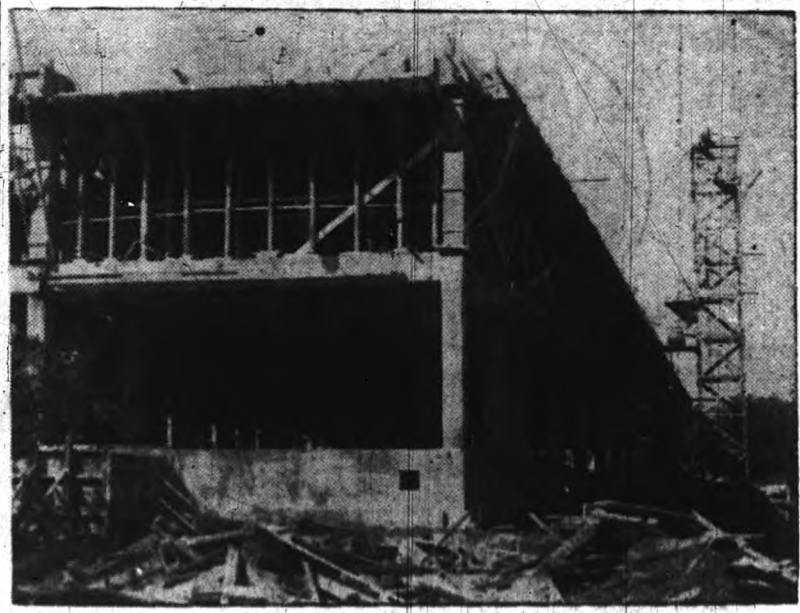
This demand is expected to increase sharply in the next few years, when the peak of the post war baby crop now in grade schools, begin flooding the high schools.

"We are living in a specialized world today with increased emphasis in the field of science. More teachers of science are needed, with a major interest in Biology, to staff the high schools of Texas," Dr. Doak added.

The rapid growing junior college system throughout the state has added to the demand for adequately trained teachers to meet this shortage. Salaries, long one of the bad features of teaching, have now been increased and are comparable to other professions.

"We are proud of the part Texas A&M plays in scientific teacher-training. The increased facilities of our new Science building will enable us to offer a broader program to the student interested in training as a Biology teacher," Dr. Doak added.

Anyone interested should check their present credits against the suggested list for biology majors. Interviews may be arranged with the Biology or Education Departments for further details, Dr. Doak said.



The new addition to the A&M skyline is the three story Science Hall, which is due to be completed Sept. 1. Cost of the building is \$689,000.

New Animals May Become Beneficial

A new fur-bearing animal has been introduced into East Texas, and the Wildlife Management Department at A&M is conducting a study to determine if the animal is an asset or a liability.

The animal is the nutria, which is similar to, but somewhat larger than, the muskrat. A native of South America, it was imported to the United States because of its value as a fur-bearer.

Since it is fond of natural vegetation which grows in and around inland bodies of water, it also has been used to clean fish ponds of undesirable vegetation, such as lily pads and cattails.

Dr. George A. Petrides of the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Unit at A&M says that since the nutria is a new species to Texas, its full potentialities are not entirely known.

The history of the nutria in this section of the country dates back to 1939, when 100 of the animals were released on an Avery Island, La., fur farm.

The descendants of the original stock scattered through the marshes along the Gulf Coast and multiplied rapidly. In 1947, some 28,000 descendants of the original number were trapped for their furs.

The original stock for nutrias in Texas was placed in a marsh in Anderson County and in a pond



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N-Tex Trackmen Test Aggies On Kyle's Cinders Saturday

Denton, Feb. 28.—(Spl.)—The North Texas State thinny clads will attempt to bite off a big chunk of the pie when they open their season Saturday against the strong Texas Aggie trackmen in College Station.

Competing against the Aggie again will be 18 Eagles who earned points in last year's clash with A&M and East Texas State here. The Farmers outscored NT, 84-59, that day. ET tallied only 16 points.

The big men against the Cadets will be sprinter Jerome Zabochnik, half-miler Ben Sparks, and broad jumper Luther Fambro. They each won first places last year and will be strong threats to repeat.

