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Price Five Cents

1,359 Children Register At Consolidated

Today was the first complete school day for 1,359 College Station school children, who registered yesterday morning.

Total enrollment in the white school is 1,137. This represents an increase of 17.5 per cent over the first day last year, and 16 per cent over the average enrollment last year.

Enrollment at Lincoln School is 222, a four per cent decrease from the first day last year, and a 35.6 decrease from the average enrollment throughout the year. The enrollment is expected to increase rapidly, however, during the next 30 days.

Five hundred and seven registered in the white elementary school, with 113 in the first grade, 146 in the second, 129 in the third and 119 in the fourth.

In the fifth grade are 115 pupils; in the sixth, 110; 97 in the seventh and 81 in the eighth, making a total of 403 in the junior high school.

Of the 227 registered in the high school, 53 are seniors, 58 juniors, 46 sophomores and 70 freshmen.

A&M Consolidated On TV Program

Some College Station residents didn't like the radical design of the new high school buildings at A&M Consolidated, but experts in this field take a different view.

Classrooms scenes at the school will be featured on Edward R. Murrow's CBS television show "See It Now" late this fall or early spring. Cameramen were there last weekend to photograph a hastily grouped class, Robert Knapp's English I section, in-classroom action. A geometry class and the band working out were also photographed.

The school has been picked by the School Buildings Division of the Texas Education Agency as one of 12 outstanding new school buildings erected in Texas since the end of World War II.

National notice will also be directed toward Consolidated through several pages of color photographs scheduled to appear in the October issue of McCall's magazine.

5,182 Visit Here During August

A total of 5,182 visitors were on the campus of A&M College during the month of August. For the months of June, July and August, 9,584 visitors were on the campus.

The August total includes 4,867 attending the 25th anniversary of the American International Luther Church conference.

The visitors attended short courses and conferences.

Health Report

One case of polio was reported in College Station for the week ending Sept. 3, 1955, along with eight of diarrhea, five of strept throat, and two of pneumonia.

In Bryan were 11 of strept throat, nine of diarrhea, six of influenza, four of mumps, three each of syphilis and gonorrhea, and one of dysentery, tuberculosis and typhoid fever.

Weather Today



CLEAR

Clear to partly cloudy all day long. Yesterday's high was 94 degrees; low this morning, 69 degrees.



STILL NOT OPEN—Even bowling alleys need repairs once in a while, but eager bowlers like Lucy Rogers, Mary Beth Hagler and Mary Lou Ergle sure have missed getting their pins. They almost decided to storm the fort, but the MSC bowling alley door held too well. Oh, well, that was Tuesday and these three juniors at A&M Consolidated High School are now back in school. The alleys will be reopened Monday.

Tours Today, Tomorrow

Cotton Course on Campus

What is being done in the laboratory, at the experiment station and on the farm to improve cotton and methods of producing it is being seen during the ninth annual Beltwide Mechanization Conference, which began here Wednesday and ends tomorrow.

Two tours are on the program. This afternoon, conferees will see the principal cotton research facilities of A&M and a demonstration of experimental cotton production equipment.

Early tomorrow morning they will board buses for a trip through the Blackland area between College Station and Temple. After visiting and lunching at the Lankart Seed farm, near Waco, they will travel to Temple to view a demonstration of modern cotton production machinery.

Basic work in hybridizing cotton species, initiated by the late Dr. J. O. Beasley, is being carried on

Mothers and Dads To Begin Sales

Sales of magazine subscriptions and Christmas cards, sponsored each year by the Mothers and Dads Club, will begin soon, according to Mrs. R. V. Hite, president.

Mrs. C. D. Lundergan is chairman of magazine sales. Anyone who wishes to start or renew a subscription to any magazine can do so by calling her or Mrs. W. L. Zingery, or Mrs. J. B. Nemece.

Mrs. M. C. Schrader, chairman of Christmas card sales, has announced that neighborhood coffees for examining and ordering cards will begin soon. Everyone who wishes to buy cards through the club should watch for the date of the coffee in their neighborhood, she said. In addition to the regular day-time coffees, there will be two in the evening for people who work.

Other members of the committee for Christmas card sales are Mesdames Phillip Goode, Sid Loveless, Garlyn Hoffman, O. C. Cooper and R. O. Reid.

