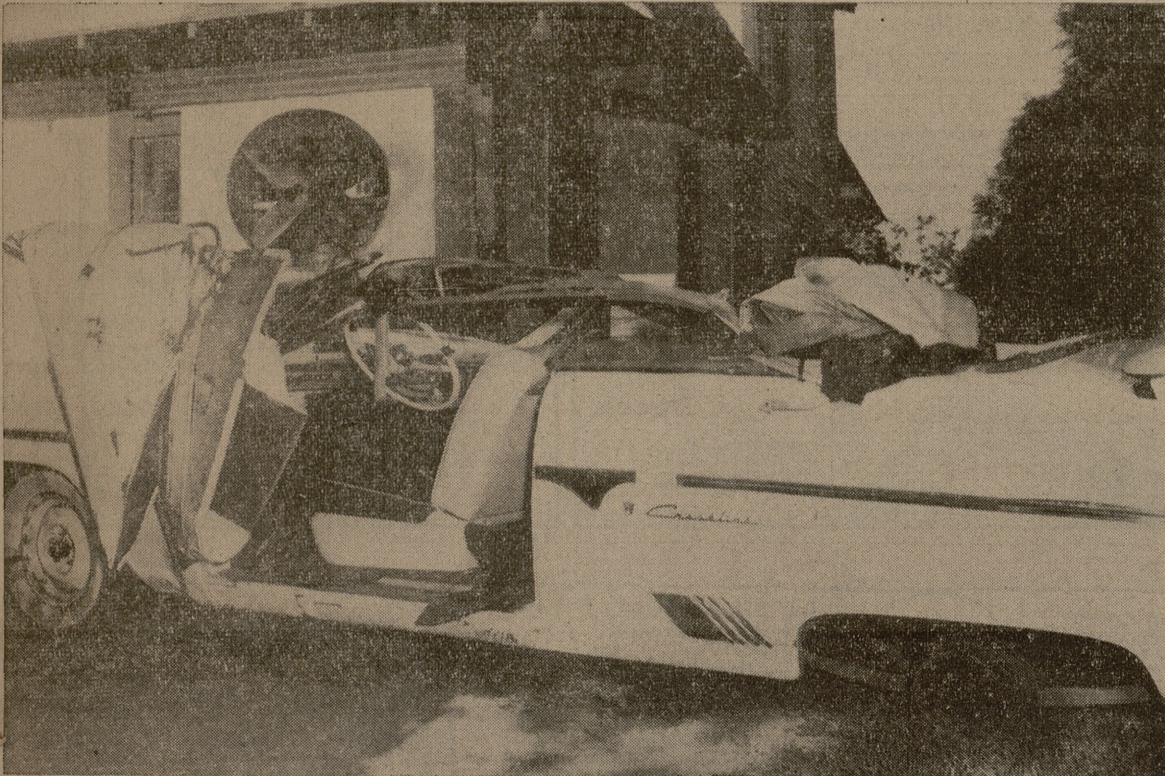


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**DEATH CAR**—This 1954 Ford convertible was the one in which Don G. Dart, A&M senior, was killed Saturday night on Farm Highway 60 about five miles west of the college. Slightly injured was Mrs. Maria Fuller, of Bryan. The car was a total loss.

## Fatal Accident Probe

## Luther Uncovers Evidence

A waitress at the Texan Drive-in has been the only witness able to give Highway Patrolman O. L. Luther any definite information as

### BULLETIN

Patrolman Luther said just before noon today that he had an affidavit from Mrs. Fuller giving her description of the accident and saying that Dart was driving the car at the time of the accident.

Luther said the investigation is complete for now, but the case is not closed.

He said he had gone as far as he could until more information turns up.

to who was driving the car in which A&M Senior Don G. Dart was killed Saturday night.

The waitress told Luther she had begged Dart not to get in the car with Mrs. Maria Bryan Fuller, who was also injured when the car turned over on Farm Highway 60 about five miles west of the college, shortly after leaving the Texan.

The waitress said she walked to the door with the couple and saw Mrs. Fuller get behind the steering wheel, Luther said.

"The last time she saw them," he said, "Dart was standing by the car and Mrs. Fuller was be-

hind the wheel. She did not see them drive away."

Luther also questioned several A&M students who were at the Texan when Dart was there. However, none of the students could give him any information as to who was driving.

Luther has not been able to contact Mrs. Fuller in order to get a statement, but he said he hoped to talk with her today.

"The information I have now is about as much as I can get without Mrs. Fuller's statement," he said.

Others questioned in the case included three A&M students who passed the car in which Dart was riding just before the accident.

Luther also talked to witnesses from Somerville who were in the automobile that was being passed by Dart and Mrs. Fuller when the accident occurred.

## News Briefs

**THE CADET CORPS** will go into woolsen winter uniforms Oct. 29, at the breakfast formation. Ties will be worn all day when the corps begins wearing the green uniforms.

