

Recreational Planning Consultant Will Join University Recreation And Parks Department

Dr. Frank W. Suggitt of Mason, Mich., consultant in regional and recreational planning, will join the Texas A&M's Recreation and Parks Department Feb. 1 as a professor.

Dr. R. E. Patterson, A&M Dean of Agriculture, said the new staff member's duties will consist of teaching, research and Extension Service work.

Suggitt's activities as a consultant have involved county and regional development, physical planning and economic development.

The head of A&M's Recreation and Parks Department, Dr. Leslie

M. Reid, said the professor's specific work areas will include watershed, metropolitan and trade area planning. He will also explore opportunities for offering courses designed for Extension personnel.

"Dr. Suggitt will attempt to determine how recreation fits into these fields and will study the role of recreation in modern society," Reid said.

Suggitt was born in Canada in 1919, attended high school in Illinois and was graduated from Michigan State University in 1942 with a BS degree in soil classification and land use planning. His MS degree and Doctor of Public Administration degree came in 1952 and 1956 at Harvard University.

From 1952-59, he was professor and head of the Michigan State University's unique Department of Resource Development, which includes community development, land use planning, parks and recreation, soil and water conservation, and watershed management.

During the period 1959-61, the professor was project coordinator

for a demonstration program in public affairs education. The program was sponsored by the Fund for Adult Education (Ford Foundation) and the Federal Extension Service in cooperation with the Extension Services in Arizona, Illinois, Michigan, Montana, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Reid said Dr. Suggitt is widely recognized as a leader in regional resource planning. He has published more than 200 professional works, received many state and national awards, and is listed in "Who's Who in America."

Since 1961, he has been a consultant in comprehensive planning and economic development to many communities and both public and private organizations. His services are sought by firms specializing in civil engineering, resource development, business and public administration.

One of his most recent consulting contracts has just resulted in the publication of "Michigan's Recreation Future," a 10-year plan for development of recreation in that state.

Suggitt is a member of the National Society of Planning Officials, National Society of Public Administration, National Society of Soil and Water Conservation, National Adult Education Association, National Association of Industrial Development Councils, Michigan Natural Resources Council, and the National Association of Travel Organizations.

Suggitt and his wife, Betty, are the parents of two sons, Frank, Jr., 22, and James, 17, and two daughters, Sandra, 15, and Trudy, 13.



FRANK W. SUGGITT

Consolidated Football Fete Is Scheduled

James Jeffrey, Fellowship of Christian Athletes executive director, will be the featured speaker at the A&M Consolidated football banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ramada Inn.

Awards will be presented to the Tigers' outstanding lineman, back and most valuable player, announced R. M. Logan, president of the sponsoring Bengal Boosters.

Toastmaster of the event honoring A&M Consolidated teams will be A. W. (Head) Davis, attorney and Bryan city commissioner.

Tickets, \$3 each, may be obtained at the high school office, from Mrs. J. O. Alexander, Anco Insurance offices in downtown Bryan, or Logan, 303 YMCA, Texas A&M.

Jeffrey has been a key figure in the national FCA movement since its beginning in 1955. He was a conference delegate, huddle leader, Advisory Council and Board of Directors member. He became executive director in December, 1963.

An All-Southwest Conference athlete at Baylor, Jeffrey made Service All-America in the Air Force at Carswell AFB.

He is an active layman and deacon in the Leewood Baptist Church and has spoken from pulpits, college campus podiums, service club and national business group rostrums throughout the U. S.

Jeffrey achieved membership in the "Million Dollar Club" during 13 years as an insurance agent.

Civic activities include membership on the Midwest Mental Health Foundation, Kansas City YMCA board of management and physical education committee for the National YMCA.

Technology Is Discussed At Industries Symposium

Technology in the next decade will be strongly influenced by federal and state government support, an expert said here Wednesday.

Dr. John G. Truxal, provost for Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, focused his remarks on the research needed for technological changes in industry and other fields.

An estimated 415 participants in the 22nd Annual Symposium for the Process Industries, meeting at A&M's Memorial Student Center, heard Dr. Truxal comment on social and political problems of urban environment.

"Communication is a major problem blocking the progress of technology in urban areas," Truxal said. "Political leaders have no time for fundamental technical problems because of day-to-day crises confronting them. And we have some over-zealous technical people who think they could solve everything if they could just get some help."

TRUXAL A specialist in control systems engineering, pointed out other difficulties.

"Data for most urban problems does not exist in most cases," he noted. "And after the data is obtained, the problem remains of reducing that data into a single mathematical model."

The speaker used the problem of disposing of solid garbage in New York City to illustrate the

complexity of the urban system. He said four pounds of solid garbage per person per day amounts to 16,000 tons.

"What do you do with it?" he asked. "Burning it creates an air pollution problem. Compressing and packaging it creates a multitude of problems. Truck collections would cause a monumental traffic problem."

A&M Prof Acts As Chairman Of Houston Confab

Dr. J. George H. Thompson, mechanical engineering professor, will act as technical chairman for a national conference April 2-5 in Houston.

Eight technical sessions are scheduled for the national American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Metals Engineering Conference at Hotel America.

Dr. Thompson said 30 technical papers and panel discussions by authorities of the United States and Europe will give a broad picture of latest international thoughts concerning engineering materials.

Conferees will explore recent developments in design, fretting, wear, surface properties, brittle fracture, pressure vessels, creep and trends in material behavior.

Truxal said instrumentation can be especially helpful in mass transit problems. He called for the dynamic scheduling of buses through computer scheduling.

"INSTRUMENTATION could be developed so that a rider could put a card with his destination on it into a computer as he boards a bus, and quickly receive instructions for transfers to reach that destination in minimum time," he commented.

Other applications of instrumentation technology, Truxal explained, could be beneficial in traffic control, air pollution, education, medical practice and urban earthquake network.

A&M President Earl Rudder welcomed the conferees, noting that the growth and success of the nation and Texas depends to a large degree on the work of the instrumentation industry. He assured them that A&M is busy training people to take leadership positions in industry.

OTHER speakers included Dr. C. D. Holland, head of the sponsoring Chemical Engineering Department, symposium director Dr. R. G. Anthony, and the symposium founder, Dr. James Lindsey.

The conference continues through Friday. Nine technical papers and a panel discussion are other features of the conference. Educational exhibits from instrumentation and control system firms are on display in the MSC.

FM 60 Alloted More Surfacing

AUSTIN (AP) — The Highway Commission authorized today more surfacing for a 5.5-mile section of Farm 60 in Brazos County (Bryan).

The section, from .5 mile southwest of Farm 2154 southwest to the east edge of the Brazos River bridge, would cost an estimated \$34,700.

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