

NEW CHAPTER LOOMS AHEAD

Science Hall Looks Back

A new chapter is about to be written in the history of an old timer among Aggies, Science Hall. Erected in 1899-1900 as the Agricultural and Horticultural Building, the structure gained a new purpose and name after extensive remodeling in the mid-1920s.

The building took on a different atmosphere when the Biological Sciences Building was occupied in 1950. And now the \$2,300,000 Plant Sciences Building has been built less than 100 yards away from the ancient structure.

THE TWO-STORY brick building in the midst of the campus remains in the memories of thousands of Aggies. Several hundred medical doctors and dentists received an important part of their education in the old building. Courses required of students majoring in agriculture and about everything else except engineering were taught there for years.

"That building has paid for itself thousands of times," a veteran professor said. "Lots of good men were trained over there." The structure of semiclassical architecture is remarkable for several reasons, Ernest Langford, college architect and professor emeritus of architecture, pointed out.

THE HALL IS the last principal building remaining of those built on campus in the nineteenth century," Langford said. A&M was less than 25 years old and had only 400 students when construction was started on the Agricultural-Horticultural Building.

The building also is notable as the first on the campus to make use of classic columns, a style followed in campus architecture until about 1930.

Financial records including a register of vouchers showing that the building cost \$30,172.77 are on file in the college archives.

Etched into the glass of the

main doors of the building are the words "Agriculture" and "Horticulture." The college catalogue for 1899-1900 relates in glowing terms the plans for the building.

"THE LIVESTOCK room will permit the introduction of animal subjects for the purpose of class instruction," it reads. "The butter and cheese room will contain the best dairy machinery. The canning and evaporating rooms will be equipped for the practical instruction of students in these lines of work."

Ice cream was made and sold at one end of the building, and brine left deposits of salt in the bricks. Birds pecking at salt through the years caused replacement of many bricks. Only one hitching ring remains in place.

The brick was handmade in a kiln near Hearne, Dr. C. C. Doak said. He attended classes in the building before World War I, and returned to teach in the Department of Biology, a post he held until retirement in 1960.

COMPLETION of the Agricultural Building in the 1920s led to a new purpose for the old building. But before remodeling, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service temporarily headquartered there in 1924, Dr. Van A. Little recalled. He joined the entomology faculty in 1923 and officed in the building for 25 years.

The biology, entomology and geology departments moved into the building in 1925, but the geologists did not remain long.

The Department of Oceanography and Meteorology was housed in the building for several years early in the 1950s. Since their departure, plant pathologists and physiologists have been the only occupants. Laboratory work in three courses continues until transfer to the new Plant Sciences Building is completed.

Short Courses In Many Fields Slated Here

Texans interested in diverse subjects such as public school administration, agriculture, polygraph machines (lie detectors) and transportation will attend conferences here between now and the end of June. A total of 48 conferences scheduled tentatively assures a short course or conference for almost anyone.

The tentative schedule was released by Frederick W. Hensel, assistant director of the Placement Office and head of the Short Course Office. A&M departments serve as sponsors of many conferences. Others are sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service or the Engineering Extension Service.

The Texas State Pecan Show now underway is the first of 15 events scheduled during January, busiest month of the first half of the year. The tentative schedule lists four short courses planned in February, eight during March, nine in April, five in May and seven in June.

The conferences or short courses attract all the way from a dozen or so persons to the approximately 2,000 4-H Club members who attend the annual 4-H Roundup each June. Many conferences last for only two or three days, but some such as the Executive Development Course will be in progress for two weeks or longer.

Annual Pecan Show Starts Here Today

The annual Texas State Pecan Show started here Friday to select the grand champion entry and sweepstakes winner for the 1962 season.

Despite the extremely short pecan crop last fall, show officials expect more than 500 entries to be judged. Entries numbered about 425 for the 1960 and 1961 shows when pecan production was closer to normal.

