

Is Double Tuition The Real Answer?

Just one action, approval by the State Senate, remains for the tuition of state schools to be doubled effective next Fall.

According to the originator, Senator Murray Watson Jr. of Mart, the bill will allow needy students to get scholarships, provide salary increases for teachers and add teachers. This sounds great. Each of these definitely need legislative attention.

But what will be the price for such action? On the subject of tuition scholarships, how is any group going to intelligently and accurately decide who among the many college applicants most needs the \$50 tuition fee?

How will they determine the stopping point so some of the money can go for more teachers and higher salaries? From all reports, the bill does not specifically designate the extra money to be used to provide more money for teachers but merely "sets for legislative intent" the money for teachers.

The provisions of the bill alone stretch it so far it will be impossible for it to be of any real value for any of the uses outlined in it.

The original idea of a land grant or state school is that it shall provide education at the lowest possible cost to members of its state.

Is raising the tuition the only way to get more money for the schools or is it the easiest way? There seems to be no movement toward increasing revenue from any of the other many sources of state income. Students have no lobbies.

One of the main points used by Sen. Watson in support of his bill is that Texas ranks 46th in the nation in tuition charges.

This fact is nothing to be proud of, but neither is the one showing Texas to rank 40th in expenditure per college student.

This bill should raise the first figure but will it really show any progressive turn toward helping the state's position in education.

Which fact can we be most proud of—that we charge more or that we offer more?

In the last several years, much has been said about the growing need of more money for state schools to meet the steadily increasing enrollment which promises to boom even more when the so-called "war-babies" hit the college market.

Since no other action toward relieving the growing pains of colleges has been brought forth, what is the real purpose of this bill?

It has all the appearances of a token act to appease the conscience of the Legislature over the little that is being done to help the schools.

But as a final outcome, will this bill effectively help the schools or will it merely shift the legislative load on the shoulders of the students?

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CAA Head Will Speak At Aviation Conference

James T. Pyle, top man in U. S. Department of Range and Forestry, will be banquet speaker for the annual Texas Agricultural Aviation Conference to be in the Memorial Student Center Sunday through Tuesday.

Pyle is Administrator of Civil Aeronautics Administration. Topic for his speech, at 7 p.m. Monday in the MSC Ballroom, will be "Agricultural Aviation Comes of Age."

The conference is being held in conjunction with a short course on Pest Control.

W. A. Lewis, president of the Texas Aerial Applicators Association will preside at the banquet.

Fred E. Weick of the A&M System's Aircraft Research Center is general Chairman for the conference and short course. Those who participate can expect a full program of useful information throughout the conference, Weick said.

Department of Range and Forestry will discuss brush and weed control.

Tuesday's session will have discussions ranging from distributor equipment and methods for aircraft, by Joe C. Brusse of the Aircraft Research Center and "Experiences in Administering CAR Part 8" by Henry O. Lipscomb, aviation safety agent, Maintenance, CAA. Another discussion will be "Agricultural Aviation in Europe" by Fred Weick.

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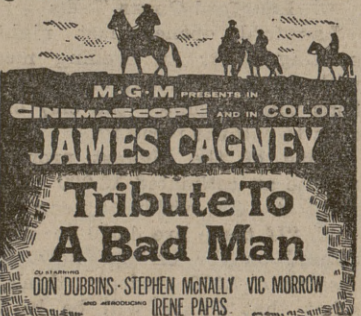
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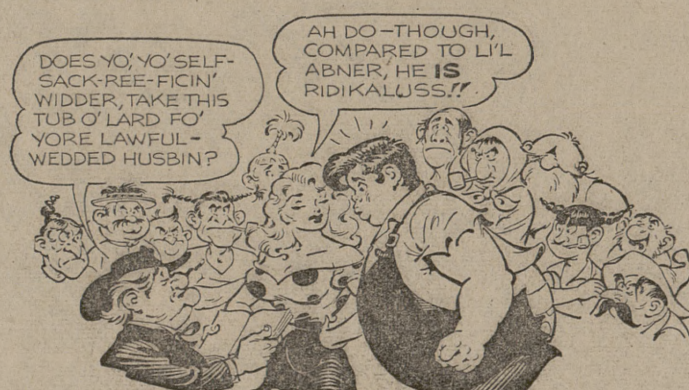


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Agriculture Eco. Dept. Plans Move

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, headed by Dr. T. R. Timm, has drawn up tentative plans for taking over the entire Agriculture Building.

In a floor-by-floor diagram of the building as it is expected by 1960, the layout shows how all four floors will be arranged after the Department's "Operation Spread."

The first and second floors are to be class rooms while the third and fourth are to be offices of the departments and the extension service.

Escaping from the exhaustingly steep stairs in the plans for the future, elevators are penciled in

at both ends of the building. Pitched in for good measure are enough air-conditioners to cool all four floors.

Official action has not yet been taken on the plans.

Development of plans as expected will see the Dairy Science Department in new quarters in the brand-new Dairy and Biochemistry Building, now nearing completion. Final completion is tentatively set for sometime during the summer, in time to use it by September.

Even the Dean of Agriculture's Office is to be moved from the Agriculture Building, into the Dairy and Biochemistry Building.

The Dean of Agriculture's Office and the Dairy Science Department's classes and offices now occupy the second floor in the Ag Building.

Fish Engineers Meet Tuesday

Freshman engineering majors are to meet in Guion Hall Tuesday at 4 p. m., according to C. H. Ransdell of the Basic Division. Ransdell says the meeting is important to all freshmen engineers and urges all of these students to attend.

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