

Moments notice

DIETETIC ASSOCIATION
The Tech Dietetic Association will meet at 7:30 tonight in room 104 of the Home Economics Bldg. Members are reminded to bring piece of fruit for the Meals on Wheels project.

PHI Upsilon Omicron
Home economics honorary Phi Upsilon Omicron will sponsor a Country Christmas Sale in the UC from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. today and tomorrow. Items are hand crafted and range from \$2 to \$5.

ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL
Engineering Student Council will meet at 6 o'clock tonight in the Engineering Student Lounge.

LEADERSHIP BOARD RETREAT
Deadline to return registration form and payment for Leadership Board Retreat and Workshop Jan. 16-19 has been extended until tomorrow. All checks should be payable to the UC and departmental transfers should be made to account number 291 1851.

UC INTEREST COMMITTEE
University Center International Interest Committee Christmas team will meet from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. today in the UC Lobby.

TASTING TEA
Tickets to the Morlar Board Tasting Tea may be purchased for \$1 from any Morlar Board member or in Journalism 211. The event will be 2-4 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Ex Students Association House.

ALPHA ZETA
Alpha Zeta initiation will be at 7 o'clock tonight in Ag 301. Dress is coat and tie. Officers and pledge trainers will meet at 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S IM SPORTS MANAGERS
Women's intramural sports managers should contact the Women's Intramural Office for the schedule of the bowling tourney and the volleyball playoffs Thursday. Forfeit dues also need to be paid by teams participating in the bowling tournament.

Tech wheat research pays off

Tech University agricultural researchers found that spring cabbage planted in the protection of winter wheat outyielded the unprotected cabbage by 143 per cent.

The test was made by vegetable researchers near Munday, Texas, in Knox County 140 miles east of Lubbock and 75 miles west of Wichita Falls.

"Thus the yields of cabbage in the protected area would have paid for the land taken out of cabbage production and devoted to wheat," said Joe D. Tidwell, who is in charge of the vegetable research program near Munday.

"The major benefit of the wind protection appeared to be in the promotion of crop growth," Tidwell reported. "The heads of cabbage in the

windbreak strips averaged 119 per center larger than those in open ground, resulting in the average increase in yield of 143 per cent."

Tidwell said the winter wheat windbreak had no consistent effect on cabbage stands, although the average number of plants per acre was slightly higher in the protected strips.

The cabbage was field seeded in February in three-bed strips between strips of winter wheat four beds wide. For comparison, cabbage was seeded at the same time in open ground, in beds without any kind of wind protection. The wheat was harvested

June 3, leaving 10 inches of stubble height.

"The real protection, however, came from the time the cabbage was seeded until near maturity," Tidwell said. The cabbage was harvested only two weeks after the wheat was cut.

The Tech researchers said the benefits derived from windbreaks such as wheat strips are associated with the reduced velocity of the wind over the soil surface, resulting in less drying of the soil and reduced water loss from the crop plants, as well as reduced abrasion of crop leaves and stems from windblown soil particles. The protection also

increased soil and air temperature in the microclimate zone near the ground. Increased air temperatures induce more rapid crop growth and earlier maturity.

Increased soil temperatures accelerate root growth, the rate of nutrient uptake by crop roots, and the conversion in the soil of unavailable forms of plant nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus to readily available forms.

Increased soil temperatures also aid water absorption by the crop plants and favor increased root extension into areas where additional water and nutrients are stored, Tidwell said.

Where it's at

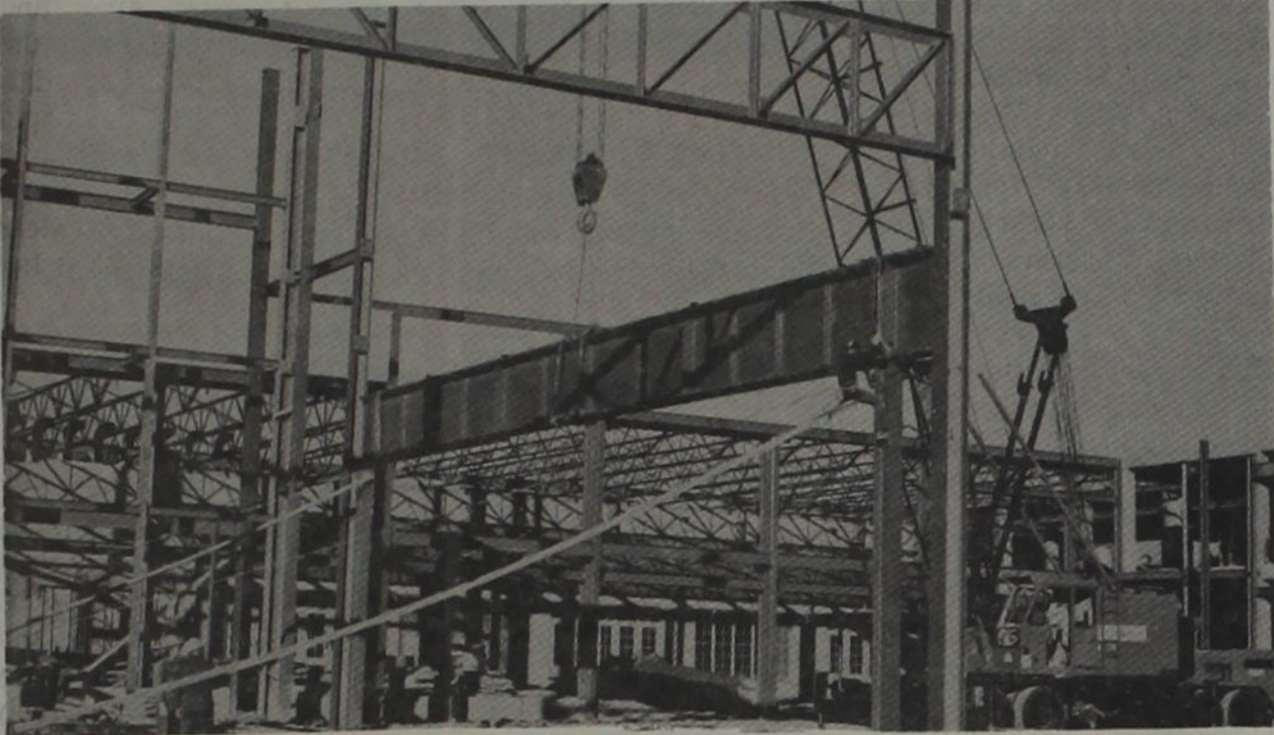
TODAY
Basketball, Tech vs. Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tenn.
Blood Drive sponsored by Women's Service Organization from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in UC 207.
Symposium of Contemporary Music, 4:30 p.m., Music Building Room 1, and 8:15 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church.
Jack White Billiards Demonstration, 12:30-2:30 and 3:30-5:30, UC game room.

