

Couch Appointed To UT Hospital

Dr. Russell Couch, of the poultry husbandry and biochemistry and nutrition department, has been named a consultant biochemist for the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Houston. The appointment is for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1956, subject to renewal. Dr. Couch is a nationally recog-

nized research scientist and writer in the field of poultry nutrition and biochemistry. This year he announced the discovery of unidentified growth factors in the ash of distillers dried solubles, which have given one-half as much growth response in test groups of poultry as the original substances from which the ash was obtained.

Hapless Males Faced With Dangerous Year

By JIM BOWER
Battalion News Editor

A look at the calendar will show Aggies that they have more than one problem to cope with this year. For besides the ever dangerous Leap Year, 1956 has blessed us with three months that harbor a Friday the 13th.

The \$64,000 question is whether Leap Year has combined with the unfortunate Fridays to plan misfortune or will the two forces act independently to harass the already downtrodden male?

Whichever occurs, the situation for the single male looks dark. If the two combine, not even track stars will have a chance to save their futures.

They will find their shoes with the spikes broken and all manner of obstacles thrown in their path as the girls laughingly pluck the hapless males from their hiding places.

Of if the two forces act separately, the unfortunate males will find themselves unable to effectively combat either of the evils since they will be attacked from two sides.

The most immediate problem looming before Aggies will come to light tomorrow in a double dose. Tomorrow is the first of the series of Friday the 13ths and to top it off, tomorrow night will be the first of the A&M-UT basketball clashes of the year.

The next unfortunate Friday does not occur until April—the same day that the Intercollegiate Talent Show is scheduled. Attendance at the show should be high since the spectators will want to see which act draws the short straw and receives the bad luck. Also that day A&M meets Baylor here in a baseball game.

The next and final unfortunate Friday comes in July. Summer school students will have that bat-

tle all to themselves since there is nothing planned to help ease the pain.

History doesn't record any terrible disaster occurring on the 13th day of the three months—January, April and July.

Jan. 13 is the birthday of Salmon P. Chase, a Republican political figure who is recorded as responsible for establishing the national banks with the power to issue currency supported by government bonds.

April 13 is honored by having Thomas Jefferson's birthday, Huguenot Day and National Bird Day.

Huguenot Day is celebrated in memory of the French Huguenots who fled to America from France to escape persecution from the Catholic Church.

July 13, birthday of Nathan B. Forrest who won fame as a cavalry leader for the Confederate Army during the Civil War, is celebrated as a legal holiday in Tennessee.

Down through the years many beliefs have flourished as either the origination of Friday the 13th being unlucky or as preventative measures against it.

The myth could have started similar to the one harbored against walking under a ladder—simply because someone happened to suffer misfortune while strolling beneath the ladder.

Currently though, Friday the 13th draws more recognition to those who stay in bed to escape misfortune and get their pictures in the papers for having been able to do such a stunt.

It is not recommended that Aggies stay in bed to escape misfortune on these unlucky Fridays. The consequences of staying in bed and missing classes would more than likely be greater than those suffered by defying Friday the 13th.



VIVE LE POPCORN!

The other day as I was walking down the street picking up tinfoil (Philip Morris, incidentally, has the best tinfoil, which is not surprising when you consider that they have the best cigarettes, which is not surprising when you consider that they buy the best tobaccos and the best paper and put them together with skill and loving care and rush them to your tobacco counter, fresh and firm and loaded with gentle smoking pleasure to lull the palate and beguile the senses and shoo the blues) the other day, I say, as I was walking down the street picking up tinfoil (I have, incidentally, the second largest ball of tinfoil in our family. My brother Eleanor's is bigger—more than four miles in diameter—but, of course, he is taller than I.) the other day, as I was saying, while walking down the street picking up tinfoil, I passed a campus and right beside it, a movie theatre which specialized in showing foreign films. "Hmmm," I said to myself, "I wonder how come so many theatres which specialize in showing foreign films are located near campuses?"

