

Water program to train teachers this summer

The Water Utilities Training Division of A&M's Engineering Extension Service will prepare teachers this summer for 14 pilot projects in a long-range program to train high school students for careers or technical training in environmental science.

The test program was approved recently by the State Board of Education to begin this fall in 14 school districts.

Each will conduct a health science pilot program that will enable students to study relationships between man and his en-

vironment in terms of emissions from both population and industry.

The pilot programs will be checked out during the 1972-73 school year in Abilene, Amarillo, Beaumont, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, McAllen, Mesquite, Pasadena, Richardson, San Angelo, El Campo, San Antonio, Harlandale and Victoria school districts, according to Texas Education Agency announcement.

Science teachers to conduct the first-year lab course in September will attend a special five-week

TAMU training session beginning July 10.

Leon Holbert, chief instructor of the Water Utilities Training Division, said the teacher training program will involve a regional one-week short school in Austin, two weeks of field instruction including on-the-job instruction and night school, and two weeks instruction and testing at the TAMU Research Annex.

He said the program has been a long-term goal of the Texas Water Treatment Association, State Health Department and

EES.

"Its success or failure will depend on our curriculum development and the teacher's five-week training session," he said.

Cooperating cities which will offer intensive training in their water treatment plants are Garland, Baytown, San Antonio and Lubbock.

Under the career education plan, a high school junior could begin pointing his academic program with a special science course. During the one-hour credit lab, he will discover occupa-

tions keyed to the environment, visit city water and waste water plants on field trips and participate in related physical and biological science experiments.

Senior students would enroll in industrial and cooperative training and office occupations courses, going to school half a day and working half a day.

Such experience and training will enable a student to find a job immediately on graduation, or, if preferable, take additional technical training, it was pointed out.

Mail delivery will speed due to postal innovation

The newest innovation of the United States Postal Service — Area Mail processing — is to be installed at the Bryan Post Office within the next two weeks.

This was announced by Carl C. Ulsaker, Regional Postmaster General, Southern Postal Region, which covers the Southern United States from Texas to Florida.

"The program is intended to

speed the ultimate delivery of the mail and to gain maximum efficiency and economy through full utilization of Bryan's modern post office," Ulsaker said.

Two direct feed cancelling machines are available at the Bryan Post Office to move the increased mail volume from the associate offices.

"The Bryan Post Office," Ulsaker pointed out, "is a Sectional Center Facility, and the new system will revolve entirely around that capacity and that function."

"The program will take effect June 24," he said.

Area Mail processing is a plan whereby virtually all mail originating within a Sectional Center Area, including any or all of the associate offices of the Sectional Center Facility, will be consolidated at the SCF for complete preparation and processing for outgoing dispatch.

All mail deposited in street letter boxes or the out-of-town letter drops at the associate offices will be transferred to the SCF for processing and will bear the postmark designated for the SCF area.

The Bryan SCF postmark will read, "U. S. Postal Service, TX 778," along with the date and AM-PM designation. The city postmark of Bryan and each individual associate office will not be changed.

Mail deposited in a designated drop unit at a post office or a letter box labeled "For Local Cancellation Only" will be postmarked at the local office of origin with the name of that office. Each postmaster will have deposit boxes and letter drop units designated for this purpose. All metered mail will bear the postmark of the office of origin.

It was emphasized by Ulsaker that no office will lose its local postmark.

He asked specifically that customers no longer use the word "City" as an address in place of the name of the city of destination. "Obviously," he said, "in this new system, a letter with just 'City' could lose its identity."

Post offices affected by this program in the Bryan - College Station area are Anderson, Bedias, Brenham, Burton, Caldwell, Calvert, Dime Box, Franklin, Gause, Hearne, Iola, Lyons, Madisonville, Marquez, Navasota, Normangee, North Zulch, Richards, Snook, Somerville and Washington.

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