Latest Farm Implement

Development of Ag Airplane Featured in Agriculturist

By SID ABERNATHY

A new and unique farm implement, the newly developed agricultural airplane, is featured in the January Agriculturist which is just off the presses and ready for distribution.

Along with a complete story on the development of the plane, from the original idea to the completion and test flight, there are pictures of the plane and of the men responsible for its production.

A picture comparing the new plane with the old conventional airplane used in agricultural work graces the front cover of the latest ag student publication.

"Agricultural Facts and Forecasts" offers a few suggestions on what to do in '51, some short predictions, and the general farm outlook for the new year.

A challenge to the agricultural student of today for the responsibility of closing the gap now existing between the living conditions of urban communities and rural areas, is the theme of an article presented by the members of the Rural Sociology Club.

How F. R. Brison, professor in the Horticulture Department, in partnership with J. W. Hill of Holland, Texas developed a relatively low producing farm into a profitable enterprise is described in the article, "Profitable Pecan Production."

Thirty to thirty-five thousand pounds of nuts or a gross cash value of $130 dollars per acre in good years is an indication of what these men did with a 75-acre orchard near Temple.

The prize-winning essay, "Sausage," authored by Twyman G. Williams is presented in this edition of the Agriculturist. Williams won first place at A&M and was judged third in the national essay contest sponsored annually by the National Saddle and Sirloin Club.

An interesting and fact-laden discussion of the life and habits of the dove, America's most abundant game bird, is another of the informative articles presented in this magazine.

According to this article, hunting pressure coupled with a high natural morality rate among doves is fast leading to the depletion of this game bird.

Bruce Gibson in an article entitled, "My Trip to the 1950 4-H Congress," gives a complete rundown on the congress and what went on there last year. Since this trip, ended his career as an active member of the club, it is only natural that he reminisce about the "good old days."

The author of "What is a Quarter Horse," says the animal is a horse which is capable of doing anything under a saddle, and goes on to pretty well prove his point.

"Teacher of Teachers" is how E. R. Alexander, head of the Agricultural Education Department, is described in an article by the same title which presents a biography of the professor and his life work.

A two-page spread in the January issue is devoted to pictures of the various judging teams of the School of Agriculture. Each picture shows the members of the team and the faculty coach and is accompanied with a short explanation of the accomplishments of the team.

Also included in the jam-packed 28 pages of agricultural facts and features is the "Short Rows" column which was added just this year.

This column presents short topics of interest to ag students.

Mrs. G. W. Mayben

Mrs. Mayben, a recent bride, is making her home in Muleshoe with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Osborn and continuing her teaching duties in Muleshoe High School. Her husband is a senior chemical engineering student from Corsicana. He is commanding officer of the 8th Regiment, a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Ross Volunteers, AIChE, and ACS. He is also a distinguished student and a distinguished military student.

What's Cookin'

A G C, Tuesday, 5:25 p. m., steps of the YMCA Club pictures to be taken.

AGRONOMY SOCIETY, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., room 2A-2B MSC. Election of officers.

ARCHITECT WIVES SOCIETY, Wednesday, 7:30, South solarium of YMCA.

ARCHITECT SOCIETY, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Biological science building. John Lyon Reid will speak on the philosophy of school planning.

EL PASO CLUB, Wednesday, 7:15 p. m., Academic Building.

GALLERY COMMITTEE, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., MSC Art Room.

HILLEL CLUB, Wednesday, 7:15 p. m., Room 2B MSC Rabbi Stillpass will be main speaker, Refreshments will be served.

KREAM AND KOW KLUB, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Room 3B MSC.

MATHEMATICS CLUB, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Assembly Room of YMCA.

RANGE AND FORESTRY CLUB, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Ag. Eng. Building, Third floor.

SAE Meeting, Tuesday, 7:30, MSC. J. P. Jones, CAA, will speak.

Future Farmers Visit on Campus

Eleven members of the La Grange High School FFA chapter, and their Vocational Agriculture Instructor, J. R. Jackson, visited the campus Monday.

The chapter put on a demonstration for the Collegiate FFA chapter on parliamentary procedure during meetings.

Remedial Reading Given In Freshman Orientation

By JACK FONTAINE

For the first time at A&M, along with the introduction of the Basic Division, five new courses are being offered to assist the beginning freshman in his jump from high school to college.

