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Prospect for a Big Aggie Band

Lining up across the field to receive instructions from Col. E. V. Adams, Band director, are the freshman prospects for this year's Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. Col. Adams said the marching band this year would number 264 after everyone got here. But for the L. S. U. Game, this group will bring the strength to 240. They arrived on the campus nine days early in order to get in shape for the Baton Rouge trip.

A&M Consolidated Reception For Teachers Set Sept. 13

The annual reception for teachers of the A&M Consolidated Schools will be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, A. F. (Tex) Isbell, president of the A&M Consolidated Mothers' and Dads' Club announced. The meeting will be held on the "Slab" or in the Gymnasium depending on the weather, he said, beginning at 7 p.m.

The reception is a get-acquainted affair for teachers and parents and is sponsored by the A&M Consolidated Mothers' and Dads' Club. All parents of children attending the Consolidated Schools are invited to attend, Mr. Isbell stated. Refreshments will be served.

Co-chairmen for the reception are Mrs. Frances O'Brien and Mrs. A. E. Denton of College Station. No admission is charged for the get-together, but dues to the Mothers' and Dads' Club may be paid, Freddy Wolters, membership chairman reported. The Mothers' and Dads' Club annually makes significant contributions to the needs of the Consolidated Schools and this year has plans for even greater service.

Besides Isbell, the following officers will serve the organization for the coming year: Mrs. V. D. Clark, vice president for High School; Mrs. Lou Pewthers, vice president for Junior High School; Mrs. Alice Denton, vice president for Elementary School; Mrs. Dorothy McCrory, recording secretary; Mrs. Mary Owen, corresponding secretary; and Col. C. E. Gregory, treasurer.

Isbell also announced that besides the committee chairmen above, that the following would serve the coming year: Mrs. George Heubner, magazine sales; Charles Wooten, program; Herbert Thompson, pet show; and Mrs. V. D. Clark, community supper.

The Mothers' and Dads' Club meets for four regular meetings during the year and has selected the second Tuesday of the month as the regular meeting night.

TEXAS TURKEY OUTPUT LAGGING, SAYS ECONOMIST

Texas turkey production is lagging behind that of other states because it is not competitive enough at all levels of production and marketing, John McHaney, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said.

McHaney, a speaker at the annual Turkey Seminar and Short Course Sept. 7-9 on campus, said Texas has actually cut back on turkey output while the other major production states have surged ahead. And if the trend remains in effect, it will deal a

hard blow to the entire poultry industry in Texas. Two big reasons for the decrease, the economist said, are the facts that Texas producers have been paying higher prices for feed and been getting lower prices for their birds compared to other states.

In 1957 for example, Texas turkey raisers paid an average of \$5.18 cents per hundred pounds for growing mash in comparison to Minnesota raisers' \$4.46.

The speaker predicted that Texas producers, in an effort to become more efficient, will become larger and fewer in number. Production will, and should, become more confined to certain "cluster areas."

No Longer A Way
He said the turkey business, like other phases of farming, is no longer a way of life but is a big business.

"If turkey production in Texas is to be really competitive, it will take the full co-operation and understanding of the entire poultry industry. The producer can't do it by himself and neither can the processor, feed dealer or the hatcheryman," McHaney said. "They must work together for the mutual benefit of all to keep our turkey industry competitive with that of other states."

Researcher Named New Plant Head

Dr. David William Rosberg, well known in the science world for his research with plant viruses, is the new head of the A&M Department of Plant Physiology and Pathology, Dr. R. E. Patterson, dean of agriculture, has announced.

The scientist and teacher replaces Dr. Wayne Hall, who has been named dean of the Graduate School at A&M.

Dr. Rosberg came to A&M in 1950 as an assistant professor in the Department of Plant Physiology and Pathology. He became an associate professor in 1955.

The researcher is best known for his work with diseases of pecans and other major Texas crops, according to Dr. G. M. Watkins, head of agricultural instruction. He developed the first successful control of scab, the main pecan pest in the state.

Dr. Rosberg was the first man to identify the cause of watermelon pimple disease as due to the tobacco ring spot virus. He also identified bacterial virus of bacterial blight of cotton and demonstrated with the electron microscope that it was a bacteriophage.

Dr. Watkins said the plant physiologist, in addition to finding ways to reduce decay of onions in storage, worked out a method of artificially drying onions with low cost infra-red radiation. This system also has been successfully applied to the drying of rice and other grains and to inactivation of certain viruses in plant seeds.

