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Thursday — Cloudy, afternoon rain showers and thunder showers. Southerly winds 5-10 mph. High 83°, low 62°.

Friday — Partly cloudy. West-erly winds 5-10 mph. High 83°, low 73°.

Study center for real estate established

A Real Estate Research Center in the College of Agriculture at Texas A&M was established Tuesday when Gov. Preston Smith signed Senate Bill 338 authorizing its development.

The bill was sponsored by the Texas Association of Realtors.

The center, located at College Station, will conduct studies in real estate, urban and rural economics, and subjects related to real property. Assistance to the teaching programs in real estate in colleges and universities throughout Texas will be offered when requested. Scholarships and real estate chairs will be made available upon finding.

It will also make studies of and recommend changes in state statutes and municipal ordinances regarding real estate.

"The establishment of the Real Estate Research Center at Texas

A&M will mean much to the State of Texas and to Texas A&M," said A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams. "This is the first such center in the South-west which combines the expertise of sociologists, economists, engineers, and political scientists to make meaningful contributions to the study of real property.

"There exists a need to know more about real property for which Texas citizens annually spend millions of dollars. This is indicative of the tremendous importance of the establishment of the Real Estate Research Center. I'm grateful to the Texas Association of Realtors for their confidence in the academic competence of the staff at A&M," Williams said.

Upon request, the research center is to supply materials to the Texas Real Estate Commis-

sion for the preparation of the examinations for real estate salesmen and brokers and is to develop or update materials for use in the extension courses in real estate offered by the universities and colleges in Texas.

Assistance will be offered the Texas Real Estate Commission, when requested, in developing standards for the accreditation of vocational schools and other teaching agencies giving courses and in developing standards for the approval of courses in the field of real estate.

Funding for the center, estimated to be from \$375,000-400,000 the first year, will be assessed through real estate license fees primarily, although the center may receive gifts and grants from foundations, individuals, and other sources for its benefit.

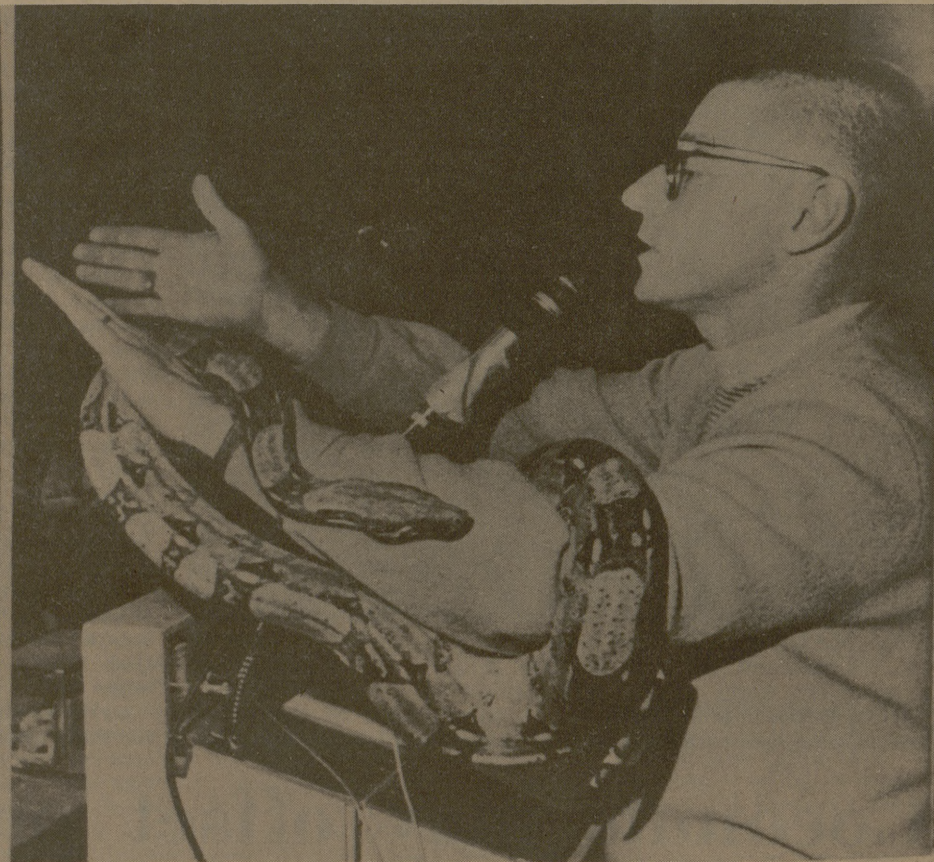
Approximately 10 professionals with attendant secretaries and staff will initiate the center.

An advisory committee, composed of nine persons appointed by the governor without Senate confirmation, will review and approve proposals to be submitted to the board of directors of the Texas A&M University System relating to staffing and general policies, including priority ranking of research studies and educational and other studies.

The advisory committee, also created by the bill, is to be composed of six members who are real estate brokers representative of the following real estate specialties: real estate brokerage; real estate financing; ownership or construction of real estate improvements; ownership, development, or management of residential, commercial, and industrial properties, respectively.

