

Newcomers Officers



New and retiring officers of the Newcomers Club are pictured just after the election recently. Front row, are Mrs. A. B. Currie, retiring vice president; Mrs. Horace Blank, retiring president, and Mrs. Clinton Walker, retiring secretary-treasurer. The back row are Mrs. Edward F. Sauer, vice president-elect; Mrs. M. M. Rotsch, president-elect, and Mrs. W. H. LeRoy, secretary-treasurer-elect.

Ag Invitation Debate Meet Slated Friday

The Second Annual A&M Invitational Debate Tournament will be held here Friday and Saturday. The tournament is sponsored by the Aggie Discussion and Debate Club, which is itself sponsored by the English Department.

Schools participating will be the University of Corpus Christi, Allen Academy, Midwestern University, Texas Christian University, Sam Houston State College and A&M.

The question to be debated is "Resolved That the Non-Communist Nations Should Form a New International Organization." Each team will debate both sides of the question.

The tournament will have two divisions of debate, senior and junior. The senior division will be for senior college undergraduates, and the junior division for junior college students and students having fewer than sixty hours of senior college credit.

Registration will be from 8-11 a. m. Friday in the MSC with the opening Assembly from 11 to 12 a. m.

First round debates will be held at 1:30 and 3 tomorrow afternoon with second round matches scheduled to start at 7 and 8:30 tomorrow night. Pairings for the debates have not as yet been announced.

Quarterfinals will be held Saturday morning at 8:30 while semifinals will begin at 10 a. m.

Final round pairings will bring the two top teams together at 1 Saturday afternoon.

All debates will take place in rooms in the MSC. Definite room assignments will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the MSC.

A trophy will be given to the winning team but as yet has not been secured by the Debate Club, according to Carl Elmquist, sponsor of the debate team.

A&M will have three teams in the debate. Two senior division teams will be composed of Dan Davis and James Farmer and Joe Riddle and B. L. Weller.

The junior division team will be Robert Huffman and John Samuels.

Each college entering a team will be asked to furnish one competent judge.

Grants of \$10,000 Given Ag Station

A total of \$10,000 in grants-in-aid, has been received by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station from several concerns.

The grants-in-aid from the Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Co., Des Moines, Iowa, total \$3,700, Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the Experiment Station announced.

The money will be used specifically in the development of methods of determining differences and similarities among inbred lines of chickens.

A kodaslide projector from Roy A. Brewer of San Antonio has been received by the Animal Husbandry Department, Dr. J. C. Miller head of the department reports.

Film Society Plans 'The Good Earth'

"The Good Earth" starring Luise Rainer and Paul Muni will be the eighth offering of the A&M Film Society series. It will be shown Monday night at 7:30 in the YMCA Chapel.

Having been awarded an Oscar for the best film of the year when it originally was issued, "The Good Earth" is considered one of the classics in moviemaking of all times and one of the biggest spectacles ever put down on celluloid.

Next in the series will be the original of "The Thin Man" starring William Powell and Myrna Loy.

All film society members are reminded that if they cannot attend the screening, they may turn their tickets over to friends, and they, in turn, may use the ducats for admission, according to George Charlton, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Lackland AF Base Named Test Center

Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio has been designated as one of six bases which will be opened to screen Air Force hopefuls for reaction to flight conditions, the Air Force announced this morning.

The tests are used to indicate an applicant's aptitude for flying duty, either as a pilot, navigator, or bombardier. It is not designed to measure intelligence or scholastic achievement.

Effectively immediately, aviation cadets who successfully pass the initial mental and physical examinations will report to one of the six centers for the new series of additional written examinations and psychometric testing.

Some Things Considered

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The Japanese, and his value to this country as a commander of extraordinary military genius?

Associated Press reports yesterday and this morning reveal that the Japanese people are very much hurt and disturbed by MacArthur's leaving.

And we can see Stalin dancing in the

streets of Moscow. It remains to be seen how they may be able to benefit by this latest command shake-up.

We will watch with interest, too, the affect MacArthur's appearance in this country will have. If he is the stirring figure he seems to be, he may rattle loudly the already shaky foundations of Truman's support in this country.

'Atom Bomb Created A Spiritual Revival'

Survivor of Hiroshima Bomb Blast Relates Experience During Explosion

By JOEL AUSTIN
Battalion City Editor

"The atom bomb created a revival—a spiritual revival—for the people of Hiroshima." Those were the words spoken by Koshi Tanimoto, pastor of the Methodist Church of Hiroshima, Japan, at the time the atom bomb was dropped there Aug. 6, 1945.