**SENIOR CLASS** meeting will be next Monday, and anyone who wishes to place an item on the agenda can do so by contacting any class officer, said Conrad Cummings, senior class president.

**THE UNITED NATIONS** club will have a "birthday party" Friday night in honor of the United Nations anniversary. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the graduate school,

will speak at the meeting, which will be in the YMCA at 7:30. The public is invited.

**JOHN H. (DIXIE) SOUTHERN**, of the department of agricultural economics & sociology, recently addressed the Denton Chapter of the American Association of University Women on "The United Nations—A Force in the Struggle for Peace."

**P. J. WOODS**, of the history department, addressed the Pre-Law society Tuesday night on "Jury duty and what the lawyer has to contend with when picking a trial jury."

## 4,400 Each Meal . . .

## Feeding Aggies Is Big Job

Feeding 4,400 students in two huge dining halls is one of the largest operations at A&M. This responsibility rests not at all lightly with bespectacled, genial Jay Peniston.

Peniston has been supervisor of dining halls for 10 years and connected with the college for more than a quarter century.

You can take his word that Aggies are fed as well, both in quality and quantity, as the students of any other campus. He sees to it. Last year, for example, more than 340 tons of meat were served. All that—and 200 tons of potatoes!

"Freshmen still are our heartiest eaters," Peniston says. "Second helpings are the rule for all, but the Fish will average about 20 per cent more per man than upperclassmen."

Meals in Sbsia hall and Duncan hall are served family style by 174 student waiters. There are 161 permanent employees on the staff. Food is served hot and the Aggies take an average of 20 minutes at the table.

"Menus are figured one week ahead," Peniston said, "but still are subject to changes for the widest possible variety of food. The menus are posted daily for the students to see at breakfast."

In addition to beef and other meat and potatoes, students get a

salad, vegetable, dessert, bread, butter and drink with every meal except breakfast. The latter includes cereal, eggs and sausage, toast and coffee or milk.

The cost per man is \$1.23 per day.

Special menus are prepared for athletes, who eat in Sbsia hall at odd hours under direction of the coaches.

Peniston is only the fourth man in the last half-century responsible for feeding the Aggies.

Fifty years ago Bernard Sbsia held the position of supervisor of subsistence, training W. A. Duncan to succeed him. Both of these men are now dead. Duncan in turn trained J. C. Hotard, who resigned in 1944 to open a cafeteria in Bryan.

### Remodeling Halls

At present both Sbsia hall and Duncan hall are undergoing extensive remodeling which is a dream come true and a long fight won for Peniston. Tile floors, lower ceilings, new lighting, air-conditioning, panel walls and complete redecoration with new tables and chairs—plus draperies—are in the plans.

The dining halls are among the largest anywhere: 370 tables of 10 places each in Duncan; 210 tables in Sbsia, plus banquet room and basement space. During the last

World War a record 8,400 students were seated in the two halls.

Peniston recently added a dietician to his staff, Mrs. Sara G. Groves. A graduate of the University of Georgia, she has had wide experience in schools, hospitals and commercial establishments over a period of 17 years.

Ray Smith, head baker, is another newcomer to the staff. Most of the other key personnel have been in the business of "feeding Aggies" for 10 years or more.

P. L. Berdine, dining room steward at Sbsia, is completing 30 years on the job.

W. C. Dahlkemper is directly responsible for the preparation of food in both halls. Oscar C. Plantt and W. P. Yeager are chefs at Sbsia and Duncan, respectively. L. B. Moon is dining room steward at Duncan hall.

The major detail of ordering groceries falls to C. M. Sykes, purchasing agent. Last year his supplies would have filled about 12 railroad box-cars; 727,500 boxes of cereal; 2 million half-pints of milk; 411,600 pounds of flour; 100 tons of sugar; 68,820 dozens of eggs.

Mrs. Louise B. Brown is office manager in the smooth and efficient operation.

During his tenure, both before and since taking over as supervisor (See MESS HALL, Page 3)

## Defense Officers Hear Proposals

### Some Names Known In Hat Stealing Case

Tactical officers have indicated that they have names of some of the A&M students who took hats from Texas Christian university band members last Saturday.

The officers indicated to Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, that they have one name and "possibly more" of the students involved.

Wilkins said he expected disciplinary action to be taken against the student by Friday. He said he thought they would not be suspended, but that they probably would be put on conduct probation and campused, at least.

None of the missing hats have been discovered. Unit commanders were instructed to inspect cadet rooms in an effort to find the missing hats and return them to TCU.

The incident occurred at the end

of the A&M-TCU football game here, as the TCU band and A&M cadets were both lining up on the sidelines.

Several A&M cadets took hats from band members heads before the band marched off. Some of the band members from whom the hats were taken were girls.

