

# Aggieland Hosts Texas FFA Boys

## Welcome FFA Over 1,500 Due for State Contests

Extend a warm welcome to the FFA boys of Texas. I also congratulate you on making the judging team which represents your school and FFA Chapters in the State Contest. As a team member you have a responsibility to your chapter and to your school to do your dead-level best, so that your efforts will reflect credit to yourself and to those you represent.

More important than winning the contest is the training you get from it. Competition is the key to the American way of life, whether it be on the athletic field, in judging contests, or for the hand of the girl of your dreams. I hope this activity will be another rewarding experience in the development of your God-given talents to their fullest.

I hope you will continue your education beyond high school and prepare yourselves for responsible positions in your field of interest. The opportunities for careers and service in the many areas of agricultural sciences are almost unlimited. Call or write to the office of the Dean of Agriculture for additional information.

J. C. Miller  
Dean of Agriculture

Future Farmers wearing blue jeans and blue FFA jackets began moving into Aggieland today for the annual State FFA Judging Contests tomorrow.

Over 1,500 high school students and 350 vocational agriculture teachers are scheduled to attend the one-day judging event which will end with a wrap-up meeting in Guion Hall tomorrow afternoon.

The group of future farmers is composed of the top 10 per cent of all judging teams from area contests throughout the state.

The boys, hailing from the tip of the Texas panhandle to the lower valley area to the upper East Texas region, will be divided into groups for judging the five major contest

divisions—livestock, dairy, dairy products, poultry and meats.

All contests will be conducted and supervised by members of the departments of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Science and Poultry Science, and will be sponsored by the Department of Agricultural Education.

Judging events begin promptly at 7:30 a. m. tomorrow at the special contest sites.

Judgings will be held at the following places:

Livestock judging in the beef cattle center, dairy judging in the dairy center, dairy products in the Agricultural Engineering building, poultry in the poultry center and meats in the meats laboratory of the Animal Industries building.

Visiting ag teachers will be honorees at "President's Coffee Hour" in the Memorial Student Center at 9:30 a. m. E. V. Walton, head of the Department of Agricultural Education, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Judging events will be completed by noon and final ceremonies will get under way at 1:15 in Guion Hall.

From the beginning of the afternoon session until 3 p. m. the A&M Collegiate Chapter of FFA will entertain the farm boys with a talent show.

The National Cottonseed Crushers Ass'n has donated \$100 prize money for outstanding performers in the show.

At 3 o'clock results of the judging events will be revealed. Winning teams in the contests will receive plaques, banners and individual awards.

J. R. Jackson of the sponsoring department is the general chairman this year.

Agricultural Education faculty members who will conduct the contests are Dr. Jarsell D. Gray, Dr. Earl Knebel, O. M. Holt and E. L. Tiner.

W. T. Berry, G. T. King and Doug Wythe will work in the interests of the Animal Husbandry Department; Dr. R. E. Leighton, Dr. Murry Brown, Dr. A. V. Moore and Dr. I. I. Peters will represent the Dairy Sciences Department; and E. D. Parnell and Cecil Ryan

are the Poultry Science Department assistants.

All teachers and high schoolers are urged to look over the various agriculture departments while they are on the campus, Jackson said.

Last year more than 1,100 students and some 350 teachers attended the judging contests on the campus.

Schedule of events:  
7:30 All judging events begin.  
9:30 President's Coffee Hour for teachers in MSC.  
12 noon Lunch  
1:15 Talent Show in Guion Hall  
3:00 Announcement of winners

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## News of the World

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### Dangerous Space Radiation Discovered

WASHINGTON—Discovery of an unidentified form of radiation which might imperil space fliers was reported yesterday.

Scientists said that if the radiation is the kind they believe it is, an unprotected man would get as much radiation in two hours as he can safely tolerate over the span of a week. To guard him in any long-term flight would require 100 pounds of lead shielding per man.

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### Pate Sees Threat to Marine Corps

WASHINGTON—Gen. Randolph M. Pate attacked President Eisenhower's defense reorganization plan yesterday as a potential threat to the life of the Marine Corps.

The President's proposal that laws spelling out the roles of each military service be repealed, Pate said, raises a real danger that under some future secretary of defense the Marines may be demoted from a fighting force to simply a ceremonial unit.

