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## Kellogg Ranch Awarded Poly

The California State Polytechnic College Foundation today took over operation of the 812-acre Kellogg ranch, \$4,000,000 Arabian horse farm located little more than a mile from the college's Voorhis unit at San Dimas.

The action is the first step in acquiring outright ownership of the property which will provide the college with land and facilities for an expanded southern campus.

The college foundation was authorized to assume responsibility for operating the ranch in a wire just received by President Julian A. McPhes from Emory W. Morris, president of the Kellogg Foundation.

Two more steps must follow before the horse farm becomes the property of the college.

The state director of education and state director of finance must approve acceptance of the ranch as a gift to the college from the Kellogg Foundation.

The state legislature has passed a resolution supporting the education and finance director's accepting the property on behalf of the college.

### Final Action

Final legislative action came yesterday when the state senate passed unanimously concurrent resolution 100 favoring Cal Poly's acquisition of the ranch. The assembly had passed the resolution earlier.

Acceptance of the gift by the state directors of education and finance will come after details of the transfer are worked out by representatives of the Kellogg foundation and the college.

The ranch has been sought by several California institutions since the U.S. Department of Agriculture decided to dispose of the property last winter.

The department of agriculture acquired the horse farm from the army last July. The army had used it as a remount station during the war. It had been maintained for 10 years before the war by the University of California. W. K. Kellogg, cereal manufacturer and philanthropist who founded the farm, gave it to the university in 1932.

The department of agriculture found it did not have funds to maintain the property and the Arabian horses on the ranch. A storm of protest greeted the department's announcement in November that it would sell the property and auction off the farm's pure-bred Arabian stock, but the auction was cancelled.

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**THE FACTS**.. J. I. Thompson, livestock specialist with the Bureau of Agricultural Education, delivers an informal lecture before a group of California ag teachers and cadet teachers. The ag teachers annual conference closes tomorrow, but it will convene here again next year. The conference was preceded by a workshop week. Both events drew a record attendance.

### Poly Colts To Be Sold At Hollywood Park

Two Cal Poly Thoroughbred yearlings, a filly and a gelding, will be sold on the first night of the annual California Thoroughbred yearling sale which will be held at Hollywood Park on evenings of July 18, 19 and 20.

The gelding, a bay, is by the imported Noon-over and out of the imported Lampyris, and the filly, black, is by the imported Firestorm and out of Vibrant. The mares, Lampyris and Vibrant, are in the campus brood mare band, and they have produced other foals who have brought the best prices ever obtained for campus Thoroughbred stock, according to Lyman Bennion, Agriculture Department head.

The stallions, Noon-over and Firestorm, are proven sires who have sired numerous winners and stakes winners on the California tracks.

### Ag Teachers Conference Attendance Totals 440

A record number of 440 ag teachers attended the 17th annual California Agricultural Teachers Association conference which opened on campus last Tuesday, June 28. One reason for the large number of delegates is due to the attendance of instructors who are employed by the Veterans Administration farm training program.

Adjourning tomorrow at noon, a two hour general meeting will be the final activity on the conference program. The meeting will be called to order by Lionel T. Gross, president of the association, and the meeting will include a general election and installation of CATA officers for 1949-50. A summarization of the conference will be pre-

sented by Byron J. McMahon, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Education.

Headlighting tonight's activities will be a barbecue in Poly Grove at 5:30. S. W. Pettigrew, J. I. Thompson, Lyman Bennion and "Snooks" Noggles will act as the official committee for the event. A stage show at the high school auditorium will follow the barbecue at 7:30. Arrangements for the stage show have been handled by Pettigrew and Carl Buck.

The California Agriculture Teachers Association conference is sponsored by the Calif. State Department of Education, Bureau of Agriculture Teachers Education, and California State Polytechnic.

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Electric Shocks On Wane As New System Begins

Most electrical shocks will soon be eliminated on the campus, according to George Able, electrical construction head. In the present two-wire electrical system, anyone coming in contact with defective wiring may receive a jolt, for the body acts as a ground. The electrical construction shop will modify the two wire system into a three-wire system. One wire will be grounded which will prevent many shocks. In addition to the three wire system, the receptacle outlets will be installed with twist locks to prevent plugs from being jerked out.

During the last few months the electrical construction shop has been busy with major installations. A \$5,000 conversion job was completed in the dairy manufacturing building. New equipment and wiring were installed in the welding and aero shops.



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Chemistry Still Breaks Down; But Lab Goes On

Complete overhaul was necessary for the chemistry department's Barnstead distillation apparatus. After years of furnishing distilled water, the still refused to run last week. Although the still has been cleaned regularly, excess scale formations caused the tubes to clog up. After rebuilding the still and installing all new tubes, Victor Schmidt had the still producing its usual two gallons of water an hour.

As much as the students would have liked it, the chemistry lab did not have to shut down during the absence of their still. The stills in the power house and biology department furnished the water necessary for the lab.

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Bension will be in charge of selling the market steers; he will be in Southern California at that time, attending the thoroughbred yearling sale at Hollywood Park.

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**KELLOGG RANCH**  
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Congressional legislation was then passed allowing the return of the farm to the Kellogg foundation, which has now offered the ranch to Cal Poly.

**Farm Land**  
The ranch has served as a horse breeding center and has barns, corrals and pasture land. There are in addition approximately 400

acres of land which can be irrigated for citrus and truck crops. The farm is in the city limits of Pomona.

The California Polytechnic foundation, which has taken over operation of the ranch until the property is turned over to the college, is a nonprofit corporation whose board of directors are all members of the faculty. The Foundation administers a fund

used for student projects. It operates under a lease arrangement

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### Sr. Thesis Project To Test Jet Engines In New Aero Lab

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Earl Seely, aero major, is drafting the preliminary drawings of the jet laboratory and plans to use the project for his thesis.

At the present, Seely is busy trouble-shooting one of the two five-cylinder, radial aircraft engines obtained from war surplus by the department. These engines are manufactured by the Lawrence Co. for use as auxiliary electrical power units in large naval aircraft such as flying boats. The Aero department is arranging one of the engines in the form of a test stand designed so that aero students will receive adequate practice in the art of trouble-shooting.

### Badminton Tourney Begins July Fifth

The summer badminton tournament has not started as yet, but the sign-up is well over expectations, according to Bob Steele, present head of athletics. Competition is scheduled to get underway on July 5, as soon as students return from the short July 4th vacation.

Both singles and doubles are slated to begin on that date and there is still time to sign-up on the sheets that are posted in the post office, the ad building, and the vestibule of the gym.

Horseshoe pitching is also scheduled to begin on July 5.

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