

Firemen's School Employees To Be Honored For Service

Seven Texas firemen will be honored in Austin Monday for years of service to the Texas Firemen's Training School...

H. D. Smith, the school's chief, said the seven men have served as instructors from five to 29 years...

The list includes Eugene Sanders of Austin, state fire marshal who has been an instructor for 29 years...

John Bement of Dallas, assistant county fire marshal, and C. T. Davis, Waco fire marshal, will be awarded five-year certificates...

The ceremony will take place in the fire marshal's office at 716 E. Avenue, Austin.

Faculty, Students To Represent A&M At Range Confab

A&M University will be represented by five faculty members and eight students at the American Society of Range Management 17th annual meeting...

The faculty members are Dr. Charles Leinweber, head; Omer E. Sperry, Dr. Don Huss, Dr. J. D. Dodd and Bob J. Ragsdale...

Sperry and Ragsdale will present papers on broomweed research. The others will participate in discussions and committee meetings.

Four of the students are A&M Plant Identification Team members who will compete against other major agriculture schools in an intercollegiate contest.

They are Floyd Waller of Mason, Eugene Heinemann of Harper, Arthur Crocker of Cresson and Murry Billingsley Jr., of Abilene.

"Instructors such as these seven men have contributed toward untold savings for insurance policy holders and property owners in Texas," Smith said.

The week-long school, now 34-years-old, attracts hundreds of firemen from Texas and the nation. Last year's attendance was 1,700.

House Reviews Of Scandal Asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special House investigation was proposed Wednesday night in the wake of Senate testimony...

"This scandal has so many ramifications that it would appear the House should set up a special committee to examine some of the tangents of the Baker probe," Rep. H. R. Gross...

Gross referred to the Senate Rules Committee investigation of the outside business activities of resigned Senate aide Robert G. Baker.

He spoke out in the House after Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., criticized government officials who accept free gifts.

Williams said he sees "no difference in the acceptance of an expensive stereo than in the acceptance of a mink or vicuña coat, a Deep Freeze or an Oriental rug."

"I condemned the Deep Freezes and the vicuña coats of the preceding administrations, and will not defend the stereo now," Williams said.

Judging Team

The A&M University Junior Meats Judging Team will test its talents at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Jan. 24-Feb. 2 in Fort Worth.

Dr. Zerle Carpenter, team coach Department of Animal Husbandry, said the Aggies will leave College Station Sunday, practice judge the next day and compete in the contest on Jan. 28.

Aggies, Residents May Pay Poll Tax In Student Center

A&M University students and Brazos County residents may now pay their 1964 election year poll taxes in the Memorial Student Center.

A special booth will be set up in the post office area for the convenience of those seeking voting rights, Howard Head, student president of the MSC Council, announced.

Hours of operation will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 23-24 and Jan. 27-30. The booth will not be open Jan. 25, or Jan. 31, the last day to pay the tax.

Head also mentioned that the MSC booth will not be authorized to issue exemptions. He issued a special appeal to eligible A&M students to become voters.

Lie Detector School Slated

A class for polygraph examiners will begin Monday at A&M University's Research and Development Annex, D. C. Betts, coordinator of the six-week school, reported.

The school is the only one in the Southwest to train persons to become qualified polygraph examiners, Betts said. The program is one of several classes conducted by the Engineering Extension Service's police training school.

Classes will be held at the annex, and students will be housed in nearby dormitories.

Faculty members will include veteran law enforcement officials, commercial examiners and A&M staff members, who will lecture on the medical aspects of polygraphy. One of the instructors will be Leo E. Hatcher of Houston, president of the Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners.

Statewide Meet

Legionnaires and Auxiliary members will gather in Houston from all over Texas Feb. 1-2, at the Rice Hotel, for their annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department Commander John E. McKelvey of Electra has announced.

Scorpion Unpopular Even Here

If there is anything Texas isn't famous for, it's the absence of stinging and biting insects.

That's a backward way of saying that the Lone Star State probably has its full share of unpleasant bugs.

Close to the top of the unpopularity list is the scorpion, although technically it is not an insect or bug. There are those who argue that its bad reputation lacks justification; that the beastie really doesn't cause much human stinging trouble compared to the frequent bullseyes scored by bees and wasps.

Nevertheless, if you have never been cressed by a scorpion's daggered tail, this fellow can fairly well scare you half to death just by his looks. And if he does make a hit, you will experience a sudden burst of energy like never before.

Mother Nature must have been feeling bad the day she designed the scorpion. The creature looks like a spider-crawfish cross, with a skinny, jointed tail thrown in as an afterthought.

No one but an entomologist or another scorpion could find anything interesting about scorpions.

Most of the time, even scorpions can't stand the sight of each other. A&M University entomologists have found them "devoid of social instincts." Some researchers believe that when two of the bugs are found under the same rock (or in one of your shoes), they are doing one of two things — romancing, or trying to eat each other.

Scorpions belong to the arachnid family of arthropods and have eight legs. The arachnid family includes spiders, ticks and mites. They are old timers. Fossilized specimens have been found that are judged to be 400 million years old.

These stingers also have long been popular in the mythical world and associated with practitioners of black magic. They fall into the same category as spiders, bats and black cats. No self-respecting sorcerer would be without a supply of scorpions in his lab.

