

Name the Animal and the Ailment: A&M Vets Have Probably Treated It

You name the animal and ailment and the chances are that A&M veterinarians have treated it at one time or another. These animal doctors have run up against just about everything, from a Skye Terrier that had swallowed a woman's nylon stocking, to a Tibetan yak with "hardware disease," to a turtle with a bad case of indigestion. But the vets consider it part of the game in their profession—a

profession, by the way, that demands the utmost in skill and patience. Sick animals can't tell the doctor where they hurt and they sometimes react in an unfriendly manner. Being the only school of veterinary medicine in the state, things stay busy for the professors in addition to their duties as teachers and researchers. Farmers, ranchers and pet owners see to that. Dr. M. R. Callihan, head of the

Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, said that large animals brought in amount to about 2,000 head per year. Most of these are horses and cattle. 7,000 Annually With the small animals made up primarily of dogs and cats, approximately 7,000 are treated annually. Dr. Callihan said that around 3,000 animals are treated on field calls in a year's time. Much of this is herd work such as vaccinating a

large group of cattle against disease. Nominal fees are charged in all cases to cover expenses. Lameness is the big disorder of horses, he said. With cattle, it is internal parasites. Dogs suffer a lot from internal parasites, too, but they also get their share of an ailment called a distemper-hepatitis complex. Cats, being the night prowlers they are, are most often brought in with fight wounds. Other States A&M even gets ailing animals from other states, like Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Dr. Callihan said a New Mexico stockman and his family brought their favorite saddle horse all the way in a pickup truck to College Station. Diagnosis: eye cancer. Dr. William Banks, professor of veterinary medicine and surgery, cured the animal with irradiation treatments. "You never saw a happier man and family when they were able to take their horse home again," Dr. Callihan said. Among the unusual animals treated at the hospital were a llama and a lion from a circus which visited Bryan. The yak previously mentioned was all humped up and sick with hardware disease, which means it was X-rayed and found to be carrying a nail in its stomach wall. Swallow Metal Dr. Callihan said animals in the cattle family sometimes swallow bits of metal while eating hay or grazing. Over in the hospital's small animal clinic, veterinarians have long ceased to be surprised at the wide variety of animal patients that worried owners bring to them. Dr. E. W. Ellett, acting chief of the small animal section, said the list includes monkeys, parrots, parakeets, canaries, rabbits, deodorized skunks, raccoons, turtles, one javelina hog, an ocelot, or two, pet rats, hamsters, guinea pigs, pigeons, chinchillas, minks and various wild birds native to the area. According to Dr. Ellett, dogs are about as bad as cattle when it comes to swallowing things they shouldn't. Nylon Case The Skye Terrier-nylon stocking case is a good example, he said. A Cocker Spaniel had a peach pit removed from its stomach, and the veterinarians conducted a tedious operation to rid a Boston Terrier of an over-size pork bone it tried to swallow. Other dogs down rocks, sticks "and no telling what else." Veterinarians say their profession is a very satisfying and gratifying one. They say it has to be this way to balance out the fact that sick animals sometimes show their thanks by trying to kick, scratch, gore and bite the hand that cures them.