Tanimoto spoke before a large audience at the A&M Methodist Church last night in conjunction with a nation-wide tour sponsored by the Saturday Review of Literature in order to raise funds for the Hiroshima Peace Center which he helped organize.

The American-educated Japanese gave a vivid picture of the atom bombing of Hiroshima, a city of approximately 400,000 population before the explosion.

With his talk, the speaker showed projected picture slides of views of the city shortly after the blast and now. The photographs revealed the millions of dollars damage done to property by the bomb, as well as the mass destruction to human lives and bodies.

No complete houses were left standing in Hiroshima, he said. A town five miles away had burning cinders and paper dropped on it from a dark cloud that rolled in shortly after the bomb exploded.

Practically every building in the city was at least partially destroyed from the bomb which went off 500 yards above the ground. Even houses on the edge of a river were pushed off into the water.

Among the more horrifying tales Tanimoto brought back from the destroyed city was evidence by picture of a shadow, imprinted in a stone stairway, of a man who was climbing these steps near the center of the bomb blast. The victim was disintegrated.

At another point near the center of the explosion, a man was boarding a streetcar when the mysterious flash appeared. During the aftermath, this individual was found, still with one foot on the step of the streetcar, but practically a skeleton where the bomb had torn the flesh from his bones.

In telling about his own experience during the explosion, Tanimoto said he passed through the center of town, right by the central post office (believed to be the center of the blast), only 30 minutes before the bomb went off. He was in the process of evacuating property from his church to a nearby town. Two miles from Hiroshima he was caught by the blinding flash.

Not knowing what it was, or hearing any noise from the explosion, he ran along the road for a few yards and fell down, face to the ground, between two large rocks. Soon a powerful gust of wind passed over him

Air Engineer Force To Be Established

An Aviation Engineer Force with headquarters located in Mineral Wells, is going to be established under jurisdiction of the Air Force Continental Air Command, according to the Department of the Army.

and he could see houses falling nearby.

The survivor said he set up a first aid station with what help he could get. Also he tried to ferry people across a river running through the city, but apparently none were able to receive the help because of seriousness of their injuries.

Strange as it may seem, he related, the people in the city never heard any sound from the bomb, but yet residents in towns as far as 20 miles away heard the loud report.

"It was a pitiful sight," he told

the group; "Many people were actually disintegrated, others buried in the debris or killed from the falling buildings."

Speaking of the effects of radio-activity produced by the bomb, he said many people who survived the explosion died days and weeks later. Many outsiders of Hiroshima who came there after the explosion seeking relatives, touched the radio-active ashes and also died from their death dealing effects.

Tanimoto said the bomb created 6000 orphans in Hiroshima. On August 6 people of the city now gather at the local cemetery and pledge that this experience will never happen again anywhere on the earth.

The city proper has practically been rebuilt, he said. He showed pictures of many new buildings, as well as architects plans for new hospitals, schools, and orphanages.

"It was war that created such bitterness . . . such destruction," said this pastor of one of Japan's largest Methodist Churches. "The people wondered at times if America was a Christian nation," he said, "but soon they realized that the Americans had dropped the bomb as a measure to end the loss of many, many other lives."

"The people of America," Tanimoto commented, "thought the Emperor of Japan was to blame for the death and destruction in Hiroshima because it was his fault the war was still in progress."

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The fact is, he explained, the people highly respected the Emperor and stood behind him in whatever he did.

For the first times in their lives, many of the people saw the Emperor when he came to the bomb-ravaged city to tell them on August 15 that, "In order to keep from further destruction of my people, I have accepted a surrender proposal."

The people of Japan respect Gen. Douglas MacArthur very highly because of the fine way he treated the Emperor and also because he endeavored to become friends with the wartime leader of the Japanese, said Tanimoto.

But it was the fine behavior of the American occupation troops that took the bitterness out of the people's hearts and caused them to accept their conquerors—the first foreign nation ever to occupy Japan.

"Wherever the Americans went, they warmed the hearts of their enemies (the Japanese). They (the Americans) took away any bitterness that might have existed," the minister said.

"Since the fighting in Korea has broken out, the people of Japan have realized the meaning of war and stand behind the Americans in their efforts to bring peace to Asia," Tanimoto promised. "With your help, Japan can and will be developed into a fine democratic nation," he added.

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Newcomers Plan Is to Introduce A&M to Members

With the purpose of helping new arrivals become acquainted with the campus, the Newcomers Club was organized at College Station several years ago.