TOMORROW
Tech Singers Christmas Concert, 8:15 p.m., UC Ballroom.

WEDNESDAY
Symposium of Contemporary Music, 4:30 p.m., Music Building Room 1.

THURSDAY
Cinematheque Film Society: "The Maltese Falcon" and "To Have and Have Not," 6:30 p.m., UC Coronado Room.

FRIDAY
Film, "Paper Moon," 7 and 9:15 p.m., UC Coronado Room.
Symposium of Contemporary Music, 8:15 p.m., Tech Museum.



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Tech professor helps develop new shorthand method

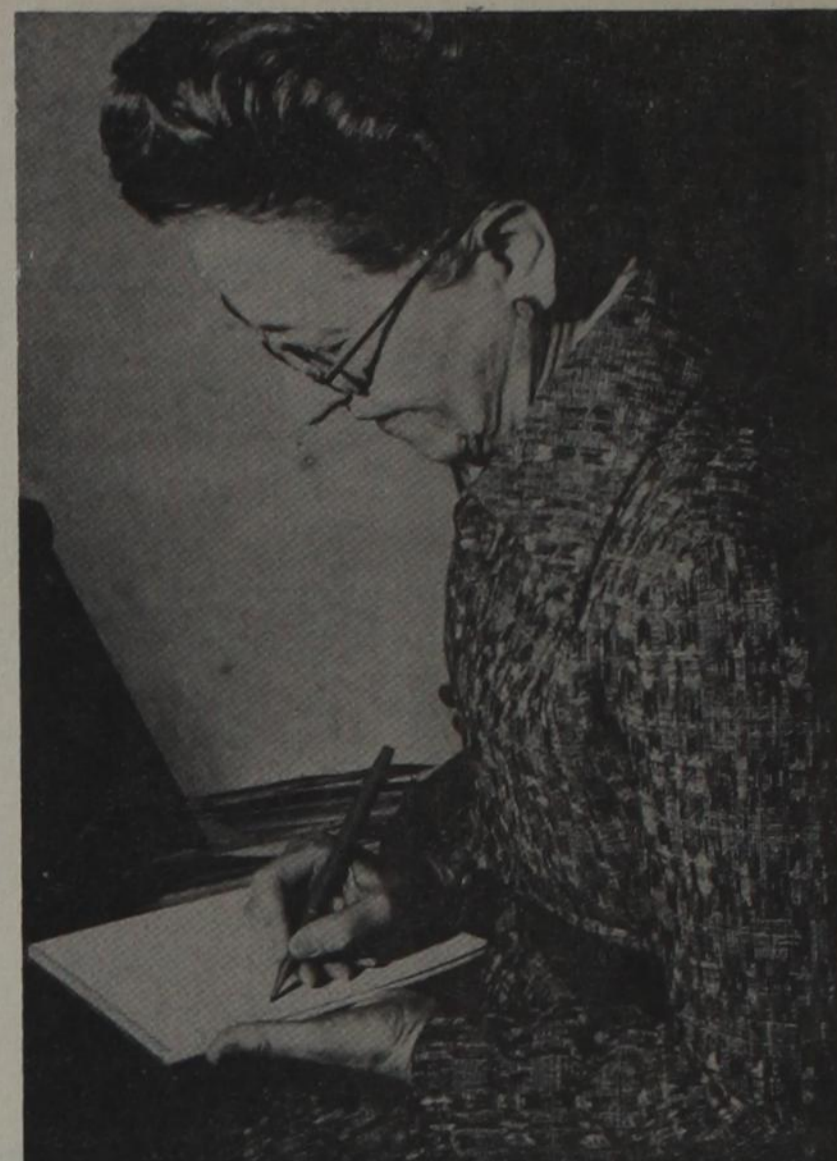
Poised and polished, the secretary taking dictation from an executive may regard shorthand as just a useful tool. The shorthand system she uses probably is the result of some 400 years of evolution designed to make communication more rapid, accurate and convenient.

Recording and transcribing speech sounds using symbols that are quicker and shorter than longhand."

phonetic data; correspondence forms and styles; past and present shorthand systems, and the problems faced by students in reading, writing and transcribing shorthand," she said.

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