

# New Fruit Varieties Described



Drum Majors Brown, Bailey and Arnold ... Aggie Band prepares for Cougar tilt Saturday

## Aggie Band Takes Field For First Time

The Texas Aggie Band, under the direction of Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, will take the field for the first time this season when they appear during half-time of the A&M-University of Houston football game in College Station Saturday night.

In its first public appearance, the famed band will include new maneuvers and a new monogram-type spelling in its salute to the University of Houston, Colonel Adams said.

The band, 255 pieces strong, is the largest of recent years and compares with last year's 240 pieces. Although the total number in the band is 264, also one of the largest in the College's history, only 255 are in the marching unit, with nine members serving as alternates to fill in for emergencies and illnesses. Of the total number, 112 are freshman students, which is also near the all-time high number for that class in the band.

Col. Adams reports that the band members are from the states of Texas, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Virginia, California, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Nevada and even one from Cuba.

Head drum major is David H. Arnold of Galveston. Other student leaders of the band are as follows: James F. Bailey of San Antonio, who is drum major of the Maroon Band; Olin W. Brown of Dallas, who is drum major of the White Band. The combined marching band is under the leadership of Cadet Lt. Col. Ralph E. Petersen of Danevang; while the commanding officer of the Maroon Band is Cadet Capt. Billy B. Eitel of Big Sandy; and the commanding officer for the White Band is Cadet Capt. Robert B. McJohnson of San Antonio.

The band has not had the opportunity to make a public appearance at any of the first three football games this season since the games were played out of town.

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Nine new peach varieties were described by members of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station during the annual Texas Peach and Plum Growers Association meeting here yesterday.

The outstanding performers, tested at stations in Texas fruit production regions, were Cardinal, Dixie Red, Ranger, Comanche, Red Globe, Coronet, Loring, So Good and Keystone.

Working with the varieties were Harry F. Morris, Tom E. Denman, U. A. Randolph and Dr. J. B. Storey.

The conference was sponsored by the growers association in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Peach scab, peach bacterial blight and plum rust, three of the major diseases affecting commercial orchards in Texas, were discussed by Dr. Curtis Mason, plant pathologist with the Niagara Chemical Company at Middleport, N. Y.

Scab, he said, has increased in recent years since lead arsenate use has apparently declined. However, sulfur is still acceptable and effective if properly applied.

The disease spreads by spores and has a wide germination temperature of from 37 to 95 degrees, the scientist said. Scab is most often found in low-areas of an orchard.

Mason has found that peaches are susceptible from the time the shuck splits, when control measures should be started, until the fruit is fully formed.

Bacterial blight, often confused

Southern California is represented on the New York Giant football team by Frank Gifford, Lindon Crow and Al Barry.

with scab when it invades the peach fruit, starts on twigs and is spread to leaves by blowing rains and mechanical abrasion. Tree defoliation can result if the disease is not stopped, Mason said.

He recommended copper sulfate and lime to control bacterial blight and sulfur or Zineb for plum

rust. Discussing plum research in Texas, Dr. Storey said seed production is now underway from the Bruce variety crossed with Starking Delicious, Methley, Wickson, Beauty, Flaming Delicious, Santa Rosa, Elephant Heart and Augustifolia and Methley with Methley.

The objective, he said, is to find late blooming and early ripening types which will pollinate the Bruce. In rootstock research, Storey told the group that Bruce trees on peach rootstock survived well, attained the largest size and produced the most and largest fruit.

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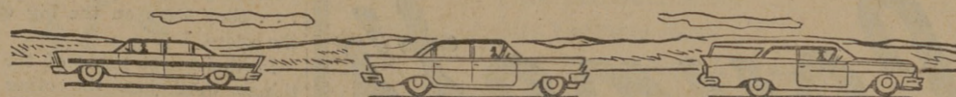
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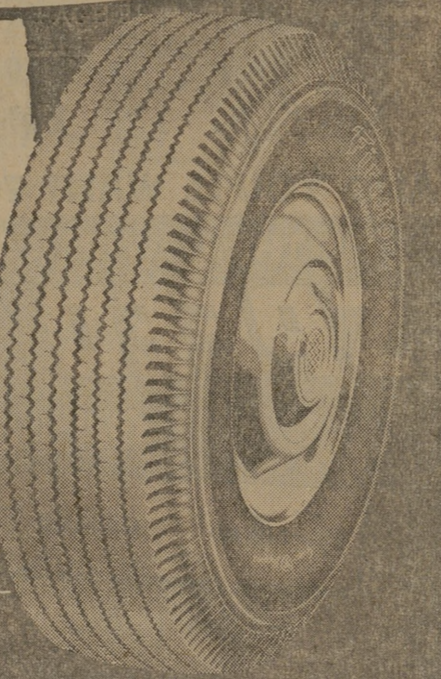
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