

WOMEN NOW

Retarded Children Can Attend Camp

Forty local children last summer shared in a unique experience—summer camp. Unique, because they are retarded children and seldom, if ever, can count on having the basic experiences that normal children take for granted.

"The day-care camp for retarded children has been in existence for five years," Mrs. Jerry Waller told the last meeting of the Aggie Wives Council. It is a community project supported by the city, the rehabilitation center, the school systems and the boy's and girl's clubs.

For two weeks the A&M annex (old air base) acts as camp grounds for the campers from pre-school age to 21. The day usually begins with a singsong at 9 a.m., followed by nature study, games, horseback riding, crafts and swimming until 2 p.m.

"Any longer is too tiring for the children—both mentally and physically," Jerry says. But at the camp they have the kinds of social and physical experiences they would miss otherwise.

"It also helps the parents to have a vacation relieved of the responsibility and emotional strain of raising a retarded child," Jerry adds.

Only the directors of the camp are paid. Teen's Aid to the Retarded, an organization founded in Texas and spread to other states, volunteers workers for the camp, but they depend quite a

bit on adult clubs and organizations to help, Jerry says.

They need donations of cookies for snacktime, magazines, water games, balls for the younger children and coloring books.

Jerry is also looking for a volunteer guitarist, as the "children love music."

The cost to children for the camp is 25 five cents a day. "Camperships" are available to those who can't afford the fee.

Local Narcotics Still Underground, But Existing and Spreading Rapidly

By Roger Miller

A bitter-sweet smell filled the small room. Two men in their early twenties sat on the floor next to the portable stereo, grooving along with the Iron Butterfly. Two others walked into the room from the kitchen.

Hair length ranged from very short to very long. The one with the shortest hair looked almost military. Each hair fell neatly into place and muscles bulged beneath a tight blue sweater. He walked erect.

The two on the floor had moderately long hair and long sideburns. Both had their eyes closed and their hands kept time with the music.

Long, frizzy blond hair fell past the shoulders on the fourth. A ragged khaki shirt and faded bluejeans which didn't quite reach his bare feet finished the picture. He didn't need beads or a "Cuna jacket."

All four were blowing grass. "I know for sure of 500 guys at A&M who have smoked pot this year, but I imagine the number is closer to a thousand." The long blond hair partially covered an oily face. His eyes were beet-red. Call him Sam.

"No, I'm not a pusher. I'm a supplier. There's a difference. A supplier just sells to friends. He doesn't make a living out of selling it like a pusher does."

"I sell just enough to pay for my own and maybe a little gas money."

The record stopped and one of the pair on the floor took a pouch out of his pocket, thumped some grass on to a piece of cigarette paper and rolled a "joint." He lit the joint and inhaled slowly and deeply. He kept the smoke in his lungs as long as he could before breathing out. The joint was a fourth gone.

"When I blow grass, I like to get wrecked, man, I'm really out of it. But when I get straight, I appreciate life more than ever." Sam was sitting in a wooden dining chair, staring at a lamp.

"I was just curious when I started. Besides I didn't want to be called chicken. Now I smoke about a lid a month."

A lid is an ounce of marijuana. It makes more than 20 joints.

"It may be easy for anyone to

For those who do not wish to tamper with nature's chemical makeup but still protect themselves from common insect pests, Dr. Harold G. Scott provides clues on "environmental control."

In a public service release from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Dr. Harold G. Scott of the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Ga., tells how to outwit the bugs and keep them from lodging where they are a potential danger to people.

Common flies, for instance, transmit diarrhea, dysentery, typhoid and other diseases and can infest human flesh, as well as stored food, with their larvae. The environmental control of flies is governed by common sense, but often neglected in application. Garbage should be wrapped and then stored in cans with tight lids.

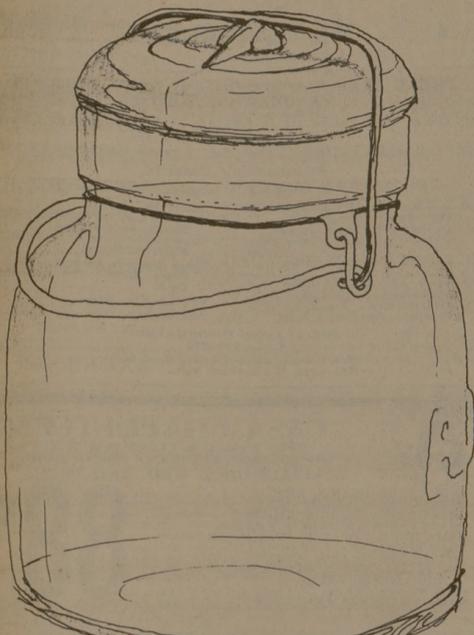
Doors and windows should be screened and animal shelters kept clean.

