

Llano County Osbourns Have Things in Common

Three students at A&M—Carrol, Don and Larry—have several characteristics in common: They are all named Osbourn, are majoring in agriculture, are outstanding students and they all come from the same home town of Valley Spring in Llano County.

Carrol and Don are brothers, while Larry is a first cousin who lives within shouting distance down the road.

Probably the most striking trait of the three is that they took part in numerous youth activities while back in their high school days and yet made good grades. At A&M they are still busying themselves with extra-curricular activities and are still making top grades.

This feat applies particularly to Carrol and Don. Larry is just a freshman but big things are expected of him.

Take a look at 22-year-old Carrol, a senior and animal husbandry major. In high school, he earned a 94 grade average and was the leading boy scholastically. At the same time, he was on the school's Future Farmers of America grass, livestock, dairy and meats judging teams.

But he did not stop with FFA work. As a 4-H Club member, he was president of the county council and a member of the county's state champion livestock judging team which later won fifth nationally at Chicago.

That FFA and 4-H judging experience paid off at A&M. As a junior, he was on the meats judging team which took second at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

He was a leader in pushing the senior livestock judging team to national honors in winning first place this year at Kansas City's American Royal Livestock Show and Chicago's International Livestock Exposition.

Carrol was fifth high point individual at the American Royal and high individual at Chicago.

Don, 20, a junior, is also majoring in animal husbandry, took part in animal husbandry, and took part in both 4-H and FFA activi-

ties while in high school. He was president of the county council and a member of his county's 1956 state champion livestock judging team. In FFA, he was on the livestock and meats team and vice president of his chapter.

Don and Carrol produced the grand champion capons four years in a row at the Houston Fat Stock Show and auctioned the birds for fancy prices. "That's what's sending us to college," Carrol said.

Coming to A&M, Don jumped right into things by winning the Alpha Zeta Award as outstanding freshman and was named top freshman in the Saddle and Siroin Club of which he is now secretary.

Like Carrol, Don has a sharp judging eye. He is on both the junior and senior meats teams and junior livestock squad. His meats team took second at three large shows—Fort Worth, Kansas City and Chicago—and he was high point individual in carcass grading at Fort Worth and Chicago. He has also been a distinguished stu-

dent every semester except one so far.

Larry is a wildlife management major at A&M. As a student at Llano high school, he was a member of the FFA, president of the county council on the 4-H livestock judging team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Osbourn. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Osbourn are the parents of Carrol and Don.

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Plenty in Common
Three A&M students have plenty in common in their activities at Aggieland as each is an agriculture major from Llano County. Carrol, Don and Larry are all members of the same family and are outstanding students.

JETS Discuss Youth at Meet

Today's youth needs more opportunity to learn technological and industrial growth from the inside rather than from the outside, members of the Junior Engineering Technical Society were told during a southwest regional leadership conference held here recently.

Dr. John C. Calhoun, vice chancellor for engineering of the A&M System and member of the board of directors of the technical society, said that in the modern world, so dependent on science and understanding, there is little chance for gaining a basic understanding at an early age to guide high school or college students to engineering and science.

"This, it seems to me, is the real challenge of the JETS organization and its primary reason for being," he said.

Another goal of the society, Calhoun said, is to better describe and define the role of the engineer to the high school student.

Think Professionally

A third objective for the organization is to try to give young persons an opportunity to think more at the professional level rather than the vocational level, the speaker said.

The society, often called JETS, is a pattern for high school extra-curricular clubs to promote interest among junior and senior high school youths in engineering and science careers. The conference was held in co-operation with JETS, Inc., of East Lansing, Mich.

Dr. L. D. Strom, director of research and development, apparatus division of Texas Instruments, Inc., at Dallas, discussed the "Engineer's Role in Our Future Society."

He said the role of the engineer is frequently taken for granted in America's technically oriented society.

Some of the desired and acquired characteristics of the successful engineer, he said, are an understanding of science fundamentals, an inquiring intellect and a desire to excel.

Another speaker, J. G. McGuire, assistant dean of engineering at A&M, said the college is much interested in JETS.

Contacts Helpful

He said that through student contacts in college pre-engineering

students can learn something of what faces them in a college engineering program.

Future plans, McGuire said, are to set up local advisory committees throughout the state to help keep JETS clubs on a continuing basis and serve as advisers to clubs, or to present programs on engineering as invited by schools.

One of the main attractions of the JETS conference was an awards luncheon honoring clubs and individuals. Among those in-

dividuals to be recognized was Frank Oppenheimer of New York City, president of the Gramercy Guild Group and founder of the Gramercy JETS Scholarship.

Awards Given

Texas awards went to the Connally high school of Waco for having the state's outstanding JETS Club. Sponsor of the group is C. T. Hudson.

Named as outstanding club sponsor in Texas was Mrs. Marie Mosman of Muenster high school in

Muenster.

Other speakers at the conference were Richard T. Fallon, executive director of JETS, Inc., who described the club's national organization and objectives.

JETS organization and objectives on the state level were outlined by A. J. Druce, associate professor of electrical engineering at A&M; Jesse P. Morgan, assistant dean of engineering, New Mexico State University, and W. C. Gaddy, state chairman of the vocational guidance committee of the Louisiana Engineering Society.

