



IT'S A PLANE?—Willie Zboril, works at Easterwood Airport works on the wing of the plane that will be used to train A&M cadets enrolled in Air Science. A&M is one of 38 educational institutions to begin this program which became a law Aug. 1.

Demand Grows Heavy For Skilled Worker

The demand for skilled industrial workers, public service employees, supervisory personnel, engineers and technicians, was cited here this week by H. D. Bearden, vice director of the Engineering Extension Service. Bearden spoke at the annual meeting of the EES staff.

"The future progress and welfare of Texas depends upon a conscientious concern with our skilled manpower," Bearden declared. "The majority of our population does not complete an educational program that properly provides them with the knowledge and skills required in their specific jobs. To increase employment security, job efficiency and job advancement opportunities for these people, it is essential that needed training services be made available."

Bearden pointed out the services as rendered by the EES. "The training services as carried on by the Engineering Extension Service are designed to serve these needs and the further expansion and development of these services is necessary in order to meet the increasing responsibility of the Texas A&M College System to the people of Texas," he said.

"Our organization," Bearden declared, "must step up its growth if it is to meet the increasing training needs of Texas' booming

A&M Students In California Debate

Two A. & M. Agricultural Economics students representing A. & M. at the annual meeting of the American Farm Economic Association now underway in California.

The students, Tommy Smith of Lawn and Thomas Livingston of Plattsmouth, Neb., have this as their subject:

Resolved that the federal government should make long-range plans to discontinue all price supports for agricultural products.

industrial force, which already includes the majority of working Texans—and is still growing by leaps and bounds."

The expansion of Texas industry and the rapid growth of concentrated urban areas (67 per cent of the total state population now live in towns and cities), Bearden said, "has created an increased need for skilled industrial workers, public service employees, supervisory personnel, engineers and technicians."

"In addition," Bearden said, "advances in science and technology have made new demands on certain skilled occupations and also have created new occupational fields requiring new skills. On an even greater scope than before, we must continue to range over the state, carrying job know-how to the men who need it and who cannot afford to leave their jobs to learn it."

A&M Professors Attend Workshop

Four members from the Agricultural Education Department of A&M served as consultants at the State Workshop for teachers of vocational agriculture, held in San Antonio on August 13-15.

E. V. Vaulton, Bob Craig and Jarrell Gray assisted with a panel discussion, dealing with methods, techniques and procedures of teaching farm mechanics to high school students of vocational agriculture.

O. M. Holt assisted at a sectional meeting in which methods of organizing and conducting adult and young farmer classes were discussed.

The State Workshop was attended by approximately 1,000 teachers of vocational agriculture in Texas.

Barney Welch, Director Of A&M Intramural Program

Once the leader of A&M football teams, Barney Welch now directs one of the largest intramural athletic programs in the world.

"We took a survey last fall that indicated 78 per cent of the students enter into at least one sport," said Welch. "I'm sure we have the largest percentage of students competing in our program of any school in the world."

Welch, former co-captain of the Aggie team, holds the distinction of being the first Cadet ever to score on the ground against the University of Texas in Memorial Stadium. As a sophomore, Barney scored A&M's only touchdown on Thanksgiving day, 1942, as the Ags fell before Texas, 13-6.

World War II put a slight delay in Barney's college football career, however, with 20 months in the European action, including the Battle of the Bulge and three battle stars.

Oddly enough, Welch never participated in intramural sports as an under graduate at A&M.

"Playing football never gave me much of a chance to enter into the intramural program," said Barney, "and even after the season was over I devoted my spare time to my wife and young son."

Welch and his wife, Jane, were married in 1943 while Barney was a sophomore and now have two children, Russell, 12, and Lynda, 8.

Barney just happened onto the job he now holds. In the summer of 1947, with one semester remaining toward his degree in agricultural economics, Welch met Spike White, then director of intramurals, and worked as an umpire for him.

White was about to become director of student activities and, with his old job soon to be vacant, offered the position to Barney. Welch accepted and took over the day after graduation in January, 1948.

"It was strictly fate that I got this job," comments Barney. "I was only a semester away from graduation with absolutely no idea what I was going to do when Spike offered me the job."

A&M's intramural director didn't need fate to carry him up the military ladder. Welch started as a private in 1942 and came out of the war a T/Sgt. Since then Barney has held every possible rank to the captain's bars he now wears as Company Commander of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment, 36th Division, of the National Guard.

Barney played some service football in Europe, receiving all-European Theater of Operations honors before returning to his halfback spot under Coach Homer Norton in 1946.

A Texas boy who played his

high school athletics at Stephenville, Barney has developed A&M's intramural program into one of the top five in the world.

Industrial Board Conf. Advisors

Members of the Board of Advisors of the Industrial Development Conference, to be held here today and tomorrow, include Gordon H. Turrentine, assistant general manager, Houston C. of C., as chairman.

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A little Learning

CORRY, Pa. (AP) — Borough officials were a bit perturbed when their sewage treatment plant went on the blink for the second time within two months. An abnormal sludge deposit and extensive rainfall were given at two reasons for the breakdown. The sewage plant operator could not be reached. He was attending a course on how to operate sewage plants.

British Togoland, under trusteeship for the United Nations, produces one-sixth of the world's supply of cocoa.

AF Reservist Gets Commendation

Frank W. Jordan, sophomore aeronautical engineering major, received a commendation and letter of appreciation for his work while on a short tour of active duty with the Air Force at Ellington AFB in June, according to Lt. Col. W. S. McCulley, commander

of 9807th Air Reserve Squadron in Bryan.

An Airman First Class in the local unit, the 24-year-old Jordan had special duties while at Ellington AFB which consisted of helping in the revision of the 446th Troop Carrier Wing Regulations.

Turmoil of waters, the Caribbean was the beginning of eleven hurricanes in 1955.



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