

Plans For Cotton Ball To Be Made Tuesday

The Agronomy Society will meet Tuesday night to discuss plans for this year's Cotton Ball, scheduled for April 16. Several agents have been contacted, but no definite plans have been made as yet, according to Robert Butschek, chairman of the ball.

Holman M. Griffin, senior agronomy major from Hillsboro, was elected King Cotton by the Agronomy Society recently. Other senior members elected to his court are Alan Taylor, Butschek, Robert B. Metzger, Ronnie G. Bradley; junior members are Walter J. Beatty, Jules R. Viterbo and Fausto Yturria, Jr. Tommy C. Draper was the only sophomore representative elected.

The Cotton Pageant and Ball, which is one of the oldest and largest annual affairs on the campus was started in 1932 by J. S. Mogford, who was then an assistant professor of agronomy.

The purpose of the first Cotton Pageant and Ball was to encourage the use of cotton and to send students from here to different parts of the world to study. Since that time students have gone to Egypt, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and South Africa.

Anderson and Clayton, a cotton firm, and the Texas Cotton Cooperative each donated \$500 to help

put on the first pageant and the Textile Institute sent 74 dresses for display.

The pageant has been held every year since 1932 except 1943, 1944, 1945. The Aggeland Orchestra played for the first ball which was held in the annex of Sbis Hall, with 125 couples attending. Since then, the ball and pageant have grown until now over a thousand couples attend annually.

Money received from this year's Cotton Ball will pay transportation for the junior and senior agronomy field trip.

Deferment Test Deadline March 5

March 5 is the last day to submit applications to take the selective service college qualification test.

The test center will be located in the MSC.

This testing program is to provide evidence for local selective service boards so they may consider student deferment for military registrants.

A student must intend to request deferment as a student, be satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course for instruction and must not have previously taken the test to be eligible.



BIG WHEELS—Shown in the picture above are left to right H. A. Schenkel of Dallas, J. T. Wheelis of Abilene and Roy Greene of Texarkana. The huge B-36 wheel, located east of the old Aeronautical Engineering Building, is now a "spare" for the department. Anyone interested in it should see E. E. Brush, Aero Engr. Dept. head.

Circulation Figures For Batt Compiled

A total of 7,681 copies of The Battalion are delivered four days a week to 16,062 readers, according to figures released by Ross Strader, Student Publications Director.

Of this grand total, 3,800 copies are delivered to the dormitories which house 4,802 students. Figuring 2 persons per home, 526 copies are delivered to college housing units giving a readership of 1,052 in college apartments.

A total of 1,578 copies of The Battalion are delivered to the homes in College Station. This figure coincides with the number of homes in College Station. Readership, based on 3.19 readers per home, is 5,034 for this group.

Mailed through the faculty exchange are 518 copies. Using the 3.19 readers per home figure, this gives the group readership at 1,652.

Using the same readership per home figure, the 401 copies mailed to Bryan gives 1,279 readers in Bryan. For the 2,243 readers outside the county, 703 copies are mailed. Used as tear sheets for advertisers and file copies are 155 copies.

A breakdown of student enrollment shows that there are 526 married students in college housing.

J. W. Sorenson Has New Location

Sorenson Hardware Co. will move to the building formerly occupied by W. S. D. Clothiers, at 109 N. Main St., Monday, according to J. W. Sorenson, Sr., owner. He plans to complete the move next week.

Sorenson, class of 1909, opened his store in July 1952, and has been at his old location of 301 N. Main St. in College Station since then.

The new location will be more centrally located and easier for the customers to get to.

Sorenson expresses his thanks to his customers, especially the Aggies, who have traded with him at his old location. He hopes that his customers will continue to trade with him at his new location.

ing, 4,802 students in the dormitories, 684 married students living off the campus and 576 single, day students.

Other factors concerning audience show that there is a total of 3,948 faculty and staff locally employed on the campus with an annual payroll of \$6,210,000.

Approximate population figures for the two towns list College Station with 10,500 and Bryan with 28,000. Distance from the heart of College Station to the heart of Bryan is five miles.