Scorpions are found throughout the world but are most numerous in arid and tropical regions. A&M entomologists say that nearly all specimens found in the United States just hurt like sin when they sting a person. However, certain people may be allergic or hypersensitive to the venom, and the sting can be dangerous.

Southern Arizona and Old Mexico have types which are deadly. The Durango Scorpion (Mexico) was responsible for 1,608 deaths during a 36-year period. Central and South America also have death-dealing species. Over in North Africa, deaths from scorpion stings outnumber deaths from snake bites.

Scorpions are more than a match for other predators, such as the tarantula and praying mantis.

They do their dirty work by holding their enemy or prey with the crab-like pincers. Next, the long tail is brought up and over the scorpion's back and the victim is gently but firmly pricked and paralyzed with the stinger.

With a two-way attack like that, the tussle doesn't last long. When it comes to humans, scorpions are not aggressive. They sting only in self defense. The unwelcome guests are sometimes found in bathtubs, bread boxes,

shoes, bed clothes, damp rags, wandering serenely on the floor. They prefer brick or rock houses.

Despite this scary information, entomologists classify scorpions as beneficial or helpful in keeping other bugs in check. This is because they feed on such pests as flies, cockroaches, crickets, ants, moths and beetles — even snail mice.

But to the housewife, they are about as welcome as a big hairy spider.

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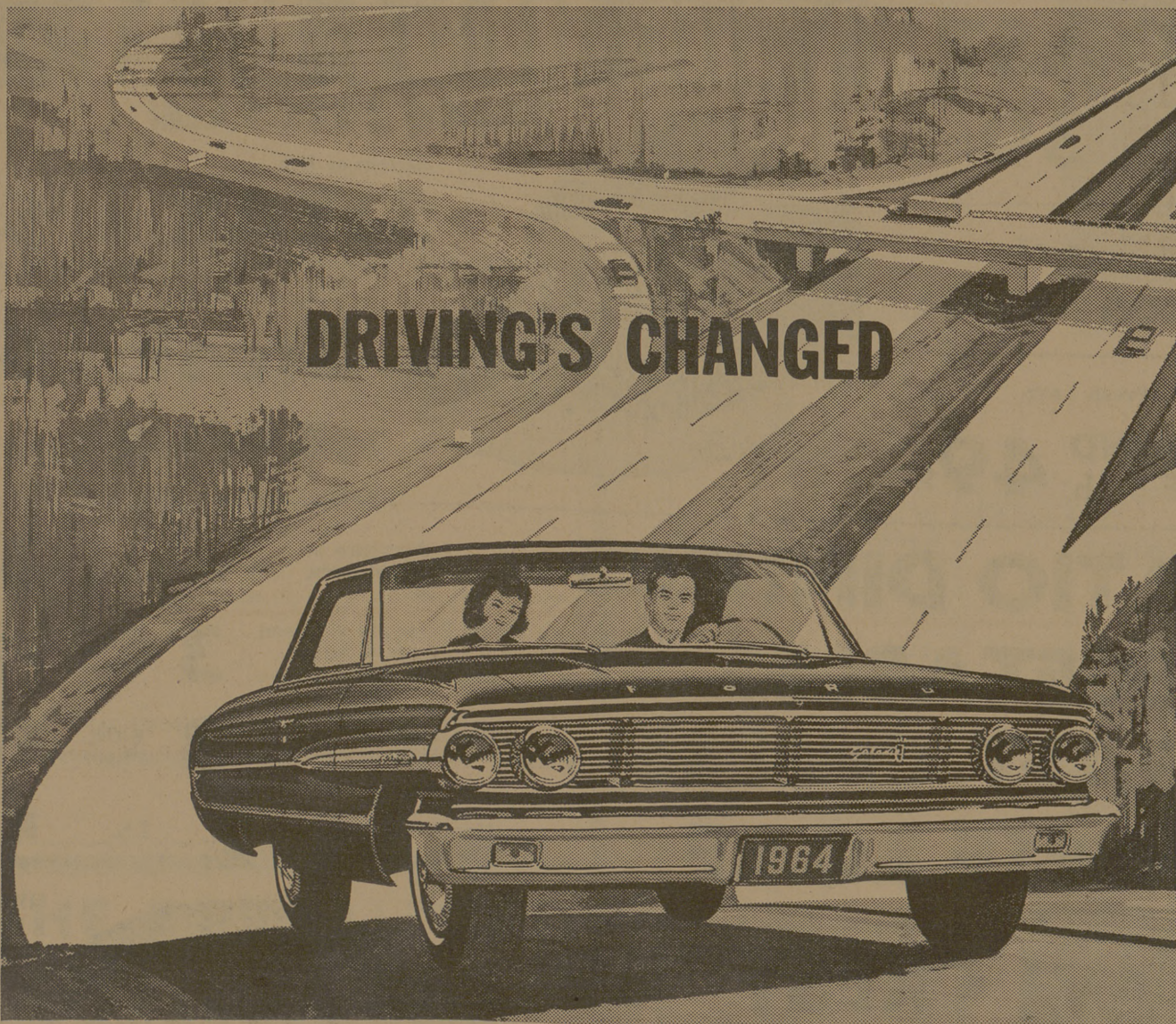
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