Three members of the advisory committee will be representatives of the general public.

Attending signing ceremonies in Austin from Texas A&M were Dr. H. O. Kunkel, dean of Agriculture; Dr. Tyrus Timm, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology; and Dr. A. B. Wooten, professor in the department.



20-YEAR-OLD, 15-pound snapping turtle and a 6-foot boa constrictor are two of the creatures John R. Gockley put up for bid recently during the Philadelphia Herpetological

Society's annual auction. The turtle went for \$10.50, the boa for \$40. More than 100 snakes, lizards and turtles were auctioned. (AP Wirephoto)

Officers named

State guard unit moves to Bryan

Headquarters for the 203rd Texas State Guard Battalion officially moved to Bryan Monday night when Maj. Ira E. Scott, local commander, received the battalion colors from Brig. Gen. Jack T. Brown of Austin.

Brown and Col. DeForest Jones, commander of the 2nd Defense Group Headquarters in Houston, conducted the ceremonies at the Bryan National Guard Armory.

Four local officers were commissioned on the battalion staff. Appointed to staff positions were Maj. Jack W. Upham, operations; Capt. Ken H. Truitt, administration; 1st Lt. Russell O. Coleman, intelligence and civil defense liaison; and 2nd Lt. Onis J. Cogburn, assistant communications officer.

Capt. Arlie D. Patton was commissioned Battalion communications officer a month ago.

Remaining members of the battalion staff are Maj. Bill Gard, executive officer; Gilbert K. Petri, to be commissioned supply and logistics officer; Sgt. Maj. Winston E. Eastes; Sgt. David L. Butler, and Cpl. Michael W. Eastes.

Two officer positions and four enlisted slots still must be filled and Scott is currently taking applications for those positions.

Visitors for the ceremonies were Col. R. J. Faught, State Guard inspector general from Houston; Lt. Col. Charles Barker, operations officer for the state headquarters staff; Capt. Elwood Plourdes, commander of the Columbus unit; 2nd Lt. Sam Behnke, commander of the Brenham unit; Capt. Frank J. Koeman and Lt. Rudy Cortez, both of the Bryan company, and Capt. Jerry Mainord, commander of the Bryan National Guard company.

Stark gets Arts Council award

The Arts Council of Brazos Valley has honored Memorial Student Center Director J. Wayne Stark by making him the recipient of its first annual award of appreciation.

A presentation ceremony will be held later this week.

In a resolution the Council cited Stark's quarter century of leadership in the arts in the county, and says he "has labored almost singlehandedly during these years to encourage an interest in and an appreciation of artistic endeavor in all its many forms among the students, faculty

and staff of Texas A&M University and the citizens of this area."

The resolution designates the appreciation award as one which will be given annually "to that person who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the arts in the Brazos Valley."

Stark, 55, is a 1939 A&M graduate. After serving four years during World War II and two years with Anderson, Clayton and Co. Inc., he was hired by Texas A&M in 1947 as MSC director. He spent three years planning the complex, which opened in September 1950.

He is responsible for nearly

all professional musical and theatrical events brought to the BCS area. He created the Artist Showcase Series as part of the Town Hall Program.

The MSC director also influenced the Rotary Club to sponsor the Rotary Series which brings music, dance and theater to Bryan. He has helped bring such musicals as "Fiddler on the Roof" and "1776" to the area.

Stark is a member of the executive board of the Association of College and University Concerts Managers, and the Texas A&M Fine Arts Committee. He was an advisory board member for the

Alley Theater in Houston during 1969-70.

In 1968 he received the Association of Former Students Annual Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award for Student Relationships.

He also has received the MSC Lawrence Sullivan Ross Award and the Liberal Arts Student Council Award. He was honored in 1968 by an appreciation dinner and given an all-expense paid European tour through contributions made by present and former students who served in MSC positions during the preceding 21 years.

Library receives 191-year-old book as 5,000th piece in cattle collection

Presentation of a 191-year-old book Friday to A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams highlighted the expansion of the Jeff Dykes Range Livestock Collection of books at the A&M library to more than 5,000 volumes.

Jefferson C. Dykes, 1921 graduate who assembled the collection, made the presentation. He is also at A&M for the Class of 1921 Sul Ross Reunion.

The 5,000th book for the collection of volumes about beef cattle, sheep and grass and the men who manage them around the world is a rare first edition of "A Tour in Ireland: with General Observations on the Present State of That Kingdom: Made in the Years 1776, 1777 and 1778."

Written by the renowned British agriculturist and author Arthur Young, and in perfect condition for a volume published in 1780, the book is typical of the Jeff Dykes collection.

The assemblage is located in the A&M library Special Collections, supervised by Mrs. Evelyn King. It now stands at 5,270 items.

Though cataloguing is still in process, much of the Jeff Dykes collection is available and in use, Mrs. King indicated. The special collections librarian said students and faculty in history and English have made use of the collection along with others from environmental design, journalism, mechanical engineering, zoology, agricultural economics, accounting and animal science.

