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The Etiquette Course -- A Good Move . . .

The Senior Class-sponsored etiquette course which opened last night should fulfill a definite need at A&M. Begun by the Class of '49, the course was a great success last year. This year's series should render an even greater service because all of the "master" lectures and the Foley's clothing show will be open to all students, student wives, and residents of College Station and Bryan.

The men who planned this series of etiquette lectures decided there was no reason why everyone in the college community should not be able to take advantage of the course. With that thought in mind, they selected their subjects carefully and obtained the valuable help of prominent local people who will deliver the four "master" lectures and also help plan the clothing show and the classroom talks by cadets.

A large number of senior cadets have volunteered to deliver the classroom lec-

tures. They will get their subject material from one or more of the master lectures and, using a lesson plan prepared by one of the three main speakers, they will plan and give ten minute talks in the military science classes.

Here at A&M we have a tendency to neglect some of those social customs which add polish to our relations with one another. This neglect has often handicapped an A&M graduate when he leaves school and enters into the role of a young businessman, scientist, and member of his community.

This series of lectures and demonstrations have not been designed to teach all the elements of acceptable behavior and custom to any person. Rather, it will serve as a refresher course that should help to reacquaint all those who attend the lectures with the necessities of social behavior which mean so much in our daily contacts with others.

If Not the Biggest, Certainly the Best . . .

There are two ways to approach one of the hot subjects being kicked around in Congress during its current session. This hot subject is legislation already initiated and cleared through the House of Representatives on the granting of statehood to Alaska and also to Hawaii.

The first question to pop into minds of people outside of Texas is "How will the new flag look if and when these territories are admitted to full statehood?" Will we have five rows of stars with ten stars in each row, or if either Hawaii or Alaska fails to make the grade, will our flag have seven rows of stars with seven stars in a row?

Texans are naturally asking themselves "If Alaska is granted statehood what will Texans do when they can no longer claim residence in the largest state in the United States?"

This question posed by Texans undoubtedly influenced several Texas Congressmen the other day when Alaska came up in the House for statehood recognition. These Congressmen from Texas voted against making Alaska state number 49 or 50.

For 104 years Texas has rightly claimed to be the largest state in the 48. Alaska would reduce Texas to number two.

Heretofore, the territories of Alaska and Hawaii have sent delegates to the

Congress, but these delegates have had no voting right. Statehood would give the Congress two senators from each of the new states, and their proportionate share of representatives to the House.

Viewing the strategic position of both the territories, and their populations which are predominately sympathetic to this country, these territories have strong claims for statehood. Opponents to statehood for Alaska and Hawaii argue that neither of these territories are actual parts of this country. They are far removed from the borders of the United States as it is presently conceived, opponents charge.

One Congressman from New York feared that if these territories were admitted, Texas would, consistent with its annexation treaty break up into five states. This is possible, but what self respecting Texan would favor splitting Texas into five equal states?

The expanding frontiers of this country politically, economically, and socially indicate that these territories being considered for statehood will soon be as American as Texas or Pennsylvania is today. Granting statehood now would tend to increase and hasten their achieving this status of Americanization.

And if Texas is no longer the biggest state in the union after Alaska comes in, we will at least remain the best state.

★ **AMARILLO**—(P)—The ballooning overalls of a Negro customer aroused suspicions of employees of a grocery store. They had the man arrested.

In the overalls, tied around the ankles, they found: Three T-bone steaks, three club steaks, nine packages of boiled ham and a dressed chicken. The negro drew 20 days.

Day-time snoozing draws my sneers,
Only lazy people do it.
(Besides, we only have one couch,
Someone always beats me to it!)

★ **WACO**—(P)—A newsboy's mighty heave rang the bell—burglar alarm, that is.

Squad car police rushed to a drug store at 25th and Washington. They found no burglars, but a tightly folded newspaper was against the front door. They surmised it had hit the door hard enough to touch off the alarm.

Off the gas and on the brake,
40 to 20 in a shake.
What, you ask, changed my mind—
In the mirror . . . a cop behind.

The Battalion

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NEW DEAL FOR EVERYBODY

Editor, The Battalion:

Down with the capitalistic aristocracy which prevails on the A&M campus! STUDENTS ARISE, and root out this system which permits want in the midst of plenty, failure surrounded by success. We of the Agonistic Party propose as a solution the following, called the Brunnan Plan, which will help in redistribution of the grade points.

Each student will receive grade points in proportion to his need; each student will contribute grade

points to the common pool according to his ability to make them. Eventually the ideal situation will be reached, in which every student taking the same course will receive the same grade.

Also we propose that while the pink, crimson, and red cord, ribbon, and tape are holding up the former proposal, that in order to relieve a present crisis, a change in system be put into effect immediately, AND BE MADE RETROACTIVE. In this day of revaluation of the Mark, Sou, Franc, and Pound, the grade point should also be revalued, and four of the new be given the student for every three of the old.

