

Reduced Rates Planned On Some Telephone Calls

Reduced long distance telephone rates for most station-to-station calls between 9 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. in Texas will be introduced by Southwestern State Telephone on June 15, D. T. Strickland, vice president and general manager of the Company announced.

The new rates for a three-minute call will be scaled on a mileage basis beginning with station calls to points of a distance of 83 miles or greater. Reductions of up to 50 cents on the longest calls within Texas will result from the new schedule, Strickland pointed out.

Along with this reduction there will be a slight increase in most person-to-person calls within the state. This will amount to five cents on the basic person-to-person rates on most day and evening calls, the telephone official added.

Most other telephone companies in Texas will introduce similar rate changes the same date, Strickland said.

AT RESEARCH ANNEX

Salt-Water Altering Process Now Is In Pilot Plant Stage

A&M scientists within the next few days will run a quantity of salty water into a pilot plant to start a new phase in their search for an answer to a pressing problem—an abundant but relatively cheap source of good water.

The A&M scientists have developed a process new in its use of a chemical solvent to change saline water into water fit for human consumption.

The process still must be proven in the pilot plant stage.

The researchers also stress their process is designed for waters of only a certain range of salinity. Water about one-seventh as salty as seawater is most suited for the new process.

THE PROCESS has important advantages in that it requires only a narrow range of temperatures. Pilot plant operations for two

years are scheduled to determine the final fate of the process. Until then, answers to questions must be cautious for thus far the process has been proven only in the laboratory research phase.

The final answers can hold tremendous importance for people not only in Texas or the United States but around the globe.

Texas city officials, industrial executives and farmers and ranchers searching for greater sources of usable water know all too well how often saline instead of good water is found.

A&M researchers have been at work on saline water conversion for about a decade. Dr. Donald W. Hood, a chemical oceanographer and member of the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology, has played a key role in the research. Assistant Professor Richard R. Davison, who divides his time between the chemical engineering and oceanography and meteorology departments, is another A&M researcher with an important role in the research.

SALINE WATER conversion re-

search at A&M has the financial support of the U. S. Department of Interior's Office of Saline Water. This financial support includes the approximately \$130,000 cost of the pilot plant.

The pilot plant units recently were trucked from Houston to a site at the A&M Research and Development Annex, formerly the Bryan Air Force Base. Brown and Root of Houston built the plant and their technicians are readying the plant for operation.

The pilot plant resembles a miniature oil refinery or petrochemical plant for it is a maze of pipes, columns and controls. It came here on four truck-trailer rigs and the tallest column extends 40 feet into the air.

HOOD COMPARES the role of the solvent in the process to that of a pack horse. In phase one, the solvent picks up a "load of water" and leaves behind a brine concentration. In phase two, the solvent and its "load" are separated. Reusable solvent is ready to pick up another "load," while usable water flows through another pipe.



WILLIAM B. WILSON

May Visitor Count Shows Record High

More visitors came to the A&M campus in May than in any previous month of May in history, P. L. Downs, Jr., official greeter of the College, has announced. Parents' Day, Commencement, and officer-commissioning exercises swelled the number of visitors to 24,887.

This brought the total for the 12-month period since June 1, 1962, to 76,184 also a record.

In May, 18 different groups were on the campus.

Information Office Names New Man

William B. Wilson, veteran newspaperman and publications specialist, has been appointed Assistant Director of Information and Publications for the A&M College System, Chancellor M. T. Harrington announced Sunday.

Wilson fills the position vacated by Charles L. Gafford, who resigned to become assistant to the vice president in charge of advertising, sales promotion and public relations for Byer-Rolnick Hat Corp., in Garland.

Wilson has been a staffman and editor on several Texas newspapers and has edited a number of magazines and other publications in the agriculture and petroleum fields.

The System Information and Publications Office, under Norman Du Beau, director, is responsible for writing and editing various publications that concern the system as a whole. The office also reports on the activities of the System's Board of Directors and the offices of the Chancellor's staff to the citizens of the State and assists in the production of the Chancellor's Annual Report.

Born in Brownfield, Texas, Wilson was reared in the Bryan-College Station area and was graduated from Tarleton State College. He also studied engineering and

\$25,000 Alloted For A&M Study Of Avian Disease

A&M has received a National Science Foundation Grant of \$25,400 for support of research on "Muscular Dystrophy in the Avian Species."

The grant will cover a two-year research period. Heading the project is Dr. J. R. Couch of the Department of Poultry Science and Biochemistry and Nutrition.

Other researchers are D. C. R. Creger and Dr. T. M. Ferguson of the Department of Poultry Science.

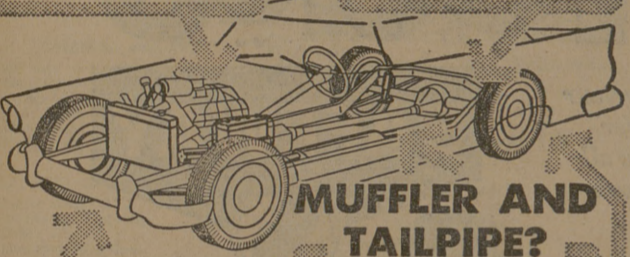
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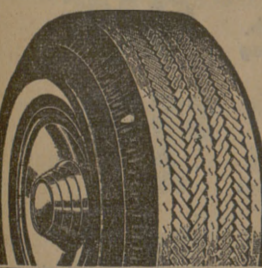
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