Dykes has traveled extensively the last few years to add to the original 3,160-item collection. The College Park, Md., book dealer has been all over the U. S. and in Canada, Mexico, England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

"This is a world-wide collection," he said, "with some 200 volumes from South and Central America. Most items are in English and Spanish and there are several in French, Hungarian, German and Swedish."

A close acquaintance of the late A&M President Earl Rudder, Dykes said "the general told me in 1966 I had five years to make it the best collection of its kind. It wasn't then but I think it is now, and I still have six months to go."

Dykes, 71, was an A&M agriculture professor when Rudder was a student.

"He was the mayor of Brady when we started on the Brady Creek flood control project," added the former Fort Worth region deputy administrator of the Soil Conservation Service in Fort Worth.

Dykes moved to the Washington office of the service, where he retired in 1965 as an assistant administrator. It was then that the pipe-smoking scholar hung out his shingle as a book dealer. "I'd been a book accumulator since I was 12, however," he remarked.

The Dykes Collection contains many sought-after collectors' volumes and extremely rare books and also includes unusual fiction and prose. A 1970 tour in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland produced several volumes that reveal Dykes' acumen as a dealer.

The original "A Tour in Ireland" is an example. The three-quarters leather and marble board-bound book was reprinted twice in Dublin and London in 1780 and translated into German for publication in Leipzig the same year. A French edition was issued in Paris in 1800, Dykes said.

"All these editions are rare, but the first is definitely exceedingly rare," the dealer said. "There are

copies reported in only four of the great libraries in the British Isles, at the British Museum, Oxford, Cambridge and the Royal Agricultural Society."

Dykes is of Scotch, Welsh and Irish extraction, revealed by his appearance, manner and dialogue through only cursory examination. It undoubtedly added to his successes in the Isles last spring.

A visit to Dr. John O'Loan, retired Irish Department of Agriculture official, opened several doors and added to the list of desirables Dykes planned to ac-

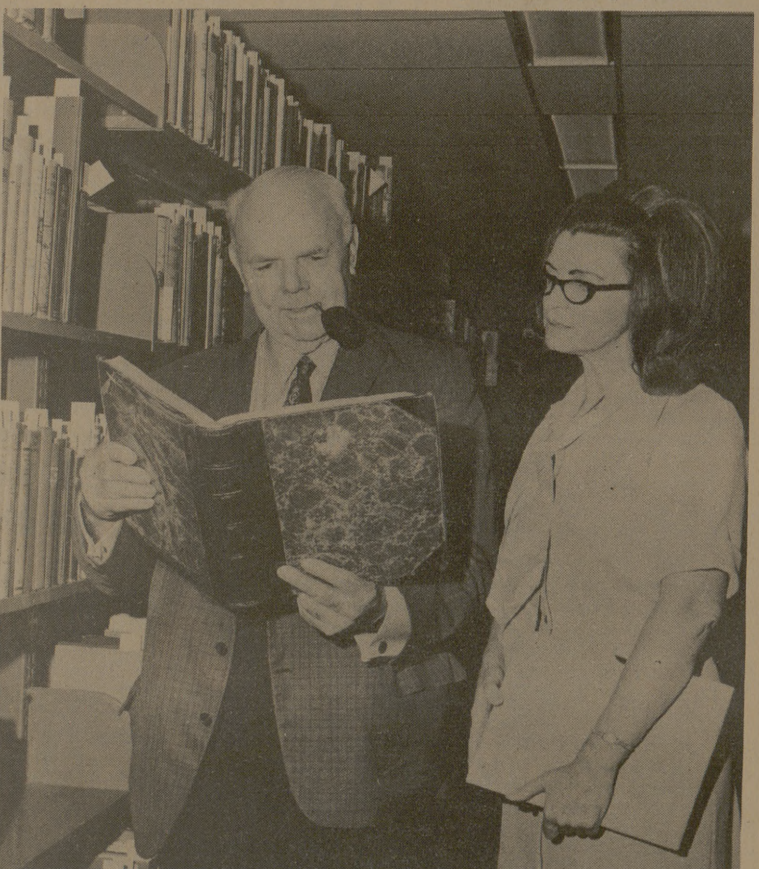
quire. One was "The Ancient Laws of Ireland," a six-volume set of pasturage laws written in Gaelic from the 7th Century on by priests of the various monasteries. More than 40 years work by four translators — three of whom died while on the work — and a committee were required before publication between 1865 and 1901.

"Dr. O'Loan warned me it would be next to impossible to get a set of this most important and basic

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GIRL WATCHING may be fun but it also can have its drawbacks, as Steve Laughbaum discovered while giving the eye to Diane Dunning on the Vanderbilt University campus in Nashville, Tenn. He may have been caught in the act, but it all turned out rather well. (AP Wirephoto)



Jefferson C. Dykes and Mrs. Evelyn King examine a 191-year-old book among 2,239 volumes added to the Jeff Dykes Range Livestock Collection held by the Texas A&M Library.

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