Our party is accepting recruits, and will be glad to enlist men who are in agreement with these changes.

Yours truly,

Duke Menger '49
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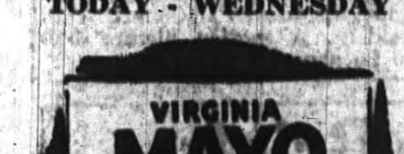
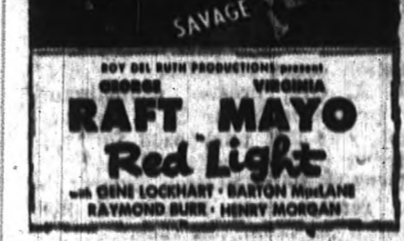
About one-fourth of the courses for apprentices in electricity, plumbing, and pipe-fitting, being compiled by the Industrial Extension Service, have been completed, according to director E. L. Williams. L. B. "Buck" Baker, instructional material specialist in electricity, and Bob Camp, plumbing and pipe-fitting specialist, have reviewed information on each respective field and have compiled, abridged, and edited this material into a simple form for various electricians and plumbers in apprentice classes throughout the state, said Williams.

When employers and employees in the four major fields of building construction—electricity, painting, carpentry, and plumbing and pipe-fitting—requested the State Board of Vocational Education to standardize apprenticeship instruction in 1948, the Board placed the electrical and plumbing and pipe-fitting phases at A&M while setting up painting and carpentry programs at the University of Texas.

Baker, who has been in the electrical industry for 20 years, has provided his first group of instructional material for teachers of apprentice classes. He is now completing research for the second term.

Official Notice

Students due a copy of "Biochemical Preparations—Volume I, contact Mrs. Sargent at the library.



Prof-Columnist Gives Tips To East Texas Gardeners

By RAY WILLIAMS

Professor C. Gordon Milne, of the Floriculture Department, is now the Garden Columnist of the Houston Chronicle. His column appears in the Sunday edition of the paper, and is titled "Gardening in the Houston Area."

The purpose of the column is to tell the amateur grower what to do and when to do it. Milne takes his scientific knowledge and uses it to write the articles in a language that the grower can understand. "It is sometimes very hard to explain why something is done so that the reader will know what I'm talking about," says Milne.

The column is primarily devoted to giving information on

the care of ornamental flowers, shrubs, and trees, to the flower fanciers of the Houston and East Texas area.

Since the beginning of the column, two months ago, Professor Milne has used it to give the growers the information needed in the immediate care of their flowers. Each week he tells what should be done to the various plants during the coming week.

This is the time of the year that pruning of bushes and trees should be done, and in his present articles, Milne tells how to do it and why.

Professor Milne personally answers all questions by mail that his readers write him about their own problems.

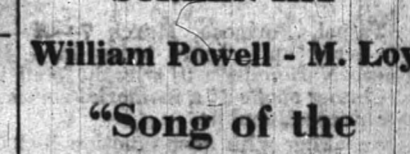
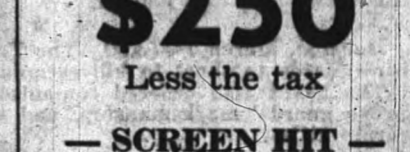
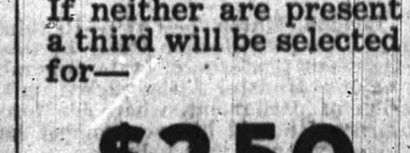
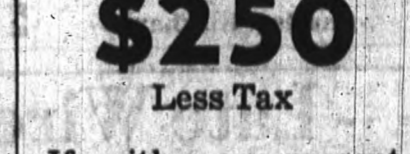
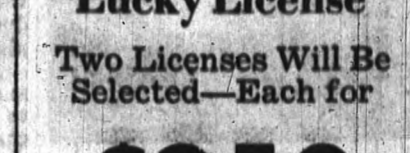
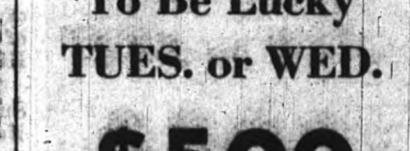
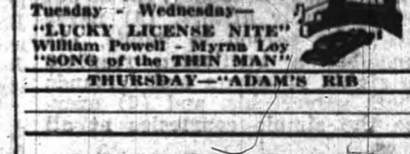
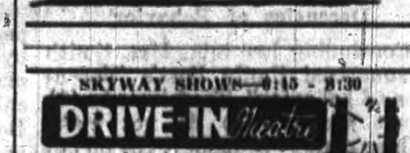
Aid Given to Test Dusting Chemicals

A grant-in-aid of \$300 to be used for testing dusting chemicals for tomatoes at the tomato disease laboratory at Jacksonville, has been received by the Agricultural Experiment Station.

"This work will be conducted by Dr. P. A. Young of our laboratory at Jacksonville," Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the station, announces. The grant is from the Mathieson Chemical Corp., Baltimore, Maryland.

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