These courses come under the general title of Freshman Orientation. During the first semester the courses were generally the same. All of the freshmen attended the same class one day a week and branched out into Arts and Sciences, Agriculture and Engineering the other day a week.

This semester they will learn about several different subjects—designed to help them in their remaining three years.

The students who found they could not read well in the first semester could take remedial reading. This course, with a formal name of Basic 102, is designed to remedy a student's reading rate and comprehension.

Before when a student could not read well he had no way to improve himself.

Through a series of tests and exercises his faults are determined. After taking the tests the instructors begin to cure his bad reading habits and teach him new ones.

"Inside dope" on the teaching principles are available to the freshmen. Under the name of Basic 103, this laboratory course familiarizes him with education principles.

To the students who had not decided on a vacation, Basic 104 is offered which helps the student to better understand himself and the nature of his society.

Basic 105 familiarizes the student who has not decided upon a vocational goal, with the demands, required skills, and rewards of various occupational areas.

The more advanced students are offered Basic 106, a survey course acquainting the student with the various schools of thought and the many areas of knowledge which comprise our culture. In this course, such disciplines as philosophy, social and physical sciences, religion, law and literature are investigated.

Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the English Department, is the principal lecturer in this course. Topics from Ancient Grecian history to Shakespearean literature will be studied. Being in general a course designed to inform the student in world affairs several sciences are elaborated upon.

This course should provide the student with a better knowledge of ancient and modern times and the relation between them.

College authorities say it is too early to tell what the results will be, but they are satisfied with the early indications of their success.

Ag Meeting Postponed

The regular meeting of the Agricultural Council has been postponed from Feb. 14 to Feb. 21 because of Religious Emphasis Week.

Petty Picks Fem Finalist Out of 51

Fifty-one in '51 isn't an advertising slogan for an automobile company, but it is the number of Vanity Fair entries for the Aggieland '51.

These pretty pictures are believed to be the largest number ever entered in the yearbook's annual Vanity Fair Contest.

All of the entries have been forwarded to George Petty, Esquire artist, for him to select the top six. He will also pick four alternates.

His selections will be presented to the student body at the concert preceding the Military Ball. The alternates will replace any of the winners who cannot attend the presentation.

City Council ---

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explicity states that all dogs are required to wear a tag with the current year stamped on it.

Recommendations for solving the parking problem along College Main Street during church hours was asked by the council of churches along that street. The group agreed that if no suitable change is submitted to them, action will be taken at the next meeting to order parallel parking in this area.

Bank Note Renewed

A bank note of $300 for equipment was renewed for six months along with agreements by the council to pay a bill of $1324.41 to C. L. Andrews for water and sewer line work and $405.82 to Homer Hunter for engineering services rendered the city.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Langford, Councilmen G. W. Black, R. B. Halpin, W. D. Fitch, W. H. Badgett, and J. A. Orr, City Manager Raymond Rogers, City Secretary N. M. McGinnis, City Attorney J. Wheeler Barger, and Assistant City Secretary Ran Boswell.

Cigars ---

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garette rolling, smoke ring blowing, pipe smoking — to include large, small, medium, metal and miniature bowl as well as calabash, churchwarden and corn cob smoking—and pipe collections as well.

Co-sponsor of the contest is the Memorial Student Center.

To enter the contest, which is open to everyone—women included—connected with A&M, watch The Battalion for an entry blank, clip it and return it to the contest manager.

In the meantime you had best get outt hose briars, stoogies or pack of Dukes and practice up. In case you are in need of an instrument with which to enter the contest the MSC gift shop has recently received a complete stock of pipes and other smoking needs.

From The Agrarian's Viewpoint

Ag Major Reviews Student Mag, Suggests Proofing

By JIM TOM HOUSE
Editor, The Agriculturist

For an Ag major to review the Commentator is like Eddy Arnold singing the part of Figaro in "The Barber of Seville," but some people will try anything once.

The logical place to start is with the cover. In an Ag major's opinion, the cover is best of the year. It cleverly depicts the typical Aggies' delemma over the foreign situation and the draft.

I have no comment on the "Commentatin" column.

Bert Avera and John England give a pictorial two-page spread on the subject of "How to Give up Women." Even a farmer knows that can be summed up in three words—Come to A&M.

"The Great Cheesecake Robbery" is one of the best pieces of fiction in the magazine. Harry Gooding gives agriculture instructors a plug in this article about the great detective, Sham Slade.

