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**Skoog To Speak On Plant Growth At Grad Seminar**

Professor Folke Skoog, an internationally-known plant physiologist, will deliver two lectures at A&M next week.

Prof. Skoog and colleagues at the Institute for Plant Development, University of Wisconsin, discovered and synthesized the cytokinins, which are potent plant growth factors. He was the first to recognize in 1953 that plant hormones regulate growth via nucleic acid synthesis. He also was the first to show that roots are produced out of undifferentiated tissue—not by special root hormones, but by a balance of ordinary hormones such as auxin and cytokinin.

"He has turned out more good Ph.D.'s in developmental plant physiology than anyone else in the past two decades," said Dr. Johannes van Overbeek, director of A&M's Institute of Life Science.

Skoog will give a graduate lecture on "Cytokinins: Sources, Structure and Biological Activity" at a joint Institute of Life Science and Plant Science seminar in Room 112 of the Plant Science Building at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

He will give a university lecture on "How Plants Regulate Their Development" in the Architecture auditorium at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

**ALICE IN AMPHETAMINELAND**  
 (ACP) — A million dex! That's right: o-n-e m-i-l-l-i-o-n d-e-x.  
 That, said the "Daily Tar Heel," is enough to get the entire University of North Carolina student body through exams, with enough left over to scatter knee-deep over Polk Place so exam-punchy students could scamper through them barefoot. It's kind of an Alice-in-Amphetamineland dream.

But dreams get smashed. And so do doors. Like the ones that South Carolina lawmen bulled through at a Cowpens, S. C., truck stop to find 45 containers full of Benzadrine, Dexedrine, and other pep pills. A million of them, the cops said.

Needless to say, that's one million dex that won't be peddled to anyone this exam period.



**A VALENTINE FOR VALENTINE**  
 Texas A&M Prof. Roger Valentine McGee, born on Valentine's Day, 1899, and named for the occasion, receives dual congratulations from secretaries Karola Feltz (left) and Mary Walters. The math professor also this month is celebrating his 40th year on the A&M faculty, tops for continuous teaching service.

**A Valentine Means 'Happy Birthday'**

As a youngster, Texas A&M Prof. Roger Valentine McGee didn't particularly like being saddled with that middle name.

His parents thought it a grand idea, since the professor put in his first appearance on the last Valentine's Day before the turn of the century.

A little hasty math, which happens to be McGee's field, thus reveals he is 69 today. Happy valentine and happy birthday!

Also, happy anniversary. Anniversary salutations are appropriate because the durable professor this month also is celebrating his 40th consecutive year as a member of the Texas A&M faculty.

It doesn't take much figuring to determine Professor McGee has been teaching at Aggieland longer than anyone else. Toss in the time spent here as a student and he dates back to 1920. That adds up to a 48-year association with A&M.

Getting back to the Valentine business, McGee said he took such a ribbing as a boy that he once changed his name to "James Roger."

As the years went by, he decided the name Valentine wasn't so bad after all. In fact, he concluded, there are certain advantages to being born on Valentine's

Day.  
 "My birthday nearly always gets remembered," the professor quipped.

"I've had my share of comic valentines and birthday cards," he added, "but it's been as much fun to me as anyone else."

If those guys who ribbed him had bothered to check the dictionary, they would have learned Webster lists Valentine as a masculine name meaning to be strong or healthy.

Professor McGee looked the part. When wearing his western hat, he could easily pass for a crusty sheriff or a hearty rancher.

At 69, the associate professor is four years beyond normal retirement age but is continuing to teach at the invitation of university officials.

He remarked he will "stay at it as long as I can be effective in my teaching."

He's too involved to retire. Last year he went on joint appointment to teach in both the math and education departments.

Whereas he once taught only undergraduates, he has branched out in recent years and now also instructs in-service institutes for teachers and Academic Year Institute (a National Science Foundation program) students, as well as helping out in A&M's Engineering Extension Service.

The Brazos County native, who was a public school principal and teacher in Bryan, Bellville and Meridian before coming to A&M in 1928, is the author of a book, "Mathematics in Agriculture," which is almost as durable as he. The text is 25 years old but is still selling and being used around the country. It was translated into Spanish in 1965.

After teaching more than 45 years, Professor McGee could easily have become set in his ways, but he hasn't. He likes young people—especially Aggies. The feeling is mutual as attested by the fact A&M's Association of Former Students bestowed on him its coveted award for distinguished achievement in individual student relations.

He also likes change, of which he's seen a lot in the teaching field.

One of the changes McGee likes is the "new math" now being taught to grade-schoolers, to the bewilderment of most of their parents.

"New math is great," he observed, adding, "I've been peddling it for years."

**New Subcommittee To Look At TLCB**

AUSTIN (AP)—Efforts to end Texas' liquor regulation troubles moved the top state police intelligence men into the Liquor Control Board's No. 2 administrative spot Tuesday.

