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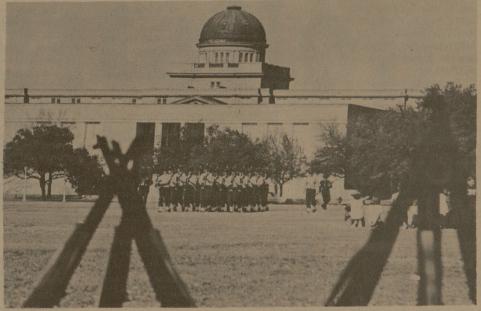
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SHSC's Loman Rifles Capture Title In Drill



FIRST PLACE INSPECTION TROPHY

sh Drill Team Commander Roger Gomez, accepts the First Place trophy inspection from President Earl Rudder in the Texas A&M Invitational rill Meet Saturday, Aggie Sweetheart Kathi Austin look's on.



One of thirteen ROTC drill teams performs during the fourth Texas A&M Invitational Drill Meet Saturday. Sam Houston's Lowman Rifles won the overall trophy. (Photo by Russell Autrey)

DNA," Langston said. RNA and

DNA are the governing factors

of hereditary characteristics of

animals, plants and human be-

Kinetin was originally isolated

from fish sperm cells. The only

known retardant of the aging

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Plant Research Stretches Lifespan

bringing new life and growth to lifespans for man.

Debaters Capture Wins In Last Meet

in men's extemporaneous speaking at the 32nd Louisiana Speech Tournament to close out a win-

David Maddox of College Station and Robert Peek of Jacksboro swept junior division competition in the 21-school meet for the championship trophy.

Maddox took third in extemporaneous speaking and Ron Hinds of Midland was judged best speaker among 60 contestants in the junior division. Hinds averaged 26 points out of a possible 30 in five rounds.

In taking the Aggie Debate Team's fifth trophy of the year, Maddox and Peek went undefeated in eight matches. They beat SFA, Northwest and Northeast Louisiana State, Rice and San Jacinto College in prelims. The duo lost one ballot to SFA in quarterfinals then posted 3-0

ConsolidatedPlans **Clothing Drive**

The Student Council of A&M Consolidated High School is sponsoring a clothing drive this week to help the needy children in Ap-

The drive is a division of the Save the Children Federation which last year collected more than 3,000,000 pounds of clothes across the United States.

Boxes will be set up at the A&M Consolidated library and at the school office. Anyone having old clothing is asked to deposit it at either one of the locations. Anyone who cannot bring his contribution by the school need only call members of the Student Council for home pickup.

Texas A&M debaters won first wins over Rice and the Univerplace and best speaker plus third sity of Houston for the first place trophy.

> Hinds and James Byrd of Houston defeated San Jacinto, Southeast and Northeast Louisiana for an overall 11-2 combined team record.

The junior debaters, including a freshmen and three sophomores, have competed in 10 senior tournaments this year for a .603 percantage, noted Carl Kell, team

Dump Yard Fire Calls B-CS Units To Shoe Company

Fire units from both Bryan and College Station were needed to control a fire Sunday night at the dump yard of the International Shoe Co.

The Bryan Fire Department was called out at 8:50 and it in turn called the College Station Fire Department for assistance.

The area is used to dump waste rubber products as well as cements used in the making of shoes. Firemen believe that the fire started from spontaneous combustion in the cements. The adhesives contain highly combustable chemicals. Firemen did not, however, rule out the possibility that someone started the fire.

The flames, whipped by high winds, spread to a nearby pasture and burned about four acres before firemen were able to control them. Since burning rubber cannot be extinguished by water, firemen decided to let the fire burn itself out and simply to keep it from spreading.

Texas A&M scientists are stance that may lead to longer process is kinetin, a hormone that retards the aging process in to components of RNA and plants. The chemical was first identified in 1956 and its relationship to growth was discov-DR. RUBLE Langston and a

graduate student, Dr. H. B. Lagerstedt, now with Oregon tissueis formed. State University, conducted research beginning in 1964, that caused further growth in dying

"We treated leaves with kinetin in such away that it not only prevented aging, but rejuvenated the old leaf," Langston said.

Reports of the plant physiology research have stirred scientific interest from virtually all the 50 states and 22 foreign countries, including Switzerland, Turkey, Nigeria, Japan, India, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Malaysia, Hungary, France and Poland.

Kinetin was either brushed on a subject leaf or injected through its veins, Langston explained. "We're not sure how its causes new growth. One of the chemical's properties is mobilization of cellular building stones-proteins and amino acids—to the leaf area whereit is applied."

He said the new growth turns a yellowing, aging leaf green and causes it to buckle in the rejuvenated area, from cellular division and growth forcing against surrounding tissue.

Kinetin apparently sends out signals causing building material to congregate in pools in the leaf structure. The Texas A&M scientist said specially treated leaves retained life after four months in dark conditions that tached leaves in three weeks.

"We selected tobaco leaves because their period of senescence (dying) is about 10 days," the professor said. 'Some leaves die in 24 hours and others take six

The death of a tobacco leaf can be arrested as late as the eighth day of its 10-day dying period.

The Plant Sciences Department professor has also made radiological tracing studies of the compound's movement through the structure of a leaf.

Loman Rifles put together winning basic and precision drills to capture the overall trophy at Texas A&M's fourth Invitational Drill Meet Saturday.

The Huntsville team, commanded by Don Voelter, missed only one first place in winning the 14-team competition. The Loman Rifies scored 1,082.36 out of a possible 1,225 points.

The defending champion A&M Freshman Drill Team won the other top award for inspection, and missed repeating for the

Sam Houston State College's overall championship by 20.37 points. The "Fish" won third places in basic and precision

> Other trophies were presented by A&M President Earl Rudder to Texas A&I's Kings Rifles for second in basic and the Buccaneers of the University of Texas, Austin, second in precision.

A special award was made to the girls' drill team of the University of Texas at El Paso, the ROTC Sponsor Corps, for an exhibition drill.

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