

# Dr. Smerdon's Paper Wins Contest Prize

Dr. Ernest T. Smerdon of the A&M faculty has been named a winner in the 1962 technical paper competition of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Smerdon was senior author of the article entitled, "Critical Tractive Forces in Cohesive Soils," which was published in the January, 1961, issue of "Agricultural Engineering."

The awards were made in conjunction with the ASAE's fifty-fifth annual meeting at Washington, D. C., and was announced June 21.

Selection of recipients for such awards is made by the Society's Committee on Paper Awards who judge entries for the highest merit rating as reference literature. This year the committee chose the four

recipients from a field of more than 150 entries. Winners receive a one year's paid-up membership in the Society.

Smerdon is an associate professor in agricultural engineering at A&M. He joined the faculty in 1959, the same year in which he received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Missouri, where he received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Missouri, where he also completed the B.S. and M.S. degrees.

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers has a membership of nearly 6,000 persons including members in more than 70 foreign nations.

## Dr. Wainerdi Set To Attend Detroit Meeting

Dr. Richard E. Wainerdi, assistant Dean of Engineering at A&M, will attend the 11th General Motors Conference for Engineering and Science Educators in Detroit, Mich., July 8-20.

Designed for two-way flow of information, the conference enables educators to see how science and engineering influence automotive operations and gives GM officials an insight into problems of training future scientists and engineers.

Wainerdi will be one of 43 college faculty members from 20 states and Canada attending the conference.

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# Gaines Is Honorary Member Of Pest Control Association

Dr. J. C. Gaines, head of the Department of Entomology at A&M, has been awarded an honorary membership in the Texas Pest Control Association in recognition of his individual and the College's assistance to the industry.

Presentation of the honorary membership and plaque was made by Jack Plummer of Galveston, president of the state association, during opening ceremonies of the sixteenth annual Pest Control Operators Short Course on the A&M campus. The Department of Entomology sponsors the short course. A surprised Dr. Gaines accepted the plaque, and in expressing thanks stressed the role of the Department of Entomology faculty.

More than 130 persons from all sections of Texas registered on June 21, opening day of the two-day short course. The registration set a new attendance mark for the short course.

The program for the 1962 short course included several talks on subjects of interest to operators and employees of pest control firms.

Gaines, a native Texan, joined the A&M faculty in 1942 and has served since World War II as a professor. He was named head of the department 10 years ago.

## Atomic Energy Grant Received

A grant of \$17,800 has been made to the A&M chemistry department by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

The grant will be used to equip a radiochemistry laboratory for teaching and research by Dr. Fred Sicilio, associate professor of chemistry.

The AEC also made a grant to \$10,505 to the department of biochemistry and nutrition and the department of plant physiology and pathology for more laboratory equipment.

## Mohr Resigns To Take Post At Kentucky

Dr. Hubert C. Mohr, associate professor of horticulture in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, will resign July 15 to become head of the Department of Horticulture, University of Kentucky, at Lexington.

Since first employed by A&M in 1946, Mohr has been connected with the departments of biology, plant physiology and pathology and horticulture.

## VETS

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tioned. Another is that the trimester plan leaves the student less time for summer employment.

Dean Price was quick to point out, however, that a student could withdraw from school and work a full year, if necessary. Also student expenses in college will be reduced by one year.

Greatest advantage to the new approach will be more classroom exposure in fewer calendar years. Other advantages: One: The public receives an additional year of service from each student graduated without additional investment on the part of either.

Two: The trimester plan provides a means for increased student enrollment to alleviate an expected national shortage of trained veterinary personnel. (Currently the school has a limited enrollment of 64.)

## GI Students Due To Report

All students receiving benefits under any G.I. Bills who will not attend the second summer term are requested to report to the Veteran's Advisor before leaving the campus.

Those who will attend both terms will report to sign for July pay at the end of the month.

Veterinary schools in the United States produce approximately 1,000 graduates annually. A congressional study recently showed the nation will need 47,000 veterinarians by 1980, which is an additional 31,000 and somewhat above the present production rate.

Three: Clinical cases submitted to the Veterinary Hospital during the summer will be used in teaching and research by students. Some of these cases are seasonal.

Four: The trimester plan will give greater use of classroom and laboratory facilities and teaching equipment.

Five: Because of the reduced number of years, more senior veterinary students will be attracted to post-doctoral work and more superior high school students will probably be attracted to the professional curriculum.

Six: Additional time will be provided for teachers to engage in uninterrupted research.

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