

## Eyes of Nation Centered on A & M--Rice Game Today

### Fire Damages Sbsisa Hall Early Thursday Morning

**Cause Not Yet  
Known; Does Less  
Than \$1,000 Damage**

A fire of undetermined origin partially destroyed the basement of the superstructure housing the dish washing activities adjoining the main building of Sbsisa Dining Hall Thursday morning at 10:35.

J. C. Hotard, Supervisor of Sub-stance, said that a possible cause of the fire may have been spontaneous combustion originating in refrigerator insulation cork or composition roofing which was stored in the building.

A detailed account of the damage is as yet unknown but Hotard pointed out that the damage should not exceed \$1,000. The major portion of the damage was confined to the cracked cement of the building proper which was caused as the cold water was poured into the fire.

Besides the refrigerator insulation cork and the composition roofing, several bags of cement and a few pieces of old equipment were also in the building. The equipment, however, is valueless, Hotard said, as it had been replaced with modern devices.

The fire was discovered by a dining hall employee at 10:28 a. m. and was immediately turned in to the Fire Department. The alarm was misunderstood and resulted in the three engines of the Fire Department going to Duncan Hall in the new area. The error was learned in short order and the Fire Department arrived at Sbsisa Hall at 10:45. Hotard declared that the delay in the arrival of the Fire Department had little effect in the amount of the ultimate damage.

Hotard said that the debris would be cleaned out of the damaged building as soon as possible and the place would again be used as an equipment store room.

The tremendous amount of smoke issuing from the fire did no damage other than to the clothes of dining hall employees. The regular routine of the dining hall was in no way impaired by the mid-morning fire which was finally put out at 11:40.

### Poultry Husbandry Students Make Trip To Ft. Worth Friday

Several students taking Poultry Husbandry 301 left Friday morning for Ft. Worth to make an inspection trip through the Swift and Co. packing plant.

Marketing procedures to be observed are killing, packing, grading, and dressing of turkeys and chickens. Egg breaking and cold storage facilities will also be included in the trip.

Mr. Williams, instructor in the Poultry Husbandry Department, said the trip was made this time of the year due to the Thanksgiving holidays just ahead.

Those making the trip are Mr. Williams, trip supervisor, J. F. Blanton, Max E. Maier, Ben P. Sullivan, Pedro Chacon, Leo C. Holbrook, William Karcher, and J. D. Gillen, Jr.

### Molyneux To Lecture Before Cosmopolitan Club

Lambert Molyneux, assistant professor in rural sociology, will deliver a lecture to the Cosmopolitan club Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the YMCA parlor. The lecture, which is entitled "Pan-American Relations" will point out the probable causes of the contrasts and differences of the North American and Latin American people.

The Cosmopolitan Club, through the efforts of its president, Porfirio Cadena, is endeavoring to build up a closer relationship between the boys of North and South America.

The club is open to all who are interested in building up good will between the United States and the Latin-American countries.

### Metermen Have Most Successful Course In History

Southwestern metermen were guests of the Electrical Engineering Department this past week when they met here for their annual short course. Professor Norman F. Rode, in charge of the conference, said that this year's attendance of 115 members was the largest meeting that the school for metermen had ever had. Utility metermen from Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Oklahoma attended the school which is sponsored by the Southwestern Metermen's Association. Officers of this association are Mr. John Price of Amarillo, president, and Mr. H. L. Miller of Houston, vice-president.

Several very interesting and educational talks on new developments in electrical meters were given at the meeting. Outstanding lectures presented included those by Mr. E. J. Boland of General Electric Co., Mr. L. C. Blevins of Westinghouse Electric Co., and Mr. H. L. Olesen of Western Electric Corp. Mr. Olesen also spoke before the student A. I. E. E. meeting on Wednesday night.

Electrical metering instrument exhibits were the key-note of the course with exhibits of various late developments in electrical instruments by several companies, including General Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric Co., Sango Electric Co., Duncan Electric Co., and the Houston Specialty Co.

