

Four Esso Affiliates Inspect Research



Research Tour

Visiting the asphalt research activities at Texas A&M Thursday and Friday were these representatives of international affiliates of Standard Oil of New Jersey; (front row, l-r) Pablo Mejia of Bogota, Colombia, S. A.; Fritz Glaeser of Esso A. G. in Germany; R. N. Traxler, research engineer of

the Texas Transportation Institute on the campus; (back row, l-r) Charles R. Foster, coordinator of research of the National Bituminous Concrete Association on the campus; Aldo Bert of Intpetco Peru; and Allen W. Brown of the Atlantic Union Oil Company in Sydney, Australia.

Four representatives of the international affiliates of Esso Standard Oil of New Jersey were on the campus of Texas A&M Thursday and Friday inspecting asphalt paving research work being done here.

The tour of asphalt research work at the College is one of several stops the group is making at points throughout the United States.

Making the month-long tour are Pablo Mejia, asphalt section supervisor of Esso Colombiana S. A., Bogota, Colombia, S. A.; Fritz Glaeser, Dipl. Engineer of Esso A. G. in Germany; Aldo Bert, civil engineer of Intpetco, Peru; and Allen W. Brown, civil engineer with Atlantic Union Oil Company in Sydney, Australia.

At Texas A&M, the group discussed work being done by the National Bituminous Concrete Association under Charles R. Foster, coordinator of research; and inspected the research work of the Texas Transportation Institute. R. N. Traxler and Bob Galloway of TTI worked closely with the group while on the campus.

A sidelight visit was made to an asphalt paving project in progress on Texas Avenue in Bryan. There the group saw modern paving machines and techniques in application.

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Ernest Langford, Mayor

two years. They will also tour various paving equipment manufacturing plants before returning to their respective nations.

Prior to coming to the campus, the group toured the research facilities of Esso at Linden, N. J., and Esso Refineries at Baltimore,

Md. Later they visited the Corps of Engineers facilities in New Orleans and Memphis.

Earlier they reviewed research work being done in Denver, Colo., by the Bureau of Reclamation where asphalt is being used as linings for irrigation canals.

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Southwest Conference May Be Poor, But It's Honest!

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Writer

During the first basketball scandal there came a humiliating note for the Southwest Conference. An Eastern team said it tried to shove the points but its opponent—Southern Methodist—was such an inept team it couldn't for the life of it hold the score down.

It made the folks hereabouts feel pretty low. But in the light of ensuing events they should have been delighted. Everybody must admire those who may be poor but honest.

Anyway, it meant the Southwest Conference probably would never get mixed up in the mess that is called bigtime basketball. Now 10 years later, there's an even worse scandal. But the Southwest again isn't involved. Its teams aren't comparable to those of other sections but they at least are honest and they have not overemphasized the game.

It's when a sport has become of overpowering interest that gamblers get in their licks, fixing the games so they can make financial coups.

Basketball is of interest in the Southwest Conference and has been growing more so each year, but it still isn't a game to cause everyone to lose his sense of balance.

It isn't fair hunting for the fixers because the sport is conducted on sane and reasonable grounds. The athletes are treated as amateurs and the stars from other areas, where basketball is so big there is mad bidding for their services, are not sought. The Southwest couldn't pay the price in the first place.

They don't have a summer basketball circuit, the game is played within its season and not the year around and the good boys are not courted with big inducements.

The Southwest Conference has its recruiting well in hand. The league is so closely-knit few can get by with anything anyway. So a bad example isn't set for the athlete to begin with. A valid argument is that college athletes may turn bad when they are recruited illegally—they figure they have a right to be crooked if the college officials are.

The conference people are watch-

ing the situation closely. They are the first to admit that there could be a scandal because everybody is not untouchable in any group. But it won't be because the officials didn't do everything possible to prevent it.

Already the basketball coaches are bringing in members of the FBI to tell the boys about the pitfalls and legal angles. Next winter the coaches all plan to have FBI men come in and lecture to the squads. If by that time the federal law governing bribes is enacted their appearance will be even more forceful.

A good way to prevent a scandal is strike at the source. The fixer usually tries to ingratiate himself with an athlete before making his pitch. The Southwest Conference looks with suspicion upon what it calls lavish entertainment. If some athlete is entertained on a grandiose scale there is an investigation even if it's by an alumnus of the school where the athlete is already competing. The gambling fixer is going to have a difficult time getting to an athlete in the Southwest Conference.

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