

Till Reveals Value Of Texas Industry

By CHARLES KIRKHAM

"If we have opportunities that exist in Texas, why go to Chicago or New York and ask men to come down here to build factories and then take our money back with them," H. G. Till, Director of Research and Development, Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad, asked Society for the Advancement of Management members last night.

"Rather, we should seek out products that could be manufactured and marketed profitably in this area, and start manufacturing them," he added.

"The industrial East was not built by ambitious people asking English investors to please build factories in this region. Factories were built by industrious Yankees who saw something to make and started making them," he continued. Till cited examples of the availability of Texas capital ready and willing to aid industrial expansion in this region. He said that six hours to raise \$50,000,000 for an expansion program in Houston," he said.

State Businesses

"We need more new businesses in Texas conceived by Texas brains, financed by Texas money, and run with Texas energy," Till declared. "Many businesses are started already, but the surface has only been scratched.

However, Till continued, "Texas industrial expansion cannot be confined to locally initiated enterprises. Many industries are moving into the Southwest. This is not a trend toward the much publicized 're-location of industry' but more as a normal movement of manufacturing plants to satisfy markets over increased population has created.

Present Data

In order to interest an industry to re-locate or expand in this region, "You cannot say 'please come to Texas' to industrial executives," Till stated. "You must present factual data on markets available, labor supply, raw materials supply, utility rates and quantities available, and the many other plant location factors which must be considered in any location of a plant or industrial enterprise," he said.

"Recent trends, studies, and statistics, according to Till, show that distribution companies moving into the Southwest to locate in large cities, while sizeable manufacturing plants want small towns. "If this trend continues, M-K-T's program will aid many small towns," he said.

"Anything that helps cities and towns along our lines helps us," he told the group. "If they don't haul a pound of freight over our lines, their presence still helps us."

M-K-T Assists

An example of M-K-T's assistance in getting new enterprises located in this region was told by Till. Two days ago a deal was closed with a firm to convert an abandoned oil storage tank farm to a grain storage location. This farm located near Henrietta, Texas will help surrounding farmers, and the M-K-T, who will haul the grain to and from the storage facilities.

Engineering details on handling the grain from freight car to storage bin as well as methods of preventing the grain in storage from overheating were worked out by M-K-T engineers, Till announced. He emphasized that facts must sell an industrial location site rather than fast talking. "You can't soft soap a man to invest millions of dollars without showing him conclusively that his new invest-

ment will be sound economically," he said.

Fields in the Southwest offering the greatest opportunities to young men, Till stated, are in ceramics, the manufacture of household items, and processing and manufacturing food products.

Till was accompanied by Claude H. Burke, Industrial Agent, and Jordan Thorne, Agricultural Agent. Burke and Thorne are both January 1949 graduates of A&M.

Juniors Select Aggie Film As Class Project

A 20-minute film depicting student life at A&M was voted unanimously as class project by the Class of '51 at a meeting held in the Chemistry Lecture Room last night.

Bob McClure, last year's cadet colonel of the corps, made a special talk to the class outlining fundamentals of the movie. "A major portion of the project would probably be completed by June of '51," McClure said. The movie will be in color and have a sound track.

Previous to McClure's talk, the class decided unanimously to use a secret ballot in its upcoming election after regular school elections. W. D. "Pusher" Barnes, class president explained that this would eliminate last year's block voting techniques.

Opening the meeting, Barnes announced that the class had cleared over a hundred dollars from Junior Prom and Banquet receipts. The class treasury is now approximately \$800, he said.

Next Barnes told class members that if they have enough hours and grade points to classify, they may order senior rings on or after May 1. If they do not have required hours and grade points, they must wait till September to order, juniors were told. Prices quoted on rings were \$29, \$26, \$25, and \$22 for sophomores, juniors, seniors, and four-year graduates, respectively.

Rings ordered in May may be received around August 15. Then followed a lengthy discussion of the status of the Corps next year.

High Schools Need 130 Ag. Teachers

Approximately 130 high school vocational agricultural teaching positions will be filled between June 1 and September 1 of this year, E. V. Walton of the Agricultural Education Department, told the Collegiate F. F. A. Chapter Monday.

There may be as many as 500 applicants for these jobs, he said. A&M is expected to graduate 110 agricultural education students this spring and summer. Graduates should turn in their applications as soon as possible, Walton said, since it will not be possible to place all men in teaching positions, even though the Agricultural Education Department is doing its best to place A&M graduates in teaching positions.

There will be positions in other fields of agricultural for the remainder of the graduates, he said.