The last meeting of the week was held Friday night in the banquet room of Sbsisa Hall with all members attending a dinner.

### Brazos County Advisory Group To Aid Registrants

An advisory committee has been appointed in Brazos County to assist registrants in the Selective Service Draft in filling out their questionnaires and to give out needed information.

W. S. Barron of Bryan is chairman of the committee, and all lawyers in Brazos County have been designated by Mr. Barron as members of the committee. All these advisors furnish their assistance without any fee to the registrant.

The committee was appointed by and is working in close collaboration with the Local Selective Service Board of Brazos County. Travis B. Bryan, whose office is located in the First National Bank Building in Bryan, is chairman of this board. At College Station Mr. Casey is a representative on the board and he is available at most times to give any information to students or registrants of College Station who may need it.

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### Navarro A. & M. Club Makes Dance Plans

In a meeting of the Navarro County A. & M. Club held last week, plans were made for the annual Christmas dance, which will be held at the Corsicana Country Club. The dance committee headed by Homer Pace of Corsicana, is now making arrangements for a well-known orchestra.

The dance, which in years previous hasn't been looked on with much enthusiasm, promises to be the best one in the history of the club.

Officers of the club include Pete Breithaupt, president; Richard L. Hobbs, vice-president; Jack Griffin, treasurer; and Washburn Crawford, secretary.

### Chemical Company Research Men Visit Entomology Heads

Three members of the Dow Chemical Company research department were visitors to the entomology department last week. The research men, W. C. Dutton, horticulturist; W. W. Allen, chemist; and Mr. Prendegast, entomologist, were here for the purpose of consulting Dr. S. W. Bilsing, head of the entomology department regarding the results he has obtained with di nitro ortho cyclo hexaphenol used for the control of pecan tree insects.

The chemical, which is called di nitro for short, is a coal tar derivative and has been in use in California as a dust for the control of red spiders on citrus fruit.

The Dow Company, which is famous for some of its famed researches, is establishing a plant at Corpus Christi for the purpose of extracting magnesium from the sea water. The sea water chemical will be used for the manufacture of insecticide.

### Ashburn Will Be County Chairman During Celebration of Highway Week

Col. Ike Ashburn of College Station is to be chairman of the observance of Texas Highway Week, December 2 to 6, inclusive, in Brazos County, it is announced by the Texas Good Roads Association, sponsor of the week.

Col. Ashburn has accepted appointment to head the committee to arrange and stage the Highway Week program in this county and will work out details and name committees to assist with arrangements for the event, the Association's office at Austin advises.

Texas Highway Week will be observed throughout the entire state during the designated week by proclamation of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel and the public is urged by the proclamation to take increased interest in their state highway system and its needs. Officials and civic leaders of the state, counties, cities and towns will lead in arranging public meetings and celebrations during the period. The Texas Good Roads Association and the State Highway Department are cooperating in helping plan state-wide observance.

The Governor's proclamation designating the week called upon all citizens "to take inventory of the manifold blessings brought to them by the highways of this state, to consider the progress that has been made in the past towards a completed highway system, and to give serious thought to the future highway needs of the state so that

### Gerlach and Orchestra Replace Aggieland Band Tonight at Corps Dance

By Mac Reynolds

It's Saturday nite coming up again and it's time for all fun-loving Aggies to howl. Something new in the way of music for the corps dance lies in the style of Ed Gerlach and his Houstonians from Sam Houston State Teacher's College at Huntsville who will be furnishing the rhythm. That is for the boys that like to go to Sbsisa Hall way for the regular 9 'till 12, \$1.10, swing session.

It's an exchange affair because Ed Minnock and his Aggieband troupe go over to Huntsville to play for an all college dance on the Sam Houston campus. So far the boys who just have to hear the Aggieband--well, it's not too far to Huntsville.

With Gerlach doing the down beat, and his 16-piece orchestra pacing the "Krupa-like" rhythm of Henry Fulgham, former Bryanite and red-hot drummer, all the jitterbugs and would-be bugs are sure of a session on the wax of the old mess hall tonight.