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### New Argentine President Takes Office

BUENOS AIRES.—Arturo Frondizi took the oath as Argentina's president yesterday, warned the armed forces to keep out of politics, and pledged to govern by law. For 12 years this nation had been under dictatorship or military rule.

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### House Passes Employment Uplift Bill

WASHINGTON—With the help of Southern Democratic conservatives, the Eisenhower administration yesterday won smashing House approval of its emergency unemployment relief program.

### AH Majors' Club Mixes Work, Fun

The Saddle and Sirlon Club, 150 animal husbandry majors strong, is one of the working and pleasure groups in the School of Agriculture.

Each year the club puts on a rodeo, a full-scale stock show, a ham show and sale, prints a year-book, finances the junior and senior livestock judging teams to some of the major livestock centers in the United States, and shows lambs, steers and swine at major stock shows.

The club is bound together by W. T. Berry, Jr. and G. T. King, sponsors.

Coming activities on the spring calendar are the Little Southwestern Livestock Show and Ham Sale on May 10 and the Awards Banquet and Cattleman's Ball on May 9th.

### Ag Students Have Alpha Zeta Chapter

Devoted to promoting the profession of agriculture, a select group of undergraduate and graduate agricultural students compose the A&M chapter of Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural fraternity.

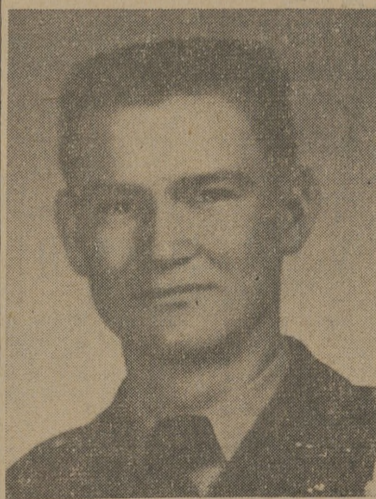
The Texas Alpha Chapter of the fraternity of Alpha Zeta was installed on the A&M campus April 12, 1951, replacing the Agricultural Honor Society. Students are selected for membership into the fraternity, one of 47 in the nation, on the basis of high scholarship, character, leadership and personality.

### Drum Majors For '59 Picked By Bandsmen

Rudy (Smile-Awhile) Schubert, junior electrical engineering major from Woodboro, was selected drum major for the Consolidated Aggie Bands yesterday from a field of 11 candidates.

Selection was made by a group of fellow-bandsmen and Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, director of the Aggie Bands. Schubert's appointment will be submitted to President M. T. Harrington, through the commandant, for approval.

Other drum major slots were filled yesterday by a pair of Freds—Fred Hunter, junior civil engineering and business administration major from Dallas for the White Band; and Fred Stall, junior chemical engineering major from Houston, who will bear the baton for the Maroon Band.



Rudy Schubert



Biting The Dust

A Brahma bull rider is about to meet Mother Earth in last night's opening performance of the A&M-sponsored N.I.R.A. rodeo. Many riders followed his style, but just as many rode their mounts to the limit in the eight events of the night. Another showing of the rodeo is scheduled for tonight and two more are on tap tomorrow.

### Raise Better Crops Through Agronomy

Something that every successful farmer must know is good soil management and production. This can be learned at A&M, say agronomy department officials.

Agronomy deals with the science and practice of soil management and crop production. Agronomic training helps the farmer to improve his crops and soil.

Training in the Department of Agronomy is broken down into three parts:

1. Theory work in natural and basic sciences followed by more advanced plant and soil science.

2. Practical, laboratory work to supplement theory.

3. The training in leadership and organized teamwork while you acquaint yourself with the instructors and other students.

The Student Agronomy Society, organized by the students, has many activities annually such as the Cotton Pageant and Ball, soils and crops team to compete in Kansas and Chicago, and annual field trips to interesting parts of the state.

### Dairy Students Use Huge Dairy Center

A&M is equipped with all necessary facilities to provide training for students interested in either dairy production or dairy management.

The 801-acre dairy center and farm consists of a feeding barn, a modern six stall milking parlor, a 400-foot shelter barn and a maternity barn. The farm is stocked with a herd numbering about 425, 195 of them in the milking herd.

### Collegiate Chapter

## FFA Leadership Continues at A&M

High school Future Farmers of America can continue their FFA work at A&M by entering as an agricultural education major and joining the college chapter of the association.

Each year some 100 Aggies participate in the program which is operated in a fashion similar to high school chapters. The chapter furthers leadership training in FFA work.

