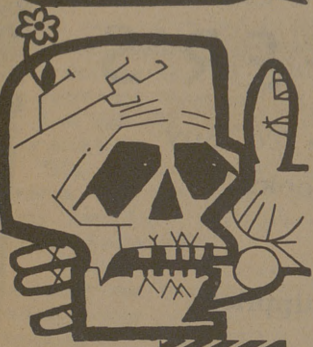


# Project Reveals Deer Eat Midnight Snacks

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Texas A&M's wildlife science and physics departments to automate deer census taking has produced this, and other bits of information about the animal.

Dr. Dayle Sittler of physics and Jack Inglis, instructor in wildlife science and project director, cooperate on the project. It seeks to tie in data from deer ranging habits gleaned from radio direction finding equipment and a counting device to produce a means of making deer population counts.

"Wildlife biologists spend 20 per cent of their time walking deer census lines," Inglis commented. "We're trying to automate this by counting how many deer crawl under a fence."

A delicate switch attached to the bottom strands of a barbed wire fence is wired to a recorder. Timed to turn on every two hours, the tape recorder is fed a pulse for every deer (or any other animal) that crawls under the fence and trips the switch.

The apparatus designed by Sit-

ler is arranged so that the time (within two hours) of passage and number of deer per group can be determined.

Fence count data is then correlated with ranging habits determined from neckband radios placed on deer to get population figures.

The switch, which will work only on strand-wire fences, is the weak spot in the system.

"We're testing it and can learn a lot about deer when we get the bugs out," Inglis said.

Sittler indicated an additional 40 of the fist-size switches are being ordered. Ten have been in use on the Welder Wildlife Foundation Refuge near Sinton. The Welder Foundation, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station are supporting the study.

Data collected already indicates deer feed and move around at other times than dawn and dusk, Sittler said.

"Our equipment shows they are on the move quite a bit around midnight," the physicist stated.

"From group counts, we've been able to tell a lot about deer traffic in a particular location," Inglis went on. "Deer become socially aggressive in the summer and split up into single animal groups."

"They get back together in the fall, when the group counts run from two to five," he added. "We have noted as many as 12 deer in a single group."

## — Job Calls —

**WEDNESDAY**

Los Angeles County, California — civil engineering.

Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation — chemical engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, accounting.

Standard Oil Company of California and Chevron Research Company — chemical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering.

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation — chemical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering.

**NASA Manned Spacecraft Center**

— aerospace engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, mathematics, physics.

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**

U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory — aerospace engineering, electrical engineering, mathematics, mechanical engineering, physics.

Bell Telephone System — civil engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, economics, mathematics, physics, accounting, business administration.



**TEAGUE, GENERAL CONFER AT FETE**

College Station Cong. Olin E. Teague chats with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John McConnell at a dinner held recently at Washington. Both men attended the Silver Quill

dinner that attracted more than 2,000 government officials and businessmen. (City News Bureau Photo)

## Adkins To Serve On Highway Board

A Texas A&M researcher in economic aspects of transportation will serve on national advisory panels for highway research.

Dr. William G. Adkins, research economist of the Texas Transportation Institute and professor of transportation economics at Texas A&M, has been elected to the Register of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program, Highway Research Board, National Academy of Sciences. He participated in the first 1966 meeting of the Register last week in Washington, D. C.

Members of the Register serve on various advisory panels which make recommendations regarding policy decisions and procedures for the HRB Highway Research Program. Advisory panel functions are to organize re-

search, establish research objectives, review proposals, determine placement of projects, investigate progress, provide advice, and evaluate accomplishment.

Adkins earned B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in agricultural economics at Texas A&M. He is the author of numerous publications dealing with land tenure, land values, and agricultural labor and population, and of research papers dealing with economic affects of highway improvement.

His most recent accomplishments in research have dealt with projects at TTI involving evaluation of highway travel time of commercial vehicles. He is associate head of the Institute's department of transportation economics.

## Bulletin Board

**WEDNESDAY**

Aggie Wives Bridge Club will not meet as originally announced.

**THURSDAY**

Pasadena Hometown Club will meet at 6 p.m. in front of Henderson Hall and behind dorm 12.

## English Scholar

**To Visit Feb. 17-25**

Peter H. Merritt, Nuffield Traveling Scholar from England, will visit Texas A&M Feb. 17-25. Merritt is a graduate from the Essex Institute of Agriculture in England.

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