

Conference Chairmanship Goes To Graduate Dean

Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall has been elected the 1965 chairman for the annual Conference on Basic Biochemistry of Cotton. He and seven other scientists from A&M were among the 55 invited participants for the first conference at Asheville, N. C. for last weekend.

Presenting technical papers from A&M were Dean Hall and Drs. J. W. Dieckert and Howard E. Joham. Also attending from here were Dr. David R. Ergle and Joseph Haskaylo, both of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. Carl M. Lyman, head of the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition, Dr. H. O. Kunkel, associate director of the experiment station, and Page W. Morgan, plant sciences.

Dr. Vance W. Edmondson, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology and coordinator for consultations with A&M's project team and Institute of National Technical Agriculture officials. The A&M team is assisting the Argentine Ministry of Agriculture in establishing a nation-wide program of research and Extension work in agricultural economics. Edmondson will participate in the joint A&M-INTA planning for training of research and Extension personnel and for research programming. Training curriculum will be reviewed.

It is planned that several Argentine agriculture economics personnel will come to A&M each year for graduate study (both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees).

The A&M team is composed of Professor A. C. Magee, chief of party and leader of farm-ranch management; Dr. C. R. Harston,

agricultural marketing; and C. H. Bates, agricultural Extension.

Professor Bruno J. Zwolinski will chair a high-level five-day national conference which opened Monday in New Hampton, N. H.

Top chemists were among 70 persons invited to the Gordon Research Conference on Scientific Information Problems in Research: Critical Tables and Progress in Science. Critical tables describe as exactly as possible the properties of substances and are essential to the work of many scientists and engineers, Zwolinski pointed out.

Dr. Zwolinski is director of the Chemical Thermodynamic Properties Center. The center's findings are distributed internationally.

John Holcomb of the Department of Agricultural Education will participate in the In-Service Education Workshop for Vocational Agriculture Teachers Aug. 4-7 in Houston.

Holcomb, an associate professor, will discuss "Improving Instruction with Charts."

Some of the top guest speakers are Gov. John Connally and Earl L. Butz, assistant secretary of agriculture during the Eisenhower Administration and now dean of Purdue University's School of Agriculture.

Dr. R. L. Skrabanek of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology will serve as Visiting Professor for two weeks in August at the Liff School of Theology in Denver, Colo.

Skrabanek will conduct a seminar in "The Sociology of Changing Town and Country Societies" at the Methodist seminary. The seminar

will be offered at the graduate level and for graduate credit.

While serving on the Liff faculty, the sociologist will also deliver a graduate lecture on the topic of "Social Change and Personality Direction."

Prof. C. M. Simmang, head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, has been named to a 11-member committee of the American Society for Engineering Education.

Simmang's three-year appointment to ASEE's Mechanical Engineering Division was made at a national organization meeting at the University of Maine recently.

Dr. John G. Mackin, Department of Biology head, and Dr. S. M. Ray of the Marine Laboratory at Galveston have returned from sessions of the fifty-sixth joint annual Shellfisheries Convention in New Orleans.

Mackin is secretary-treasurer of the National Shellfisheries Association which met with the Oyster Institute of North America for the July 12-16 convention. He presided at a technical session featuring papers by researchers from the East and West Coasts. Mackin presented three papers at another technical session. They concerned "Slime Mold Disease of Oysters," "The Nature of 'Intra-cell disease' of Oysters in the Pacific Northwest," and "Oyster Mortalities in Aransas Bay, Texas."

Speaker for the New Mexico Writers Conference which opens July 30 at Glorieta near Santa Fe will be Dr. John C. Merrill, acting head of the Department of Journalism. He will discuss article writing at the weeklong sessions.



A Few Years Old... the small oysters in Smith's hand are 100-million years old.

Graduate Student To Study For Doctorate In Georgia

A&M University graduate student Robert N. Mathis goes to the University of Georgia in September to commence doctoral studies and assume an assistantship in history. But just now he's busily completing requirements for the Master of Arts in history degree.

Mathis, who is practically a life-long resident of Bryan, received a bachelor's degree in history at the A&M spring, 1963, commencement. As an undergraduate he won membership in Phi Kappa Phi, honor society for seniors within the top 10 percent of their class scholastically.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Mathis, 1108 East Thirtieth, and a graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School. The father has charge of the ROTC clothing warehouse at A&M.

"The main objective of my thesis research was trying to learn the Nineteenth Century American

attitude toward the Mexican War," Mathis said.

"The view that the United States was not entirely justified became sort of a traditional view and there was no critical effort to study the question until early in this century," he continued.

"It was a neglected period under the shadow of the Civil War," Mathis explained.

The title of his thesis is "Nineteenth Century American Interpretation of the Justice of the Mexican War."

Many historians now accept the view that justice prevailed on both the Mexican and American sides. Mathis plans to concentrate in the field of Southern history, especially pre-Civil War, during his doctoral studies at the University of Georgia.

His graduate committee chairman at A&M has been Dr. Haskell M. Monroe, Jr.

Office Of Prof Shows Profession

A visitor in the office of Prof. Fred E. Smith would have little difficulty discovering the quarters belong to a geologist.

The outer lobby is stacked with boxes of rocks, fossils and other geological specimens, some dating back millions of years when Texas was below ocean level.

His wooden desk is surrounded by more geological samples, and an adjoining room catches part of the overflow. His garage at home houses still more.

A professor of geology and geophysics at A&M since 1948, Smith is considered an authority on geological happenings in Texas and other coastal areas of Southeastern states to Florida.

His collections represent a lifetime spent largely riding the backroads, looking for interesting effects left by time.

One eye-catching collection is the oyster shells, some he estimates to be more than 60 million years old. They were left at various places over Texas as the ocean waters centuries ago receded.

"Not long ago the coast was only two miles south of College Station, near the A&M campus," the teacher commented.

Not long ago? "Oh, I'd say about 40-million years ago," he finally admitted.

Considering this is year 1,964, Smith's talk of the past usually stutters the layman's imagination, but he quickly explains:

"After all, earth is over 4,500,000,000 years old."

The oldest oyster shell, slightly larger than a marble, is estimated by Smith to be 100 million years old. A newer variety, popular about 30 million years ago, stretches almost two feet long.

The smaller oysters, spiral-shaped, evolved over a number of centuries to become almost the size of man's hat. In fact, they became too large.

What happened, the professor explained, was the oysters got too heavy to perform as oysters so they became extinct.

Later, a slim, sleek variety became popular, the same kind that can be found today in such places as Walker County, near Huntsville.

Smith has found marine deposits from the vicinity of Llano in West Texas, Denison in North Texas to Huntsville in East Texas.

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