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## King Bill and Queen Nell Reign Sunday

A juvenile king and queen reigned in Aggieland Sunday. It couldn't have happened in the "old days" at militaristic A. & M., but yesterday William Terry Marx, age 28 months, and Nell Kathleen Martin, 39 months, were acknowledged rulers of the children of

## Regional Hillel Conference Meets December 13 to 15

A State Intercollegiate Hillel Conference, sponsored by the A. & M. Hillel Foundation is scheduled at College Station for the weekend of December 13-15 inclusive. The Conference will open with traditional Jewish Religious Services Friday evening, December 13 at 7:30 p. m., conducted by Cantor Philip Gordetzky of the University of Houston, and will close Sunday afternoon with an open Interfaith meeting addressed by Colonel Ora J. Cohee, formerly Chief Chaplain of the Pacific Area, and now Associate Southwest Regional Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Speakers for the Conference will feature Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld of New York, Associate National Director of the Hillel Foundations in this country who will speak at the Friday evening Religious Services; Dr. Thoms F. Mayo, Head of the English Department, who will speak at the Banquet to be held at Sbisla Hall Saturday evening, on the subject of Freedom and Equality; Mr. M. Harry Caldwell, of the Department of Geography, who will lead the discussion Sunday morning on the subject of the responsibility of Jewish college youth. Mrs. Jack Forman will render Jewish vocal music at the Banquet Saturday evening.

The Sunday afternoon Interfaith Meeting, addressed by Col. Cohee is sponsored in cooperation with the Y.M.C.A. Mr. M. L. Cashion will introduce Col. Cohee. The Conference will close with an address by Rabbi Joseph Rudavsky, Director of the University of Texas Hillel Foundation, and Professor of Hebrew and Jewish History of the University.

Every session of the Conference is intended to acquaint Hillel membership and faculty and students at large with the cultural objectives of the Hillel program. All sessions are open to the public and a cordial invitation is extended to students, faculty and members of the College-Bryan Community to participate in any or all of the sessions.

## College Plans To Erect \$500,000 Chapel On Campus

Walton, Hart Cleared For Single Students Next Semester

The college building program for Texas A&M intends to include a \$500,000 chapel on the campus, according to Gibb Gilchrist, president of the college, in a report to the American Association of University Professors last Thursday in the Petroleum Building.

Speaking before 115 members of the college teaching staff, Gilchrist said that actual building won't commence until the present high prices come down. Money for the building must be authorized by an amendment submitted to the people. However, money for the student union building is already at hand and work on it is scheduled to begin first.

The president also spoke on student discipline, housing and the school's basic policy. He stated that the school will request additional funds from the legislature for the next year and that increases in salaries for staff members will come out of it.

He also stated that Hart and Walton Halls are being reconverted for use by single students by the first of the next semester. Apartments for married students are now in the process of being erected on the polo grounds and they will be ready for occupancy by February.

Gilchrist informed the members present that the Bluebonnet Ordinance Plant, awarded to the college by the War Assets Administration will be used for agricultural experimentation, since it is located in one of the best farming regions of the state.

## PICK UP ADVANCED MILITARY CHECKS

Students enrolled in advanced ROTC courses are requested to pick up their checks covering the month of November. The request was made by Col. G. S. Meloy, P.M.S.&T.

## ROTC Inspection By 4th Army Team Commences Today

Brig. Gen. K. L. Berry And Party To Conduct Two-Day Inspection

Brigadier General K. L. Berry, chief of the Texas Military District, and a party of three other officers from Fourth Army Headquarters, is inspecting the A&M ROTC unit today and tomorrow, according to Colonel Guy S. Meloy, Jr., P.M.S.&T. General Berry is chief of all civilian components of the Army in Texas, including the ROTC and the National Guard.

This is the second of four informal inspection tours by the Fourth Army and other Army departments, the reports of which will be coordinated with the annual federal inspection report to determine the military rating given the school, Colonel Meloy stated.

An unconfirmed report that General Jonathan Wainwright, Commander of Fourth Army, would conduct this inspection was discounted by the announcement of General Berry's coming.

General Berry is accompanied by Major J. L. Lain, Major C. B. Lyle, and Mrs. P. J. Imig, all of Fourth Army Headquarters.

It will be remembered that as a result of last year's inspection by military officials, A&M suffered the loss of the blue star, which is the highest rating for ROTC schools.

## Things Are Getting Wetter all the Time

Typographical errors in a newspaper are not always detected. In fact the difference or the absence of one letter may cause a minor catastrophe.

Such is the case in the last issue of The Batt, when the word "wet" appeared in a sentence in place of "met". The opening paragraph of Friday's "banner story" read as follows:

"Joe Skiles, director of Student Activities, M. L. Cashion, YMCA secretary, Benmie Zinn, assistant dean of men, and Ray Perryman, assistant registrar, met with nine students of the Student Life Committee yesterday afternoon to discuss and make decisions on current school issues."

In the next column was a story on the Doll and Diaper Parade!

Our humble apologies to the members of the Student Life Committee mentioned above. Just one of those things.

