

# Extension Service Names Publications Editor

Dr. Elizabeth R. Turpin of Bryan has recently joined the staff of the Department of Agricultural Communications at A&M as an assistant editor of Texas Agricultural Extension Service publications.

"Dr. Turpin is uniquely qualified for this editorial position," said Dr. John E. Hutchison, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in announcing

her appointment. "Her many years of editorial experience in technical fields and her experience as a college professor in technical writing are exactly the competencies needed to support our highly trained subject matter specialists staff."

A graduate of Texas Woman's University, Dr. Turpin received her B.A. degree in English with a minor in chemistry. She also

holds a M.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Ph.D. from A&M, both in English.

Dr. Turpin has taught English and technical writing at A&M, Ohio State University, and the University of Texas at Austin for 10 years. She also served for 10 years as research associate and editor of special publications for the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas.

Most recently she served as a contract editor for Florida State University Press and was a consultant for Pinnell, Anderson, Wilshire & Associates, Inc., Engineers.

Dr. Turpin belongs to Iota Sigma Phi, chemistry honorary sorority for women, and the A&M chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. She

is a member of the Modern Language Association, Conference of College Teachers of English of Texas, Bryan Poetry Society and First Presbyterian Church of Bryan. A member of the College English Association, she serves on the national membership committee and is chairman of the South Central CEA projects committee. She is listed in Personalities of the South, 1973.

"In her new position, Dr. Turpin will augment our in-service training program for Extension personnel in addition to her editorial responsibilities," says Dr. William E. Tedrick, editor and head of the Department of Agricultural Communications. "She will work jointly with other Extension publications editors in developing teaching plans and materials in technical writing and

assist in planning and conducting technical writing workshops both on campus and throughout the state."

She fills the position vacated

by Mrs. Ann Cole who moved to Houston where her husband is employed by NASA. Mrs. Cole had been in the position almost four years.

## Thermodynamics Research Awarded Grant Extension

A&M's Thermodynamics Research Center, a division of the Chemistry Department, has been awarded a \$100,000 research grant extension by the National Bureau of Standards.

The funded project, administered by the Texas A&M Research Foundation, is titled "Selected Values of Properties of Chemical Compounds." The project, according to co-principal investigator Dr. Randolph C. Wilhoit, consists primarily of developing uniform methods of correlating scientific data and fitting that data to various types of theoretical models.

"The National Bureau of Standards," Dr. Wilhoit explained, "supports several data and evaluation centers throughout the country with funding from its Office of Standard Reference Data. We are operating as one of those centers."

"We publish standardized data in supplementary volumes of the Journal of Physical and Chemical Reference Data, our first article appearing recently on thermodynamic alcohols."

Dr. Wilhoit, an associate professor of chemistry and associate director of the project, is joined by Dr. Bruno Zwolinski,

director of the Thermodynamics Research Center, in heading the project. The grant extension complements last year's \$100,000 initial funding.

Similar projects, Dr. Wilhoit noted, have been operating continuously at A&M since 1964.

## Constitution Proposals Suggested

All seven sub-committees of the Texas Constitution Revision Commission reported their tentative recommendations at a three-day meeting near here last weekend.

Proposals were taken under advisement along with suggestions of 3,000 advisory committee members in 19 areas. Actual voting by the full, 37-member commission on matters for inclusion in its report to the legislature will begin next month. Meanwhile, House and Senate planning committee members held their first joint meeting in preparation for the 1974 constitutional convention.

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Student enrollment for the week-long course totals 939, representing an increase of 122 over

the previous record, reported John R. Rauch of the school's training staff.

He said instructors, administrative personnel and manufacturer's representatives account for the remaining 214 participants.

Rauch noted 39 states and 18 foreign countries are represented during the second week of the three-week school.

The first week included instruction for municipal firemen and the final week will be devoted to training Spanish-speaking firemen.

Rauch said the emphasis this week is on industrial fire prevention. The program is conducted in three different sections, with instruction tailored to individual needs and backgrounds. The participants vary in their industrial assignments from firefighter to supervisors, safety directors and personnel in technical and management positions.

The industrial phase of the school is now in its 11th year, Rauch noted.

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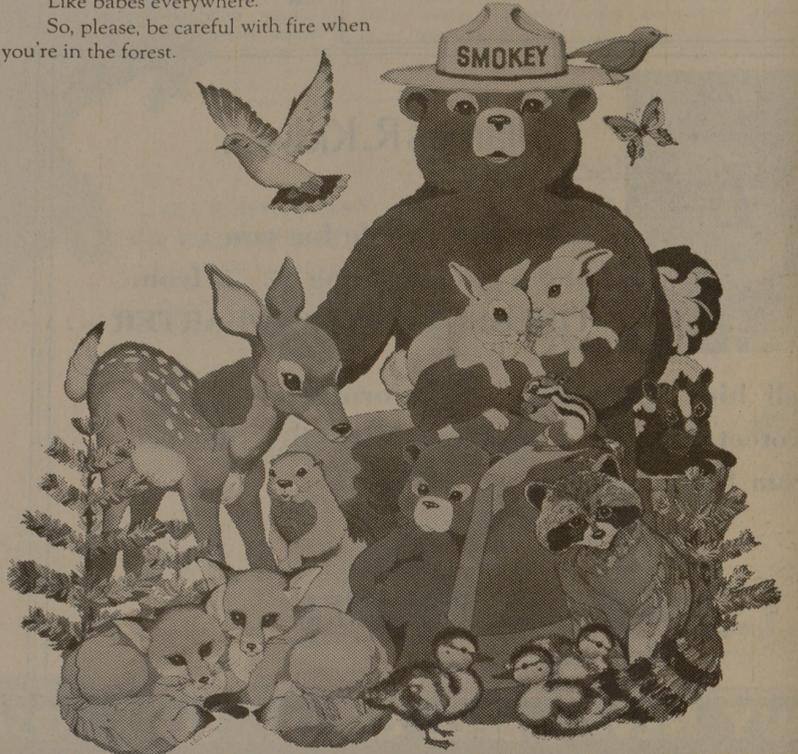


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