The scientist received his BA degree in biology in 1940 at Saint Olaf College in Minnesota and studied plant pathology at A&M from 1940 to 1942. He received his M.S. degree in 1947 and doctorate in 1949 at Ohio State University. During World War II, he served in the Army Medical Corps as a medical laboratory technician in Alabama.

He is a member of the American Phytopathological Society, Sigma Xi and Gamma Sigma Delta.

Dr. Rosberg lives with his wife and one son in the Harvey community about five miles east of Bryan.

Assembly To Open New Student Week

EIGHT TV-MOVIE STARS ON PRISON RODEO DOCKET

Special to The Battalion

HUNTSVILLE—A full-scale variety of entertainment with eight television, movie and recording stars in personal appearances has been scheduled as headliners for the 29th Annual Texas Prison Rodeo here five Sundays in October in the prison's million-dollar stadium.

For the opening performance on Oct. 2, Ricky Nelson, famous recording star will take the spotlight, followed by Allen Case (The Deputy) and Neil Sedaka, balladier, on Oct. 9.

Molly Bee, Bo Diddley

Molly Bee, who rose to fame on the Tennessee Ernie Ford Show will appear on Oct. 16 along with Bo Diddley, with an unusual singing and playing style which has won him countless admirers.

Movie Star John Wayne, whose recent film, "The Alamo," has rocked the world, comes to Huntsville on Oct. 23. Sharing honors with Wayne will be that teen-age sensational singer, Frankie Avalon.

Closing the 29th Annual Prison Rodeo on Oct. 30 will be none other than Singer-Musician Jimmie Rodgers, an entertainer who is popular with all age groups.

'World's Wildest . . .'

In addition to entertainment celebrities, there will be a host of inmate riders contesting for prizes in what already is known as the "World's Wildest Rodeo."

Outside attractions include the popular girls' barrel race, trick riders and other topflight specialty acts.

There also will be a number of inmate groups on tap to help round out the fast two-hour show, including the Goree Girls, with Candy Barr, a former Dallas entertainer.

Net proceeds from ticket sales are earmarked for the prisoners' welfare fund which pays for special rehabilitative services not furnished by legislative funds.

30,000 Seats

Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at \$2.40, \$3.75 and \$4.40 each, tax included. They may be had by writing Rodeo Ticket Office in Huntsville, enclosing check or money order.

There are 30,000 seats in the modern stadium.

Bar Association Wit: Proverbs and Psalms

By The Associated Press

A former Texas member of Congress, Federal Judge Ewing Thomason of El Paso, recently attended the American Bar Association meeting in Washington.

Sitting in the Speaker's Lobby of the House with some of his former colleagues, including Rep. Paul Kilday of San Antonio, he said:

"With very merry concubines and very merry wives;
"Until old age came creeping with very many qualms,
"Then Solomon wrote the Proverbs and David wrote the Psalms."

"You know, there's something about this place which makes you think of your college days. You make friendships that last a life time, and coming back for a visit is like attending a class reunion."

Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, who got his start in Dallas, addressed the ABA's "Junior Bar" group—those 36 years old and under.

His entertaining talk entitled "Clark Reminiscences," a good natured ribbing of his associate and author of the recent book "Felix Frankfurter Reminiscences," included this jingle:

"King Solomon and King David led very merry lives,

Med, Dental Schools OK A&M Students

The Premedical Pre-dental Committee of A&M has announced the acceptance of 16 students in the 1960 classes of medicine and dentistry in professional colleges of Texas and Louisiana.

Dr. Howard L. Gravett, professor of biology, is chairman of the committee.

Six have been accepted to the University of Texas, Medical Branch in Galveston; two to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical College at Dallas; three to Baylor University College of Medicine at Houston; two to Tulane Medical College at New Orleans; one to the University of Texas Dental College at Houston and two to Baylor University Dental College at Dallas.

Those accepted include: University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston: James Roy Anderson, Grapeland; Huell E. Connor and William W. Routt, Bryan; Harold W. Ferrell, Navesota; Charles E. Strauss, Hallettsville and Patrick E. Watson of Dickinson.

University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas: Joe B. Belue of 3210 Belve Lane, Wichita Falls; Carol D. Calder of 2911 Lewiston Ave., Dallas.

Baylor University Medical College in Houston: James R. Couch, College Station; Richie S. Dryden of 407 E. Ligustrum, Robstown; Charles J. Klingmap of 3810 Parker, Amarillo.