As the story goes a certain newsstand at the North Gate was robbed of some magazines that only an Arts and Science major understands or has time to read—or rather look at. Sham's understudy guesses an Agriculture Prof.

"Missed again," replies Sham. Agriculture instructors are a simple, down to earth type, lacking the intense imagination necessary for the full enjoyment of the type of magazine that was stolen. And then too, they learn quite a bit about life even as children on the farm."

I suppose the less said about "Panicky in the Streets" and Violin Music Maestro, Pulease!" the better. The latter is a combination of some of Joe Millers jokes and enough Aggie slanguage thrown together to make a fairly humorous reading.

The only serious bit of literature in the magazine is Ray Holbrook's "A&M Track Forecast." After a pretty good run-down of all the Aggie Thinclads chances, he sums this timely article up with this bit of information:

"And this may well be A&M's greatest track team, surpassing the '48 team which won all but one meet during the year."

In a poem, "In Memoriam—to a GPR," Frank Sheffield also gives Ag Majors a mention with these astute lines.

"The Ag Boys study in another way,

Collecting from the cow barns every day
Samples off their boots which are not clay
Analyzing them for their exam."

In cartoon form, Jack Brandt proves that "Shock Troops Have Fun," and five cartoons are presented in "Football in Cartoon Retrospect."

"The Doctor Makes a Self Analysis," by Archie Anderson is a philosophical bit of writing about a 50-year-old doctor finding "how to die properly."

Pete Tumlinson, graduate of many years ago, and Alex Munroe contribute several cartoons apiece to add to the humor of the magazine.

Munroe pays tribute to AH majors in one of the cleverest cartoons in this issue.

Clipped jokes, apparently from other college humor magazines and humorous ads sprinkled throughout the book add to the general enjoyment of reading it.

The only overall criticism is that good proof reader is badly needed.

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Monday and Tuesday, February 12th and 13th—10 to 11 A.M.
Wednesday and Thursday, February 14th and 15th—11 to 12 A.M.
Friday, February 16th—9 to 10 A. M.
C. Clement French
Dean of the College

TO ALL COLLEGE DEPARTMENTS AND CUSTOMERS OF THE COLLEGE ICE PLANT

Effective March 1, 1951, the College Ice Plant will discontinue all ice deliveries, and ice will be sold only from the ice dock of the College Power Plant.

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES:

Any student who normally expects to complete all the requirement for a degree by the end of the current semester should call by the Registrar's Office NOW and make formal application for a degree.

MARCH 1st is the deadline for filing an application for a degree to be conferred at the end of the current semester. This deadline applies to both graduate and undergraduate students. Those students who have not already done so should make formal application in the Registrar's Office immediately.

A senior may be allowed one special examination in a subject which he failed during the preceding semester and which he is not currently repeating, provided that on his mid-semester report he is passing all work of his current schedule with grades which, if maintained to the end of the semester, will meet fully, both in hours and grade points, all the requiremnts for graduation except for a passing grade in the subject in which the examination is requested. Requests for such special examinations should be made to the Registrar soon after mid-semester.
H. L. HEATON
Registrar

Senior Favors for years prior to '50 and '51 must be ordered before February 15. '50 and '51 Favors will be sold "Across the Counter" beginning March 1. Office of Student Activities.

The Second installment of Fees are Payable between Feb. 1—Feb. 20.
C. A. Roeber, Auditor.

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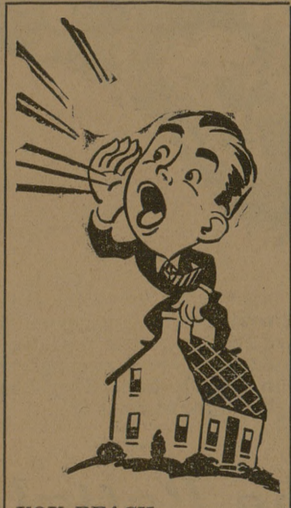

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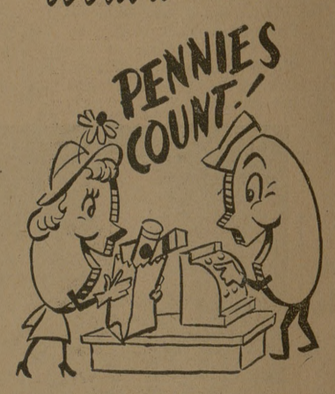

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