## SPANISH CLUB PLANS WEINER ROAST PARTY

At its last meeting, the Spanish Club voted to have a wiener roast in place of its last scheduled meeting before the Christmas holidays. A site has not yet been selected, but all members who are planning to attend are advised to meet on the steps of the old Y.M.C.A. building, December 17, at six p. m. Transportation to the wiener roast will be furnished from this point.

## EX-STUDENTS CONFER WITH ATHLETIC COUNCIL SUNDAY

### Time for Action! . . .

No doubt the report of the meeting of the Athletic Council and the Former Students Association that was released for publication has been read in another part of this issue. It is not often has so little been said in a news release—it might have even gone unmentioned insofar as the public is concerned.

The Athletic Council should make some definite statement of their views and recommendations on their athletic policy for the coming year. Members of the council must be aware that the students, the faculty, and the alumni, who make up the largest group of athletic patrons, are anxiously awaiting a decision.

The 8632 coupon book holders who each paid \$7.00 to the Athletic Dept. are not even being consulted in this affair. No formal request of their attitude in this situation has been made. Formerly the students were represented by several of their number on the Athletic Council. This year there are none. They should be placed on the council without delay so that we can help to straighten out this mess.

It is hard for us to understand why a definite announcement has not been forthcoming. Such indecisive action can only result in more confusion and hard feeling. Unsettled conditions, like old wounds, get worse with age.

Not only is this whole matter seriously lowering the "spirit of corps" in the school, but also is hampering our prospects A&M might have in attracting high school athletes to the school in the coming year. The advantage of waiting until all the evidence is surveyed is realized, but there have been times when waiting was disastrous.

This is not a call for blood—but here is a problem entirely in the hands of the Athletic Council. By investigations of their own they must have gained knowledge of the situation. In the recent meeting with representatives of the Former Students Association they were given recommendation and ideas expressing the attitude of the alumni. The matter of policy rests with the council and they are obligated to the athletic patrons for a statement now.

## Expansion of A&M's Already-Large Flight Training Program Is Planned

A. & M. will expand its already-large flight training program during the approaching spring semester, it was announced today by Dr. Howard W. Barlow, dean of engineering.

In addition to the private pilot's course, which was offered last summer and during the present semester, and which drew a capacity enrollment, it is planned to offer a course leading to a CAA commercial pilot rating and possibly a flight instructor course, if the demand is great enough to justify it.

Applications to take the courses

## ROOM RENT INCREASE EFFECTIVE NEXT TERM

A&M students living in the dormitories on the campus will pay \$7.50 per month for room rent beginning next semester, while those living in barracks at the Bryan Field Annex will pay \$6, it was officially announced December 5.

During the current semester where three men shared a room, the rate was \$5 per month.

## Curtain Rises on "Male Animal" Tomorrow Night in Assembly Hall

"The Male Animal", James Thurber's and Elliot Nugent's comic hit, will be presented by the Aggie Players beginning tomorrow night in the Assembly Hall. The show will commence at 8:15 p. m. on the nights of December 11-14.

This smash hit received a warm welcome on Broadway, where it ran for thirty-five consecutive weeks. Such critical reviews as "The Male Animal" is the best comedy since 'Life With Father' by the New York Daily News; "The play is literate and almost continuously amusing"; by the New York Post; "An hilarious farce destined to great and well-deserved success"; by the Nation, were among the many praises showered on this comedy hit.

The story involves Professor Thomas Turner, an instructor at Midwestern University, who said that he would read a letter written by a man considered an anarchist by the school's Board of Trustees. Michael Barnes, student editor of the school magazine, wrote an article about it stating that Prof. Turner was a brave man to stand up to the Board of Trustees. The ensuing predicaments cause Turner almost to lose his wife and his job at the University. The order of events that finally lead to the solution of the problem provide the audience with continuous amusement throughout the play.

Bill Krause is cast in the role of Thomas Turner. His wife, Ellen, a sweet and understanding woman in her early thirties, who is slightly

confused by the whole controversy, is portrayed by Mary Friererson.

Joe Ferguson, Midwestern football star of the late twenties and all-time All-American who was Tommy's rival for Ellen's affections when they were in college, is played by John Stevens. Ed Keller, bombastic member of the Board of Trustees and the man who sent Joe through school, is enacted by Frank A. Camp.

Sybil Claire Banister, of WTAW's Texas Farm and Home Hour, portrays Cleota, the Turner's scatter-brained maid who has a remarkable ability to butcher the King's English.

Patricia Stanley, Ellen's younger sister, a young college girl of rare charm faced with the problem of choosing between brain and brawn is enacted by Mamie Lee Jackson. Wally Myers, Midwestern's star halfback and candidate for All-American who possesses considerable brawn and an indirectly proportional brain, is portrayed by Ferd English. Michael Barnes, brilliant young editor of The Lit and the person responsible for the rabble-rousing editorial, is played by Milt Frenkel, disc jockey and student, announcer of WTAW.