Tulane Medical College in New Orleans: Larry H. Adams of 8706 Layston Lane, Houston; William A. Guynes, Mathis.

University of Texas Dental College in Houston: John F. Brown of 2802 30th St., Lubbock.

Baylor University Dental College

ADVANTAGES OF CONVERSION TOLD

Sea Is Future Water Source

Conversion of sea water is the best system to meet this nation's future water requirements, according to Dr. A. L. Miller, who spoke to the Sixth Annual Water for Texas Conference here today.

Dr. Miller is the director of the Office of Saline Water with the U. S. Department of Interior.

Dr. Miller told the group that when a practical and cheap method of salt water conversion is developed, it will come closer than anything else in satisfying the ever-growing needs of industry, municipalities and agriculture.

He said that in 1900, the United States population was not quite 76 million and estimated daily water use was 40 billion gallons. By 1950, the population was 160 million, with the water use at 200 billion gallons per day. The population at present is about 180 million and water use has soared to an estimated 300 billion gallons daily.

"We know that this heavy demand has created severe water problems in many areas of the U. S., yet during the next 20 years we expect the demand for water to reach 600 billion gallons per day,

clearly indicating the need for a new source of water," Dr. Miller said.

Most Saline

The speaker estimated that 98 per cent of the world's water is saline.

"To convert this presently unusable water to fresh is the most practical source of additional supplies to meet our growing needs," he said.

The conference is held each year to discuss current and future water problems and ways and means to boost and conserve water supplies.

"Meeting Future Water Needs" was the theme of the session.

Other speakers discussed present and potential water requirements for Texas, the importance of conservation and storage of fresh water, and recommendations for resolving the conflict between water development plans and preservation of wildlife and recreation areas.

The conference was opened with an address of welcome by Earl Rudder, president of A&M College. Session chairmen were Dr. R. E. Patterson, dean of agriculture; Dr. John C. Calhoun, Jr., vice chancellor for development, A&M College System, and Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Scholastic Meets Take Most Time

About 2,000 freshmen are expected to hear President Earl Rudder give a welcome address at the New Student Orientation Program in G. Rollie White Coliseum Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The week-long program will get under way at 8 a.m., Monday, in the Memorial Student Center. The first day's business will include payment of fees, room assignments, authorization for uniform and new student information cards. Cadets will report to company officers in dormitories.

General Assembly

A general assembly will be held at 7 p. m. with C. H. Ransdell, chairman of the New Student Orientation Committee, presiding. The president of the Student Senate, A. Roland Dommert of Crowley, La., will give a welcome address, followed by introductions and announcements and the address by President Rudder.

Group singing will be conducted by Dr. A. M. Sorenson of the Animal Husbandry Department. Commencing at 8 a.m. Wednesday, assemblies will be held for all new students. The students will assemble by schools and divisions, as follows:

Agriculture majors will meet in the ballroom of the MSC, with Dr. R. C. Potts, assistant director of agricultural instruction, presiding.

Architecture students will assemble in the lecture room of the Biological Sciences building, with T. R. Holleman, head of the Division of Architecture, presiding.

Arts and Sciences majors will assemble in Guion hall, with Dr. G. W. Schlesselman, associate dean, presiding.

Business Administration majors, with Dr. T. W. Leland, presiding, will meet in the Chemistry lecture room of the Chemistry building.

Engineering majors will meet in the White Coliseum, with Dr. C. H. Ransdell, assistant dean of engineering, presiding.

Pre-veterinary medicine majors will assemble in the auditorium (room 201), Veterinary Medicine building, with Dr. E. D. McMurry, assistant to the dean of veterinary medicine, presiding.

A general assembly at 7 p.m. in the White Coliseum, will be presided over by J. Gordon Gay, coordinator of religious life and general secretary, YMCA. The invocation will be given by Robert L. (See New Student on Page 4)

OSU Banquet

Dr. Watkins and Dr. Mohr received the honor from the American Society for Horticultural Science when they attended the organization's annual banquet Aug. 30 at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Mohr became the first author in the award's 18-year history to receive it twice. He won it previously in 1956 for a research paper dealing with watermelon breeding.

Co-Authors

Dr. Watkins and Dr. Mohr were co-authors of the winning paper this year.

Their article is entitled "The Nature of Resistance to Southern Blight in Tomato and the Influence of Nutrition on Its Expression."

Southern blight disease, a soil fungus, causes great economic losses to tomato, pepper, sugar beet and peanut crops in the United States.



Dr. G. M. Watkins Dr. H. C. Mohr
... research award winners