Former Aggies are well represented on the Houstonian outfit. Ed Gerlach was Aggie Band '41 a year or so ago, and Max Per-

### Newly Organized Military Engineers Hold First Meeting

The recently organized student chapter of the American Society of Military Engineers held their first meeting Thursday night. Captain E. M. Anderson, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, detached service, stationed on the Denison Dam Project spoke to the chapter about the various phases of the engineering work being carried on by the Corps of Engineers at the project.

Considerable interest in the new chapter here at A. & M. was shown by the parent society. A telegram received by the chapter president from Colonel J. Franklin Bell, executive secretary of the national society, expressed the parent organization's best wishes for the chapter's success and also sent congratulations to the men responsible for the establishment of a student chapter of Military Engineers.

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### Don't Blame Your Vision When You See Multi-colored Rabbits

If you happen to see a red or blue rabbit running loose on the campus, don't blame your vision or a trip to "Uncle Ed's." It will just be one of the rabbits being used in the genetics department.

Associate Professor of Genetics, Dr. J. H. Quisenberry, has several red, white, and blue rats and rabbits in his experimental department. The animals are being studied by students and scientists to discover the explanation of why some persons have red hair and some have none. Included in this group also are some "bald" rats being used for the same purpose. Tests on the animals have helped to explain why some black cattle have some red color in their hair.

The rabbits in the group exhibit the most unusual designs, but the rat is the best of the two types of animals for research work because they are very prolific and can be kept cheaper in a larger number.

The animals are on display on the fourth floor of the Animal Industries Building.

### Fish Drawing Contest Announced

Beginning about February 15, 1941 the tryouts for the annual A. & M. Engineering Contest will be held. This contest is open only to freshman students taking Engineering Drawing at the time of the contest. No professional or advanced students are allowed to participate.

There will be five different types of drawings which will be made in the contest. They are as follows: shape descriptions or multi-view projections (no dimensions), working drawings, freehand sketchings, letterings, and practical engineering problems (descriptive geometry).

The first prize winners in each of the various groups will be presented with mechanical drawing sets, electrical erasers, and Edio Lettering sets. These prizes are given only to those who win the local contest.

The winners of the A. & M. contest are then sent to the national contest, sponsored by the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education which is being held this year at the University of Michigan.

Texas A. & M. has set up an enviable record in competition each year in the national contest. Last year, A. & M. students tied for first place in the contest held at the University of Southern California at Berkeley, California. During the past three years, A. & M. has claimed more winners than any other school participating.

Mr. H. C. Spencer of the local Engineering Drawing Department urges all freshman students who are contemplating entering the contest to begin now to improve their work and strive toward a goal of perfection.

### State Insect Control Section Reviews Work

The Insect Control Section of the State-Wide Cotton Committee held a meeting in the main conference room of the experiment station last Friday morning for the purpose of reviewing the general recommendations on research, control and extension work which were made in this section of the state in 1938.

This section has as its objective the increasing of farm income by lowering the cost of cotton production through increased yields by means of insect control.

Among those present were Mr. Eugene Butler, Editor of the Progressive Farmer and chairman of the section; Mr. Alston Clapp of Anderson Clayton and Company of Houston, secretary of this section; and Mr. Burris C. Jackson of Hillsboro, chairman of the state wide committee.

### Aggies To Pit Mighty Line Against Owls Ground Effort

### Cattle Raisers Board Now Holding Quarterly Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association are now holding their quarterly meeting on the Texas A. & M. campus. The members of the Board of Directors arrived Friday morning. Many of the members of the board ate lunch Friday noon in Sbsisa Hall.

Friday at 2 p. m. the directors met in the library of the Animal Industries Building and then went to the lecture room of the same building where they heard short talks by Dr. T. O. Walton, Dean E. J. Kyle, A. B. Conner, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and H. H. Williamson, director of the Agricultural Extension Service.

