

# Steer Research Being Conducted

The Department of Animal Science is utilizing some of the top show steers and barrows in the state for teaching and research purposes.

Animals have been purchased by the department for about five years from the major shows in Dallas, San Antonio and Houston. The stock is bought at market value on resale from the original buyers.

Dr. O. D. Butler, head of the department, said 25 steers were bought from the State Fair in Dallas and 29 barrows from San Antonio this season. Twenty to 30 steers will be purchased from the Houston show.

He added the program enables the department to select from among more than 400 steers and an even larger number of barrows at each show. Information obtained benefits the university and the livestock industry.

"All the animals are first used live in our teaching and research," Butler said. "Then they are slaughtered, and the information

is sent back to the shows, exhibitors and judges."

Complete carcass information is obtained on all animals by slaughtering and processing in the modern meats laboratory on campus.

"We have found in every case, judges are highly interested in getting objective carcass information on the animals they have selected as champions," Butler added.

The department head said that studies at A&M are showing a marked adjustment taking place in fitting steers for show. Breeders and exhibitors are going toward meat-type animals instead of the once-popular, over-finished "flower show" calves.

When department personnel judge at shows, they select for the meatiest animals of acceptable quality, Butler said. But conformation characteristics related to production are also considered since slaughter livestock represent breeding animals that produced them.

By studying the show stock, A&M students get tips on the most effective judging and selection. And they learn that visual appraisal (eyeballing) is not always an accurate yardstick.

"A follow-up study on junior market steers from the State Fair shows about 75 percent of visual accuracy," Butler explained.

He added that a grand champion animal may not be best from the meat standpoint, but the carcass will usually be close to the top. The show steer and barrow program here demonstrates to students, exhibitors and breeders how this can happen.

Butler emphasized that stock judges, like all judges, get their share of criticism.

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  - Port Acres 64, Phillips 51
  - Waxahachie 71, Brownwood 67



**Scholarship Winner**  
Ronny Truax, freshman animal husbandry major, is congratulated by Byron Bellinger, Standard Oil of Texas public relations man, after receiving a 4-H Youth Development scholarship. Looking on is Rex Morris, Abilene division sales manager for Standard Oil.

# Johnson Tells Congress Production Rise Needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson has set a new goal for attaining full employment—a 4 3/4 per cent rise in real national output every year from now through 1970.

The production rate was achieved in 1964 under the stimulus of tax reduction, Johnson told Congress, but it far exceeds any gains the nation has been able to sustain for more than a brief period in modern peacetime history.

In his annual manpower report, the President said Thursday that unemployment probably would have increased in 1965, "rather than declining by half a percentage point," except for last year's massive tax cut.

Simultaneously, the February job report of the Labor Department showed a slight setback. Unemployment rose from January's 4.8 per cent, the lowest in seven years, to 5 per cent, while employment climbed seasonally by 500,000 to 69.5 million job holders.

The 5 per cent rate last month compared with a 5.2 per cent over-all average for 1964. "It is obvious that an aggressive

policy of action to stimulate output and employment growth will be necessary if even the present high rate of unemployment

## Man Survives Freak Accident

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — A father of three whose heart was pierced by the blade of a hedge shears in a freak accident is so happy to be alive he is thinking of how he can help others.

"I guess the good Lord was with us," said William C. Sharp Sr. from a hospital bed Wednesday.

The 46-year-old business executive, who came to Atlanta from Valley Forge, Pa., last August, said he was still pinching himself over being alive.

His wife, Sylvia, said he felt there must be some reason for him to do something for others, perhaps in church work. Sharp missed death by the narrowest of margins.

"I pulled those hedge clippers out of my chest, and when I saw about six inches of red blood on the blade, I knew I was in real trouble," he said.

# Cleanliness — Virtue?

NEW YORK (AP) — Well, they're at it again.

"They" are the office cleanliness brigade who keep spotless desks themselves and want everybody else to keep a neat desk, too.

You find these ataxiophobes and amathophobes in every office.

An ataxiophobe is a person with a morbid dread of disorder.

An amathophobe is a person with a morbid dread of dust.

Their motto is, "every paper clip has its place - let's put it there."

They don't have blood in their veins. If you screwed off their heads and turned them upside

down, detergent would run out.