On the legislative front, two lawyers, a South Plains rancher and an East Texas real estate man were appointed to act under Rep. R. H. Cory of Victoria on a special House subcommittee trying to rewrite the liquor laws.

The Liquor Board disclosed the appointment of O. N. Humphreys Jr., chief of the Department of Public Safety's intelligence section, as the LCB's \$16,500 a year assistant administrator.

HUMPHREYS, 43, succeeds William Ferguson, who quit effective Jan. 31 in the midst of the LCB's inquiry into various rumors and allegations of irregularities in liquor law enforcement.

The DPS intelligence section has been deeply involved in the investigation. Board member O. R. Crawford of Jasper said Humphreys "already has made a number of important suggestions which are being implemented as quickly as possible. Many of these will be announced in the near future."

"WE FIRMLY believe that Mr. Humphreys' knowledge and experience can be utilized to intensify our training of agents as well as to strengthen our enforcement practices from top to bottom. As we have stated previously, we intend to do everything possible to discover and correct any irregularities," Crawford's statement for the three-man board said.

Humphreys came to the DPS as a highway patrolman in 1948, moved into intelligence work in 1953 and has been intelligence chief since 1956. He was a Marine fighter pilot in World War II.

The House subcommittee was set up at Speaker Ben Barnes' request to analyze the Liquor Control Act and recommend improvements. Cory, a lawyer, also is chairman of the full 21-member State Affairs Committee, from which the subcommittee members were chosen.

SUBCOMMITTEE members are Reps. Cletus Davis of Houston, a former assistant district attorney; Roy Garwood of San Antonio, a lawyer; Bill Clayton of Springlake, a rancher; and James Slider of Naples, a real estate man.

Cory said the attorney general had checked all of them out—including himself—to be sure none had represented anyone before the LCB or had any involvement with the various charges of irregularities.

The subcommittee will hold its organizational meeting Saturday. No testimony will be taken then, but Cory said he expects the group to meet "at least once a week and we may meet several days in a row."

SLIDER AND Clayton come from dry areas. Cory indicated there had been an attempt at balance between dry, rural and urban areas in picking the committee members. Clayton and Slider each have served several terms and are regarded as part of Barnes' "team," but Garwood and Davis are first-term members.

"We didn't want anybody from trouble spots," mentioned in connection with alleged irregularities," Cory said.

Cory, 49, has been in the House 13 years. His first major piece of legislation reorganized the Insurance Board after several scandals in the 1950s.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE faces an uncertain deadline. Barnes wants its recommendations before Gov. John Connally calls this year's special legislative session, but Connally has not said when it will be.

It is improbable the committee will recommend liquor by the drink. Cory said the other four committee members are split two on the issue and he is disinclined to break a tie should the matter come up. Connally favors liquor by the drink, but failed to get his bill even a floor test during last year's session.

"MY INTENTION is to ask for the help, cooperation and assistance of the attorney general's department, the Department of Public Safety and the Legislative Council, as well as the Texas Liquor Control Board," Cory said.

Specifically, the Legislative Council—the legislature's research agency—will be asked to point out sections of the liquor control act that bear on various alleged irregularities.

"ANY EVIDENCE we produce of wrongdoing or improper conduct by any state employee we will turn over to the DPS, the attorney general and the grand jury of the appropriate county," Cory said.

Cory said he would ask the attorney general and the DPS for reports on their investigations of liquor law enforcement.

"This subcommittee will be happy to receive recommendations in writing or at a hearing of the subcommittee for revision and changes in the present liquor control act, as well as new legislation, from any source whatsoever with the understanding any person or agency forwarding such material may be called to appear before the committee in support of their proposed suggestions," Cory said.

**Pro-Am Slated For Engineers**

Texas A&M mechanical engineering students will work with Houston area industry professional engineers Feb. 19 in a program arranged by the A&M chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Milton S. (Sandy) Sandell of Hamilton, A&M branch chairman, said 30 students will work with professionals who are members of the SAE Gulf Coast Section.

Work will be in engineering sales, service, design and test positions with 15 to 20 Houston industries, according to Charles White of Houston, program chairman. Sandell and White are senior mechanical engineering majors.

"The program will benefit students and companies," noted Robert H. Fletcher, faculty adviser. The mechanical engineering professor said the program will allow the practicing engineer and fledgling to gain knowledge about the other.

Fletcher, student activities vice chairman for the Gulf section, said the program is new to the Southern United States.

The A&M students' work-day will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., following a tour of the International "Spitfire" Engine Rebuilders. After work, a social hour with the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society and monthly dinner meeting of the SAE Gulf section are scheduled. A program on small gas turbine use will follow.

Oil, drilling and manufacturing firms and NASA are among participating companies.



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