

## Purchasing, Stores Practice Modern Inventory Method

Bills to be distributed within the next few days by the A&M University Department of Purchasing and Stores will reflect a new, electronic operation described "as modern and as forward thinking as you can find anywhere."

University Director of Business Affairs Tom D. Cherry was describing the new system established under the supervision of Wesley E. Donaldson, Jr., who came to A&M earlier this year as director of purchasing and stores.

THE NEW SYSTEM makes use of the highly sophisticated electronic equipment of the Data Processing Center. Charles Seagraves of the Center prepared the programs for the machines under the supervision of R. L. Smith, Jr., who heads the Center.

The data supplied by the system

will provide up to date information on the usage and remaining balance on each of the 13,000 different types of items stocked. This will make it possible to order each item on time and in the most economical quantity, Cherry said.

"This will allow the stores department to reduce and control the dollar value of the inventory on hand and maintain a ready supply of each of the thousands of varied items required in the daily operation of a great university such as Texas A&M," he continued.

THE INVENTORY, as of Aug. 31, was valued at \$320,000.

Assigning the identifying number to each of the more than 13,000 different items was a major part of inaugurating the new operation.

Items stocked range from pipe

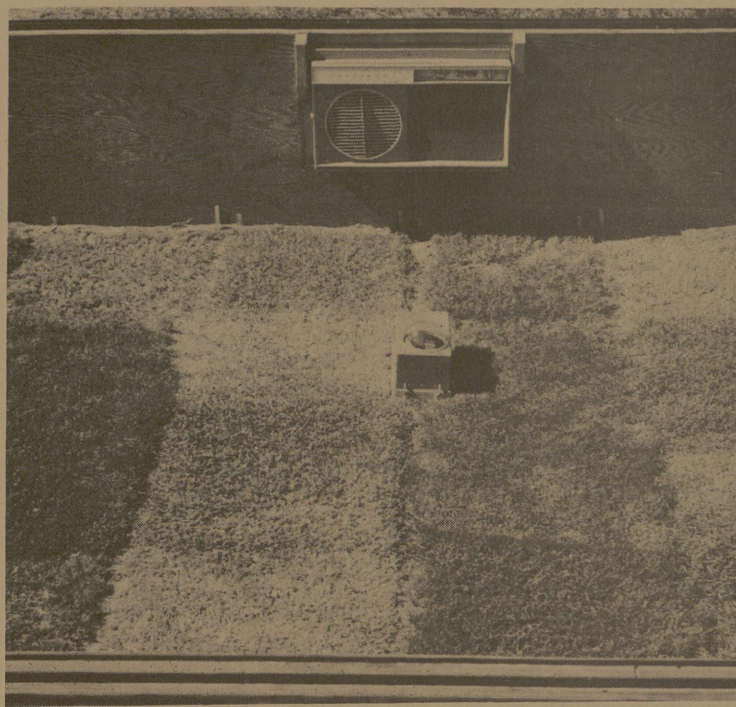
fitting adapters to Zoille first aid spray. Donaldson and his staff have broken them down into ten broad categories.

Five benefits including economical purchasing and the best service in filling orders are listed by Donaldson. Other benefits, such as machine billing each month, will be immediately apparent, Cherry added.

USAGE RECORDS to be accumulated through the new system will allow substantial economies, Donaldson said. For example, obsolete items will be removed from the inventory.

Donaldson came to A&M from industry where he gained experience as manager of purchasing and production control in industry.

The A&M purchasing and stores operation is planned as a self-sustaining program. Supplies and equipment are purchased in accord with state policies and sold to departments at costs plus a small markup to cover overhead. The billing will be accomplished in the Data Processing Center.



**Air Conditioned Grass**  
Air Conditioner used in experimenting with grass.

## Grass Experiment Underway At A&M

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The Department of Soil and Crop Sciences has been doing experimental research on different varieties of grasses for use under limited light. This research is being performed at the request of the Houston architectural firm that designed the domed sports stadium in Houston.

