

# Cotton Ball to be Dedicated To Retired Agronomy Prof

The 25th annual Cotton Pageant and Ball on the night of April 17 will be dedicated to Joe S. Mogford, who retired in February after more than a third of a century of service to the Department of Agronomy.

It was Professor Mogford who promoted the first Cotton Style Show and Pageant in 1932 to raise funds to take students on cotton study tours in this country and abroad to stimulate more interest in cotton. There were two years during World War II in which no Cotton Pageants were held.

These tours have taken groups of students to many parts of the United States and to Europe, Africa, Asia and South America to study all phases of cotton.

The Cotton Pageant and Ball has been sponsored each year by the Agronomy Society and features scores of young ladies competing for the title of Queen Cotton. In addition to raising funds for the cotton study tours, the Cotton Pageant and Ball has served as a means by which agronomy students pay tribute to the king of Texas crops—cotton.

Until 1952, three students were selected annually by competitive examination to make an extended foreign study tour. The Agronomy Society decided that more benefit would be received from a large

number of students making the tour. As a result, approximately 40 junior and senior students have toured areas in and around Texas each year for the past five years.

In 1956 the entire theme of the pageant was changed. The style show was eliminated to shorten the program and to give more recognition to the duchesses. The show now consists of a beauty contest among 150 or more duchesses representing various colleges and universities, clubs and other organizations.

The duchesses are presented to King Cotton and his eight dukes, who have been selected from among agronomy students. As the duchesses are presented, they are judged on their beauty and poise by three judges from the fields of art and fashion. The winner is

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crowned Queen Cotton and the eight runners-up become princesses of the court.

Mogford, internationally known for his cotton research and teaching, served in the Department of Agronomy for 34 years.

He started his cotton research in 1916 when, upon graduating from A&M, he received a scholarship in plant breeding, specializing in cotton.

Following World War I, in which he served overseas as an infantry officer, Professor Mogford completed work on his master's degree here and then went to Lockhart where he spent the next five years in commercial cotton breeding work.

He joined the A&M staff in 1925 as an associate professor of agronomy to teach courses in cotton production and farm crops. For the last 10 years, all agricultural freshmen have studied "Production of Farm Crops," a textbook written by Mogford.

His cotton studies carried him to many parts of the world. Students from all of the leading cotton here to take his courses in cotton production.

In the announcement to honor Professor Mogford, the following statement was made by the Agronomy Society:

"We proudly dedicate this, the 25th anniversary of the Cotton Pageant and Ball, to the man who took over the responsibility and sponsored the project over the past 25 years, and to the man lovingly known among his students as 'Cotton Joe,' Mr. Joe S. Mogford.

"We, the Agronomy Society, extend to you, Mr. Mogford, our hand of thanks for your untiring efforts in making our cotton tour entertaining as well as educational."

Stage and screen star Conrad Nagle served in the U.S. Navy in World War I.

# Student Given \$2,200 Grant

Richard H. Richardson, a senior plant and soil science major, has been selected to receive a fellowship in the Cooperative Graduate Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation.

He will graduate in May and will enter North Carolina State College at Raleigh next September for graduate work in forage crop breeding. The fellowship will provide tuition fees and \$2,200 for a 12-month period.

A distinguished student, he is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society, and Alpha Zeta, agricultural honor fraternity. In May he will be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society for students who are within a year of graduation in a four-year course and who are in the top one-eighth of their class scholastically. He is also a member of the Agronomy Society.

Richardson was a laboratory assistant in the Department of Biology during the spring and fall of 1957, and was employed in the Foundation Seed Section of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station from the spring of 1958 to the spring of 1959.

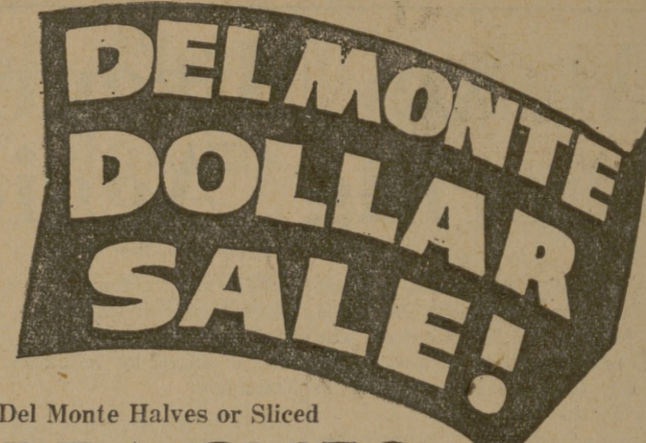
During his junior year, Richardson was awarded a two-year John I. Bowling scholarship, an award for agronomy students.

# Police School Set For April 6-10

The Police Training Short Course will be held by the Engineering Extension Service in the Memorial Student Center April 6-10.

Wallace D. Beasley, police training co-ordinator, said the purpose of the course is to teach the basic fundamentals in police action.

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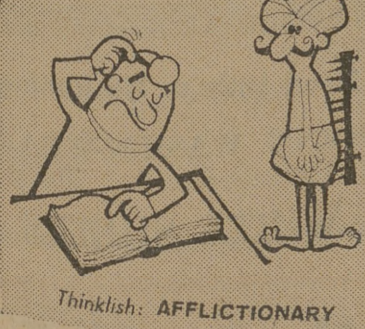
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