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New Developments from the A&M System . . .

All too often those of us who are students are prone to forget the wide range of activities which go in the A&M College System outside our own campus activities. This was brought to mind yesterday when we read of a new development announced by researchers of the Agricultural Experiment Station. The development, unfortunately, will probably not receive the attention it deserves from the general public. The men who were responsible for it will probably suffer from lack of well-deserved praise also. One of the leading state papers, however, recognized the contribution of the researchers and devoted three columns to detailing their activities.

The development is a new poultry feed which utilizes two recent new "wonder drugs"—aureomycin and streptomycin. It is estimated that it will save Texas \$7 million a year. In effect, it reduces the number of weeks required to raise marketable poultry while at the same time reducing the number of pounds of feed required to produce one pound of chicken.

Poultry raised by current feeding methods requires 12 weeks to reach the marketable weight of three pounds. In that time they consume 12 pounds of feed. Using the new feed developed by our Agricultural Experiment Station three pound chickens can be raised in ten weeks on nine pounds of feed. The former ratio was 3-12-12. The new ratio is 3-10-9.

The quicker, cheaper 3-10-9 schedule is already being used. But the research men are not letting up on their efforts. They don't discount the possibility of a 3-9-9 or even a 3-9-8 schedule.

The results of this research will be felt not only on the farm, but on the market as well. Poultry raisers will make more profit and consumers will save money.

Our congratulations go to all men who had any part in this new development. They have made a significant contribution to science, the people, and the college.

A Step in Equality for Negroes . . .

For the first time in the 67-year history of the University of Texas, two Negroes have completed formal registration. They have both enrolled for advanced degrees, moving through the registration lines without incident earlier this week. One of the Negro's enrollment was held up temporarily because of inadequate credits in two subjects, but University officials said he would be permitted to make up the credits on an individual basis. Several other Negroes, including Heman Marion Sweat whose suit for entry resulted in a recent Supreme Court ruling requiring admission in the University of Texas. Some will consider it a mistake. Others will view it complacently. Still a third group believes the order giving Negroes the right to enroll in state schools previously reserved for whites was long overdue. It would be difficult to change the opinions of any of these groups except, perhaps, the complacent one. All of them, however, undoubtedly will have to accept the Supreme Court ruling.

Such a step as the registration of Negroes in the University of Texas is epochal. It opens to speculation an entire

new set of concepts of racial equality and the extent to which it will or should be carried. While it is impossible to forecast the immediate result of the change, the long-term effect can probably be imagined without too much difficulty. Eventually a state of complete equality of opportunity for Negroes will probably be obtained. This can result in a general overall improvement in the Negro society until in time that society will be comparable to the White society in educational level and standard of living. What lies between the present and that future time when Negroes have achieved such equality can only be guessed.

We hope that now, having gained the first step in obtaining equality of opportunity, those sponsoring this drive for freedom for the Negroes will not move too hastily. We are convinced the White people, and we assume the Negroes, do not wish to have such changes unduly forced upon them. The social disorganization which always accompanies changes of this magnitude should be given time to settle. To force such issues too rapidly is as bad if not worse than not allowing them to be introduced at all.

Reminders of the Past Removed . . .

Add 1,000 Indian scouts to the ranks of the nation's unemployed . . . and let them ride from the scene of potential employment in carriages pulled by horses formerly reserved for use by the President of these United States. And, finally, let the sad procession be followed up by thousands of disowned Army horses.

This parade of "has-beens" can be blamed on a Texan Rep. Paul Kilday of San Antonio. It was Kilday who introduced a measure approved Wednesday by the house which would: 1. Stop the president from enlisting Indian scouts. 2. No longer require the Army Quartermaster General to provide suitable accommodations for "the horses, carriages and other vehicles of the President . . ." and 3. Pledge the United States to pay overseas transportation costs for the horses of mounted Army officers.

How the old regulations which Kilday's bill would kill ever remained on the books has not been explained. But the San Antonio hurridly reminded reporters that he didn't believe President Truman would be disaccommodated if they are removed from the records. No Indian scouts were available for comment on the measure. No displaced presidential hack drivers could be found either. And no Army officer would admit he was thinking of dunning the government for horse transportation costs.

Kilday's bill will probably become law uncontested. Nevertheless, with it will pass an almost forgotten reminder of the days when the United States was a baby in the world family of nations rather than a newly matured young country attempting to fill the shoes of the world's greatest power, left vacant by a displaced England.

The Battalion

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OF COURSE, IT ISN'T LOADED!



Prediction—Russia Will Make Peace

Berlin, June 4.—(AP)—Allied officials predicted tonight that Russia will make a separate peace with Eastern Germany late this year after "civilianizing" the Soviet zone to serve as a satellite of Moscow.

They saw no likelihood of a Soviet troop withdrawal. The spade-work will include the replacement of General of the Army Vassily I. Chuikov by a career diplomat as chief of the Soviet Control Commission, the Allied sources said.

Basing their prediction of maneuvering already under way to give a civilian face to the Soviet regime, they forecast separate peace would be proclaimed soon after the first east German elections next Oct. 15.

The election is certain to confirm the present Communist-led provisional government in power. A Soviet-style single list of Communist-approved candidates will appear on the ballots.

