



DR. MERRIFIELD

Merrifield Named Forest Dept. Head

Dr. Robert G. Merrifield is the head of the new Department of Forest Science.

The announcement was made by Dr. H. O. Kunkel, dean of the A&M College of Agriculture, after budgetary plans for establishing the new department were approved during a meeting of the A&M System Board of Directors here Wednesday.

Forest Science Department operations will start at the beginning of the fall semester and will offer bachelor and master de-

grees in addition to the existing PhD program, Kunkel said. The degree plans were approved last month by the Texas Coordinating Board for Colleges and Universities.

The dean said the new department is in the School of Natural Biosciences along with the Departments of Range Science, Wildlife Science and Recreation and Parks.

Merrifield came to A&M in 1967 from the Louisiana State University Agricultural Experiment Station, where his research focused on forest stand establishment in old fields and stand regeneration in existing forests. His primary research interests deal with intensive culture of hardwoods and growth and yield of pine plantations.

Search On For Bryan Bank Robber

Police are still searching for clues as to the whereabouts of the bank robber who made off with \$11,805 Tuesday afternoon by threatening to explode a bomb at an outdoor teller's window of the First Bank & Trust of Bryan.

Shortly after the robbery, police discovered the bandit's car abandoned two miles away. It had been reported stolen.

Beverly Speakman, the teller at the drive-in window of the bank, told police the robber covered his fingers and face with adhesive tape.

Henry B. Clay, president of the bank, said "The man drove up to the window, and when she slid out the tray, he put a satchel on it. It had a note on it that said the package was a bomb and he would set it off if she didn't put money in the bag."



EASY DOES IT

Workmen gently position a concrete section of the grandstand while paving continues in the background at the \$8 million Texas International Speedway, six miles southeast of College Station. Raceway officials say the track and the stands will be ready by the first race day, Nov. 9, when the TIS Can-Am is scheduled to be run.

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Runkles Appointed Director Of A&M's Water Resources

Dr. Jack R. Runkles, a professor of soil physics, has been named director of the Texas A&M Water Resources Institute, Dr. H. O. Kunkel, dean of the A&M College of Agriculture, announced Wednesday.

The Water Resources Institute coordinates the total research activities in water science at the university. Studies are made on

water use, conservation and pollution problems.

Kunkel said Runkles was made acting director of the Water Resources Institute almost a year ago.

The professor joined the A&M Soil and Crop Sciences Department in 1964, coming here from South Dakota State College. He received his doctoral degree in

1956 from Iowa State University. Runkles' special research field has been soil and plant water relationships.

He is a former student of Texas A&M and received his BS degree in agronomy in 1950 and his MS degree in 1952.

Children's Dramatics Registration Sept. 22

Registration for fall semester children's creative dramatics at Texas A&M will be conducted Sept. 20, announced C. K. Esten.

The A&M theater arts section director said any child age six to 12 years is eligible to participate in the program, which will run concurrent with the semester.

Children in the program select their own plays, decide dramatic possibilities of each, plan and act them with spontaneous dialogue and action, Esten said.

Sessions will be on Saturday mornings in the Fallout Theater of Guion Hall.

Esten said 8 a.m. to 12 noon registration also will be in the Fallout Theater. The program will be conducted by two age groups, six to nine and 10 to 12 years.

Tickets to First 3 A&M Games On Sale at G. Rollie White

Athletic Business Manager Wally Groff has announced that A&M students can start buying tickets for A&M's first three football games next Monday merely by showing their I.D. cards.

Groff added that student activity cards, which will be needed to obtain tickets for the last seven games, will be issued on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18 and 19.

Tickets for the LSU, Nebraska and Army games will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis,

starting next Monday. They'll be on sale at ticket window No. 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum, I.D. cards will be necessary to make purchases and a student will be limited to one ticket for himself and one for his date.

Then, on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18 and 19, student activity cards will be issued at windows 5 and 6 at the coliseum. The cards will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis but will denote scholastic classification for future issuance of football tickets.

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