

## Worth Mentioning

By Johnny Johnson

The A&M Fine Arts Festival has enjoyed a considerable amount of success throughout the week. They have sponsored the Recital Series concert by David Bar-Ilan, the MSC Art Show, and will present a film in connection with the Film Society. The MSC Council Evaluating Committee has put their seal of approval on the program.

The Air Force cadets have initiated a program of professors visiting the dorms and getting

better acquainted with the students and their life. This program could lead to a better relation between students and professors.

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Explorer Scouts of today could be Aggies of tomorrow. They are coming to Aggieland this weekend for a visit. Fifty-one boys from the Fort Worth troop will be here Friday and Saturday. It is a good time to get 51 new Aggies.

## COST OF FINANCING HOMES APPEALS TO MANY BUYERS NOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—If you are appalled at the financing charges you must pay to buy a home, you have a reason.

They are at about the highest point in 30 years, and have bumped into the usury laws of some states.

Some mortgages, it is suspected in Washington, may actually have violated usury statutes, although it would take a court action to find out for sure.

For that reason, the government's Federal National Mortgage Assn. recently refused to buy a dozen or so mortgages offered for sale by Tennessee lenders, until their legality was attested.

That was a rather remarkable incident. In effect, one federal agency declined to accept obligations insured by another agency—the Federal Housing Administration—for fear the paper would be found illegal and void.

Among the 11 states whose usury laws forbid interest charges higher than 6 per cent, some have considered raising the ceiling so as not to choke off housing credit.

Builders and organized real estate dealers recently have attacked what they called excessive discounts demanded by lenders.

When the builder of a new house finds a buyer, he usually sells the mortgage to a bank or loan company, which will collect the monthly payments. When money is tight, the builder has to take a discount on the mortgage; in other words, he accepts less for it than its face value.

Lawyers generally agree that a discount cannot be construed as part of the interest charge, even though the home buyer may

pay for it ultimately. The builder who knows he will have to take a discount may simply jack up the price of the house to cover it.

The federal housing agencies are showing some nervousness over the situation, because the FHA permits a 5 1/2 per cent interest rate on loans which it insures—just under the usury level of several states.

On top of that is added 1/4 of one per cent as an insurance premium, bringing the total charge to 6 1/4 per cent in the first year of the mortgage. If the insurance charge were held to be interest, the usury limit would be exceeded in Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

## CHS Begins Annual Drama Work Soon

By RUSSELL BROWN  
CHS Correspondent

With February quickly drawing to a close, the junior class of A&M Consolidated High School is busily working on its annual dramatic production set for Feb. 26.

This year's junior class is experimenting with the idea of a trilogy of three one-act plays rather than the conventional one three-act play.

"Theater Trio," as the production is known, is under the direction of Mrs. Ermine Worrell, Mr. Jim Tom House, and Mr. Frank Coulter. The plays are of the type that require very little scenery and few stage settings, leaving much to one's imagination.

"Antic Spring," a light production of a happy day in the fresh air of the country, portrays a group of teen-agers on a picnic, mixed with embarrassing complications.

"The Happy Journey," the favorite production of Thornton Wilder, one who uses strange gimmicks to keep the audience on its toes, deals with a segment from the everyday life of a common family on a journey.

"Sorry, Wrong Number" is a suspense-filled episode of a self-centered neurotic invalid who has difficulty in explaining to authorities the plight of an unfortunate woman.

## What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight:

7:30

Port Arthur Hometown Club will meet in the Biological Sciences Bldg.

South Louisiana Hometown Club will meet in Room 2-D of the Memorial Student Center.

Brazoria County Hometown Club meets in Room 103 of the Academic Bldg.

Amarillo Hometown Club will meet in Room 126 of the Academic Bldg.

Fayette and Colorado Counties Hometown Club meets in Room 105 of the Academic Bldg. Plans for High School Day will be discussed.

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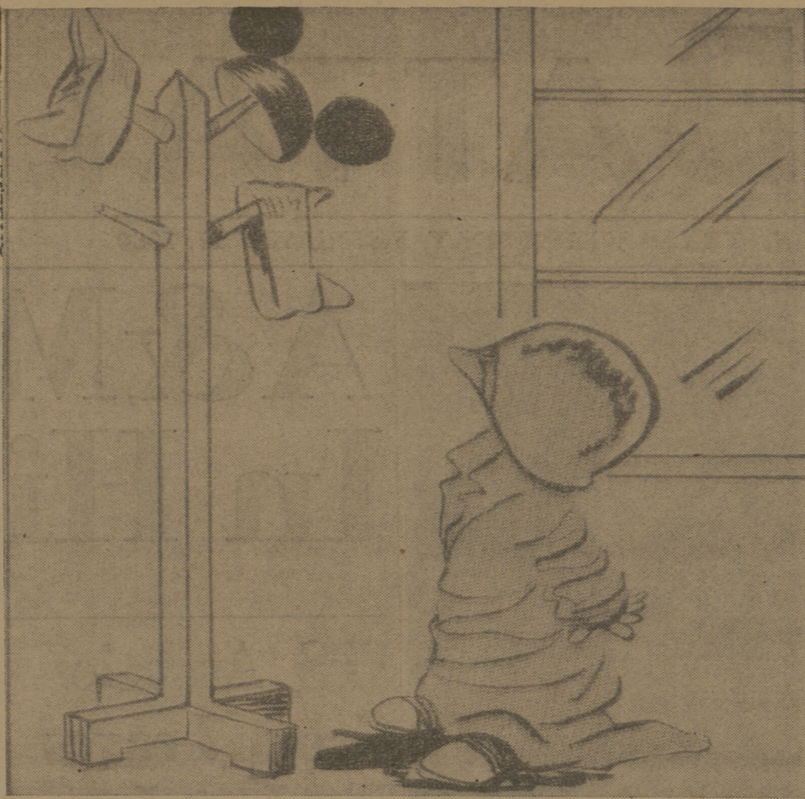
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## Firms Announce Job Interviews

