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New School Offers Industry Training In Plant Protection

A permanent industrial plant protection school designed to aid industry in achieving a tighter security against saboteurs, thieves and vandals will hold its initial class here February 7-11, 1955. The school will be under the direction of the Texas Engineering Extension Service of the A&M System.

The new training program, to be sponsored by the Industrial Plant Protection Officers' Association of Texas, will be the first permanent school of its type to be instituted in the United States, Extension Service officials said today.

The school will provide industrial plant protection personnel with practical, down-to-earth training. W. D. Beasley, coordinator of police training for the TEES says. The guest instructors will be widely known officials from the plant protection field.

Some of the subjects to be covered in the training course include responsibilities and duties of plant officers, patrol activities and related problems, search and seizure laws, prevention of sabotage, industrial thefts, handling disturbances (crowd and mob psychology), personnel investigation, methods of screening applicants and visitors, arson investigation and others.

The course is open to all supervisory personnel in plant protection work. With the suggestions and the help of supervisors attending the first course, a basic course will be developed for future schools.

Serving on the school's advisory committee will be J. E. Clegg, superintendent, plant protection department, Humble Oil and Refining Co., Baytown; William S. Brogdon, chief, plant protection, Murray Company of Texas, Inc.; Arthur W. Allen, chief, plant protection department, Lone Star Steel Company, Lone Star; M. L. Shaw, chief, plant protection, Pan American Refining Corp., Texas City; A. L. Dymond, Universal Match Corp., Longhorn Armament Division, Marshall; A. C. Hooper, supervisor, industrial relations, Ethyl Corp., Pasadena; I. B. Hale, chief, industrial security, Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., Ft. Worth; Paul Hansen, director, Security division, Reynolds Metal Co., Louisville, Ky.; E. W. Mayr, chief, plant protection, Hughes Tool Company, Houston; Richard E. Smith, supervisor, plant protection, Chance Vought Aircraft Inc., Dallas; A. T. Deere, general superintendent, plant security, Dow Chemical Company, Freeport; George Gilham, Central Power and Light Company, Corpus Christi.



TEXAS-STYLE SNOWMAN—It took an Oregon gal to show Texans how to have a snowman when there was no snow around. Mrs. Jack Gary, whose husband is in the Air Force at Wichita Falls, used tumbleweeds to construct this giant "snowman" on her lawn. She is from Portland, Ore., and her husband from Elkhart, Ind. Mrs. Gary said they missed the traditional snow and decided to improvise.

Firmer Foreign Policy Demanded by Demos

Republicans Say Policy Has Proved Effective

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

Hedgecock Attends Writer Convention

Ernest D. Hedgecock, professor of English, will attend the Nineteenth Annual National Convention of the American Business Writing Association at the Hotel Statler in Washington D.C., Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

Hedgecock is a member of the Association's Board of Directors and is program chairman for this year's convention. He will also participate in a panel discussion of business and professional report writing.

Theme of the convention, "Deserving and Getting Recognition for College Business Writing," will be discussed by noted professor from colleges and universities all over the United States and by high ranking executives of leading business enterprises.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Democrats in the new Congress who consider Eisenhower administration foreign policy ineffective are setting up a cry for more toughness and bi-partisanship, less "loose talk" and "bluster." A few Democrats say that policy is improving.

In overwhelming proportions, congressional Republicans term the policy effective. Yet some of those who approve the program in general fling a few brickbats at portions of it.

Results of an Associated Press poll show that the lawmakers participating line up 65-27, largely according to party, in saluting the administration's handling of foreign relations as effective.

Expect 200 Grads At CHS Reunion

The third annual reunion of Consolidated ex-students will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 27, in the study hall of the new high school building.

Prizes will be given for the oldest graduate, the graduate with most children, and the graduate who has come the greatest distance. One hundred fifty to 200 graduates are expected for the informal get-together, which will include dancing.

Anyone willing to donate cookies, punch or coffee should contact Edsel Jones, Consolidated assistant coach.

\$3000 Grant-in-Aid Helps Rice Study

The General Foods Corporation, Central Laboratories of Hoboken, N.J., through Manager Harvey K. Murer, has made available to the Texas Experiment Station a grant-in-aid of \$3,000.

According to Station Director R. D. Lewis the funds will be used to support research on the evaluation and development of varieties, types and new selections of rice for their probably suitability for the rice milling and processing industries.

But 35 of them, including some Republicans, had some advice to offer. And others jotted down comments on their questionnaires ranging from criticism to occasional high praise.

The poll brought replies from 128 senators and representatives from 41 states. There is a total of 351 members in the House and Senate.

Democrats who thought some changes were in order hit at such things as "vacillation and confusion," "too much indirection," "diplomacy by slogans," "loose talk," "bluff and bluster." They urged "more firmness," a "positive policy," "more forthrightness," more emphasis on "a bipartisan approach."

Only those who criticized administration foreign policy as ineffective were asked what they thought should be done about it. A few others volunteered their ideas.

Rep. Judd (R-Minn.), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, gave Eisenhower policy a vote of confidence and wrote: "Guatemala, Egypt, Iran, SEATO, Trieste, Atlantic Alliance—finest series of diplomatic victories the United States has won this century."

In contrast, Rep. Lanham (D-Ga.), another member of the committee, said this should be done: "Vacillation and confusion . . . (See FOREIGN POLICY, Page 4)

Extension Service To Hold Rescue Operations School

A school designed to teach Texas "minutemen" how to perform rescue operations in the event of enemy air attack or disaster will be set up by the Firemen's Training School of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, A&M College System, under the sponsorship of the Office of Defense and Disaster at Austin.