Eagle Relay Won

Captain Pop Noah also has the 440-yard relay team that bent the Aggies last year. Charley Teague, the stocky little speedster from Sherman, is currently sidelined with an injury but Harlan Howell of Gainesville, Ray Renfro of Leonard, and Zabochnik are ready

to go full speed. Soph Richard Smith of Texas City will be in Teague's spot.

In the varsity-freshman meet held at Eagle Stadium Thursday and Friday Zabochnik won the 100-yard dash in 9.6 and took the 220 in 21.9. The sprint relay was timed in 42.6 seconds, very good this early in the season.

Other NTSC Threats

Here is a rundown on the Eagles in the other events:

Zabochnik, Smith, and Renfro will be in both of the sprints. Last year as a freshman Zabochnik won the 220 and was second in the 100. Renfro took third in the century and fourth in the long dash. Dan Brown and Grover Pearson, who placed third and fourth in the 440-yard dash last year, will be

in the race again with Herb Marvel, Frank Smith, and freshman Gene Thomas.

Sparks will bid in the half-mile again and distance runners Don Edwards of Canyon, James Young of Fort Worth, and Robert Hohlt of Fort Worth will share the chores in the mile and two mile runs.

Fambro Ambidextrous

Fambro will be entered in the broad jump, pole vault, high jump, and low hurdles against the Farmers. Bob Grundy, the former state high school champ, will also high jump and broad jump.

Ted Smith and letterman Pat Fowler will carry the load in the high hurdles. In the meet Friday Smith nipped Fowler by inches and was clocked in 14.6, another good time.

Husky Johnny Slack, the Eagles' great weightman, will be in the shot put, discus, and javelin. He also had good marks in the varsity-fresh meet. He put the iron ball 46 feet, ¾ inches and sailed the platted 148 feet, 10 inches.

Cattlemen Plan Ball for April

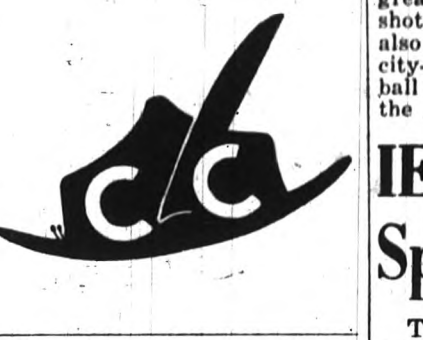
The Cattlemen's Ball will be held in Sbis Hall April 22, "Baldy" Bush, chairman of the ball committee, told the Kream and Kow Klub members at its regular meeting last week.

Newly elected honorary members of the club are Henry P. Knolle and Jack Lively. According to club President Carl Hand, Knolle is a prominent South Texas dairyman, and breeder of registered Jersey cattle. Lively has a registered Guernsey farm just north of Dallas and is one of the top Guernsey authorities in Texas.

April 29 was selected for the day of the annual barbecue and sophomore judging contests. Sophomores this year will have the opportunity to judge both cattle and dairy products.

Another feature of this year's dairy judging contest is the separate division for junior and senior students. They will have contests of their own in conjunction with the sophomore contests. Prizes will be awarded to high scoring individuals.

A committee was appointed to plan the club's activities for A&M College Day and the open house program. Members of this committee are Jack W. McCarley, chairman, Earl Edwards Jr., James Lehmann, Wofford B. Hardy, Roy O. Hagood, and Wilbert E. Tschhardt.



Security Plan Needs Strength

"Until world peace is assured, America must remain militarily strong," Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson said, in accepting the Honorary National Chairmanship of National Defense Week, according to information received by the Texas Military District headquarters.

Johnson, long-time member of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, pointed out that National Defense Week, May 13-20, was celebrated in February in former years. It was delayed this year in order that it might be climaxed by Armed Forces Day.

National Defense Week is sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association of the United States. In his speech, Johnson said, "Maintaining a strong, well-trained force of citizen defenders to back up our regulars is more vital than ever to our country's security."

Armed Forces Day, sponsored by the Department of Defense, has been set for the third Saturday of each May and this year falls on May 20. It is the unification of the former separate Army, Navy, and Air Force days.