Aviation Meeting Will Be Held Soon

The Agricultural Aviation Conference will be held Feb. 26-28 in the Memorial Student Center. The short course is sponsored by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, and the A & M College System.

Registration for the course will be held in the lobby of the Serpentine Lounge on the second floor of the MSC from 1 until 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26 and continuing at 8 p.m. Monday. Registration fee is \$3 per person.

Meetings of the conference will be conducted in the ballroom, Assembly room and rooms 2A, B, C, and D. The ladies will meet in the Social room. A banquet will be held at 7 p.m. in Sbis Hall Monday, Feb. 27.

96 Freshmen Attain Distinguished Mark

Ninety-six freshmen students earned grades of 2.25 or better last semester to qualify for Distinguished Student awards. Included in this number are 13 students that had grade point ratios of 3.00 or better.

Martin G. Wolfe, electrical engineering major from Dallas, finished the semester with a 3.11 gpr, and two students not currently enrolled in A&M made 3.12 gpr's. They were Joseph V. Noyes and Gary P. Leach.

Teacher Course Slated Here

A course designed to increase the number of qualified physics teachers in Texas high school will be offered in the six week Summer Institute for Texas High School Physics Teachers to be held here June 4-July 13.

As another phase of the program, A&M will be one of 37 leading colleges and universities in the nation which will offer special summer employment to teachers this year.

Open to men and women teachers desiring to improve preparation for teaching of high school physics, the short course is made possible through fellowships offered by industrial contributors and in-

struction will be provided by members of the A&M Physics Department faculty, according to Dr. J. G. Potter, head of the department.

The fellowships, \$250 each, will be paid in cash to successful applicants when they register for the course. Prerequisites for applicants include college algebra, familiarity with the trigonometric functions and some acquaintances with physics comparable to that made through a minimum introduc-

tory college physics or general science course. Credit for six hours of graduate work will be granted for satisfactory completion of the program under course title and description, Education 641, The Teaching of High School Physics.

Special dormitory accommodations have been arranged for both men and women groups, and the fellowships will easily cover all expenses and leave some margin to compensate for loss of earning power during the period of study.

Fellowship nominations from high school principals and letters of applications for admission to the Institute and for fellowships are invited at once, the head of the Physics department said. It is expected however, that some fellowships will be available for later applicants, since plans for a total registration of 30 are being made.

Inquiries and applications should be addressed to H. L. Heaton, college registrar.

Johnston To Head Saddle And Sirloin

Bob Johnston, senior from Petrolia, has been named president of the Saddle and Sirloin Club. He replaces Ken Killion, out-going president.

Other officers elected are Melvin Lebo, vice-president; Cecil Skaggs, secretary; Pat Garner, treasurer; and Jim Renick, reporter.

Local Scout Troop Receives Charter

Senior Patrol Leader Bill Armistead, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Armistead, 1211 Taurus, accepted the 1955 Charter of Recognition for Boy Scout Troop 411 at a ceremony here recently.

The charter was presented by Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the Biology Department and president of the Bryan and College Station Rotary Clubs. Troop 411 is sponsored by the two Clubs.

In departing from the usual procedure of presenting the Charter to the Scoutmaster or his assistant, Mr. Doak was told by Scoutmaster, M/Sgt. A. M. Linton that "We believe in placing leadership responsibility on our members as much as possible. This helps them to develop self-confidence, poise and initiative at an early age."

Dr. M. G. H. Ligda Attends Seminar

Dr. Myron G. H. Ligda, Department of Oceanography and Meteorology, is attending the Eastern Caribbean Hurricane Seminar in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic.

Sponsored by the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, and the Dominican Republic, the seminar is expected to attract approximately 60 meteorologists from all over the world. It will end Feb. 25.

Purpose of the seminar is to disseminate knowledge and experience acquired in the field of hurricane observation and forecasting since World War II. The sessions will be held at the University of Santo Domingo in Ciudad Trujillo, with six interpreters translating proceeding into English, Spanish, and French.

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