Squads of these self-appointed janitors, these memo-pad Mussolinis, have been going by my littered desk lately murmuring things like:

"He's gone too far."

"Really, he's giving the place a bad name."

"It looks like the city dump. I think I saw a rat run out of it yesterday."

Then they go back to their own spotless desks, brushing at

their clothing as if they had become contaminated, and spend the rest of the day cleaning their fingernails. They drop anonymous notes in the office suggestion box complaining my desk has become a public health menace.

Well, I say, to hell with all such neurotic nice-Nellies. If they want to clean up something, why don't they clean up City Hall?

What do I care if they call me "the Mayor of Germ Harbor?" A man's desk should have a worked-in look, just as his home should have a lived-in look. It should bear the signature of his toil and dreams.

I feel a sense of pity when I see an office full of shining desks, their tops as barren of signs of human life as so many dunes in a desert. They seem so meaningless.

Who works at these desks?... A number of nameless moles? Their desks show no evidence of belonging to anybody. Maybe they are manned by faceless automatons. Who cares?

I take pride in the condition of my desk. The two-foot pile of debris on it - which also has overflowed an adjoining bookcase, two windows and three file cabinets - took me as long to accumulate as it did the Pharaoh Cheops to build his great Pyramid. But my memorial is just as distinctive in its small way as his.

No one could mistake his pyramid for any other, no one could mistake my desk for any other.

## Transport Meet Slated April 1-2

The future of highway transport and reasons for present vehicle weights and sizes will be discussed by speakers at the seventh annual Transportation Conference April 1-2.

Conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute and its advisory committee, the conference will be directed by Maj. Gen. John P. Doyle, McDonald Chair Professor of Transportation.

Edward V. Kiley, director of research and transportation economics for American Trucking Associations, will discuss the future of highway transport and what the interstate system will mean to shippers when utilized to its full potential.

L. M. Clauson, chief engineer of the Iowa State Highway Commission and chairman of the transport committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials, will describe the latter organization's position on vehicle weights and sizes. He will also analyze some of the proposals for enlarging these limits.

Judge Jim C. Langdon, a member of the Texas Railway Commission, will discuss the present status and future of intra-state transportation regulation of Texas.

Clifford Gannett, project director in the office of the Undersecretary of Commerce, will discuss current research in "Transportation Costs and Rates," particularly computerization of tariffs, with emphasis on probable financial returns to carriers and shippers.

Laurence K. Walrath, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will cover objectives of deregulation or minimum regulation of transportation and suggest practical ways to reach the goal.

## Connally Signs Coordinating Bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A beaming Gov. John Connally signed "with abundant pride" Thursday his top-priority bill creating a new and powerful board to coordinate tax-supported higher education.

Looking on as Connally signed the bill were members of his special higher education study committee, which recommended the board, and sponsors of the measure, Rep. Dick Cory of Victoria, Rep. Charles Wilson of Trinity and Sen. Bill Moore of Bryan.

"It is with profound gratitude to all of you and with abundant pride that I have the great privilege of signing House Bill 1," Connally said.

"I have signed a lot of bills since I became governor, but I don't know if I've ever signed any that gave me greater personal pleasure than this."

The bill goes into effect Sept. 1, when the 18-member "Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System" replaces the nine-year-old Texas Commission on Higher Education.

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## Researchers To Construct Facial History Of Egyptians

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Operating on the theory that by their teeth shall you know them, two University of Michigan researchers are going to Egypt to put together a facial history of the Nubian people.

Dr. James E. Harris and Joseph Hartsook of the university's School of Dentistry plan to leave for Egypt this spring and return by June. The two plan to make X-rays of skulls in ancient Nubian burial grounds. They plan to work quickly since the graveyards are in an area where the waters of the Nile River are backing up behind the new Aswan

Dam. With X-rays of the old skulls and X-rays of today's Nubians the dentists hope to create a photographic record covering 4,000 years in the race's facial and dental development.

The Nubians are of mixed Negro and white background which has remained substantially unchanged since about 2,000 B.C., according to the dentists. "What we want to do is to find the relation of facial bone growth patterns to dentition" — the development of teeth — and occlusion, the way they fit to gether, Harris said.

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