

Local poultry team wins

Brazos County's 4-H Poultry Demonstration Team talked its way to the 1976 State Championship Competition here June 2.

The show and tell contest is a part of the giant 4-H Roundup held on the campus of Texas A&M University each year.

Team members were Joe Orsak and David Hazen of College Station. These finalists scored 247 points of a possible 300.

Twelve teams participated in this year's contest, representing Texas communities from the northernmost tip of the Panhandle to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Piney Woods to the territory west of the Pecos.

Nueces County was the State Champion racking up 278 points. In a close second place was Nacog-

doches County with 271 points.

The 4-H Poultry Demonstration Contest is co-sponsored by the Texas Poultry Federation, Austin, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. An all-expense paid trip to the Junior Fact Finding Conference in Kansas City, Missouri is awarded to the winning team by the TPF.

Gold, silver and bronze award medals were presented to members of the first, second and third place teams, respectively. Each coach received a recognition certificate.

Marshall Miller, extension poultry marketing specialist, served as superintendent of the 1976 Poultry Demonstration Contest. Judges were Drs. W. F. Krueger, F. D. Thornberry and William O. Cawley.

Land given

Ammon Underwood, of Houston, whose career included a pre-World War I stint as a "miracle worker" on a British cotton plantation in East Africa, has given Texas A&M University, his alma mater, 167 acres of land valued at \$680,000.

The 1907 Texas A&M graduate purchased the land more than a half-century ago. It was then part of his farm and ranch but is now valued as commercial property.

Underwood placed no restrictions on his gift, which was made via the Texas A&M Development Foundation. When the land is sold, an endowment will be established with the interest produced used to meet the most urgent needs of the University, said Robert L. Walker, Texas A&M's development director.

The 86-year-old retired farmer, rancher, banker and oil man also is including Texas A&M in his will. Part of his gift will be his home located on a three-acre point at Buchanan Dam, where he now spends most of his time.

Underwood, who enrolled in civil engineering at Texas A&M when he

was 16 years old, credits the University with helping him get his real start in life. The former East Columbia resident spent five years after graduation working at several locations throughout Texas and then went to British East Africa where he served as an irrigation engineer for two years.

"The work I did there was part of the British effort to become independent in the production of long staple cotton so the mills in Britain would not have to rely on cotton produced in the southern U.S.," Underwood explained.

"There were only 16 white men and 30,000 natives, and none of the workmen spoke English," he added. "My training in civil engineering at Texas A&M enabled me to solve all of the problems on this job, and many times the natives thought I had worked miracles."

"The things I learned at Texas A&M and the friends I made there have been connected either directly or indirectly with nearly everything in my life, and I hope the gift I have made will be helpful to others in the future," Underwood said.

Texas pets may be heat stroke victims

"Many of us have pets that serve as our traveling companions, but we often subject them to serious danger when we don't intend to do so," said Dr. Dennis McIntosh, member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association's Public Information Committee. Dr. McIntosh warns that when you go shopping, Fido or Kitty would be safer left at home. If you leave them locked in the car while you shop, even with the windows open, they may become victims of heat stroke.

High temperatures inside the car may cause a dangerous rise in your pet's body temperature. Vomiting, coma and even death may result. If

heat stroke does occur immediate veterinary treatment is necessary. You may help by giving a cold bath, but your treatment must be followed by your pet's doctor if it is to be successful. Even with immediate veterinary treatment, the high body temperature, often 109-110 degrees, may result in brain damage or damage to other vital body organs, especially the kidneys.

Dogs with thick hair coats, such as St. Bernards and Huskies, are especially susceptible.

Overheating while playing outside in the hot Texas sun often occurs.

Screwworms increasing threat to all animals

The United States Department of Agriculture is expecting a buildup of screwworms this year and are warning livestock owners to be on the alert. Dr. Dennis McIntosh of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association Public Information Committee warns pet owners that screwworms can be their problem too.

Any open sore or cut attracts the female adult screwworm fly. Scratching dogs and cats cause small broken skin areas which may become infested. The fly lays eggs on or near the wound and the hatched larvae look like fly maggots. These larvae burrow into the live tissue.

The amount of damage done can result in death and, if not this serious, a lot of damage and pain to the infected pet.

Any wound or raw area should be treated immediately. Many of these areas may look small, but the burrowing larvae cause damage you may not see from the outside. All screwworm larvae must be removed although some are hard to find. Veterinary treatment is important — many of these wounds must be opened and cleaned surgically or they will continue to get worse.

Special care and observation of your pets will be necessary while hot weather is here.

Texas A&M police move

The Texas A&M University Police Department has moved its offices to the building formerly occupied by the Texas Engineering Extension Service, at Houston and Jersey on the south side of the campus.

University Police Chief O. L. Luther said that with the move to the YMCA Building to Building 509, the department has doubled the size of its facilities.

The department now includes 14 full-time officers, eight full-time clerks and 14 part-time student employees during the school year.

Fiddlers set festival date for June 11

Hundreds of people are expected to converge on Crockett, Friday, June 11, for the 40th Annual World Championship Fiddlers Festival. The event is to be held in the Crockett Memorial Park.

The one-day festival will feature competition among scores of fiddlers vying for top prize money and the "World Champion Fiddler" title. Returning this year to repeat his performance will be Terry Morris, 20, of Deatur.

Activity is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. with the formal opening by Masters of Ceremonies Joe Giffith and Stew Darsey. Crockett Mayor J. B. Sallas will welcome visitors and participants, and registration will also begin at that time.

Fill-in entertainment will be handled by 18-year-old Linda Soucek, a country and western singer from Palestine.

Fiddlers will compete in four groups, with cash prizes going to the top three. Class I includes fiddlers 75 years of age and older with first, second, and third place challengers receiving \$75, \$50, and \$25, respectively. Class II is open to fiddlers 50 to 74 years of age. Class III for ages 25-49, and Class IV for fiddlers 24 years and younger. Participants must be registered at least 30 minutes before his class is slated to begin.

Champion fiddlers of the day receive \$100, first place; \$75 for second place; and \$50 for third place. The "world champion" fiddler is determined when the first place fiddler of the day meets the previous year's winner in a final fiddle-off awarded \$350. Playoffs and presentation of the world championship trophy is planned for approximately 4 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi, sponsor, have a food and drink concession open throughout the day and in other booths and exhibits sponsored by area businesses and organizations will be present in the park.

The sorority's "Blue Delta" dance will be from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the park pavilion. Admission is \$4 a person. Dennis Iverson, The Waymen of Bryan will provide progressive country-western entertainment for dancing.

The Fiddlers Festival was initiated in Crockett in 1937 and has been held annually since.

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Plane on display

Texas A&M's Flying Club will put one of its aircraft on the campus Wednesday to signal the benefits of membership.

Flown onto the campus by Dr. Roy Cornwell, the red Grumman American trainer will be located in the central campus mall. Flying Club members will also be present to discuss flying, club membership and benefits.

Dr. Cornwell, a mechanical engineering professor, will land the plane early Wednesday on the grass field east of the Zachry Engineering Center, according to Club President Dan Benson. It will be open to the mall.

The Flying Club has two American trainers and a four-place Cessna 172 for member use, along with instrument simulator. The club conducts a ground school, requests to private pilot licensing, and training is also part of the club operation.

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