Stewart Leaves SWC Position For State Fair

Dallas, March 29—(AP)—James H. Stewart, for five years executive secretary of the Southwest Conference, today became vice-president and general manager of the State Fair of Texas.

There were indications that Abbott Curtis, assistant to Stewart and also director of officials of the conference, would succeed him.

Stewart will continue with the Southwest Conference until its spring meeting in Austin May 11-12, at which time a successor will be named by the conference faculty committee.

Stewart served as executive secretary at a salary of \$9,000 a year and also received a like amount as director-general of the Cotton Bowl. The job with the State Fair will be paid a basic salary of \$15,000 a year. There also are bonus stipulations.

Out of Cotton Bowl Dan Rogers, chairman of the Board of the Cotton Bowl, said Stewart accepting the position with the State Fair undoubtedly would mean he would sever his connections with the Cotton Bowl.

"In the first place, he probably wouldn't have time to operate the fair and also the Cotton Bowl," Rogers said. "In the second place we probably will want to operate the Cotton Bowl independently from any other enterprise."

Rogers said Stewart's successor as executive secretary of the conference likely would become director-general of the Cotton Bowl which is tied up with the host team in the New Year's Day football classic.

Curtis last year was director of officials for the Pacific Coast Conference but recently came here to assist Stewart and direct the officials.

Stewart is a national figure in collegiate athletics. He was an All-Southwest Conference football player at Southern Methodist and also was a star in track and basketball. He coached at Wesley where he remained 20 years as coach, athletic director and business manager of athletics, holding the latter post 10 years. He was athletic director of the Texas American Exposition and the Pan-American Exposition in Dallas in 1936 and 1937. He was appointed executive secretary of the Southwest Conference in 1945. When the National Collegiate Athletic Association worked out its "sanity code" two years ago Stewart was named a member of the Compliance Committee.

"Batt" Calls For Duchess Pictures

If there is any club or organization that has not turned in their duchess's picture to the Battalion office, they are urged to do so immediately.

This is necessary to prevent a last minute rush to the possibility of having to omit a picture because of lack of space in the week before the Cotton Pageant and Ball.

Pictures may be turned in at anytime during the day to Ray Williams, duchess pix editor, or to anyone on The Battalion staff.

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The Singing Cadets will appear on a special broadcast, to originate in Austin, over the Texas Quality Network Monday, April 3, from 9:30 until 10 p. m. according to Bill Turner, director.

The broadcast will be the kickoff for the State Cancer Crusade during April. Principal speaker for the program will be Governor Allan Shivers.

The announcer of the program will be Jerry Lee of station WOAI San Antonio. The stations slated to carry the broadcast are KPRC Houston, WFAA Dallas, KRGN Waco, and KVAI Brownsville, according to Turner.

The Singing Cadets will leave College Station at 5 p. m. Monday for Austin for the broadcast in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol. They will return immediately after the program, Turner said.

The cadets will sing Martin Luther's hymn of praise, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"; the folk song, "Wandering"; "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee," by Bach; and the spiritual, "Set Down Servant" and "Dry Bones."

Take a Break

Two profs were called upon recently to fill in for a third teacher who was absent from his duties. Prof. A went into one of the missing man's classes, remained there a short time and returned to his office long before classes are normally released.

Prof. B, knowing Prof. A was supposed to be substituting for the missing man said, "How come you let them out so early?"

Prof. A answered, "Well, he (the missing prof) didn't mark in his book where he had left off nor where he intended to stop. I just went my distance and quit."

Yell leader "Red" Duke revealed an idea yesterday that is worthy of note. Encountered in the Student Activities Office, "Red" said he was ordering two extra Senior favors. Questioned as to the reason for the purchase, "Red" informed us that he plans to have a pair of cuff links made from the two ring seals which serve as Senior favors.

Boots to Boutonieres Show in Guion Tonight

Cadets of the Senior Class take their first fling at stage productions tonight when A&M's first clothing show opens in Guion Hall at 7:30.

The forty five minute show "From Boots to Boutonieres" will headline ten students who will be joined by a group of models imported from Houston to give the show a bit of the feminine touch.

Foley's of Houston is providing all the trimmings to go into the production. A script written by Foley's Special Events Department in collaboration with cadet master of ceremonies "Buck" Wyler, commander of C Troop Cavalry, will be backed up by musical offerings by Leonard Perkins at the Guion Hall organ.

Special backdrops, designed particularly for this show, will be shipped in from Houston today.

Already more than enough volunteers have offered their services to help in staging the show. They went to Houston last week and each was fitted with three changes of clothing which will be featured in the show. Sports, business and formal wear selected from the medium price range will be shown.

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