One of the big activities of the year for the chapter is the State FFA Judging Contest being held on the campus this weekend.

Experience in working with the contests aids students after they become vocational agriculture teachers.

During the contest, the chapter will sponsor entertainment for the high school future farmers. The group will also assist in scoring and tabulating scores made by teams in the various contests.

Judges for various area contests are picked from the members of the collegiate association.

Another big activity of the chapter is the annual Student-Prof Banquet. At this event, awards and recognition are given to deserving students and professors. Awards are presented to the outstanding senior collegiate member for each semester and to the outstanding junior member of the year. The chapter chooses an "Outstanding professor" of the year from the School of Agriculture.

A \$125 scholarship is presented each year to a junior majoring in agriculture education to assist him in his senior year.

## Rodeo Opener Sees 62 Vieing

A lot of bucking, wrestling and riding opened the ninth annual A&M Intercollegiate Rodeo last night on the damp soil at the Aggie rodeo area.

About 62 performers appeared for the opening night of the three-night affair. The second show will be held tonight at 8.

Fred White of Sam Houston State College won the bareback bronc riding event as his carrier bucked fiercely but was unable to bump him off.

In the tie down roping event, Jim Green, Sam Houston, bettered Tommy Flenniken's time by one-tenth of a second. Green's time was 12.5 seconds as compared to the McNeese College cowboy's 12.6.

### CS Youngsters Eagerly Await 'Play Ball' Yell

College Station's "little men of the diamond," the Little Leaguers, will grab their gloves, balls and bats and begin practicing for the baseball season Monday at 5:15 p. m. on the A&M drill field, west of A&M Consolidated School.

The training session will be conducted for four days—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week and Monday, May 12, according to W. S. Edmonds, president of the Little League Board of Directors.

After the training session players will be picked for the eight teams entered in the league. The first players picked will join the Major League, consisting of the Orioles, Red Sox, White Sox and Senators. The remainder will play for the Minors, made up of the Dodgers, Cubs, Indians and Pirates.

Scheduled play starts June 2 and continues through July 18. Play will be suspended for Boy Scout Camp during the week of June 22.

Registration will be held at the Little League Park beginning at 2 p. m. Saturday. Assignment of diamonds and identification numbers for spring training will be given.

Edmonds asked those participating in the program for the first time to bring their birth certificates to the opening session.

### 'Y' Cabinet Slates Panel Discussion

The YMCA Cabinet will hold the third in its current series of panel discussions on Academic Freedom Monday night at 7:30 on the second floor of the YMCA.

The subject will be divided into four topics. The topics are: "How Does Academic Freedom Relate To Education?"; "What Is The Student's Responsibility In Academic Freedom?"; "What Is The Professor's Responsibility In Academic Freedom?"; and "How Academic Freedom Affects Me As A Student."

D. D. Spivey, McNeese College, was the winner of the Saddle bronc riding contest.

Mary Nemecek, Sam Houston State, edged Virginia Davidson, Texas A&I, in two events—girls barrel race and girls goat tying. The winner's time was 18.7 seconds in the barrel race and 24.5 in the goat tying event.

The ribbon roping winner was Bruce Kay, Navarro College, with a time of 13.3 seconds. Doyle McSpadden, A&M, was second with a time of 15.2 seconds.

Jack Burkholder, A&I, took first place in the steer wrestling event as he threw the bull to the ground in 8.7 seconds. David Cormier, Sam Houston, had a second place time of 18.4.

In the bull riding contest Floyd Heichler, Lee Junior College, won first place.

The final shows will be held tomorrow—matinee at 2 p. m. and the final night show at 8.

### Sports Editor And His Dog Now Located

Two days ago, Jon, Battalion sports department's pet dog, got lost, touching off a widespread search by the Battmen.

Yesterday the sports editor was missing—not lost, but missing from the story on the front page of The Battalion announcing the 1958-59 staff. However, everything turned out well for that department last night as man was remembered and dog was found.

The new sports editor (probably missing from the story because he was out looking for Jon) is Bob Weekley, junior journalism major from Brownwood. He replaces Gary Rollins.

Jon, the dog, was discovered by two students as he lay on a bed in Dorm 16 taking a nap. He's not replacing anyone.

### Weather Today

Forecast for the College Station area is mostly cloudy with scattered thundershowers today and tomorrow. No precipitation was registered during the past 24 hours.