Organization and objectives on the local level was the subject of Waddell P. Williams of Marlin, Texas Highway Department engineer, and Gordon McDugl, JETS president at Connally High School of Waco.

Plant Food, Lime Meet Set Tuesday

The annual Texas Fertilizer and Limestone Conference will be held Jan. 5-6 in the Memorial Student Center at A&M.

The session marks the first time for the Texas Plant Food Educational Society and Texas Agricultural Limestone Assn. to hold their yearly meetings together. Both organizations are sponsoring the affair in co-operation with the A&M Department of Agronomy and the state chemist of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Discussion emphasis this year will be placed on fertilizer education, fertilization of irrigated crops and resources in fertilizer research.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. the first day with Dr. W. O. Trogdon, head of the A&M Department of Agronomy, in charge, A&M President Earl Rudder will welcome the group. Next will be an intensified soil fertility program by W. N. Williamson, assistant director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

V. E. Schember, assistant director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, will talk on financial resources for fertilizer research, and J. F. Fudge, state chemist, will outline the Texas Fertilizer Law. R. L. Beacher of the

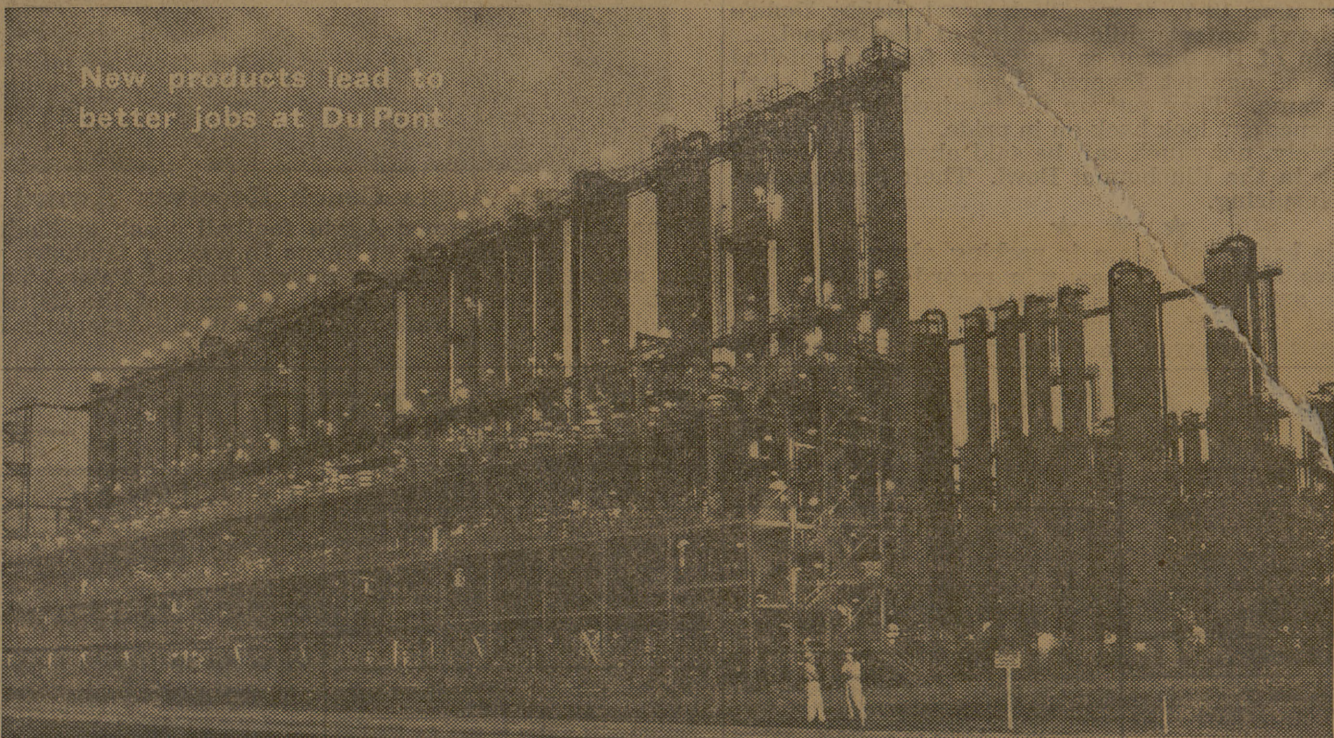
National Plant Food Institute at Fayetteville, Ark., will then discuss fertilizer developments in other regions.

A main feature of the first day is a special session on cotton. D. E. Longenecker of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at El Paso; C. A. Burleson of the experiment station at Weslaco, and F. L. Fisher, associate agronomy professor, will give the latest developments on cotton fertilization in the Trans-Pecos region, Lower Rio Grande Valley and the Brazos River bottoms.

Other crops to be discussed are wheat and grain sorghum on the High Plains by Alex Pope of the Southwestern Great Plains Field Station at Bushland; grain sorghum and sweet corn in the Rio Grande Valley by Burleson and vegetable crops in the Valley by C. C. Singletary, A&M horticultural specialist.

In the evening, a banquet will be held featuring the presentation of a National Plant Food Institute scholarship. Main speaker will be the Rev. Ray Mayfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Conroe.

Dr. J. B. Page, dean of A&M, will be chairman of the first day's afternoon session.



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