J. Benton Storey, secretary-treasurer of the Texas Pecan Growers Association, associate A&M horticulture professor and show superintendent, said special features of the event will be selection of the 1963 Texas Pecan Queen and awarding of the Col. P. L. Downs Sweepstakes Award.

Storey said the Downs Award is a pecan wood plaque and will be presented to the show's outstanding exhibitor by Bell County pecan growers. The award memorializes the late Col. P. L. Downs of Temple, who encouraged the planting and development of better pecans.

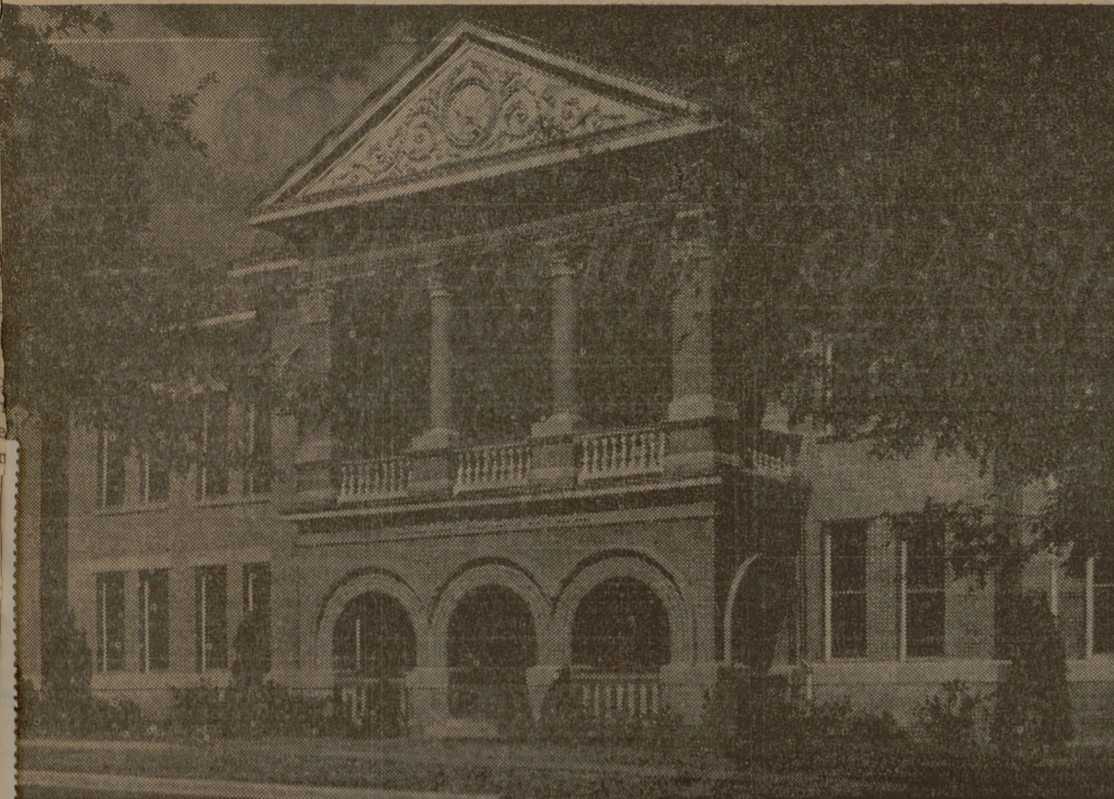
He said pecan entry winners and the queen will be announced just before noon Saturday when the show ends.

The conference is being held in the Memorial Student Center. Sponsors are the Texas Pecan Growers Association, A&M and the A&M Collegiate Chapter of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

Voc Ag Teachers From 20 Countries To Gather Here

Area 3 vocational agriculture teachers will meet here Jan. 11-12 for their annual Mid-Winter Conference.

Area 3 takes in 20 counties from Harris north to Robertson, west to Fayette and southwest to Jackson. Lester Buford of Houston is area supervisor.



