

Dutchman - Prof Didn't Know Brinker

Back in the late 1940's two young native Dutchmen attending Iowa State University were doing their nervous best to answer the usual questions about their homeland. They had reason to be uneasy. Their interrogators were members of a women's club. It was a situation which would shake the bravest man.

After answering the standard inquiries on windmills, tulips and wooden shoes, the students from the Netherlands felt that their ordeal was almost over. But then one of the ladies stood up and asked sweetly, "Tell us all about Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates and Peter and the Dike."

A painful silence followed. Finally, one of the students leaned toward his companion and whispered, "Quick, who are these fellows, Brinker and Peter?"

The leader in this case was Dr. Carl Vanderzant, an associate professor in the Department of Dairy Science.

"I had never heard of Brinker or this business of sticking the finger in the dike," Dr. Vanderzant said, looking back on the incident. His embarrassment probably was something akin to that of a native-born American

who suddenly finds he has never heard of George Washington and the cherry tree.

The scientist has come a long way, literally and figuratively, since he arrived in this country from the Netherlands in 1949. He officially became an American citizen in 1956 (he likes to say he's been Texanized) and very likely knows more about United States history and government than the average American. He refuses to speak Dutch any more. "Dutch is for Dutchmen," he said flatly. "I'm an American now, and English is my language."

Nevertheless, his many friends here are pleased that Dr. Vanderzant still represents just about everything they would expect to find in a typical Dutchman. He's blonde, blue-eyed and has a fair complexion. More important, his friendly disposition and positive mindedness are as engaging as his slight accent in speech.

And then there is his name. Considering his profession as an agriculturist, it couldn't be more appropriate. He was born in 1925 in the farming community of Nymegen. His complete monicker: Wilhelmus Carl van der Zant. Literally translated, it means William Carl of the Soil.

After coming to Texas, he decided to make his name just plain Carl Vanderzant.

The professor divides his time about 50-50 between teaching and research. Teaching subjects are market milk (production and processing), technology of dairy testing, and ice cream making.

His main area of research is the study of low temperature bacteria. Such bacteria are a big problem in refrigeration because of food spoilage. He wants to find never and better ways to prevent these troubles.

The first place to look for Dr. Vanderzant is in his laboratory, where things are quiet and concentration is easier. It was here he recently completed a research project on rapid tests on protein de-

termination of milk. Findings in this work are significant, he said, because old milk protein determination methods are long and tedious.

Dr. Vanderzant described his research as important and satisfying "but not glamorous like some other sciences."

The professor's extensive research is indirectly responsible for his ever-present bowtie, an appearance trademark now known around the campus. He said he has a whole closet full of all kinds of ties, but he sticks to the bows since they don't get dipped in chemicals or tangled in laboratory apparatus.

Higher education started for Wilhelmus Carl van der Zant at the State Agricultural University, Wageningen, Netherlands, where he received his B.S., in 1947 and M.S. in 1949 in dairy science.

In 1949 he attended Iowa State University, where he earned another M.S. degree in dairy science. His doctorate, specializing in dairy bacteriology, was awarded in 1953 at the same school. He came here shortly after getting the Ph.D.

The dairy scientist is married to Dr. Erma S. Vanderzant, an A&M biochemist. They have two sons, Christopher William, 8, and Gregory John, 6. The family lives at 509 Helena in Bryan and attends St. Mary's Catholic Church in College Station.

The teacher-researcher also is a student of Texas history, and can discuss Sam Houston, San Jacinto, Davy Crockett, the Alamo, Washington On The Brazos, etc.

And he has made a special point of boning up on another subject. "If anyone ever asks me again, I can now tell about Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates and Peter and the Dike," he said with a big smile.

The Los Angeles Angels pulled a big surprise by winning 70 games in their first American League season. They finished only one-half game behind Minnesota for seventh place.



Research-Teacher At Work

Busy measuring the specific gravity of a milk sample is Dr. Carl Vanderzant, associate professor in the Department of Dairy Science. The native-born Dutchman is now an American citizen and confirmed Texan widely known for his dairy products research. His special field of study at present is low temperature bacteria found in refrigerated foods.

Cushing Library Releases Christmas Holiday Slate

Schedule for Cushing Memorial Library Administration the club Here is the Christmas holiday Library:

Monday, Dec. 25: closed
Tuesday, Dec. 26: closed
Wednesday, Dec. 27: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 28: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30: closed
Sunday, Dec. 31: closed
Monday, Jan. 1: closed
Tuesday, Jan. 2: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 3: resume regular schedule.
Thursday, Dec. 20: close at 5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 22: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 23: 8 a.m. to noon.
Sunday, Dec. 24: closed

South African Prof To Talk Thursday

The head of the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of South Africa, Prof. J. E. B. Jennings, will lecture here Thursday.