Saddle & Sirloin Elects Turnbow

The Little Southwestern Livestock Exposition of 1950 will be held May 12 and 13, the Saddle and Sirloin Club decided recently.

C. E. Turnbow and Joe Straus, senior AH majors, have been elected general superintendent and assistant superintendent respectively. No department heads were announced.

Men who wish to show animals in any of the four departments cattle, horses, swine, and sheep should submit their names to the AH Department as soon as possible.

A three performance rodeo is being planned with the livestock show.

Bryan Musicians Begin Rehearsals

The Bryan Concert Band will begin rehearsals Thursday March 2, 7:30 p. m. at the Carnegie Library in Bryan.

All musicians from Bryan and College Station are requested to be present with instruments and stands.

The Band will play concerts in Bryan and College Station this summer as soon as their programs are completed.

IE Department Sponsors Meet

The second annual Industrial Teachers Convention will be held here Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, according to C. H. Groneman, chairman of the convention.

Sponsors of the event will be the Industrial Education Department and the Industrial Extension Division of the Engineering Extension Service.

Registration will take place in the Industrial Education Department office from 5 to 8 p. m. Friday. A fee of 50¢ per person will be charged.

Dr. M. T. Harrington, Dean and President-Elect of the College, and Frank D. Nixon, president of the A&M I. E. Club, will make addresses of welcome beginning at 7 p. m. in the Petroleum Engineering Lecture Room. They will be followed by the feature speaker, Dr. H. H. London, head of the Industrial Education Department at the University of Missouri.

Saturday morning will be devoted to demonstrations of new teaching materials and an inspection of the shop facilities on the campus and at the Bryan High School.

Rooms will be available in Ramps I, J, and K of Walton Hall for \$1 per night with the college furnishing linens, etc.

A luncheon in Sbis Hall at 12:30 p. m. Saturday during which Dr. London will make an address concluding the convention.

Dillavou Speaker At Woman's Club

George Dillavou of the A&M English Department reviewed Arthur Miller's popular play, "Death of a Salesman" before the College Women's Social Club Friday afternoon.

The play deals with a man who has realized that the values of success he attained during his many years of life are untrue. His thoughts and sudden realization of the fact that he was a failure, although his business life had been very successful, were very touching, Dillavou said.

Practice Teachers Finish Assignment

Eight graduating seniors of the Agricultural Education Department returned from a two week practice teaching assignment.

Two of the practice teachers, B. B. Burrow and M. Duke, taught at Pilot Point. Two others, C. M. Lester and L. M. Barber, served their stay at Van, while E. D. Willis, Floyd E. Kerens, R. E. Patrick, and N. H. Ruddle taught at Tyler.

According to E. V. Walton, who made an inspection tour of the practice field experience in teaching.



Gordon Edgar, Flight Junior, has just suffered the shock that we all experience—opening the mail box and finding it empty. The photographer didn't explain how he managed to get a picture inside the South Station post office with just one man in it and with no "Box Holder" letters on the floor.

Huey New Head Of Business Society

Cecil H. Huey, senior business major from New Orleans, Louisiana was elected president of the Business Society for the spring semester Tuesday night in a special meeting.

Lloyd H. Manjeot, vice-president, presided during the election of officers. John D. Shoemaker was elected to the post of reporter.

There was a discussion of plans to have a duchess to represent the club at the Cotton Ball, and a committee of three was appointed for selection of the duchess from photographs to be submitted by interested members not later than noon Saturday, February 25th. Frank Cushing, Red Duke and Don Miller will make the final selection after the deadline date.

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'A' Flight Takes First in Pass By

"A" Flight Air Force placed first in competition against nine other flights in an unscheduled pass-by review held Wednesday afternoon.

Placing second, third, and fourth behind "A" Flight was "H" Flight, "K" Flight, and "E" Flight. All competing units scored points according to the new point system instituted.

Fowler, Bernard Attend Lectureship

Jimmy Fowler, pastor of the A&M Church of Christ, and Virgel Bernard, elder of the church, are attending the 33 annual Abilene Christian College Lectureship. The meeting opened officially Sunday morning in Abilene.

According to Don H. Morris, President of ACC, several thousand visitors from almost every state in the union were expected on the campus.

Nationally known speakers including lecturers from four foreign countries are on the program.

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