At the conclusion of the customary business program the directors made an inspection of the meats laboratory and other parts of the Animal Industries Building.

A banquet was held for the Board of Directors in Sbsisa Hall at 7:00 p. m. Friday and they heard talks by different members of the board.

There is no official program today. However, members of the board have been urged to stay over for the A. & M.-Rice football game.

### Clements Makes Talk To Fish & Game Club

Dr. Frederic E. Clements, associate in ecology, Carnegie Institute of Washington, made an address to the Fish and Game Club this week, discussing current problems in conservation of soils, water, vegetation, and in the field of wildlife.

Dr. Clements is probably the foremost living ecologist. As the author of many books he has achieved an international reputation in his field where he has had long and honorable service. Joining the staff of the Carnegie Institute of Washington in 1916, Dr. Clements has lived an exceedingly active life making substantial contributions to the advancement not only of plant ecology but of the plants and animals.

### A&M Has Only College Operated Frozen Food Locker Plant in Nation

A. & M. is again able to boast of something that no other college in the United States has, because the Animal Husbandry Department has just opened the only college operated frozen foods locker plant.

This plant with its 220 individual lockers is serving a dual purpose. It not only helps train students for positions with one of the 3,000 other plants around the country but also offers an opportunity to the people in the vicinity of College Station and Bryan to make a decided saving on their meat bill. For a very reasonable fee a person can now take a live animal to the meats laboratory, have it slaughtered, dressed, and in several days have a wide variety of steaks and roasts in his locker. But the beauty of the whole thing is that these cuts can be kept for an indefinite period and removed in as small quantities as desired.

For those patrons who do not wish to buy live animals, arrangements have been made for them to purchase either whole or parts of dressed carcasses directly from the packing houses or from the animal husbandry department.

Other than standard beef, pork, and mutton items the plant is equipped to handle deer, poultry and even fruits and vegetables. In

### Near Sellout Expected As Sales Exceed 30,000 Mark

By Bob Myers  
Assistant Sports Editor

All eyes of the football world will be focused on Kyle Field today when the Texas Aggies defend their conference championship against the Rice Owls.

From all indications it will be a case of the irresistible force against an immovable object--the force being the ground attack of Rice and the object, A. & M.'s solid line. In last week's game, the Aggie line held from end to end against the Mustang attack and forced them into the air for their yardage while the Texas Longhorns suffered defeat at the hands of the Owls' ground attack. The passes completed by the Owls in this game was nil, with only three being attempted.

Not only will it be a battle between two outstanding teams of the conference, but too, will be one between the fullbacks of each eleven. All-American "Jarrin" John Kimbrough will be in the tailback position for the Cadets and Bob Brumley, line crasher for Rice.

In the stingy Aggie line will be such players as Robnett, Pannell, Henke, Routt, Vaughn, Sterling, and Buchanan. This is the fast charging line that has been opening holes in all of A. & M.'s opposition this year and has All-American material at both guards and tackle positions on each side of the line.

Backfield posts will be held by Kimbrough, Thomason, Pugh, and probably Conatser on the strength of his performance in the S. M. U. game last week. Pugh, Routt, and Jeffrey will act as co-captains for the game.

Coming from the Bayou city will be such stalwarts as Weems, who made the Longhorns look dizzy with his broken field runs; All-American candidate Fred Hartman, tackle from Pampa; Livy Bassett, guard from Brenham; Captain Tuffy Whitlow, center from Wichita Falls; and Jack Everett, line-backer and blocking back from Putnam.

Henry McLemore, national columnist for United Press, will be in the press box along with other outstanding sports scribes from all over the state, and many from out of the state will witness this

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### Horticulture Society Seeks ASHS Membership

The A. & M. Horticulture Society has applied for a membership in the American Society of Horticultural Science as a junior member. If accepted, the A. & M. chapter will be the only college in the United States to hold this membership.

The A. S. H. S. members are the outstanding horticulturists in the nation and the A. S. H. S. holds a mass meeting once each year. The meeting for the horticulturists will be held in Dallas next year.