And the answer came right back to me: "Because foreign films are full of culture, art, and esoterica, and where is culture more rife, art more rampant, and esoterica more endemic than on a campus? Nowhere, that's where!"



I hope that all of you have been taking advantage of the foreign film theatre near your campus. Here you will find no simple-minded Hollywood products—full of treacherous sentiment and machine-made bravura. Here you will find life itself—life in all its grimness, its poverty, its naked, raw passion!

Have you, for instance, seen the recent French import, *Le Jardin de Ma Tante* ("The Kneecap"), a savage and uncompromising story of a man named Claude Parfum, whose consuming ambition is to get a job as a meter reader with the Paris water department? But he is unable, alas, to afford the flashlight one needs for this position. His wife, Bon-Bon, sells her hair to a wigmaker and buys him a flashlight. Then, alas, Claude discovers that one also requires a leatherette bow tie. This time his two young daughters, Caramel and Nougat, sell their hair to the wigmaker. So Claude has his leatherette bow-tie, but now, alas, his flashlight battery is burned out and the whole family, alas, is bald.

Or have you seen the latest Italian masterpiece, *La Donna E Mobile* ("I Ache All Over"), a heart shattering tale of a boy and his dog? Malvolio, a Venetian lad of nine, loves his little dog with every fibre of his being. He has one great dream: to enter the dog in the annual dog show at the Doge's palace. But that, alas, requires an entrance fee, and Malvolio, alas, is penniless. However, he saves and scrimps and steals and finally gets enough together to enter the dog in the show. The dog, alas, comes in twenty-third. Malvolio sells him to a vivisectionist.

Or have you seen the new Japanese triumph, *Kibutzi-San* ("The Radish"), a pulse-stirring historical romance about Yamoto, a poor farmer, and his daughter Ethel who are accosted by a warlord on their way to market one morning? The warlord cuts Yamoto in half with his samurai sword and runs off with Ethel. When Yamoto recovers, he seeks out Ethel's fiancé, Chutzpah, and together they find the warlord and kill him. But, alas, the warlord was also a sorcerer and he has whimsically turned Ethel into a whooping crane. But loyal Chutzpah takes her home where he feeds her fish heads for twenty years and keeps hoping she'll turn back into a woman. She never does. Alas.

The makers of Philip Morris, who bring you this column, hope that if there's smoking in the balcony of your campus theatre, it will be today's new, gentle Philip Morris you'll be smoking.

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What's Cooking

The schedule for tonight is as follows:

7:30
Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet in room 323 of the Academic Building. A hypnotist will furnish entertainment.

Marshall Hometown Club will meet in the Assembly Room of the MSC to make a picture for the Annual Uniform for Corps members.

Familiarity Flights Given By Officer

Capt. Roger McCauley, junior air science instructor and Assistant PAS, has spent several weekends taking ROTC students up for pre-training rides.

This is not a part of the flight training for Air Science students. Army branch students are accepted on flights.

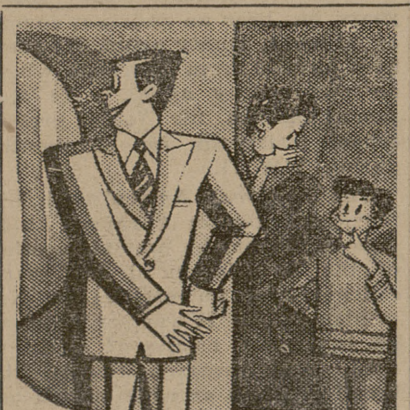
Flights usually last from 30 to 45 minutes. The student is given a chance to fly the plane and become familiar with how it operates.

Students interested in making a flight should contact Capt. McCauley about a week in advance.

Anderson To Hold Soil Short Course

Jack W. Anderson, assistant professor in the Department of Agronomy at A&M, will conduct a Soils and Fertilizer Short Course in Kaufman County Jan. 30 thru Feb. 3.

James G. Simmons, Kaufman County agent, is in charge of arrangements there.



