

Handicraft Classes Gaining Popularity With All Groups

By LEON McLELLAN

One of the most engaged-in activities of the city recreation program is the Handicraft division, taught by Mrs. Eleanor Nance at the Consolidated School workshop.

Handicraft is divided into three groups which work with clay, copper, and aluminum. The adult class is doing copper and aluminum work, while the Pee Wee and Junior divisions are doing work with clay.

With a total of sixty people enrolled, the adult group is the largest with thirty members. The junior division numbers only eight, while the pee wee class has twenty-eight boys and girls enrolled.

Classes for the adult group are on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7:30, with the pee wee classes meeting at 9 in the morning on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The pee wee group is followed by the junior participants on Wednesdays and Saturdays at ten in the morning.

Three Dollar Fee

There is a three dollar fee for clay and other small materials used. The adults buy their copper and aluminum.

All sorts of figures, animals, bowls, ash-trays, and other objects are made with clay by the pee wee and junior handicraft classes. The children in the pee wee group like to sculpture animals and figures mostly, although they are also taught to make bowls and other objects of rectangular and round shapes.

Two methods are taught in making clay objects which may require bottoms, sides, and sometimes tops. The first method taught was the "coil-system" which consists of building-up from a base-piece of clay. The clay is first rolled and flattened, then long coils are added and the object being made-up is given its shape. A mixture of clay and water is used to help the pieces stick. This mixture is called "slip," and is very watery.

The second method taught to the students was the "slab-method" which consists of flattening

a lump of clay with a rolling-pin, cutting the base in either rectangular or oblong shape, and adding the sides. These sides are cut like cigar-box sides, of one piece of clay, slip is added and they are placed on the base.

Figures Molded Roughly
For sculpturing, a method of starting with a piece of clay and "rolling" the pieces out is preferred to the method of adding pieces of clay to the figure. These figures are molded roughly, and the surface is then smoothed-down and slip is applied to give it a slicker surface.

All clay objects are placed to dry four or five days until they are bone-dry. They are then baked for three hours in a small kiln. The grey-clay turns chalk-white after this first baking which is called the "bisquit-firing."

After the bisquit-firing the objects are allowed to cool-off and are then glazed. Glazing is done by adding a compound of ground glass to the object, and then baking it once more. This "glaze-firing" takes three hours. The compound used for this process is a powder which is mixed with water and then added to the objects with a brush. Many colors result after the glaze-firing.

Adult Group
All aluminum and copper work is being done by the adult handicraft group. This group makes aluminum trays and much response or relief work in copper.

The majority of aluminum trays being made are approximately twenty-four inches in diameter. From a flat circular piece of aluminum the trays are fashioned by turning up the sides and then joining a design on the inside rim and bottom part of the piece.

Designs are painted on the trays with small brushes using asphalt as paint. They are placed on the floor and a solution of hydrochloric acid or a similar acid is used to "eat" the metal. This leaves a pattern which is slightly protruding from the inner surface.

It takes approximately one hour to get the design eaten into the

trays, after which the acid solution is poured out, the asphalt is cleaned off, the tray is washed and is then ready for use.

Copper objects are more varied in form than those of aluminum as copper is more pliable and easier to handle. The group is doing more work with copper relief than any other type of copper construction, although some plates have been hammered-out.

Process for Copper Relief
The process used for copper relief consists of taking a thin piece of copper and cutting it to the desired size, outlining the figure to be done with a sharp instrument, and then proceeding to indent the relief.

Indentation is done with various instruments, although it was found at the shop that crochet hooks, wooden spoons, and even small pieces of wood work just as well as the instruments.

The one person doing hammer work at the shop was making a small plate which he finished in approximately forty-five minutes. Only two ball-hammers, an anvil, and two wooden headed hammers were used in making the plate.

Pattern Hammered
The pattern hammered out was simple and fashioned after the early American patterns used by the Colonials. The plate was polished with a fine grade of steel wool, and then antiquated by adding a chemical which turns the whole object nearly black. This black coat is partly rubbed off bringing out the highlights of the figures. The object is then shellacked and baked.

After antiquating and shellacking all copper objects, they are ready for use.

Any people who might be interested in joining any of the handicraft classes are welcomed to do so, said Mrs. Nance, handicraft instructor.



Members of the recreation program tennis which meets every afternoon, Monday through Friday at five p. m. are (left to right) Sandra Couch, Louise Thompson, Nancy Smith, Rebecca Shawn, Bertha Shawn, Pat Wilcox and Mary Beard. Second row: Jean Kirby, Jean Penberthy, Diane Harris, Anna Beaty, Carol Thompson, and Jean Anne Smith. Top row: Reta Stieler, Nancy Stevens, Martha Beard, Kay Farnell, and Rosemary Leonard.