East German Communists are openly planning a "Proletarian dictatorship" like those in other eastern European countries of the Soviet bloc.

The biggest apparent obstacle to a separate peace was cleared away Tuesday when Communist Deputy Premier Walter Ulbricht signed a renunciation of Germany's claim to eastern territories occupied by Poland since the war.

The east German cabinet tonight unanimously approved Ulbricht's signature to the territorial signature.

Ulbricht said the western allies have "lost any right to interfere with the peaceful regulation of our relations with neighboring countries. He also attacked U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy for "assumption" to denounce the agreement with Poland.

Ulbricht said the west had lost any right of interference with east German politics "because they have refused to grant our people a peace treaty."

Four Soviet civilian diplomats have been named to replace four

A Hollywood Innovation . . .

'Comanche' Film Exploits Nervous Hero, Bowie Knife

By FRED WALKER, Batt Amusements Editor

("Comanche Territory"—now showing at the Campus through Saturday.)

"Comanche Territory" produces something virtually unknown in the western melodrama—a nervous hero.

The story is typical. Hero meets heroine and Indians (friendly, of course), all thwarted by the villain. Hero flails villain with wet noodle. All is well.

Against the typical background of typical "majestic" buttes, Our hero, James Bowie (Macdonald Carey), encounters a typical band of typical "pesky redskins" (Gase). Enter stage, combination buffalo hunter, frontiersman and Jacksonian congressman, "Buckskin Bill" be evader, alas.

Enter fabulous Bowie Knife, a vicious looking weapon, to perform operation. Re-appear typical "redskins", who peculiarly attack in echelon. Big capture and off to the typical Indian

village. "White Brother" tied to stake! Now—

At this point the picture takes a queer twist. Golden Boy flinches, sweats, and practically quakes, when the "il'ole 'injuns" shoot arrows at him. Gad! Hollywood is definitely out to undermine the ideals and convictions of our children. Babies cried, women screamed, and old men shuddered in the audience. (The one thing that cut most was the ending; Bowie actually KISSED the "gal.")

Back to the thrilling story, but thinly it seems that J. B. was sent by the government to guard against any violation of the "silver treaty" between the U. S. and the Comanches. "Frontier Tim", our "rotting representative", lets treaty be stolen by O'Hara and Co. Maureen looks to Father's dream to development of west; Brother looks to silver lodes.

After barroom brawl, (wouldn't be complete without it), in which Maureen throws punches like Joe Louis, she vamps the

unsuspecting Bowie (not to be confused with the knife). Both are captured by Indians, still not trusting "Great White Father", or even "Brother".

Chief's son, a Carlisle Indian, fights Bowie, who grapples more like an Indian than the former. Hot scene! O'Hara sees light! Let government take care of silver! "Big Shindig!"

Obscure brother plans to massacre Indian village to possess silver, but halted by double-crossing sister, J. Bowie, "Congressman One-Gun, and a slow horse (you know, the final chase, leaping from mount to mount). Retribution! Unclaimed love prevails. Away! Bowie to die.

The kids liked, and who are we to say that the rest didn't? Time, westerns, and movie-goers will long remain.

Miss O'Hara's Irish brogue is one to remember. What a magnificent job. She never slipped out of it more than thirty-three times during the entire show. And I can't say why the fight world worries about "finding" a good, heavy-weight champion, when this lovely damsel swings with such lethal power.

Throughout, Carey had tongue in cheek, Miss O'Hara plenty in her usual gowns, and the kids and grown-ups, a lot in common.

Music and photography were first class. The Indians the most realistic, disregarding Paganaw, yet seen.

As a satire this film should go far. All we have to do is pray that it is a satire.

See "Comanche Territory"; the Pete Smith Specialty is unusually ridiculous.

As one small boy was overheard to say, "I'm goin' to root for Bowie and the injuns, 'cause the other white men is bad!"

UP Falsely Accused Brannan, Says Brannan

Washington, June 4.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Brannan issued a formal statement Wednesday saying there is no truth to a United Press report that he had "acknowledged that the Democratic National Committee is making exaggerated claims" about the benefits of his farm plans.

In New York the United Press said it had no comment.

The U. P. story said there were differences between Brannan and the committee over a "picture book" presentation of the plan by the committee.

Brannan's statement follows:

"I most certainly have not acknowledged that the Democratic National Committee is making exaggerated claims about the benefits of my recommended price support program. I worked closely with the committee on the preparation of the so-called 'picture book' about my recommendations which the United Press says is the object of a difference between the committee and me.

"The only exaggeration involved is in United Press interpretation of the 'picture book'.

"In comparing my program with the existing law and with other recommendations, we were entirely consistent in using the same level of support in all illustrations.

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"Similarly, in discussing how much tax money would have to be spent under alternative programs, we used the same level in making all calculations. The United Press imagines an inconsistency which does not exist.

"In the 'picture book' our short explanation of any proposal is likely to over-simplify, just as the

700-word United Press story grossly over simplified by discussion of the committee's material. No secret has ever been made of the fact that my original proposal allowed for an adjustment of up to 15 per cent in the price support of livestock commodities when such an adjustment is necessary to create a desirable feed ratio.

"Moreover, this adjustment was taken into account in the paper work which was done on the 'picture book'.

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