Express Office Closes Doors

Because of the discontinuing of the daytime trains through College Station, the railway express office here has been closed.

Residents of College Station who wish to send parcels via railway express can call the Bryan office, 2-2309, before 3 p.m. and have a truck come out to pick up their shipment.

at the Beasley Laboratory, one of the points to be visited on the campus tour. The laboratory and its two greenhouses provide facilities for year-round research on live cotton plants.

Dr. H. P. Smith of the Department of Agricultural Engineering is in charge of the demonstration of experimental equipment. This

System Staff Can Get Social Security

Employees of all parts of the A&M System are eligible for Federal Old Age Assistance and Survivors' Insurance, under a ruling by the Attorney General of Texas Sept. 2.

This information and all available details concerning the program were included in a letter from the office of the chancellor to presidents and directors of the System Wednesday.

There is still some question concerning the coverage of the following groups of employees:

- Cooperative federal employees who are eligible to participate in Federal Civil Service Retirement.
- Students enrolled in colleges and regularly attending classes. A student is defined as a person whose primary connection with the System is that of attaining an education and not that of earning a livelihood.
- Agricultural workers who earn less, or are expected to earn less, than \$100 in any one calendar year.

Arp Award Given To A. F. DeWerth

Professor A. F. DeWerth, head of the Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture at A&M, has received the Arp Nursery Award for meritorious service to the nursery industry of Texas.

The award—a large silver punch-bowl and a certificate of achievement—was presented by Clark Kidd of Tyler during the annual convention of the Texas Association of Nurserymen. Kidd was the recipient of last year's award.

The Arp Award is given each year to the man who has contributed most to the advancement of the nursery industry in Texas. This was the first time it was awarded to someone other than a commercial nurseryman.

Class Of '59, 2,000 Strong, Expected On Campus Friday

A&M Consolidated

Reception Monday Honors Teachers

Teachers of the A&M Consolidated Schools will be honored guests at a reception held by the Mothers and Dads Club, Monday evening from 7:30 to 9.

"This is an informal reception," said Mrs. Joe E. Davis, general chairman, "which we hope every parent of Consolidated students will attend so that teachers, school officials and parents may become better acquainted and establish a closer home and school relationship."

First greetings will be extended by Mrs. Raymond Hite, president of the club; Dr. Les Richardson, superintendent of the school; and Dr. J. S. Rogers, president of the school board, at the program which will be held on the Patranello Memorial Slab.

Also taking part in the official

greeting will be Mrs. Rowena Creswell and Mrs. George Huebner, the principal and the vice-president of the elementary school; Taylor Riedel and Mrs. Walter Varvel, the principal and the vice-president for the junior high; and J. J. Skrivane and Mrs. J. G. McGuire, the principal and the vice-president of the senior high.

Maj. D. Phillips, the club treasurer, will accept 50 cents club dues.

At this time the club will display magazines and Christmas cards. Proceeds from these sales are used by the club for promotion of school activities and projects.

Mrs. Les Richardson and Mrs. Taylor Riedel will preside at the punch bowls.

Mrs. Henry Phillips is in charge of table decorations while the following committee handles arrangements and refreshments: Mesdames Joe Fagan, Wayne Stark, Spike White, Taylor Wilkins, John McCannon and Marion Pugh.

In the event of rain, the reception will be held in the school gymnasium.

Supervisors Meet Here Next Week

A 40-hour general course in supervision will be given at A&M Sept. 12-16. The course will be conducted by the Engineering Extension Service with L. K. Jonas in charge.

The course is for supervisors, superintendents, managers, foremen, personnel men, gang pushers, squad foremen and their assistants. Topics to be covered include company organization and communications, the supervisor's part in management, duties and responsibilities of the supervisor and others.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULE OF CLASSES Fall Semester 1955

Modern Languages
Course 385—Readings in French. Credit 1 or 2. 500 Hours to be arranged.
Course 386—Readings in German. Credit 1 or 2. 500 Hours to be arranged.
Course 388—Readings in Russian. Credit 1 or 2. 500 Hours to be arranged.

Post Office Sets 3-Point Program

The public can help get better mail service by cooperating with the Post Office Department's "3-Point Program," Acting Postmaster N. L. McCullough said recently.