That "new suit" I "bought" for Dad is really an old one I had rejuvenated at . . .

CAMPUS CLEANERS

CADET SLOUCH by James Earle



Job Interviews

Thursday and Friday

U.S. NAVAL LABORATORIES IN CALIFORNIA are interested in majors in mechanical, electrical, aeronautical engineering. Also physics, mathematics, oceanography and meteorology majors, for opportunities at the U.S. Navy Electronics Laboratory in San Diego, Calif. and the U.S. Naval Air Missile Test Center at Point Mugu, Calif. They will also interview faculty, graduate students, seniors and juniors for summer work.

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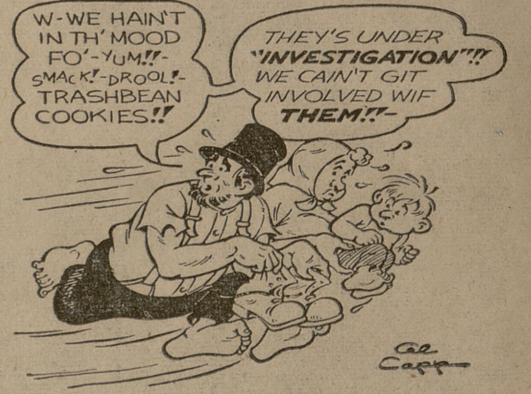
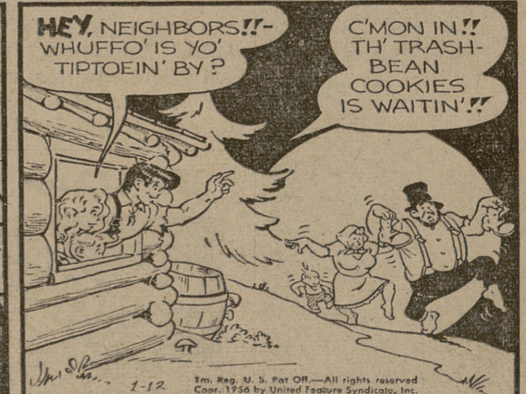
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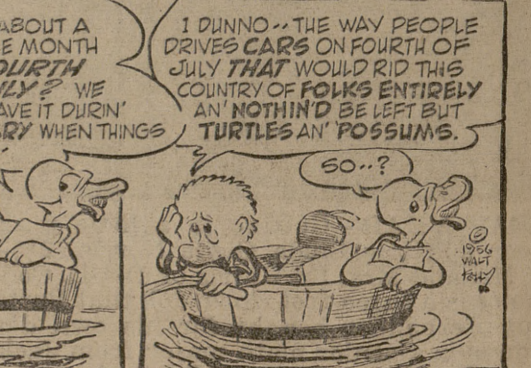
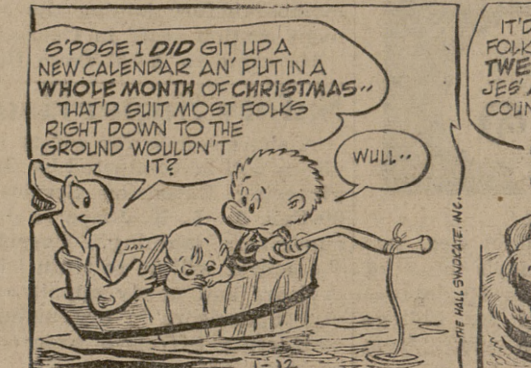
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Local Man Named Livestock Official

Henry G. Jones of College Station has been named official ambassador for the College Station area to the Seventh Annual San Antonio Livestock Exposition, E. W. Bickett, Exposition president announced.

The enlarged 1956 Exposition will be held in the Bexar County Coliseum Feb. 10-19.

Five new divisions have been added to the show this year. These include Charbray and Charollaise cattle, Cheviot and Montadale sheep and Delaine sheep in the junior division.

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THRU SATURDAY
"SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS"
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By Al Capp

By Walt Kelly