

A&M 'Nuplex' group to hold Texas conference here

Texas A&M's "Nuplex" officials will host approximately 100 representatives from utility companies, industry and government for a one-day Texas Nuplex Conference Jan. 14.

Purpose of the conference is to give selected representatives a review of current and future plans for "Nuplex," reports J. R. Bradley, chairman of the Nuplex Socio-Economic Committee.

"Nuplex" is a coined word describing a large complex consisting of a nuclear power reactor, electric production, water desalination, chemical processing and production, agriculture and associated activities.

The Nuplex concept represents a new and much larger dimension in totally interrelated enterprises based on low-cost abundant electricity and water.

Invitations were sent to representatives from electric and gas utility companies, petroleum and chemical industries, state and federal officials, agriculture and manufacturing firms.

Conference speakers include A. R. Luedecke, A&M executive vice president; Dr. A. D. Suttle, A&M vice president for research; Dr.

R. E. Wainerdi, Nuplex chairman; Dr. C. H. M. Van Bavel, chairman of Nuplex Intensified Food Crop Production; Dr. R. Philip Hammond, director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Nuclear Desalination Program, and Bradley.

The 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. program will be held in the Memorial Student Center.

Luedecke opens the conference at 9:30 with an introduction to

the Nuplex program. Luedecke will discuss the need for nuclear power, electrical power and water.

The former general manager of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission will explain the Nuplex concept as it applies to the world, nation and state, as well as Texas A&M's role.

Some of the topics Luedecke will discuss are the cost of desalination, improved water usage

for crop production, economic analysis of the production and utilization of water, electrical power and other byproducts of Nuplex and the ecological considerations.

Van Bavel will speak on "Agricultural Benefits from a Nuplex."

Included are the general relation of the Nuplex concept to agriculture, crop production trends and the Nuplex impact

and response of the Texas Nuplex program to indicated research needs.

Topics are water, chemical and environmental control requirements as well as land use trends and management.

Bradley is scheduled to present a program on the "Economic Considerations of a Nuplex, including Site Location."

Economic considerations include the Nuplex cost and indus-

trial production. Site location information presented by Bradley will include transportation facilities, market considerations and the new city concept.

Hammond will review other Nuplex programs with special emphasis on the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Program.

He will illustrate how the Nuplex program at Texas A&M complements other programs and indicate the areas of research

where Texas A&M has obtained a Nuplex leadership position.

Wainerdi ends the program with a summary and future plans of the Nuplex program in Texas.

He will explain how the Nuplex program will require the cooperation of industry, agriculture and government to succeed.

Wainerdi contends it may require unusual and extensive facilities parallel to the space effort.

NAHB chapter formed

A Texas A&M student chapter of the National Association of Home Builders has been organized, with senior building construction major Royce B. Swayne of Houston president.

Open to any interested student or faculty member, the NAHB chapter will meet twice monthly. The first spring semester meeting will be Jan. 18.

Swayne said the chapter will provide students and faculty interested in real estate, property development, construction financing, residential and light commercial building construction and construction management a specialized forum for broader knowledge and experience.

The NAHB-sponsored chapter lists 45 members, primarily majors and faculty in building construction. Swayne said students in civil engineering, environmental design and architecture can also profit from membership.

Charter officers elected with Swayne are Charles W. Desanti, vice president of New York; Kenneth W. Schroeder, treasurer of Waco, and Ronald F. Suttle, secretary of Odessa.

Faculty advisors are Dr. Robert Bradley of the Building Construction Department, College of Architecture, and Matt R. Wall, Civil Engineering Department.

Shelton Hall, NAHB regional director of San Antonio, attended the organizational meeting.

NAHB members benefit through speakers, films, field trips and publications through the 54,000-member national organization plus a job opportunities program for summer and possible part-time semester employment.

Chapter members also qualify to attend the Jan. 17-22 NAHB convention in Houston.

"The convention features new products and ideas, some two years before they become available to the general public," Swayne said.

Second largest trade or professional association in the world (surpassed only by the American Medical Association), NAHB provides better shelter for Americans through research, information services, education opportunities and federal, state and local level lobbying, Swayne said.