The following companies will interview graduating seniors Thursday in the Placement Office on the second floor of the YMCA Building:

Chemstrand Corp. will interview all chemical and mechanical engineering and chemistry B.S., M.S., and Ph.D., and physics B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates.

McDonnell Aircraft Corp. will interview all aeronautical, civil, electrical and mechanical B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates for engineering and technical assignments.

National Supply Co. will interview civil, electrical, industrial, mechanical and petroleum engineers, and accounting, business administration, finance and economics candidates.

North American Aviation, Inc. will interview aeronautical, chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates.

Atomics International, Division of North American Aviation, will interview chemical, electrical, industrial, mechanical and nuclear engineers and all majors in chemistry, mathematics and physics (B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.).

Autonetics, Division of North American Aviation, will interview chemical, electrical and mechanical engineers and mathematics and physics candidates with a B.S., M.S., Ph.D. or Doctor of Science.

North American Aviation, Inc. (Missile Division) will interview aeronautical, chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. majors and mathematics and physics (B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.) candidates.

Rocketdyne, Div. of North American Aviation, Inc. will interview aeronautical, chemical, civil, electrical, industrial, and mechanical engineers (B.S., M.S. and Ph.D.) and chemistry (B.S., M.S. and Ph.D.), mathematics B.A., M.A. and Ph.D., and physics B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. candidates.

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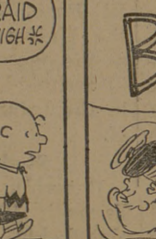
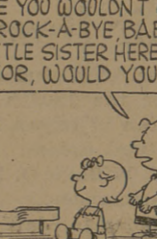
American Aviation, Inc.) will interview architectural, chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical engineering B.S. and M.S. candidates.

Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. will interview chemical, electrical, civil, industrial and mechanical engineers and accounting and business administration candidates.

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## PEANUTS

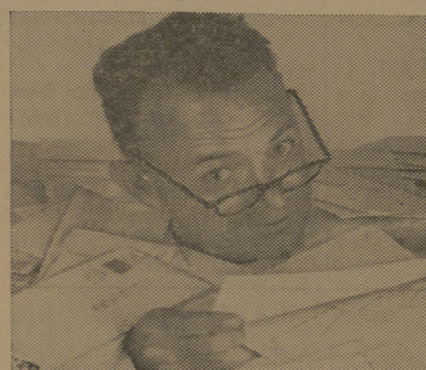
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By Charles M. Schulz

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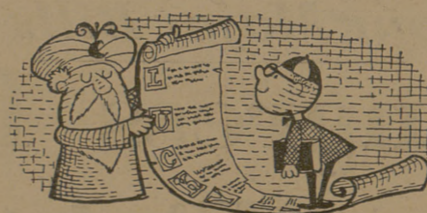
# Dear Dr. Frood:



Send your troubles to Dr. Frood, P.O. Box 2990, Grand Central Station, New York 17, N.Y.

## SUBLIMINAL? FROOD PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Dear Dr. Frood: Is there any old maxim that proves it pays for a young man to go to college?  
A. Youngman



Dear Youngman: "Let us collect knowledge young. Soon thou reapest intelligence kings envy." (See previous question).  
Ibid

Dear Dr. Frood: I've been kicked out of college, rejected by the Army, divorced by my wife, disinherited by my father, and fired from my job. What is there left for me?  
Sturgis

Dear Sturgis: You could still be blackballed by the Book-of-the-Month Club.  
Dink

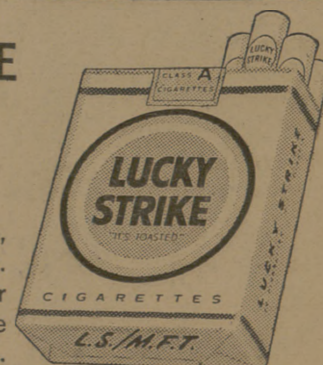
Frood, Old Man—Seriously, friend, your brand of wit doesn't sit with a sophisticated student body. Try to sharpen it a bit, old sock. Make it chic, what? Skoal.  
Dink



Dear Dink: Makes good sense, Friend Dink. Will give it a go. Now, old bean, as for that part of your letter you asked me not to print. Don't be afraid of girls. Sure you stammer and choke and blush. But just walk right up and announce, "Hi, I'm Dink, and I think you're swell." Skoal.

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Psych Major

Dear Psych: No, sir. Subliminal advertising is much less obvious. For example. Notice what the first letters of all the words in the next answer spell.

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