SCIENCE HALL

... campus relic to see another change

Rate Change To Hit Wallets Of Post Office Casanovas

By GERRY BROWN Battalion News Editor Campus casanovas who do the jority of their romancing via United States mail may lose little of their lightheadedness in preference to a lighter wallet as a new set of postal rates goes into effect Monday.

Although the rate increases will add boosts in the second and third class mail rates, the average consumer and Joe College will feel a bite of the new rate in the form of a penny increase in all first class postage.

FOR THOSE dense students who are in doubt as to what constitutes first class mail, the new rate change will mean that as of Monday the student must put out five and four cents respectively for all regular letters and cards and eight and six cents respectively for all airmail letters and cards.

Letter writing romances who feel that the new postal rates are excessive should take note that the new nickel rate recently enacted into law is the same postage rate Americans paid for letters when the United States issued its first postage stamps 115 years ago, according to College Station Postmaster Ernest Gregg.

"A NICKEL was a lot harder to come by in those days," the postmaster added. Frugal-minded students who have laid up a large stock of pre-stamped envelopes and postcards within the dark recesses of their desks may still use them following the change with the addition of a one cent stamp.

For the defiant students who are determined to do a lot of writing this weekend to get in under the rate increase deadline, they may still use their four cent stamps on letters as long as the correspondence is postmarked before midnight Sunday.

A POSTAGE due charge will

be assessed on all cards and letters which are inadvertently sent with less than the required postage, Gregg stated.

"The new five cent stamp will bear the picture of George Washington and will be printed in blue," he said.

March Of Dimes Now Underway

The 1963 March of Dimes campaign is currently underway in Bryan and College Station, C. E. Sandstedt, general chairman, announced Friday.

The fund drive will continue throughout January. Highlight of the 1963 campaign will be the Mother's March Jan. 31.

Sandstedt said the 1963 funds will be used largely for research purposes, seeking cures for such diseases as polio, arthritis and birth defects.

Among the local fund-raising activities, in addition to the Mother's March, will be campaigns conducted by teenagers in the community, Sandstedt pointed out.

Contributions will be accepted at basketball games and down-

town traffic centers by teenagers later this month.

Sandstedt also announced the names of various campaign committee chairmen.

They include Robert McCorquodale, treasurer; Mrs. Florence Hall, secretary; Judge W. C. Davis, education and speaker's bureau; M. E. Adams and Mrs. Florence Neeley, mailers; Tom Sweeney, special gifts; Jack Ashworth, teenagers; Leon Hayes, schools and colleges; Mrs. Helen Perry, special events.

Knox Walker and Bill Sykes, coin collectors; C. D. Yancy and W. S. Tarrow, Negro division; and Dr. Horace Bass, advisor.

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Regalia For The January 1963 Commencement Exercise All students who are candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy are required to order hoods as well as the Doctor's caps and gowns. The hoods are to be left at the Registrar's Office no later than 1:00 p. m., Tuesday, January 15 (this will be accomplished by a representative of the College Exchange Store). The Ph.D. hoods will not be worn in the procession since all such candidates will be hooded on the stage as part of the ceremony.

Candidates for the Master's Degree will wear the cap and gown; all civilian students who are candidates for the Bachelor's Degree will wear the appropriate uniform. All military personnel who are candidates for the degree, graduate or undergraduate, will wear the uniform only.

Rental of caps and gowns may be arranged with the Exchange Store. Orders may be placed between 8:00 a. m., Wednesday, January 2, and 12:00 noon, Saturday, January 12. The rental is as follows: Doctor's cap and gown \$5.25, Master's cap and gown \$4.75, Bachelor's cap and gown \$4.25. Hood rental is the same as that for the cap and gown. A 2% sales tax is required in addition to these rentals. Payment is required at the time of placing order. 5015

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There are thousands of individual opportunities for jobs, study and travel abroad, summer (1-3 months) or longer," according to M. Galtier, Princeton Research Corporation. PRC has recently completed a SPECIAL report which describes more than 30 organizations offering opportunities to work, study or travel world-wide.

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