Loyal Question Still Confronts Supreme Court

Austin, Tex., June 21—(AP)—The State Supreme Court yesterday faced the tough question of how far a party can legally go in demanding loyalty of its candidates.

Attorneys for Agriculture Commissioner J. E. McDonald argued that the State Democratic Executive Committee went further than the law allows when it barred his name from the July 22 primary ballot.

Lawyers for the committee called McDonald an "independent" in politics. They said he is not a member of the Democratic party and has no right to appear as a candidate for re-election on its primary ballot.

A shirt-sleeved, sweating audience packed the court room and overflowed into the corridor. The court relaxed its rules, requiring spectators to wear coats in view of the heat.

McDonald took that pledge, Moody said.

The committee ousted McDonald on charges of infidelity to the party. At a hearing before the committee, he admitted he supported Republicans for president in 1944 and 1948, and admitted he supported Republican Jack Porter in the 1948 U. S. Senate race. He was accused of giving "aid and comfort" to Ben Guill, the winning Republican in a recent Panhandle congressional election.

Dr. L. W. Weddington, executive assistant of the Extension Service left today for Washington, D. C. In making the announcement, Extension Director G. G. Gibson said the purpose of Weddington's trip is to present the annual budget to the Federal Extension office. He will also confer with the national office in regard to the Research Marketing Administration program.

Weddington is expected to return to College Station on June 27.

Car Thieves Now Peeved

There are a couple of frustrated thieves somewhere around College Station.

The two would-be car rustlers were stymied early Friday morning in a parking lot behind Dorm 17 when they were chased by student Buford Dobie.

First noticed by a student living in Dorm 17, the pair were prowling around Dobie's automobile and attempting to remove a top light at about 1:30 a. m.

The student went to Dorm 14 and awoke Dobie. Together the two tried to catch the prowlers, who were then inside the car.

The thieves heard them coming however, and ran away. Nothing was taken from the car, Dobie said.

An attempt was also made to take another car. An old-model Ford was pushed to the entrance of the parking lot and left there.

CS Netters Lose In Houston Meet

Four Consolidated students went to Houston last Monday to play in the Texas Sectional Tennis Meet, said T. H. Terrell of the Civil Engineering Department. Terrell accompanied the boys to Houston.

The meet, comprised of seventeen divisions, was held at the Municipal Courts in Houston. Billy Blakeley who played in the Boys Junior division, lost on Tuesday morning to David Telford 6-0, 6-0.

Freddie Anderson lost in the Boys matches to Charles Russo 6-0, 6-2. Bobby Jackson lost 6-2, 6-0 to Pete Milna.

Wednesday Tommy Terrell lost 6-1, 8-6, to Thurmond Watson.

On Thursday Terrell and Anderson lost 6-1, 6-0 to Karmath and Schutte, the top seeded boys doubles team.

Attempts will be made to enter the Consolidated racket-swingers in other tourneys, said Terrell. W. M. Dowell of the P. E. Department is the tennis coach for the City recreation program.

Ballot Position Causes Dissent

Austin, Tex., June 21—(AP)—County Democratic Chairman was threatened today with court action by gubernatorial candidate Casa March if they don't determine ball position of candidates for governor by the law-requiring drawing.

March said he would first send telegrams to each of the county chairmen asking that they conduct the drawing.

If they don't he said then he will resort to court action, he probably in the state supreme court.

Law requires that the chairmen draw for the ballot positions. Yesterday was the day set by law for the drawing.

It wasn't done yesterday in many counties. March said he accused democratic executive committee chairman John C. Calhoun with "showing favoritism" to Gov. Allan Shivers in a letter to county chairmen which March said "left the impression" that Shivers' name should head the list of candidates for governor.

McCulley Named AF Camp Director

Lt. Col. William S. McCulley, professor of Mathematics at A&M, is serving in San Antonio as assistant director of the summer camp training for the Air Force ROTC at Kelly Air Force Base. Col. McCulley is the senior instructor at Kelly, which has nearly one-thousand students enrolled for the six week logistics and administration course.

Col. McCulley has been director of training for instructor and public information officers at previous Air Force ROTC summer camps.

He served at A&M as assistant professor of PMS&T in chemical warfare from 1940 until 1942.

As a member of the Sixth Air Force, Col. McCulley served in Panama two years during World War II and was later assigned to the Air Technical Service Command at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Second Annual Swim Tournament Scheduled

The second annual College Station Swimming Championship Meet will be held three days, July 7, 8, 9, at Downs Natatorium, announced R. W. Steen, publicity director for the recreation council.

Twelve teams were represented last year with 120 swimmers competing. More swimmers are expected to attend the meet this year, Steen said.

The meet is being sponsored by the College Station Recreation Council which will award trophies to first place winners and medals to second place winners.