Now, over a hundred-strong in membership and active in social and community affairs, the club takes its place as one of the outstanding city organizations. Until last fall, membership in the group was limited to ladies who had lived in College Station for two years or less. By vote at that time, membership was extended to third year members.

This, according to Mrs. Horace Blank, retiring president of the organization, has been beneficial to a great many ladies who found it impossible to attend meetings when they were newcomers, but who really wanted to become a part of the program.

The College Station organization is one of many scattered over the country, but the club here has a larger membership than the clubs at most colleges. This is due largely to the size of Texas A&M and to the constantly expanding program of the College and the Extension Service.

Club Meets on Wednesday

The Newcomers Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the YMCA. The first meeting of the month during the past year has been a program meeting, which has featured a variety of talks. The second meeting is always a social gathering where the ladies play bridge and canasta.

At the first social meeting of the year, Mrs. M. T. Harrington had a tea at which Newcomers Club members were guests of honor and at which they were presented to the wives of the College directors and deans. Once each year the group sponsors an evening party at which the husbands are guests. In May

the year's programs will close with a picnic supper for the families of members.

The first program meeting of each year is always a get-acquainted session at which the history and traditions of Texas A&M are told. The past Fall, Pinky Downs was speaker for this occasion. After his talk, a guided tour of the campus was conducted for those who were not yet acquainted with the campus.

Newcomers members usually go from that organization to the A&M Social Club. "Many times," said Mrs. Blank, "a lady goes right into the Social Club, or she keeps up a membership in both organizations, but often she feels that she does not have time for both, so she becomes a Newcomer and stays with us for two years. "Most of the time," she added, "active members of the Newcomers do become members of the Social Club."

"The purpose of our organization is to acquaint our members with the campus," Mrs. Blank said, "and only through inviting and knowing members who are already established here can we hope to fulfill our purpose."

Other than Mrs. Blank, present officers of the Newcomers are Mrs. A. B. Currie, vice president; Mrs. Clinton Walker, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ernest Bulow, program chairman; Mrs. Sam E. Von Rosenberg, membership chairman; Mrs. W. Armstrong Price, social chairman; Mrs. Robert Skrabanek, publicity chairman; Mrs. Currie, year-book chairman; Mrs. Don Young, courtesy chairman and Mrs. D. F. Leipper, calling chairman.

Elected last week to serve as the three top officers in the organization next year are Mrs. M. M. Rotsch, president; Mrs. Edward F. Sauer, vice president, and Mrs. W. H. LeRoy, secretary-treasurer.

\$6,000 in March

Monetary Aid Given Through Loan Fund

By FIG NEWTON
Battalion Staff Writer

Although its finances are usually nil around the eighteenth of every month, the Student Loan Department in Goodwin Hall is the personification of a "soft touch" when it is "in the chips."

The four funds presided over by George Long, lend money to A&M students with no questions asked. No interest is charged and the student is allowed to stipulate his own date of payment.

"However," Long said, "we try to limit them to 30 days so that the money may have a better turnover and may help some other Aggie." The funds grow through the contributions of the borrowers.

Around \$6,000 was loaned in March. About \$95 was donated by borrowers.

There is a definite lack of prompt payment," Long said.

Dr. Skrabanek Writes Article for Magazine

An article written by Dr. R. L. Skrabanek, assistant professor of Rural Sociology, entitled "Cultural Backgrounds and Farm Practices in a Czech Community" was published in the March issue of the Southwestern Social Science Journal.

"which should be avoided so that other students may receive loans when they need them instead of the mid-month, 'Sorry, we're broke, too' spiel."

Now, since the addition of the College Loan Fund in March 1950, the funds usually total around \$7,000.

The College Loan Fund originated March 15, 1950 when Long, chief of the Student Loan department, borrowed \$2,500 from the Fiscal Office to increase the amount.

A donation of \$5 started off the "Davis Buck Fund" in 1943. William K. Davis, class of 1916 originated it.

The Ernestine Gaber Loan Fund was donated by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation in 1944. Originally totaling \$401.47, it has been sponsored mainly since that time by Leo Gaber of Houston.

The Breazale Loan Fund originated when W. G. "Breezy" Breazale, Class of '35 employed by the Dean of Men's Office, requested that the department not send flowers when his mother died in 1948, but instead, to take the intended contribution for flowers and initiate a student fund in her memory.

His mother was born two days before A&M was founded and was the mother of two A&M graduates and one Tessie.

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