

# Industrial firemen's school draws 946

A record 946 industrial firemen, instructors and manufacturer's consultants are here for the one-week Industrial Firemen's Training School at Brayton Firemen Training Field.

The 42nd annual training school is being sponsored by The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

Chief Instructor Henry D. Smith said representation from throughout the nation and Spain, France, Germany, England, Can-

ada, Mexico, the Netherlands, Australia, Netherland Antilles, Brazil, Italy, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Venezuela.

"The record enrollment includes 741 students, 89 instructors and 116 equipment representatives," Smith said.

"The student enrollment is up 105 over the first day last year."

He added many international companies for the first time were sending key supervisors and pro-

duction engineers to learn about fire control and safety.

"One of the largest groups," Smith said, "is representing Canadian industry."

"Two 36-hour courses are offered," Smith explained, "and the emphasis this year is on extensive use of chemical agents to quickly fight industrial fires."

He said the workshop sessions are devoted to discussions of the major industrial fires and explosions occurring during the past

year. The firemen are introduced to new procedures and methods for sizing up fires, and new ways of planning and mapping attacks on a particular fire.

Besides classes that include studies of hydraulic and effective fire streams, use of chemicals in industrial fires and the characteristics of different burning materials, every fireman fights fires staged at Brayton Field.

A special industrial fire fighting demonstration and equipment display is planned Friday morning at Brayton Field west of the campus and south of Easterwood Airport.

Smith, his staff and instructors

for last week received a special honor from the nation's oldest fire hose manufacturer before ending the one-week municipal school Friday afternoon.

Fabric Hose Co. presented Smith a 20-inch sterling silver fire chief's bugle to honor what the company called "the most outstanding fire training program in the nation."

Smith's megaphone-shaped bugle was only the tenth presented by the company since it was founded in 1869.

The industrial school is to be followed next week by a special school for Spanish-speaking firemen. Smith said approximately 220 will attend the course.

## He became a firefighter so he could play baseball

Elbert E. Sanders of Edinburg wanted to be a baseball player so he became a fireman. Now, 38 years later, it's hard to find a bigger supporter of the fire service and the Texas Firemen's Training School.

While Sanders' baseball career was limited to semi-pro ball, his fire career includes being a past president of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas and an active member in the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He wears three hats for the City of Edinburg—fire chief, fire marshal and city building inspector.

He joined the Edinburg department in 1933 because it sponsored the semi-pro baseball team in town. He thought it would be a good way to get to play.

Except for duty with the Navy medical corps in World War II, he's been active in the fire department ever since.

The guest instructor for the municipal fire school last week said he believes the summer one-week training program here has

placed Texas at least 15 years ahead of other states in fire department training.

"I've watched this school grow since 1939," he said, "and I firmly believe it's the greatest training available for firemen."

Sanders has attended every school except two years while he was in the Navy. He admits contempt for towns who refuse to send firemen to the school.

"Any town that doesn't send men up here is practicing foolish economy," the 63-year-old former barber contends.

"A lot of towns have modern equipment but they don't know how to use it. Others don't have the equipment, but the men come up, learn how to use it and go home to talk their cities into purchasing equipment to save lives and property."

"I can't begin to count the dollars and lives Edinburg has saved as a direct result of our city sending its volunteer firemen here," Sanders said.

The major advantage of the fire school, he claims, is it shows the

men the proper way to fight a fire with emphasis on safety.

Sanders' wife, Ray, is affectionately known in South Texas as the "assistant chief of Edinburg" and his son, W. C., now Chamber of Commerce manager at Liberty, was a volunteer in Edinburg until he graduated from college.

Sanders said he has watched his city grow from a one-pumper town to a modern fire department city with nine vehicles, including two 2,000 gallons-per-minute pumps.

A unique aspect of his 56-man department, he reported, is the use of 12 college boys who live at the fire station. The city provides room and bedding and the boys have formed a cooperative to purchase and cook meals.

"The boys tell me they save about \$100 a month while attending Pan American College," Sanders said.

"A couple of them have graduated and told me they would not have had the opportunity to get a college degree without the fire department help," he said.

## A&M, Baylor Med to work towards joint health programs

HOUSTON — Baylor College of Medicine and Texas A&M have agreed to plan to develop cooperative joint programs in comparative medicine, allied health manpower development and graduate sciences, the chairmen of the two institutions' boards of trustees announced Tuesday.

L. F. McCollum for Baylor and Clyde H. Wells for the Texas A&M University System, said an Institute of Comparative Medicine will be established to allow Baylor and Texas A&M to effectively utilize disease in animals as models for the study of human illness and to take advantage of advances in human medicine for the benefit of sick animals.

Baylor's animal resources in Houston and at Huntsville will be shared with Texas A&M faculty and students.

Texas A&M conducts several medically-related projects through its College of Veterinary Medicine, Activation Analysis Research Laboratory, Biomedical Engineering Program and through several departments of its Colleges of Engineering, Science and Agriculture.

Texas A&M will join Baylor in strengthening Baylor's program in allied health manpower development. The program is aimed at increasing the number of members in allied health professions.

Baylor and Texas A&M also will develop a program of common credit courses in the graduate sciences similar to those Baylor now shares with Rice University, the University of Houston and the University of Texas at Houston. This program will enable students at Baylor and Texas A&M to take courses

for credit at either institution with no additional tuition charge.

Dr. Michael E. De Bakey, president of Baylor College of Medicine said, "we are delighted to from a partnership with Texas A&M University that will enhance our joint programs of medical education, research and service for the citizens of Texas. Collaboration between a private medical school and a large public university will result in programs of very high quality, coupled with minimum cost."

Dr. Jack K. Williams, president of Texas A&M, said, "This agreement continues and expands a tradition of cooperation between our two institutions. We are particularly anxious to develop new areas of service to the people of Texas in the land grant tradition of practical benefits from our joint research, extension and teaching activities."

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