College Station swimmers won last year's meet.

Information is being sent out to towns, in this vicinity, Steen added. Admission to the meet will be charged, although there has not been any announcement as yet concerning the amount it will be.

There are six divisions in the meet consisting of Junior boys, and Junior girls, for those thirteen and under as of July first; Intermediate boys, and Intermediate girls, sixteen and under as of July first, and Men's division and Women's division for those seventeen and over.

Both the boys and girls Junior divisions will feature 66 2/3 yard backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle. The individual medley will be 100 yards, and freestyle relay 153 1/3 yards. Diving will be on the one meter board for boys.

Intermediate boys and girls divisions will have 100 yard backstroke, freestyle and breaststroke, and 204 2/3 yard freestyle relay. Diving and the 220 freestyle will be for the boys intermediate only. 100 yard individual medley will be for girls only.

The Men's division will have 100 yard backstroke and freestyle, and 300 yard individual medley and freestyle relays. There will be 400 yard freestyle, 440 yard freestyle, and 200 yard breaststroke. Diving for the men will be on the high board.

The Women's freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke will be 100 yard events. There will be the 200 yard individual medley, 220 yard freestyle, and 300 yard medley relay. 400 yard freestyle and diving on the low board complete the schedule, Steen said.

Kiwanians Attend Meeting in Houston
A delegation of local Kiwanians went to Houston today to attend the Greens Bayou club meeting of that city.

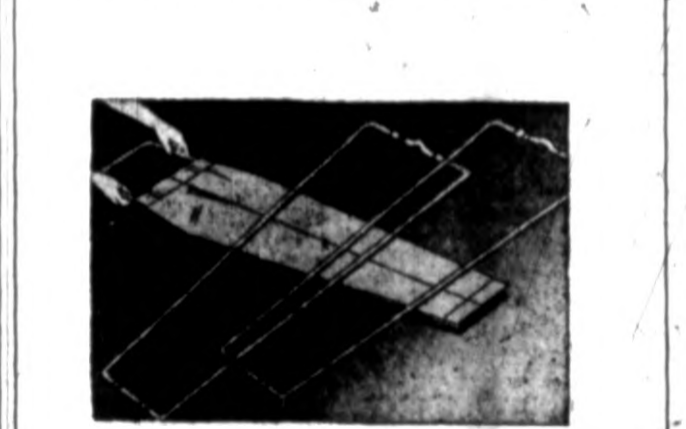
They took with them a book of signatures which is currently circulating among Texas Kiwanis Clubs for their signatures.

J. Wayne Stark headed the group which officially turned the book over to the Houston club. They will in turn pass it on to another club after completing their work with it.



Dr. L. W. Gibbs is shown presenting one of the awards to a girl scout in Troop 15 at the award program held at the home of Mrs. Leonard Walker last week. Mrs. F. B. Clark, who gave a talk and demonstration on obedience and training for the girls, looks on.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS:

1. No person who has registered for any purpose shall solicit or take an order or subscription within the City for any merchandise, photographic, news, papers, magazines, or other items or services which at the time such solicitation is made or such order or subscription is taken are located in another state or will be produced in another state and shipped or otherwise sent into this City in the fulfillment of such order or subscription.

2. Registering for above purpose shall consist of the following:

a. Filing out a form provided by the City Secretary giving the following information:

1. Name, home address and local address, if any, of registrant.

2. Name and address of the person he or she represents, if any; the name of the corporation, if any; the name of the firm, if any; or the name of the person or persons to whom orders are to be solicited or cleared.

3. Nature of the articles or things which are to be sold or for which orders are to be solicited.

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(b) Publishing satisfactory written or documentary evidence of the registrant's identity.

3. Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, as approved and ordered published this 12th day of June, 1950. A. D.

Approved: Ernest Langford, Mayor
Attest: R. M. McDonald, City Secretary

Field-Range Course Set by R&F Group

A Field Range School will be sponsored at Tarleton State College for the fourth consecutive summer by the Range and Forestry Department of A&M. The course will begin June 24 and last through July 10.

Dr. Vernon A. Young will be in charge of the range course, assisted by Dr. Omar E. Sperry and range specialist A. H. Walker.

The class is expected to consist of 28 to 30 students. Six of the group will be vocational agricultural teachers, the remainder county agents.

College Station Recreation Program For Thursday

8:00 a. m. Pee Wee Softball Supervised Play Period (College Hills)

9:00 a. m. Swimming (Novice Beginners)

Tumbling

10:00 a. m. Swimming (Low Beginners - Group B)

Tumbling

11:00 a. m. Swimming (Low Intermediate - Group B)

2:00 p. m. Diving

3:00 p. m. Swimming Recreation

4:00 p. m. Swimming Recreation

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