

Peach, Plum Meet Studies 2 Subjects

Irrigation and fruit thinning will receive extra emphasis at the annual Peach and Plum Growers Short Course, to be held on campus Oct. 1-2.

B. G. Hancock, Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist and program chairman, said the state's unusually dry season this year has caused fruit growers to reconsider advantages of irrigation.

Fruit thinning, he said, continues to attract attention because of consumer demand for large size fruit. The horticulturist said at least 10 persons—a new high—are expected to attend. "Looking Ahead for the Texas Fruit Industry" is the conference theme.

Sponsors of the event are the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences and the Texas Peach and Plum Growers Association.

Activities begin at 8 a. m. the first day with registration in the Memorial Student Center and talks start at 10 a. m. Association president U. A. Randolph of the Fruit Investigations Laboratory at Monique will speak, and Dr. Morris Goodworth, head of the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, will extend the welcome.

Technical subjects and speakers at morning are "Present and Future Trends in Commercial Peach Production" by J. F. Ros-

borough of Marshall; "The Place of Co-operative Fruit Marketing in the Future," Simon Burg of Stonewall; and "Program Activities of the National Peach Council," Bob Edwards of Carbondale, Ill., NPC secretary.

In the afternoon, course members will shift to the A&M Horticulture Farm to watch chemical and mechanical equipment demonstrations.

Bob Weil of Dow Chemical Co. will show chemical grass control in orchards; Jerral Johnson, graduate assistant, will demonstrate use of liquid and granular nematocides; and J. W. Worthington, also a graduate assistant, will show how black plastic can be utilized as mulching material.

Packing equipment, containers, refrigeration units, and pruning tools will be on display in the Adriance Laboratory near the horticulture farm.

Talks begin at 9 a. m. the second day with "Considerations in Developing an Irrigation System for Fruit Orchards" by Wayne Keese, A&M Extension irrigation specialist; "Irrigation Studies on a Peach Orchard," Randolph; and "Relationship of Cultural Practices to Future Insect and Disease Problems," H. F. Morris of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Tyler.



STUDENTS HAVE SPACIOUS QUARTERS
Kent Johnston has room to stretch while studying.

Agricultural Economics Club Addressed By Dr. Tyrus Timm

Dr. Tyrus R. Timm, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, spoke to the first bi-weekly meeting of the Agricultural Economics Club Tuesday night, on the type of student the department was attempting to produce.

The aim of the Agricultural Economics curriculum is to produce men able to project today's knowledge to solve future problems,

Timm said. To accomplish this, the curriculum is designed to strengthen the student in the fields of English, economics, government, plant and animal science, physics and business administration.

Timm also discussed the recent four-week tour of the European Common Market nations with the group, and explained the need of more qualified financiers in the operation.

Annex Student Residents Find Long Drive Consuming

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Special Writer

Two - thousand - eight - hundred miles is farther from here than any point within the Continental United States, yet students at the Texas A&M Research and De-

velopment Annex travel this number of man-miles each day in order to get to classes.

Students indicate that while they enjoy Annex living they didn't like the long 26 mile a day drive because it was too costly and took

up too much of their time. The University, in order to defray some of the expenses will return \$36 of the students' \$90 semester room fee. This will only help pay part of the costs, therefore, many students are optimistic about the possibility of a bus provided by the school for student transportation. As it stands now, a car pool is the most economical method of travel to and from the campus.

MANY STUDENTS said that the car pool was all right, but that if they had any off periods, they had to be spent on the campus, which in many cases was a waste of valuable time.

What drives these students to such an undertaking are the facilities at the former site of the Bryan Air Force Base.

Two buildings that once housed Air Force Officers have been converted to dormitories and as compared to campus housing they are cooler, more relaxing and have a better study atmosphere. This housing is probably the most attractive feature of the Annex.

THE ROOMS are much larger than any on the campus so that two students can comfortably live in each room and still not be crowded. Because of the added space, beds can be left single instead of bunked two or three high as so often done in the dormitories on the campus.

Since there are only 125 students at the Annex, many may live alone if they so desire. Plenty of the rooms are still vacant and may be used by one or two persons depending on the students' desires.

Another attraction of the dormitories is the ventilating system that pulls fresh air through the rooms during the warmer months. Large suction fans atop the buildings help reduce the room temperature as much as 15 degrees.

BETTER LIGHTING is another feature that students are happy about. Each room is equipped with four fluorescent lamps that are mounted on the ceiling and increase the light value so much that many students don't use desk lamps.

Food at the Annex Cafeteria is probably the best in A&M history. Although the meals, other than breakfast, are prepared in the Sbsia Dining Hall, it is the first to be cooked.

Hot foods are picked up and transported in electrically heated containers that keep the contents simmering until arrival at the cafeteria.

STUDENTS WHO want seconds usually get the extra food they want. Edwin Matjka, head of the cafeteria, said he tries to keep the students satisfied and he hasn't had a complaint about the meals. The study atmosphere at the annex is better since everyone takes his education more seriously. Most juniors and seniors seem to know what they want and are out to accomplish this goal.

Even with the hardship of traveling 26 miles a day, and being away from the campus conveniences, such as the library, these students are content with their different way of university life.

Nathan Pippin, a senior from Corpus Christi, has one way of looking at the situation when he said, "If we had this on campus it would be great."

Young Democrats Plan First Meet Wednesday Night

The A&M Young Democrats Club will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in Room 2-B of the Memorial Student Center.

The local group will be associated with the National Democrats of America and the national Democratic Party.

Randall Bland of Galveston, one of the groups organizers, said "We are not extremely liberal, but by no means are we conservative." "Any persons interested in working in the cause of progression instead of regression is invited to this meeting."

Bland stressed that independents as well as Democrats may attend the club's meetings.

Sponsor for the group is C. A. Bitner, Department of Economics, Associate faculty advisors are P. A. Ford, Department of History and Government; Dr. W. E. Benton, Department of History and Government; W. B. Kadow, Department of English, and R. L. Harris, Department of History and Government.



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