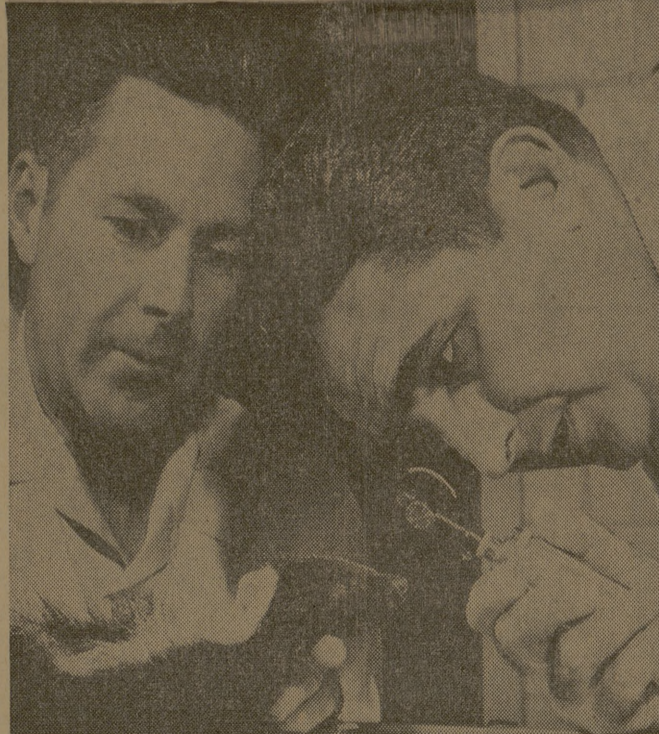
Drawing Problems Top Teachers Meet

A Junior College Workshop, purpose of which is to provide an opportunity for discussion of the problems of teaching engineering drawing by teachers of the junior colleges, will be held here tomorrow and Saturday. "Participation by high school teachers is desirable due to the changes in high school drawing curricula now in process," Dr. W. E. Street, head of the Department of Engineering Graphics, said today. Approximately 50 are due to attend.

Robert E. Bond, University of Houston. Fred Benson, dean of the School of Engineering at A&M, will give the welcome address at 10 a.m. tomorrow. A discussion on the standard of achievement expected of the student, will be led by Jack Betts with J. W. Hall, Jr., consulting engineer of Bryan and Carl Livesay, Stephen F. Austin high school, Bryan. Drafting Standards, History Scope, How Made and How Approved, will be discussed at 11 a.m., by Jodie E. Mills. In the afternoon, Mrs. DeVaney will be in charge of a discussion on Test Construction, with L. E. Stark, professor in the Department of Engineering Graphics, assisting. Sources, Construction and Use of Visual Aids, will be the subject of a discussion with Clayton Chance in charge with Freddie Smith, LeTourneau Tech, Longview and P. M. Mason, professor of Engineering Graphics at A&M.

Program Committee
The program committee is composed of Clarence E. Hall, chairman, Texas Junior College Teachers, Drawing Division, Texarkana Junior College; Dr. Street; John P. Oliver and James H. Earle, A&M; Jack Betts, Tyler Junior College; Jodie E. Mills, Texarkana Junior College; Mrs. Imogene DeVaney, Amarillo College; Clayton W. Chance, University of Texas;

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A sickly pet skunk (obviously deodorized) receives a thorough examination from A&M animal doctors, Dr. E. W. Ellett, left, acting chief of the small animal section, and Dr. M. R. Callihan, head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery.

Star Calf-Roper Hits Summer Shows

By The Associated Press
GRAPEVINE, Tex.—When talk of how summer vacations were spent gets started around Grapevine Junior High School one faculty member usually has an attentive audience. He is John Hosea, 43-year-old mathematics teacher, who spends his summer vacation as a calf roper with rodeo shows. A calf roping-math teacher may sound like a filter tip cigarette commercial, but John has been roping calves long before such advertising flashed across television screens. For the past 10 years John has appeared as a contestant in many of the top rodeos in the country and does pretty well when the prize money is awarded. The tall, lanky, former football player at Texas Wesleyan College started calf roping after he returned from service in World War II in 1945 to help develop shoulder muscles weakened by orthopedic surgery. After several years of practice, John felt he was doing well enough to join the Rodeo Cowboys Association and compete with full-time cowboys for rodeo prizes. Traveling the rodeo circuit not only is summer employment for John and provides a vacation for the family, but also serves as a means for acquiring the six hours

formal education or travel required by the school system for its teachers. Mrs. Hosea, a teacher in Grapevine elementary school, and John keep a log of their travels in which they record customs typical of certain areas, land formations, crops and industries in the many states they visit. This material when complete is accepted under the travel requirements the same as journeys to foreign lands.

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