

Terra Firma Not So Firm Says Israeli

Don't get the idea that the terra firma is too firm, Dr. Yaacov K. Bendor, a noted geologist from Israel commented.

The earth is trembling and quivering almost constantly as a result of earthquakes, most too slight for man to notice without sensitive equipment.

Bendor, professor of mineralogy and petrology at Hebrew University in Israel, is at A&M University for a series of lectures through Friday, including one Thursday night geared for the public.

Major quakes, Bendor said, are usually preceded by smaller ones, although the matter of forecasting major earth tremors remains a problem for future scientists to solve.

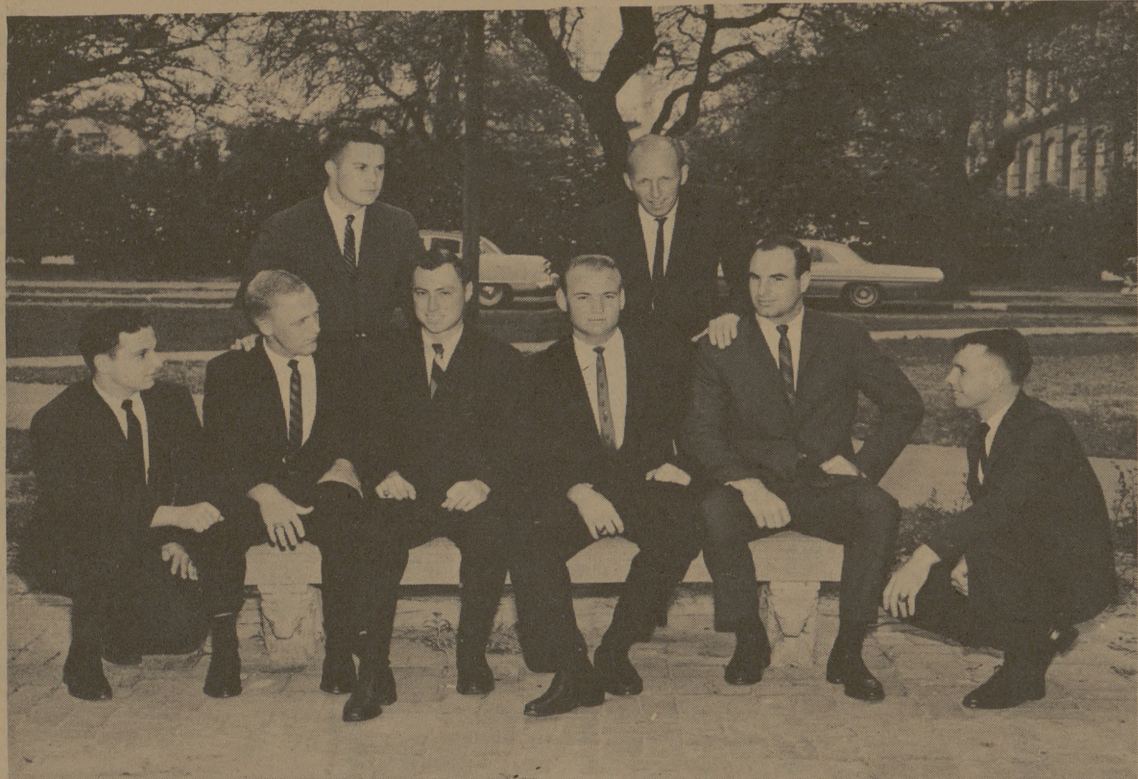
Above ground studies have been made for centuries, but the deepest probe into the earth's crust has been only five miles. Bendor feels many probes should be made.

What man thinks of as the terra firma is nothing but a thin crust, subject to change by terrific internal pressure erupting from the earth's core.

Bendor said the earth's crust can be compared to the skin of an apple. When something has to give, the thin mantle cracks.

"When a large rock mass breaks, the pressure is released through the earth's mantle," Bendor said.

The ultimate results of the earthquake is known, the professor said, although what causes the strain to build up is largely theory.



Six Aggie marketing majors will be on the Michigan State University campus April 17-18 for the final round in the national inter-collegiate marketing competition. Left to right Thomas Disinger, Kenneth Scott, Instructor Robert James Jr, Chris Schaezler, Theodore Kolkhorst, Associate Professor Herbert Thompson, and Norman Mayer.

'Social Dynamite' Architects Offer New Art Course

The "social dynamite" of almost one-third of America's children coming from a culturally poor environment is perhaps the greatest problem facing the nation's educational system, a noted educator said Monday at A&M University.

Dr. T. M. Stinnett of the National Education spoke to faculty and graduate students of the teacher education departments, and area school officials.

"I suspect the number one problem is what we're going to do about the education of slum children," he said.

These are "children of all races" who due to social background "start behind and never catch up educationally," Stinnett continued.

"They've never seen a book or a magazine before they come to school."

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Ed W. Kerlick, chief instructor of the training school, said about 25 persons from scattered Texas towns have already pre-registered for the three days of classes.

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Elected to succeed Dean Hall as president was Dean J. N. Gerber of Stephen F. Austin State College. Recent developments in Texas graduate schools and pressing problems in graduate work were discussed at the Dallas meeting Thursday.

Education and Welfare notified Dr. El-Sayed, an assistant professor of oceanography, of the grant. Fixed platforms off Panama City in use for other A&M oceanography research projects will be used in the one-year study.

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An A&M University oceanographer has been awarded a \$33,552 grant for a study of biological primary production of Gulf of Mexico waters near Panama City, Fla.

John R. Rauch, an instructor at the A&M University Firemen Training School, will participate in the 12th annual International Association of Arson Investigators at Purdue University April 20-24.

In early America, every family had a survival plan. When a fire, flood or Indian attack threatened, each person had a job. Natural disasters still occur and the possibility of a nuclear war or a nuclear accident poses additional threats.

Dr. Sayed Z. El-Sayed will gather data on the minute biological organisms which form the bottom rung of the "food chain" ladder of fishes. These organisms are to fish what grass is to cattle.

Other speakers include fire and law enforcement officials from the United States and several other countries.

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