The "3-Point Program" involves:

- The sorting of mail into local and out-of-town bundles, with regular 3-cent mail separated from air mail. Post offices will furnish without charge labels reading "all for out-of-town" and "all for local delivery."
- The tying and bundling of mail by those who mail in quantity. The postmaster said, "This sorting procedure is normally relatively convenient for business firms, but it becomes extremely time-consuming when it must be done in the post office."
- The earlier mailing of letters and parcels. McCullough said, "If more mail would be deposited earlier in the day, peak loads would be reduced and a larger proportion of mail could be dispatched by earlier trains, planes and motor vehicles, thus assuring earlier delivery."

Jung Comes Back

Glenn Jung has rejoined the Department of Oceanography at A&M as research associate. He received his Ph.D. from A&M in August of this year. He had been studying at the University of Oslo in Norway on a Fulbright award.

Orientation to Include Tests, Assemblies

Approximately 2,000 freshmen students, members of the Class of '59, are expected to arrive on the campus tomorrow for the beginning of Orientation Week.

A large group of cadet officers and civilian leaders came back to the college yesterday for their brief training period. They will remain here during freshmen week to help the new students adjust to life at A&M.

As soon as the freshmen arrive here, they will receive their housing assignments. Throughout the first part of the week they will have identification photographs made, and military students will be issued their uniforms.

One of the first, and most important, things that they will do is take a round of examinations given by the Basic Division. These are psychological, ability, and achievement tests, designed to help counselors in the Basic Division advise the students more intelligently on their courses of study and possible vocations.

The main social event of the week will be the Open House and Reception, which will last from 2 Reception Sunday, which will last from 2 to 4 p.m., students will be introduced to President and Mrs. David H. Morgan and to Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Kamm. Kamm is the new dean of student personnel services.

Here they will also meet other deans and their wives and heads and directors of many of the college's departments. The various committees of the Center will have booths and displays in the ballroom, and freshmen who are interested in working with any of these groups can volunteer then. Also on hand to greet the freshmen will be several local high school girls from College Station and Bryan.

Saturday night will be devoted to religious gatherings. After an assembly at the Grove, where they will be addressed by J. Gordon Gay, secretary of the YMCA, students will be taken to the churches of their choice, where the ministers and congregations have planned get-acquainted parties.

Throughout the week students will hear addresses by the president, the dean of the college, and other administrators of the college, as well as student leaders. These speakers will attempt to prepare the freshmen for college life and the problems that naturally arise when a student leaves home and high school and has to adjust to harder courses, group living and an entirely different environment.

During the latter part of the week students will confer with counselors from the Basic Division and members of the faculty about courses of study. Those who have not yet made up their mind as to what they will study at A&M will be given opportunity to discuss their dilemmas with advisors and teachers.

Khaki Seen On Campus Once Again

The khaki-curtain has drawn around A&M once more as the student cadre of the Corps of Cadets poured onto the campus for orientation classes yesterday and today.

Commandant Joe Davis is in charge of the orientation which is designed to teach the new student officers what their duties will be in leading the corps this year.

Leading the parade of new cadet officers here include the corps commander for the coming year. Cadets here include the entire corps staff, regimental commanders and their sergeant-majors, battalion commanders and their sergeant-majors, and company and squadron commanders with their first sergeants.

Denton R. Wieland Given Fellowship

Denton R. Wieland of Falfurrias has been awarded a fellowship for a year's postgraduate work in petroleum production engineering at A&M. The fellowship was awarded under a grant of the Shell Companies Foundation, Inc.

The fellowship will provide funds for personal expenses and also will pay tuition and fees. In addition, Shell will provide a grant to the college as a cost-of-education supplement.

Wieland enrolled at A&M in 1945, but left to enter the armed services in 1946. He was discharged from the Air Force with the rank of sergeant in 1949. After working in the oil fields as a roughneck he re-entered A&M in 1953. He plans to work toward a doctorate.



OUR HERO—Undaunted by the truck burning to his right, the unknown fireman bravely douses the burning hay at a fire on the college farms about 3:30 Monday afternoon. The driver of the truck, S. F. Abbott of the forage section of the Agronomy Department, had backed his truck up to a drainage ditch to dump some hay. The wheels spun, sparks from the exhaust caught the hay on fire and the fire destroyed the vehicle. Fire trucks from the A&M Fire Department rushed to put out the truck fire.