

'Discovery' Helps Foreigners

Thanksgiving in America would never be the same without the traditional pumpkin pie.

And, Mrs. Chung Song of Korea asked a very simple question. "How do you bake a pumpkin pie?"

TV Auction Set

The annual Bryan-College Station Jaycees TV Auction will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, following the professional football game on KBTX-TV, Channel 3, according to an announcement made by project chairman, Bob Allen.

"The Jaycees' TV Auction has been popular with local viewers and has been one of the Jaycees' prime sources of funds for the projects that are undertaken during the year," Allen said.

Between now and the first of December local Jaycees will be visiting Bryan-College Station merchants and asking for donations of items from their stores which can be auctioned on television. These items will be valued at \$50.00 or more, so the home viewers will be bidding on items of real value.

Allen went on to say that merchants would be asked to give items that were representative of their store. "In past years we have sold everything from puppies to automobiles, and this year the Jaycees will have a wide selection of items for the home, the family, or the individual."

Although her advanced English teacher admitted most pumpkin pies come ready-made from the grocery store, Mrs. Pat Ramsey of Bryan's Central Baptist Church told her how it was done. Mrs. Song is one of 140 International wives and children enrolled in "Discovery," an American culture-oriented project now in its second year here for foreign families.

INITIATED in the fall of 1967 by five Bryan-College Station Baptist churches, "It's success and accomplishments are tremendous," Foreign Student Advisor Robert L. Melcher said. "I have never known of a program which has been received so enthusiastically in this area—or in any other area for that matter."

Pastor Lloyd Elder of College Station's First Baptist Church where the women and children meet every Wednesday morning, added, "We have been requested to meet every morning."

He quickly pointed out, however, that even with "some 85 ladies from all the participating churches taking part" the program still comes up "short-handed." The churches pay all expenses.

CONFLICTING schedules of students and workers would also create a daily problem, he stressed.

The scope of Discovery is all embracing, noted Pastor Andrew Heskett of Central Baptist

Church. "For example, everything from conversational English to sewing, piano, arts and crafts are taught."

Calvary Baptist Pastor Bob Owens disclosed that approximately 30 countries are represented and 13 religions including Moslem, Unitarian, Jain and Greek Orthodox.

"THE IMPACT of the program is terrific and has greatly enriched the lives of all participants and the foreign students whose families are participating," Owens said.

While mothers of International children attend classes, sessions for small children include music, games, creative activities and Bible stories, noted Discovery director Mrs. Travis Williamson, an A&M graduate student.

The program is not evangelistic, Elder added.

"We started off with a fairly narrow attitude of thinking we'd teach only conversational English," he pointed out.

ELDER ADMITS, however, the program blossomed into other areas, one of the biggest being "friendship."

And, while the formal program is held on Wednesdays, many International wives and their husbands and children find themselves in the homes of the volunteer workers.

"This way personal initiative goes on," Elder said.

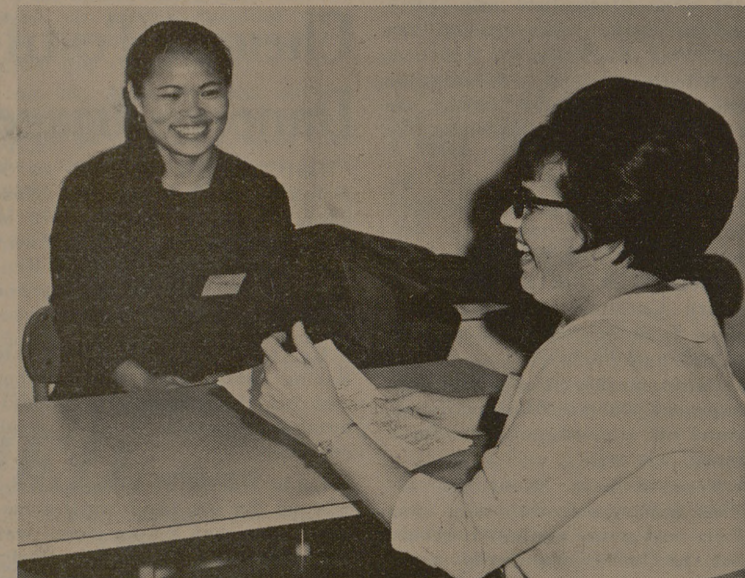
ALL CHURCHES — First in Bryan and College Station, Central, Calvary and Emmanuel in Bryan — are equally involved. Classes are held in College Station's church due to its proximity to International residences.

A sidelight that has developed, added Elder, is the "establishment of a library." Books on American culture has the librarians busy keeping up with them!



DISCOVERY CHILDREN

Children of International wives of A&M students play games between periods of instruction. A team-teaching method employs five teachers for the four and five year age group. Mrs. Calvin Beard, First Baptist Church, Bryan, watches her group at play.



ADVANCED ENGLISH

Mrs. Chung Song of Korea (left) receives verbal instruction from Mrs. Pat Ramsey, Central Baptist Church, Bryan. Other classes highlight elementary English and idioms.

Poultry Club Sells Smoked Turkeys

The Poultry Science Club is selling smoked turkeys now through Christmas to raise money to send a poultry judging team to a national contest in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The smoked turkeys will sell for \$1.10 per lb. or \$1.40 per lb. mailed anywhere in the U.S. They may be purchased at the Poultry Center, the Department Office on the second floor of the Agriculture Building and from any club member.

Mann To Deliver Address In Indiana

George J. Mann will deliver the keynote address Thursday at a meeting of the Indiana Hospital Association in Indianapolis, announced Edward J. Romieniec, School of Architecture chairman.

Mann, associate director of the Research and Graduate Center, will discuss "Problems and Challenges in Hospital Design, Construction and Administration."

In addition, Mann will present

a concluding paper, "Future Concepts in Hospital Design and Administration."

The meeting brings together hospital boards of trustees, administrators, architects, engineers and builders throughout Indiana for exchanging ideas and discussing current and future mutual problems related to hospital and health facility design, Romieniec added.



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Air Officers Get Service Medals

Air Force officers studying for advanced degrees here were decorated Wednesday.

Maj. Thomas V. Soltys of Collingswood, N. J., received the second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Commendation Medal. Capt. Robert L. Croft of Des Moines, Iowa, was awarded the Commendation Medal.

Presentations were by Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies.

Major Soltys, 34, was cited for outstanding service as plans officer of the 316th Tactical Airlift Wing at Langley AFB, Va. He is a senior navigator and is studying for a master's in computer science. The officer studied at Rutgers and received his bachelor degree at Alaska Methodist University while assigned with the 5040th Air Base Wing at Elmendorf.

A meteorologist programmer, Captain Croft is studying for a

master's in meteorology. He was cited for meritorious service as systems analyst with the 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt AFB, Neb. Computer changes he instigated saved 80 minutes machine time every 12 hours.

The 30-year-old officer is a 1962 graduate of Iowa State University.

Both are attending A&M through the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Prof To Serve

Dr. Forrest Burt, Texas A&M faculty member, has been invited to serve on the staff of "Literature and Psychology," quarterly journal of literary criticism.

Burt will serve on the Modern Language Association - published journal's bibliographic staff under editor Robert J. Kloss.


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