Screening is also effective against mosquitos, which transmit encephalitis and malaria in the United States. It is essential here to eliminate standing water from gutters, old tires or anywhere else, because this is where they breed.

Cockroaches are not only annoying; they transmit diarrhea, dysentery, tapeworms and other diseases, plus destroying stored food. Environmental controls include reducing structural harborage by eliminating cracks and crevices, storing food properly and disposing of refuse properly. Watch for and destroy cockroaches and their egg-cases being introduced into homes in groceries, furniture, plants, firewood and such.

The tiny flea can transmit murine typhus, plague, and tapeworm to man. Bites should be disinfected immediately. If pets are in the house, floors and rugs should be vacuumed weekly, along with furniture.

There are only two deadly spiders in the United States. The black widow is shiny black with an orange or red hour-glass on its underside. The brown spider has six eyes and a fiddle-shaped mark on its lower back. Its bite may severely damage tissues. Control consists of eliminating hiding places such as boards, cardboard, loose rocks and such from basements and yards (wearing gloves). Also fill small holes, cracks, crevices and sweep spider webs from porches weekly. Children should be taught to avoid spiders.



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Jars Now Antique

By Cindy Burleson
Battalion Women's Editor

Back in the "good old days" when women didn't have cars, club meetings, cocktail parties or an education for anything else, they spent most of their time in the kitchen.

Cakes didn't come from boxed mixes, vegetables didn't come from cans and biscuits weren't bought 'oven-ready' then. When a woman wasn't actually fixing a meal, she was baking a pie or "putting up" preserves for the winter. The art of preserving fruits for jellies and pies is lost for all practical purposes except to those women who cultivate it as they might crewel embroidery or lace-making . . . in short, it's now another interesting hobby.

As a result, the glass jars that used to be a standard item in every home two or three generations ago are now "antiques."

Long after my grandfather had thrown out the gallon preserving jars that they no longer used, his wife discovered they were selling for phenomenal prices (for what they were) and that novelty companies have even gone so far as to make 'authentic replicas' of them.

She saved the rest of the smaller sizes and now they make attractive casual candy jars and welcome gifts. The one illustrated is a common type with wire fastener and blue-tinted glass.

It will be interesting to see what common object from the 1970's will take on unusual value in the next generations. Talk is already going around about the values of certain glass beer bottles with distinctive shapes. Some are made by glass-blowing techniques and have all the potential of future antiques. Oh, for grandmother's wooden sauerkraut vat!

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Newly-elected officers for University Women shared the receiving line with present officers at the organization's Spring Reception Sunday.

Mrs. James P. Hannigan, Mrs. Howard S. Perry, Mrs. Tom D. Cherry and Barbara Davis poured coffee and punch for approximately 230 guests, including representatives from the male organizations on campus.

"We were pleased in terms of the individuals who came," Mrs. Patricia Self, UW counselor, said. She said the purpose of the reception was to get everyone acquainted with each other and with members of the faculty and staff, adding that she hopes it may be done annually.

New officers are Mary Hanak, chairman; Nancy Evan, co-chairman; Rebecca Kirby, co-chairman; Denise Gary, secretary-treasurer; Judy McConnell, historian and Julia McCall, public relations. The spring theme was carried out in two centerpieces of garden-bouquet, spring flowers.

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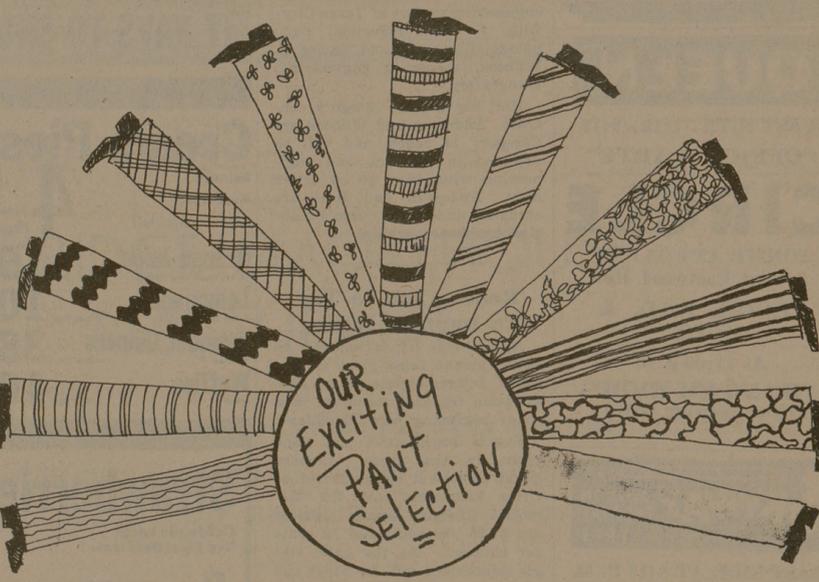
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