

17,000 Defective Births Anticipated

Approximately 17,000 babies born in Texas in 1964 will have serious birth defects. These defects will claim as many as 1,200 lives before the year is over.

These figures—"educated estimates" based on official reports of live births in the state—were revealed by Byron Tunnell, Texas State March of Dimes Chairman. Latest studies indicate that about seven per cent of the infants born in the United States each year have serious birth defects and about 244,000 infants will be born in Texas next year, he pointed out.

Poultry Science Profs Participating In Turkey Meeting

Four members of the A&M University Department of Poultry Science are participating in the National Turkey Federation meeting this week in Louisville, Ky.

They are Dr. J. H. Quisenberry, head of the department, and George Draper, Dr. R. L. Atkinson and Dr. J. R. Couch.

Quisenberry will discuss future turkey breeding research and problems. Draper, supervisor of the National Turkey Improvement Plan in Texas and a member of the NTF's Advisory Committee on Random Sample Testing will take part in the committee's formulation of a more uniform random sample testing program, PPLO and Typhimurium testing programs.

Draper, also a member of a special committee appointed by the Poultry Improvement Staff of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service, will report on the findings of that committee.

While at the meeting, Atkinson will talk with representatives of the Commercial Solvents Corporation in regard to possible grant-in-aid support of research planned for this year. He also will consult with Dr. F. L. Chermis of the University of Wisconsin on collaborative research being planned in the area of reproductive physiology, particularly on control of turkey hen broodiness.

Dr. Couch will report on research progress under a memorandum of agreement between the Federation and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The experiment concerns Vitamin-A requirements of feeding and growing turkeys.

U.S. Photographer To Present Films Of Russian People

Raphael Green, an American photographer, will be on campus Jan. 15 to present a program entitled, "Russia and Its People."

His appearance here is part of the "World Around Us" series of the Memorial Student Center Great Issues Committee. The film-talk presentation will be given at 8 p.m. in the MSC.

Green, a former Maine school teacher, concentrated on the Russian people in his photographic expedition. Traveling thousands of miles alone, he photographed the people during everyday life. He filmed the Kremlin leaders at a state funeral in Red Square.

The film is billed as an "uncensored non-political" motion picture, according to Hal C. Brown, Great Issues chairman.

While on the White House staff, Green went to the Far East with Ambassador Pauley, head of the U. S. Reparations Mission. Green also was one of 11 men sent to North Korea on the reparations survey.

His other travels include Manchuria, China, Japan and Afghanistan.

The Russian program is one of several planned by the MSC group as part of the "World Around Us" series. Tickets are available in the MSC.

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Lamb Judgers Get Award

The National Wool Growers Association F. R. Marshall plaque for the high team in Exposition's intercollegiate meat judging contest west this year to Texas A&M University. The presentation was made by Roy E. Richards, right, Secy-Mgr., Wisconsin Coop. Wool Growers Assn., Milwaukee.

Others in the picture, left to right, Gail Wood, Spicewood, Texas; Franklin Reagor, Llano, Texas; Clifford Spaeth, Fredericksburg, Texas, and Zerle Carpenter, coach. The contest is sponsored by the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

AMONG THE PROFS

South Dakota Prof Joins Soil, Crop Sciences Staff

A&M University's Department of Soil and Crop Sciences has a new professor of soil physics—Dr. J. R. Runkles, a native of San Angelo.

The agronomist came to A&M from South Dakota State College, where he had taught and conducted research in soil physics since getting the doctoral degree in 1956 at Iowa State University.

Runkles replaces Dr. Morris Bloodworth, a widely known physicist who recently was appointed head of the A&M Soil and Crop Sciences Department.

E. E. Janne, formerly of Consolidated Nurseries at Tyler, has joined the A&M University Department of Soil and Crop Sciences as an assistant professor of floriculture.

The floriculturist was associated with Consolidated Nurseries for more than 11 years and was that firm's director of research.

Two A&M University faculty members left Wednesday for Dallas and the annual meeting of the National College Physical Education Association.

Attending are associate professors Emil Mamaliga, who has served at Texas publicity chairman for the association, and Nicholas A. Ponthieux, who has served as national publicity chairman and also is secretary of the basic instruction section.

The meeting ends Saturday afternoon.

Frank J. Konecny of A&M University has been named vice-president of one national organization and nominated for the presidency of another. Konecny, assistant director of

NSF To Select 90 Teachers For Study Here

About 90 junior high school and college teachers will be chosen during the next two months to attend science programs at A&M University under National Science Foundation sponsorship.

The four programs, varied in content and length, are planned to help science teacher's broaden their knowledge and sharpen their teaching skills.

