



"I've worked up a time budget for th' things I hafta do before th' end of the semester! If I play my cards right, I'll have time for a 10 minute coffee break at 9:35 a. m. on January 19th!"

Forestry Courses Listed For Spring

By LEE DON BIENSKI
Forestry 201, 305, 306, and 601 will be offered during the spring semester 1967, according to Dr. C. L. Leinweber, head of the Range Science Department.

Forestry 201 "Dendrology" will be taught by R. R. Rhodes, assistant professor, Department of Range Science. This course acquaints the student with the principal forest tree species of the U.S.; their identification, distribution, principal values and relative importance.

Forestry 201 is a valuable basic course for students who plan to work with natural vegetation whether their primary interest is animal or plant life.

Forestry 305 "Silviculture" is the science which deals with the establishment and control of forest stands for maximum production. A basic understanding of this subject is essential to the most efficient execution of the multiple use principles of forest land management.

Forestry 305 is especially valuable to wildlife biologists, forest recreationists and range managers who plan to work in forested areas. Rhodes will be the instructor.

Forestry 306 "Forest Mensura-

tion" will be taught by Rhodes. The principles used in determining the volumes of logs, trees and standing timber is important to land appraisers, soil surveyors and land-use planners as well as to foresters.

Forestry 306 also deals with the prediction of forest stand yields in terms of quantity and quality of wood fiber.

Forestry 601 "Forestry Ecology" is an advanced course in forest ecology developed for the forester, wildlife biologist, recreationist, range, or other forestland user. The first segment of the course is devoted to the analyses of forest site factors.

Wildlife Science Dept. Head Elected Society Chairman

Dr. Richard J. Baldauf, acting Wildlife Science Department head, is the newly elected chairman of the Vertebrate Morphology Division of the American Society of Zoologists.

Baldauf, vice chairman and program officer for two years, was chosen during the organization's meeting with the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D. C., during the year-end holidays.

The Vertebrate Morphology Division is composed of researchers and teachers interested in comparative anatomy, with emphasis on descriptive and functional aspects of the morphology of adult and embryonic vertebrate animals.

Formally organized in 1960, the division has organized symposia with participants of international stature speaking on such topics as "Evolution and Dynamics of

Feeding Mechanisms in Vertebrates," "The Vertebrate Ear," and "Evolution and Relationships of the Amphibia."

Baldauf noted Texas A&M ranks above the national average in the number of graduate students conducting morphological studies of vertebrate animals. He said a recent survey of American universities indicates 256 graduate students in 50 institutions, excluding medical and veterinary schools, are conducting such studies.

Work in vertebrate morphology at A&M has been recognized by leading zoological research centers in the U. S.

Baldauf pointed to a recent request from an eminent scientist at Harvard asking A&M's Wildlife Science Department make certain studies because "Texas A&M is one of the few institutions where basic morphological work is still being done."

Rough, Tough Texas Town Recalls Long Lost Glamor

Editor's Note: Oakville may have lost much of its glamor, but there was a time when the town could match the toughest and the bravest of them all. A historical note.

By The Associated Press
OAKVILLE, Tex. (AP) — The three men were certainly dead, lying there in the jail, and a few curiosity seekers pushed in to look. The sheriff and his deputies could do little but look, too.

The trio had been jailed while caught marking a calf with a brand that its mother never carried. Now .45 caliber justice had taken over. It never was known who killed them.

Oakville was no stranger to sudden death, for in the decade after the Civil War, more than 40 of its citizens, permanent or temporary, were killed.

Some had their throats cut, others died from gunfire and others were hung without the benefit of a legal judge.

A news item from a Galveston paper of March 6, 1873, will illustrate the free and easy manners of some Oakville residents.

"On Thursday," the paper recorded, "Thomas Stern and Charles Jones attacked J. T. Pierce in his own house, and the parties exchanged some 25 shots, doing no further damage than splintering the gallery posts, breaking glass windows and looking glasses, alarming women and children, and stopping proceedings for a time in court."

"The sheriff, his deputies, the jury and the bystanders were required to arrest the belligerents, who were then fined by the judge \$100 each and sentenced to three days imprisonment in jail for contempt of court. The grand jury found true bills against some of them.

"One of them, Tom Shern, broke guard and made his escape. The guard followed, firing as they went, for a distance of several miles, and with what result is not known, only that they did not get his body."

In those days, Oakville was a town where liquor was potent, gambling without limit and most of the inhabitants considered virtue a detriment to business.

The roughness of Oakville is nowhere better illustrated than in community necktie parties. Big live oak trees just outside the city seemed tailored for this pastime, and Mrs. S. G. Miller, whose descendants still live around Mathis, once said, "sometimes as many as five at a time were swung up in this fashion."

But a local historian in recent years said Oakville was just a town of the times.

"Oakville was just an average western frontier town, typical of the ordinary town of its size," said the historian. "Records show that the culprits were caught and that they answered for their crimes."

Mrs. Miller, who was there, had a different version, as did other early chroniclers.

"Though it was not a large town," Mrs. Miller said, "it was a live one in more ways than were appreciated by law-abiding citizens, for it swarmed with gamblers, murderers and cut-throats who came from every direction."

"The hotels were perfect dens of thieves. Drinking and fighting went on continuously. Pistols and guns were at these men's sides, and the one quickest with a shot was the one that escaped death."

Oakville had at least one love triangle that wound up in mur-

der. Rollo Miller, county attorney of Live Oak County before the seat of government was moved to George West, was the man who discovered the triangle killing.

While on his way from Lagarto, he saw the body of a man of about 20 years hanging from the limb of one of the oaks.

He gathered a posse at Oakville and questioned a family nearby, finally arresting the man and his daughter.

The father died prior to the trial, and the girl then told the story. She said she was jealous of her sweetheart who had been going with another girl.

She said she plotted with her father to place a rope in the tree and when she and her lover were having their last walk together she pointed to the tree.

"I wonder what that rope is there for?" she asked. "Let me put the loop around your neck."

Laughingly he submitted, and the girl's father jumped from behind the tree and helped the girl as she swung her lover up, leaving him there to strangle. The girl disappeared and no one knows what happened to her. Oakville's wild days are over. It has a couple of stores, and the Tay Ninh, Thu Dau Not and old jail is used as a dwelling.

Teacher Training Division Staff Participates In Austin Conference

The Teacher Training Division staff of Texas A&M's Engineering Extension Service is participating in the Texas School Administrators Conference this week in Austin.

B. M. Hackney, chief teacher trainer instructor, said his staff also will huddle with University of Texas officials to make plans for the 21st annual joint summer school for vocational industrial education personnel.

Hackney said a record 300

teachers are expected to enroll for certification courses June through July 14 at A&M. The mark of 226 participants was set last summer in Austin, with Texas as host school.

In Austin, Hackney said his staff will consult with Dean James R. D. Eddy, head of UT's Extension Division; Les Ballant, director of the Texas Education Agency's Vocational Industrial Education Division, and their staffs.

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