

# Former Batt Editor Joins Alcoa Staff

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ROCKDALE — William R. (Bill) Henry, a spring graduate of A&M, has joined Alcoa's Rockdale Works as public relations assistant, according to Hal Reagan, public relations manager. Henry will handle internal communications and become editor of the plant's employee magazine, The Ranger.

The native of Big Spring attended Howard County Junior College before transferring to Texas A&M, where he secured a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Henry was editor of Texas A&M's campus newspaper, The Battalion, after serving as sports editor, and was student assistant sports information director. He was active in Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society.

A summa cum laude graduate of Howard County Junior College, Henry served as student

senate president, president of Young Democrats and sports editor of the campus newspaper. He also worked in the editorial department of the Big Spring Daily Herald while attending junior college.

Henry was named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges and was cited as an "Outstanding Athlete of America." He was chosen to attend the Governor's and President's Conferences on Children and Youth while at Howard County, and was an American Legion award winner, "Outstanding Student" recipient, a member of Phi Theta Kappa (national academic fraternity) and was the state's first and second place winner in sports writing.

He and his wife, the former Sarah Harris of Colorado City, reside at 300 Childress in Rock-

dale. Mrs. Henry is attending Texas A&M, majoring in special education.



Bill Henry

## Natural Control Saves Money

Pest control through natural biocides has cut municipal pest control costs from \$7,000 to \$2,500 yearly in Berkeley, California. By using natural pest controls, the city is helping its bud-

get and its ecosystem, and getting far better results without poisons.

Berkeley's old pest control program was based on the assumption that all bugs on trees were bad. The Division of Biological Control found that the only tree-killing insects present were oakworms and aphids, so the vast majority of the trees needed no attention. Aphids, feeding on linden trees between spring and late October, were spattering cars with honeydew and eating young shoots. It was discovered that a gnat-sized parasitic wasp existed in Europe which laid its eggs within aphid eggs, destroying them. The wasp, *Trioxys curvicaudus*, was imported to Berkeley. The trees were hosed with high-pressure water to knock off as many aphids as possible, then the trunks were painted with stickum to keep off ants. The wasps were released, and soon the aphids were under control. The oakworms succumbed to a well-known insect disease, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which attacks the caterpillars.

UCLA entomologist Paul DeBach believes that most insects

in an ecosystem are naturally found alongside their natural enemies. This makes most insects innocuous while their natural enemies are present. The answer is to control only pests, not kill off natural enemies with general pesticides and thus allow potential pests to reproduce until they become actual pests.

Biological control is being used in Connecticut, where forests infested with spanworm are being reclaimed through a wasp similar to *Trioxys curvicaudus*. The USDA is providing \$500,000 to 19 universities for a study of 6 crop systems — cotton, soybeans, alfalfa, fruits, citrus and pines — to find effective biological controls. It has been predicted that pesticide use on these crops could decrease 50% in 10 years through this program alone.

"Over 15,000 chemicals have been introduced as pesticides, and none of them work," says William Olkowski, whose Ph.D. thesis at Berkeley is the city's program. "Pesticides need continual applications and are only temporary. Natural controls solve the problem forever."

## Sports Car Club To View Film

"Racing Reborn," a film history of motor racing during 1940-48, will show tonight at a Texas A&M Sports Car Club meeting.

The 27-minute movie highlights racing led by Italian-made cars in the Europe war years. Events in which Alfa Romeos and Maseratis are the cars to beat are shown at Nice, St. Cloud, Geneva, Turin and Indianapolis.

The French Grand Prix at Rheims and new circuits return racing to its splendor in 1948. During the period John Cooper succeeded in building race cars on a commercial basis and young Stirling Moss began to make his mark.

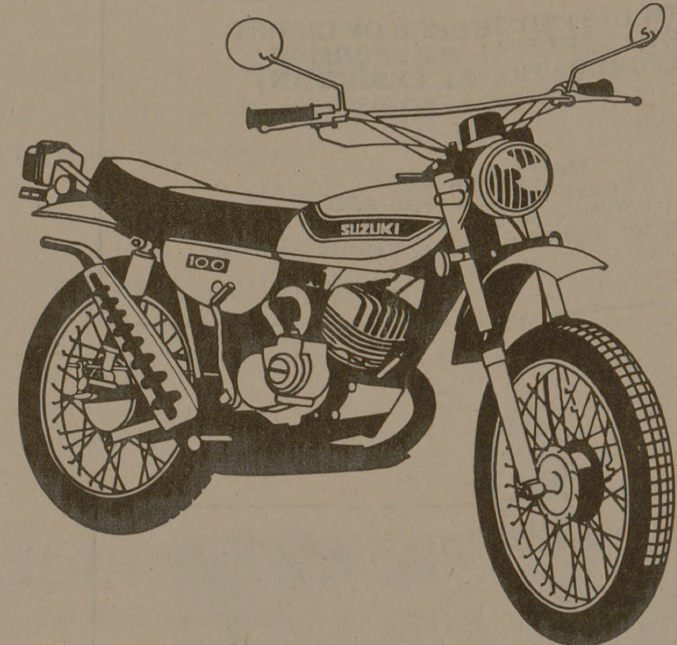
TAMSCC films are free to the public and provided by the Shell Oil Co. The club meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Mimosa Room of the old College Station City Hall, 101 Church St.

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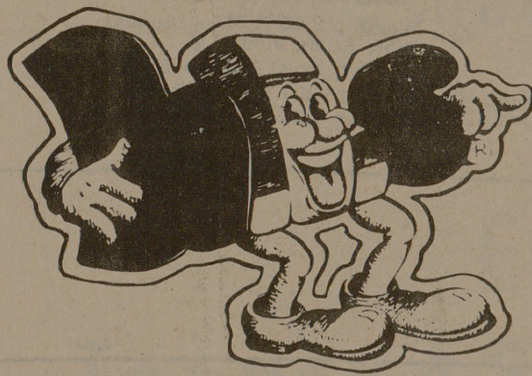
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