Classes will get under way early in 1955. The school will be located on a 26 acre area set aside by the college.

Eight-man rescue teams representing cities throughout the state will be taught through realistic drills how to use special rescue equipment and how to coordinate their activities with those of other civil defense and disaster relief functions.

The students will be taught how to operate a specially designed rescue truck equipped with every conceivable type of emergency gear, including a multi-band two-way radio. A simulated disaster area,

consisting of structures built to resemble bombed-out buildings will give volunteers realistic training in the finer points of rescue work.

They also will be taught how to retrieve victims from beneath collapsed walls and floors, piles of brick, concrete and rubble and from rooms filled with smoke and gas. The use of ladders, stretchers and improved rope lashings in lowering injured or trapped persons from upper floors of buildings will be demonstrated.

The volunteers will be taught how to "sound" rubble in search of the injured by signal-tapping buried pipes, water mains or conduits. They will practice digging tunnels through debris and shoring up escape passageways. First-aid, of course, will be a necessary feature of the training.

Each training class, consisting of four or five eight-man teams, will be given a one-week course. Volunteers from various cities, industries and other organizations will be scheduled for this training.

Emergency trucks, rescue and communications equipment similar to that used in the training school will be made available to cities through a 50-50 matching fund program of the federal government.

H. R. Brayton, director of the Firemen's Training School and director of rescue training for the state, will head the school.

Mechanization of Labor Has Doubled in 30 Years

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Mechanization of American labor has more than doubled since the late 20's, the Commerce Department announced, and production per

worker has increased by about the same amount as a result of this plus "improvements in technology, management, organization, and labor skills."

Over all, the report said, the durable equipment of American business increased by 103 per cent from 1928 to 1953.

In production industries, the increase was about 144 per cent, or 1½ times, and output per worker increased about 1½ times.

The biggest increase in mechanization was on the farms, where the use of agricultural machinery and tractors in 1953 was three times as great as in 1928.

Non-agricultural machinery increased by 136 per cent, from 1928 to 1953, the report said.

Aggie-Ex Earns AF Silver Wings

Second Lieutenant Gerald J. McFarland of Grapevine Saturday received the silver wings of an Air Force jet pilot. The presentation was made in ceremonies at the Laredo Air Force Base Theatre and culminated fourteen months of intensive pilot training in both propeller driven and jet type aircraft.

McFarland is the son of J. T. McFarland of Grapevine.

Morgan Address

Flyers Told Faith Is Prime Essential

"The prime essential for a sound structure of future life is faith," President David H. Morgan said Saturday in an address at Bryan Air Force Base. He spoke at graduation exercises for 73 American and Belgium jet flying officers.

"Faith in your God, faith in your country, faith in your fellowmen and, finally, faith in yourself"—these concepts Morgan expounded as the foundation for all belief in the future.

"The possession of your abundance of abilities," he said, "carries with it the responsibility of using them fully for the maximum service to your God, your country and your fellowmen. If you do so, you will at the same time be using them to the best advantage for yourself."

"Probably in the minds of most of you," Dr. Morgan said, "there are certain elements of uncertainty, of doubt—even of fear—as you go from the known to the unknown, from the relatively sheltered life as a student to one of more responsibility—a period of changing from a learner to a doer, from a passive preparatory stage to an active participation stage.

"I do not mean that you will cease to learn," Dr. Morgan pointed out. "On the contrary, you should now be ready to learn. You have gained certain basic information, both general and specialized, but even more important you should have developed those attitudes, techniques, devices, etc., which make it possible for you to continue learning, to profit from your experience, to make the most

out of your opportunities. You have been provided with a foundation. The structure of life which you build on that foundation depends on you."

Col. James A. Gunn III, commanding officer of the 3530th Pilot Training Wing at the Bryan base, introduced Morgan. The 515th Air Force band played the national anthem of both the United States and Belgium.

The ceremonies, in which officers were presented silver wings for completing five weeks of advanced training, were held in the base gymnasium. A flight of jet aircraft staged a "flyover," similar to an army full-dress review, immediately preceding the indoor exercises.

The Belgium trainees will return to their home air force and the U. S. Air Force officers will be assigned to commands at home or abroad.

Yes, Virginia

There'll Always Be A Santa Claus

(Many, many years ago when the late Charles A. Dana was editor of the "New York Sun," he received a letter one morning from a little girl named Virginia O. Hanlon, who wrote:

"Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"

This letter written to one of America's foremost journalists made a great impression on a great man and received an answer that has been treasured, re-read and remembered Christmas after Christmas, down through the years. Mr. Dana's famous reply in the following editorial is presented once again.)

"Virginia, your little friends are

wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. They do not believe except they see. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, compared with the boundless worlds about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary the world would be if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Vir-

ginias! There would be no child-like faith, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would then be extinguished.

"Not to believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus; but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Not everybody sees Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they were not there. No one can con-

ceive or imagine all the things that are unseen or unseeable in the world.

"You may tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world that not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. It is all real. Ah, Virginia, in all the world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of children."



WHAT'S IT SAY, HUH?—Rickey Fisher, not quite old enough to read and a puzzled lad when Santa wasn't in his chair in an Odessa department store, turns questioning eyes to his mother, Mrs. Peggy Fisher. The 3-year-old boy agreed to wait to transact his business with Santa when the jolly fellow returned from feeding his reindeer.