Longest of the programs is the nine-month Academic Year Institute for junior high school science teachers, starting Aug. 24. Teachers from throughout the nation will apply for the 30 openings.

The other programs, planned for the summer, are for college teachers.

The Institute in computer programming is scheduled July 13-Aug. 23 with 30 openings.

C. M. Loyd, National Science Foundation coordinator at A&M, said there are six openings in the College Teacher Research Participation Program in physics scheduled June-August.

The Summer Institute in Physics program will begin June 1 and close Aug. 21. This is the second in a proposed three-summer sequential institute which can be supplemented by other work to culminate in the master of science

in physics degree.

In addition to these programs, The National Science Foundation has announced three grants totaling \$30,935 to A&M University to support summer training programs for exceptional ability high school students.

Administrators Conclave Set For 4 Profs

Four faculty members of the A&M University Department of Education and Psychology will attend the annual School Administrators Advisory Conference and other meetings in Austin Wednesday through Friday.

They are Dr. Grady P. Parker, Dr. Charles A. Lindsey, Dr. William W. Stokes and Dr. Paul R. Hensarling.

The three-day conference sponsored by the Texas Education Agency is expected to attract 1,000 persons.

Wednesday the four professors will meet with the planning committee for the annual school administrators and supervisors conference scheduled here June 8-10. Stokes, Parker and Lindsey will serve as advisors to the Texas Association of Instructional Supervisors, Texas Association of County Superintendents and Texas School Administrators Association respectively.

Parker also is a member of a five-man committee to write a legislative bill which would combine county school units into larger intermediate units.

Hensarling will preside at the planning session and attend several meetings including the session of the Advisory Board of "Texas School Business."

Latest Innovations Outlined At Fertilizer Conference

The latest progress in fertilization of farm crops was outlined at the annual Fertilizer Conference held on campus this week.

Among the topics covered by speakers were research programs in Texas, the Build East Texas Program, Tennessee Valley Authority's fertilizer program, fertilization of vegetables, fertilizer dealer training, stubble cropping of grain sorghums, fertilizer control reports and the performance of compound, blended and liquid fertilizers.

Dr. R. E. Patterson, dean of agriculture at Texas A&M, delivered an address of welcome at the opening session. Dr. Morris Bloodworth, head of the A&M Department of Soils and Crops Sciences, was master of ceremonies at the conference banquet Tuesday.

The meetings were held in the Memorial Student Center.

Conference sponsors included the Texas Agricultural Limestone Association, Texas Plant Food Educational Society and A&M.

Dairy Conference To Be Held Here Beginning Monday

A cryoscopy workshop is a new feature of the annual Dairy Manufacturer's Conference to be held next Monday through Wednesday at A&M University.

The workshop, set for the last day of the meeting, will teach use of the cryoscope, an instrument which determines freezing points of liquids. It is widely utilized in the dairy manufacturing industry for quality control, particularly detection of adulteration.

The workshop is headed by B. C. Wiggins of Advanced Instruments, Inc., at Newton Highlands, Mass., and Dr. I. I. Peters, A&M dairy science professor.

Dr. A. V. Moore, A&M professor of dairy science, said about 100 persons will attend the overall conference.

The session will be held in the Memorial Student Center and starts at 1:30 p.m. Monday with an address of welcome by Dr. R. E. Patterson, dean of agriculture.

Subjects and speakers the opening day include "A Final Report on Volume-Weight Relationships in Dairy Products" by C. Vanderzant, A&M Department of Dairy Science; "Marketing Milk By-Products," W. C. Stanley, Ramsey Laboratories, Cleveland, Ohio, and

"Protecting Milk Flavor," V. H. Neilsen, head of Dairy and Food Industry, Iowa State University.

On the second day are "Current Status of Leptospirosis and Q-Fever in Texas Herds," Dr. H. E. Redmond, A&M College of Veterinary Medicine; "Industry's Adjustment to Milk Composition Changes," S. T. Coulter, head of the Department of Dairy Industries, University of Minnesota; "Processing Sour Cream and Dips," Stanley, and "Protecting Quality of Cottage Cheese," Nielsen.

Others are "Pumps: A Vital Link in Mechanized Production," C. E. Schick, Creamery Package Manufacturing Co., Chicago, Ill.; "The Choice of Frozen Dessert Sweeteners," L. G. Drusendahl, the Hubinger Co., Keokuk, Iowa; "Standardizing Colors of Frozen Desserts," George Illes, A. E. Illes Co., Dallas, and "An Ice Cream Quality Control Program," Nielsen.

The conference will hold a banquet Tuesday night at 6:30, and Coulter will discuss the European dairy industry. Dr. I. W. Rupel, head of the Department of Dairy Science Department, is master of ceremonies.

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