

### Texas Called Minor League In Leathers

One of the greatest cattle producing areas of the world, the state of Texas, is a minor league operator in the leather supply industry, according to a survey of the state recently completed by research economists at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

A review of the Texas leather industry shows that tanneries of the state can supply less than 2 per cent of the grain leather needed by Texas manufacturers of shoes, bags, billfolds and other leather articles.

In 1954 Texas manufacturers of leather products used approximately \$8,500,000 worth of grain leather. Of this amount 98 per cent came from sources outside the state, according to James R. Bradley, assistant research economist of the Experiment Station.

Bradley believes the grain leather market in Texas and the Southwest is now large enough to encourage a large tannery operation in the state, to take advantage of this market outlet, and to save transportation costs. To ship 100 pounds of tanned leather from Boston to Dallas, his report shows, costs \$4.99; from Milwaukee to Dallas the freight on the same weight is \$3.37. Bradley believes large tannery operation in Texas is feasible because of the hides supply and tremendous saving in freight costs to Texas manufacturing concerns.

#### Social Whirl

**INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION** Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in YMCA for a business meeting.

**BUSINESS WIVES** Club will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the south solarium of the YMCA for a business meeting. The film "We Are the Aggies" will be shown and refreshments will be served. All wives of business majors are welcome to attend.

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING** Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the MSC Social Room. All faculty wives are invited to hear Gene King of Animal Husbandry Department speak on "Meat" Cuts". He will illustrate his talk with slides. Anyone needing a ride may call Gardner Osborn at VI 6-6664 or Patti McAlexander, VI 6-4698.

**PETROLEUM ENGINEERING** Wives Club will meet at 7:45 p.m. Monday in the YMCA. John R. Pedigo of the Petroleum Engineering Department will be the speaker. Election will be held.

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING** Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the YMCA for a business meeting.

**GEOLOGY WIVES** will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the Geology Building.

**AGGIE WIVES BOWLING** Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to resume the round robin bowling tournament for the Spring semester. Trophies will be presented.

### Holladay-McNulty Rites Solemnized

The wedding of Miss Charlotte McNulty to W. P. Holladay Jr., was solemnized Saturday at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Baytown. Senior cadets participated in the military wedding.

Holladay, A&M's head yell leader, is a pre-law senior from Baytown. After graduation he plans to attend law school.

The bride is a graduate of Baylor University and is now teaching at Lamar Junior High School in Bryan.

After their honeymoon, the newlyweds will make their home in Bryan until May.

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