This domed stadium is going to be completely air conditioned and will be used mainly for baseball and football games. One of the chief problems with the stadium is trying to get grass to grow under artificial conditions.

THE GRASSES that have been tested are Tifway Bermudagrass, Meyer Zoysia, Red Fescue, Merion Bluegrass and Tall Fescue. The

### Taped Lecture Set Of Late Dr. Dooley

A taped lecture by the late Dr. Tom Dooley will be presented at St. Mary's Chapel Wednesday. Every Monday and Tuesday night St. Mary's holds night classes relating to philosophy, church history and Introduction to the Catholic Faith. Father Charles Elmer conducts the classes.

grasses are being studied at the Agronomy Field Lab, which is west-northwest of the campus.

Dr. E. C. Holt of the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences said the grasses are being grown under conditions similar to those of the domed stadium. The temperature is maintained at 70 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit inside a long air conditioned greenhouse. Different sunlight exposures are maintained in the greenhouse ranging from 19 to 38 percent.

THE HEIGHTS of the grasses are regulated from 3/4 of an inch to 1 1/2 inches. The grasses are maintained at two fertility levels at each of the clipping heights.

Dr. Holt said the Meyer Zoysia and Tifway Bermudagrass have looked best thus far in the study. He said turfs have been maintained for four and one half months and have satisfied most of the specified conditions. Work this year is being conducted to determine the exact amount of light necessary for growth.

## Food Processing Discussed At Health Group Meeting

Freeze drying of foods, a new process commanding wide attention in the foods industry, will be one of the main discussion subjects during the Texas Public Health Association's Gulf Coast regional meeting here Friday.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Herbert A. Hollender of Chicago, director of the food division of the Armed Forces Food and Container Institute.

Dr. F. P. Jaggi, Jr., regional chairman and head of the Department of Veterinary Public Health at A&M University, said the program starts at 8 a.m. with registration in the Memorial Student Center.

A&M PRESIDENT Earl Rudder will deliver an address of welcome, followed by a response by B. G. Loveless, health educator for the Dallas County Tuberculosis Association and president of the Texas Public Health Association.

The first talk will be made by Dr. Raymond Reiser of the A&M Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition. His subject is current research and opinions on relation of dietary fat to health.

Other subjects and speakers scheduled for Friday morning are "Chemical Residue in Foods" by

Dr. E. E. Burns, horticulturist, and "Foods—Feast or Famine," John McHaney, economist, both of A&M.

A LUNCHEON MEETING features Dr. James E. Peavy of Austin, commissioner of health for the Texas State Department of Health, who will talk on health programs in the coming biennium.

Dr. C. A. Pigford, director of public health in Houston, will preside at the luncheon.

AFTERNOON SUBJECTS and speakers are "Fish Cleaning Through Chemistry" by Dr. W. W. Meinke, Department of Chemical Engineering, followed by Hollender's discussion of freeze drying of foods.

The meeting will end with a business session in which regional officers will be elected.

### College Station Lad Pledges Sigma Nu

Included among the new pledges in social fraternities at Texas Tech is Russell Lee Welch of College Station. The local youth has been accepted into the Sigma Nu organization at the Lubbock school.

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## Wheat Trade Topic Of Talk By Jay Naman

State Farmers Union President Jay Naman told Denton County Farmers Union members that "the President's decision to sell our surplus wheat to Russia for cold cash was a wise decision and will prove beneficial to our farmers as well as the general economy."

"This trade will create new jobs, reduce public spending on the storage of the huge surpluses of wheat and help remedy the deficit in our balance of payments. The drain of our precious gold supply can be somewhat relieved by the sale of the wheat for gold."

NAMAN WENT on to say that "the sale of wheat might well open up new markets that are sorely needed as the European Economic Community levies increased trade restrictions."

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