### Four Students To Attend Banquet

Four A&M journalism students will attend a banquet at the Western Hills Motel in Fort Worth, Oct. 22.

Bob Boriskie, Alford Bruton, Jon Kinslow and Jerry Sonnier will be four of the 27 college students to be honored at the banquet.

The banquet is given in honor of students who participated in the internship program sponsored by the Texas Daily Newspaper association. Each student will give a five-minute speech on his internship.

Newspaper interns were Boriskie, San Angelo Standard Times; Bruton, Jacksonville Progress; Kinslow, Dallas Morning News; and Sonnier, Kilgore News Herald.

Donald D. Burchard, head of the journalism department, will accompany the group to Fort Worth.

### Morgan Calls Meeting 'Highly Successful'

Based on AP Reports

Defense, air force, and army spokesmen heard the more-benefits proposals of the nation's nine military colleges yesterday in a meeting that A&M's President David H. Morgan called "highly successful."

The meeting, which was in Roanoke, Va., was called by the military colleges to ask the defense department for more benefits for their students.

Four proposals were presented at the meeting. The Associated Press did not know if any action was taken on them.

The proposals were as follows:

- An established place in the defense program of the nation so graduates of military colleges are commissioned and integrated into component armed services.

### Day Student Filings Open For Council

Filings are now open in room 1-H, Puryear hall, for day student representative to the Civilian Student Council.

The filings will remain open until 5 p.m. Monday and the election will be held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday in the same room where filings are being taken.

The election, authorized by the council Tuesday, is to fill the vacancy on the council for which no students filed in the previous election.

- An open enrollment for contracts to qualified students, provided military colleges maintain high standards of academic performance, conduct, and application to military duties to eliminate the unfit.

- Graduates of military colleges be commissioned into regular forces instead of reserves.

- Reserve commissions be granted those graduates who are not commissioned in the regular services.

The military college administrators went on record as not seeking federal funds other than those given other schools offering ROTC. This move is counter to the original proposal of asking for an increase in the subsistence pay.

The group established a Council of Military Colleges, with Morgan as president. He said that other such meetings would be held "in the near future." Morgan presided at yesterday's meeting.

A military college is one that requires its students to wear the uniform habitually and live under military discipline, as differed from a civilian college, which requires that its students wear the uniform only to ROTC class and drill.

The nine military colleges are A&M, Virginia Polytechnic institute, Virginia Military institute, Norwich university, The Citadel, Clemson, North Georgia college, New Mexico Military institute, and Pennsylvania Military college.

Only eight of the nine were at the meeting, according to the Associated Press, but the AP did not know which one was absent.

Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, also represented A&M at the meeting.

### Weather Today

There will be scattered clouds this afternoon clearing by 8 p.m. tonight. Yesterday's high was 855, low 50. The temperature at 11:30 this morning was 78.

## Amendments II

## Vote May Aid Building

**(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of three articles on the proposed amendments to the Texas constitution. Absentee balloting for the Nov. 2 election is now in progress at the office of the Brazos county clerk in Bryan.)**

Texas voters will decide on 11 proposed changes in the state's basic law Nov. 2. The first three proposed constitutional amendments were discussed in yesterday's Battalion.

**No. 4: State Building Fund**  
This amendment would transfer the unneeded part of the Confederate pension fund to a state building fund.

Now, two cents of each \$100 property valuation goes to the Confederate pension fund, established in 1928. The fund takes

care of Confederate veterans, of which Texas has one, and widows of Confederate veterans, of which Texas has about 450.

As of last March, the fund had a \$5,530,149 surplus. This money cannot be used for anything else without a constitutional amendment.

The first buildings proposed are a courts building and an office building. The state now pays more than half a million dollars annually in rent, about \$250,000 in Austin alone.

Each year the agency that administers the Confederate pension fund would say how much of the two cents tax money they would need, and then the rest would go to the building fund, which would be administered by a state building commission.

The amendment also provides for building memorials to Texas Confederate veterans and veterans of the War for Texas Independence.

### No. 5: State Salaries

The constitution fixes the salaries of the governor, attorney general, treasurer of the general land office, comptroller, secretary of state, and legislators.

This amendment would give the legislature the power to fix these salaries, instead of having to have a constitutional amendment every time a salary raise is needed.

The following annual salaries are now paid these officials: governor, \$12,000; attorney general, \$10,000; treasurer, \$6,000; comptroller, \$6,000; secretary of state, \$6,000.

The amendment would also boost (See AMENDMENTS, Page 3)



**THEY FEED 4,400 DAILY**—J. C. Peniston, center, is supervisor of the two dining halls here where two-thirds of the student body converge three times daily for chow. Flanking him are his key aides, left to right: William C.

Dahlkemper, steward; Mrs. Sara D. Groves, dietician; Oscar C. Plantt and W. P. Yeager, chefs at Sbsia and Duncan halls, respectively.