Construction manager dies

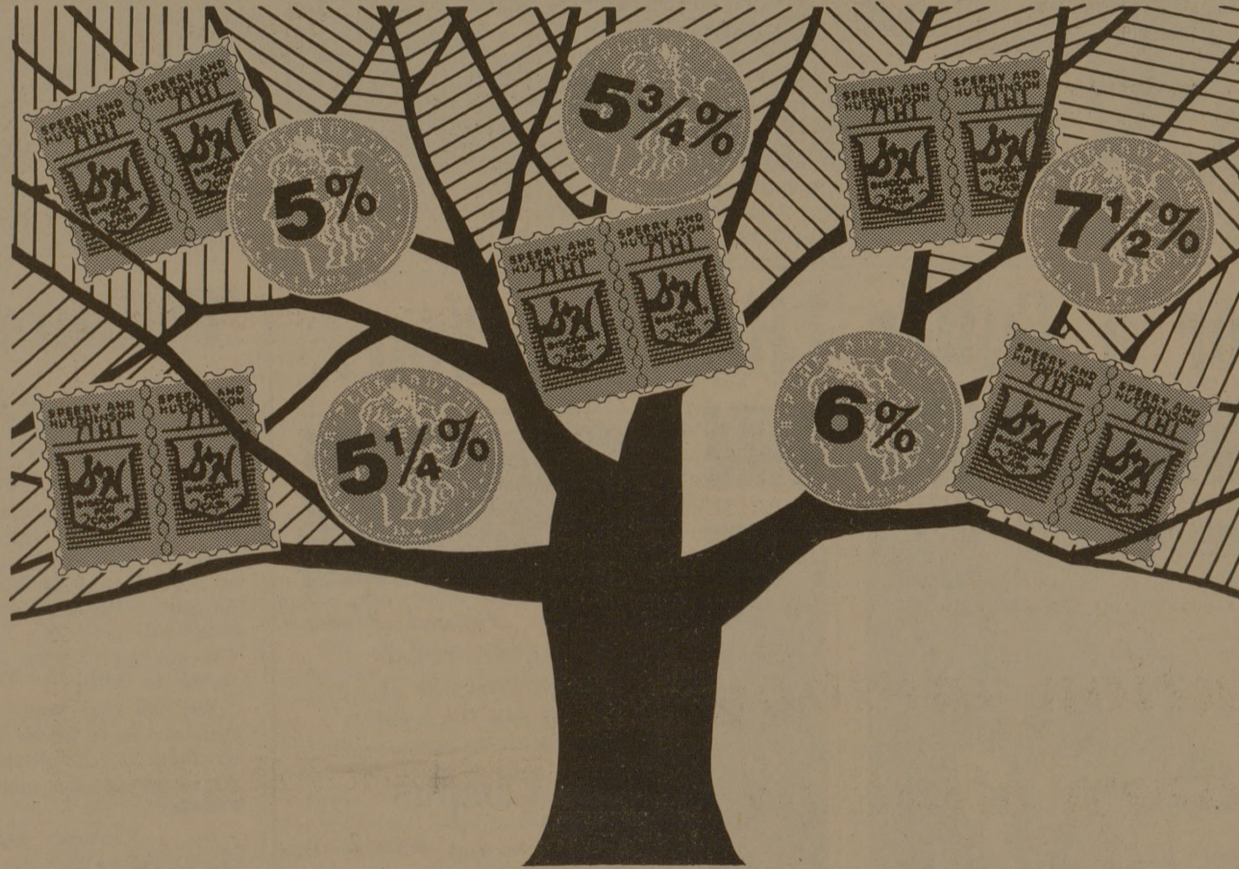
Harold C. Carter, Texas A&M's construction manager, died Tuesday night in a local hospital following a sudden illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Memorial Funeral Chapel, with burial in College Station Cemetery.

Carter, who resided at 1015 Hereford, joined the Texas A&M staff as assistant manager of system physical plants in 1960 and was named construction manager in 1968.

He previously was associated with the Texas Highway Department for approximately 30 years.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Virginia Carter; a son, Larry Carter; a daughter, Mrs. Janice Lawrence; three brothers and two sisters.



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