

# Aggie Encounters Hectic Summer

Aggie Paul Bleau doesn't belong to the Jet Set. Not yet.

The adventurous senior agricultural education major took the scenic route to his home in Lynn, Mass., this summer. Down to his last \$2 when vacation time arrived, he became more or less a Knight of the Road.

"I decided to visit an old friend at Michigan State before heading home," Bleau recalls. "In Missouri, I met another guy working his way across country. He helped me get a job shoveling chicken manure for \$10 a day.

"We worked as long as we could stand the odor—two days," Bleau grimaced in recollection. "Then we coaxed his wreck of a car into Michigan. It got about 100 miles to a tank of gas and we pushed it half the time."

FINDING HIS MSU friend in financial straits, Bleau parted with a new suit and most of his cash before hitting the road again. He chose to visit Canada via the thumb, but received a free bus ticket back to Detroit when immigration officials at Windsor, Ontario, informed him that hitchhiking is unlawful there.

Michigan shares Canada's sentiments on hitchhiking, so Bleau checked in with Traveler's Aid for advice. Soon he was a \$10 a day employee in a labor pool.

"I painted Army jeeps, hung fenders in a Ford assembly plant, operated a sheet metal cutting machine and worked two days as a porter at a hotel," Bleau explained.

"With one helper, I ran 100 tons of steel through a 12-foot shearing machine in a day," he gloats. "You wouldn't believe the aches and pains I had the next day.

"LUCKILY, I found a decent hotel for \$10.50 a week in the worst part of Detroit," Bleau reminisced. "I met some interesting people there. Most of them were alcoholics who for one reason or another wound up on skid row.

"All the men knew I was a stranger to their life, so they

went out of their way to help me," he continued. "They knew the cheapest and best places to eat. And they knew where the best jobs were.

"Food was high and I had to eat a lot to keep pace with the work loads," Bleau added. "As a result, I saved about \$1 a day. Finally, in a great effort to get on my way, I worked a double shift and made enough money to take me within eight miles of home. Then I hitch-hiked that final leg."

Life was more beautiful for Bleau the next week. He joined a friend aboard a 40-foot yacht before signing on as a machine repairman in an engineering firm.

THE SANDY-HAIRED student prospered working on lathes and milling machines.

"I bought a good set of tools," he said. "From now on, they will be with me everywhere I go. There's always work for a man who can use tools."

Bleau plans to take several shop courses in agriculture this year, delaying his graduation. Eventually, he hopes to teach vocational subjects in agriculture and trade schools overseas.

The 25-year old self-styled Texan visited India and Pakistan last summer as an experimenter in international living. In 1964, he worked in a community development program in Zambia, Africa.

Back to the present, Bleau offers advice to hitchhikers.

"I tell them that they also should learn the freight train schedules for the areas they plan to travel."

Bleau swore off hitchhiking for his return trip to Aggie land. He took a jet.



DR. GRADY HARDIN

## YMCA Presents 'God Is Dead' Talk

Dr. Grady Hardin, professor at the Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, will speak on the "God is Dead" theology at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the YMCA.

The lecture will be delivered after a coldcut supper for the regular YMCA meeting.

Hardin, a native of South Carolina, received his undergraduate degree from Duke University. After taking ministerial training at Duke Divinity School, he served in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church from 1937 to 1947.

He transferred to the Texas Conference in 1947 and served two years as associate preacher of the First Methodist Church in Houston.

Hardin moved to his present post in 1957.

He has contributed articles, sermons, and book reviews to religious magazines and journals, and is co-author of "The Celebration of the Gospel."

The speaker received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Southwestern University in 1962.

## Industrial Meet On Weed Control Scheduled Oct. 24

An Industrial Weed Control Conference here Oct. 24-25 is designed for business management and operations personnel with vegetation problems.

Overhead and underground transmission lines, plant sites and street, railroad and highway right of way personnel will discuss vegetation control, announced Dr. Wayne G. McCully, conference director.

Participants from over the state will establish maintenance requirements, project A&M research information and available resources and hold discussion groups with those having similar vegetation control problems.

The program is jointly sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Transportation Institute.

John Mobley, Kilgore contracting service owner, will give the keynote address. TAES personnel will provide research and resource information.

"A panel of people from industry will tell us what their problems are and what standard of maintenance they insist on," McCully added. Roundtable discussions and talks by TAES scientists describing vegetation control herbicides are scheduled in the Memorial Student Center.

Pre-registration will be held to 450, with a \$17.50 fee including a Monday evening banquet. Registration deadline is Oct. 10, announced the Department of Range Science professor.

Interested persons may write McCully at the Range Science Department, Texas A&M, College Station, 77843, for further information and registration forms.

Chis Pettit of Huntington, N. Y., will captain Army's lacrosse team next season. Last spring he led the team in scoring with 19 goals and 10 assists.

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Horsley said the first competitive Office and Science Assistant examination will be Nov. 26, with A&M designated as one of 1,000 testing sites throughout the nation.

Most of the appointments are made to office jobs, Horsley noted, but there is a limited number of positions available as technical assistants in fields such as biology, mathematics, drafting and meteorology. Salaries range from \$69 to \$92 per week.

The jobs are in federal agencies and installations throughout the nation.

Additional testing dates have been set January 7 and February 4. Deadline for examination applications is January 9.

Detailed information covering both the examination and positions is available in Horsley's office on the YMCA Building's third floor.

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