His talk, to be given at 7:30 p.m. in the Biological Sciences Lecture Room, is "Foundation Engineering and Science in South Africa." The public is invited.

Jennings was born in South Africa where he received his basic education. The BS degree was awarded in 1930 from the University of South Africa, followed by the MS degree in 1936 at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a year of special graduate study at the University of California in 1936-37.

He served the South African Railways as research engineer, 1937-46, gaining experience in all phases of his profession. In 1936 he became Director of National Research Institute and served in this capacity until 1954. From 1955 to date, he has been interested in research and teaching, serving as head of the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of South Africa and dean of the engineering faculty.

In addition, he has served as vice president of the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, 1957-60.

Jennings is now a recipient of a fellowship providing a year of world travel. He is visiting universities, colleges and engineering institutions, principally in western Europe and the United States.

The professor has been an active

leader in his country in the fields of education, research and engineering and design. He is a recognized international authority on application of foundation engineering in South Africa.



"Women are inferior" So says George S. Albee in this week's Saturday Evening Post. He tells why they're inferior. And gives his recipe for putting "the little beasts" in their place. (P.S.: Mr. Albee is happily married.)

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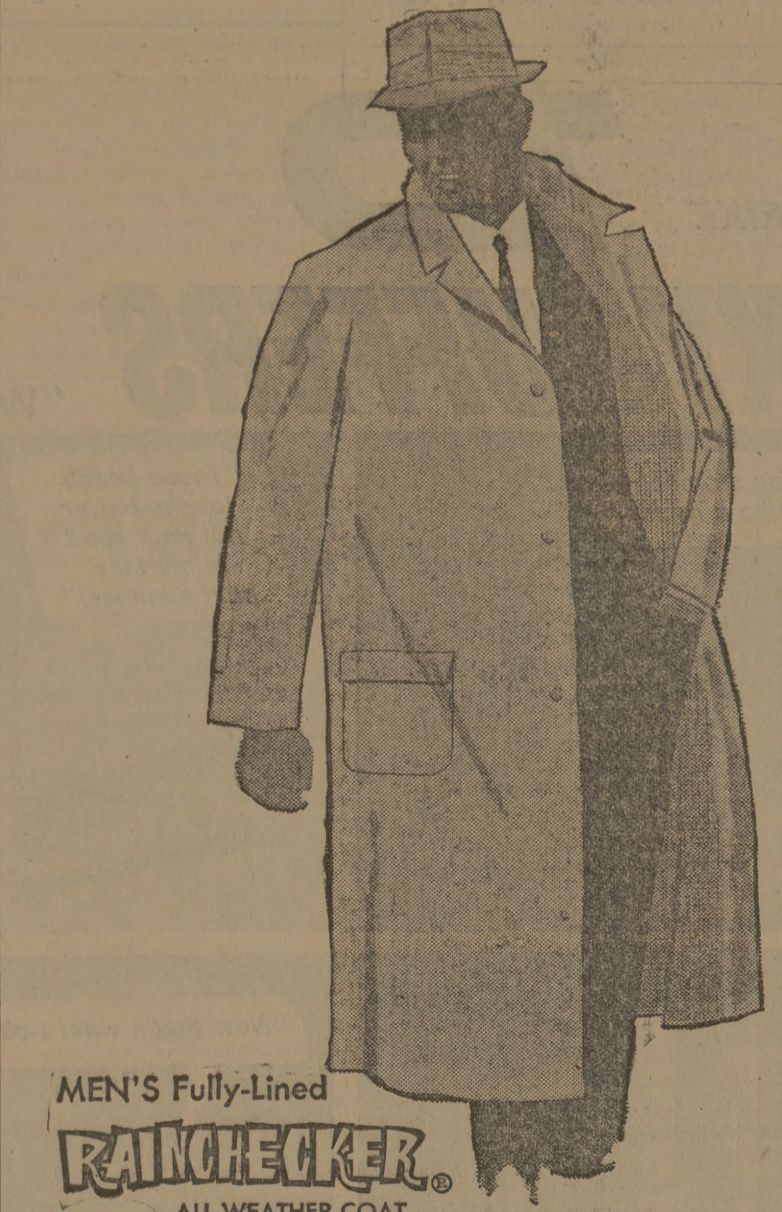
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