

Valley Firemen To Hear Hackney

B. M. Hackney, teacher trainer for the Texas Engineering Extension Service at A&M, will address the Rio Grande Valley District Firemen Tuesday in Weslaco.

More than 250 firemen, county and city officials are expected to hear Hackney speak on "Leadership, You and Your Men." His talk is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Firemen's Recreation Center.

The district meeting will precede the 12th annual Rio Grande Valley Firemen Instructors' Conference Jan. 13-15 in Weslaco.

of Business Administration and the Institute of Statistics. The appointment was announced by Dr. H. O. Hartley, director of the institute, and Dr. John E. Pearson, head of the School of Business.

Jenkins holds the BA and MBA degrees from North Texas State University and also has done graduate work at Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas. His undergraduate major was mathematics and physics, his graduate studies have been in business and mathematics.

He holds membership in both Kappa Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics fraternity, and Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary business fraternity.

O. C. Jenkins of Fort Worth will join the A&M faculty effective Jan. 25 as an assistant professor with teaching duties in the School



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Student Says Parachuting Not Dangerous, Difficult

By PHIL PLACE
Special Writer

Arthur W. Hicks, a sophomore industrial distribution student from Portland, Maine, has proved to himself that parachuting isn't as dangerous and difficult as he thought it was.

"My interest had been fostered by seeing the national meet on television so I decided to try it when I came to A&M," Hicks said.

Last spring the Sky Divers, the A&M parachuting club, packed their gear and took off for the National Collegiate Parachute Meet at Lake Geneva, Wis. With only 12 previous jumps to his credit, Hicks parachuted to a first place in the novice class.

He had had no previous experi-

ence before coming to A&M, but learned quickly through the teaching provided by the 25-member Sky Divers Club.

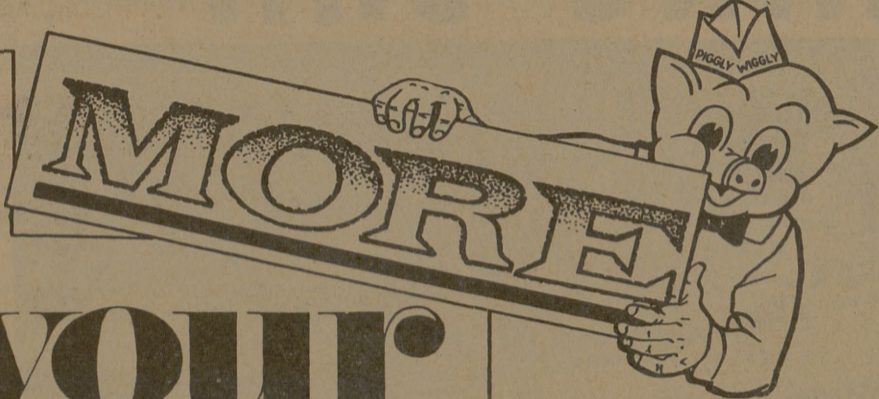
The beginner can expect between seven and eight hours of instruction before he ever leaves the ground, he said. The training includes packing the parachute, use of the reserve parachute, emergency procedure, maneuvering in the air, exit of the aircraft and landing, Hicks said.

The club charges the newcomer a fee of \$35 which pays for his training, the first five jumps and membership in the Texas Parachute Club. After 10 jumps, the club gives the novice jumper a parachute with the only cost being for modifications in the canopy.

Members of the club usually jump once a week at Hearne Airport. The jumps are usually made from a height of 3,500 feet and are classified as static line jumps or free falls. The rip cord is pulled automatically in a static line jump, while in a free fall, the jumper delays pulling the rip cord from five to 30 seconds.

"Parachuting is actually one of the safest sports," Hicks said. The beginner's seven to eight hour pre-jump instruction period is conducted primarily to instill the jumper with confidence in his equipment and confidence in himself. Each jumper wears two parachutes, a protective helmet, goggles, and jump boots.

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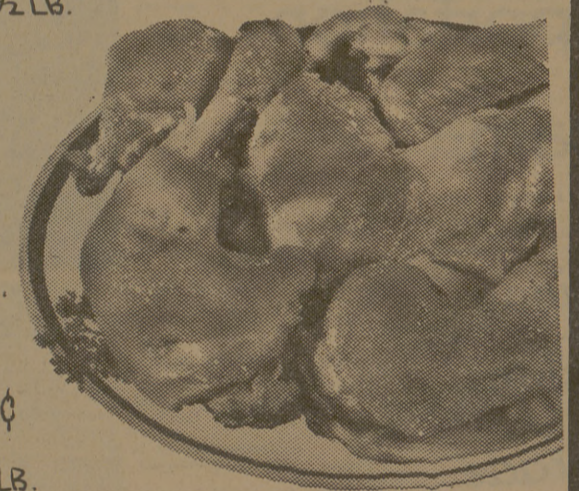
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