Dr. Damon, 65-year-old head of Midwestern's English department and possessor of subtle and dry wit, is enacted by James F. McKenzie III. Mrs. Damon, the dean's slightly old-fashioned wife who makes a noble attempt at being modernistic is played by Jean-

ne Kernodle.

Mrs. Keller, a typical big shot's wife who is sweet to counteract her husband's acidity, is enacted by Will Beth Stephens. Mark Halleck, news and sports caster over WTAW, is the unseen voice of the radio announcer "Nutsy" Miller, leader of Midwestern's band, is played by "Porky" Taylor.

In charge of direction is Arthur Angrist, who did his undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Michigan. Mr. Angrist is now an instructor in the English department. He is assisted by Mrs. Pat Kirkpatrick, who graduated from the University of Rochester and received her Master of Arts degree in Dramatic Arts at Columbia University. Mrs. Kirkpatrick has worked with the Columbia Little Theater and the Radio Workshop of NBC. Technical director and stage manager is George Dillavou, University of Illinois graduate, and presently an instructor in the English department.

The production of this play will be a result of the extracurricular activity both on the part of the instructors and students, as the rehearsals and stage construction were done during the participants' spare time.

Tickets, 60c for reserved seats and 40c for general admission seats, are on sale at the YMCA on the campus. In Bryan tickets may be purchased at Canady's Drug Store, Creamland, and the LaSalle Hotel Coffee Shop. Persons will also find tickets on sale at the

dean of engineering, are available now in the office of the dean of engineering, and should be filled out and returned at once, regardless of whether previous applications have been submitted, Dr. Barlow said.

The private pilot course, officially known as Aero 221, carries three scholastic credit hours and tuition has been set at \$490.80. Veterans who are attending school may have the cost of the course deducted from their entitlement, Barlow pointed out. Veterans who are not attending A&M College may enroll for flight training if qualified.

Most of the commercial pilot course open to those who have completed Aero 221 or who hold a valid CAA private license has not yet been computed, inasmuch as the course covers three semesters of college work or, specifically, 160-185 hours of flight training and about 105 hours of ground school.

The flight instructor course, or Aero 229, would carry three credit hours and cost \$492.25, Barlow said. If offered, 25-30 hours of flight instruction and 40 hours of ground school will be given. A meeting will be held early in January to brief those who apply for training, Barlow said. Notices will be mailed applicants in ample time.

All flight training will be held at Easterwood field, the college-owned airport where hundreds of A&M men have learned to fly, and where there never has been a serious accident involving a student.

## Special Athletic Committee Aids, Recommends to Council on "Situation"

At a joint meeting of the Athletic Council of the college and a special Athletic Committee of the Former Students Association here Sunday athletic conditions of the school were discussed. C. W. Crawford, chairman of the Athletic Council, said that the Association's recommendations were heard and they were to be taken under advisement.

The association committee was a group of five chosen by the Former Students at a meeting last month to convene with the Council to make recommendations in an attempt to aid them in settling various problems. Heading the committee was J. P. Hamblen of Houston. Members of the Athletic Council are C. W. Crawford, C. N. Sheppardson, C. D. Ownby, S. A. Lipscomb, S. J. Baker, and J. W. Rollins.

According to reports no decisions were reached, nor was any action taken as a result of the meeting. It was said that the discussion was carried on in an informal tone and dealt with "several phases of athletics at the college."

## Thar's Gold in Them Thar Oaks --- Quote A. H. Department

Texas university has its oil lands, and the University of Houston has H. R. Cullen, but A&M has another source of untold wealth—the trees in the AH pastures.

After the bonfire, the Animal Husbandry department, like everyone in Brazos County, began counting its losses. They came upon a startling fact. A three-acre plot of ground, the "Rifle Butts" pasture, had been decimated of its timber to supply the bonfire.

A bill, signed by J. K. Riggs, of the AH department, and sent to the Dean of Men's office for payment, was itemized thus:

30 large trees, @ \$100, \$3000  
105 small trees @ \$ 25, \$2625

Total . . . . . \$5625

This, of course, just goes to show what the Forestry Service has been trying to tell us all year; timber is very valuable indeed. It's a good investment to plant your land in timber, they say.

Following the AH department line of reasoning in evaluating their trees, we slipped out our slide rule, and came to these conclusions:

The trees alone on a three-acre plot of ground, like the Rifle Butts pasture say, are worth at least \$5500. That's about \$1835 per acre off trees alone.

According to the college catalogue, we own about 8000 acres of land in Brazos County. If each acre of land had a nice stand of stately oaks on it, and if they were cut, not for bonfirewood, but for sale, the college would make a fortune—\$14,680,000.

Understand that all this is according to the AH department's thinking.

Start plantin' them trees, fellers. There's gold in them thar oaks!

## This Week's Poll . . .

## Gilchrist's Proposed Chapel Rates Low in Students' Books

Student approval of President Gibb Gilchrist's proposal for a \$500,000 chapel is definitely in the minority, if the results of the week's Battalion Poll are any indication of the reactions of the student body.

President Gilchrist made the proposal for the chapel, which would be non-denominational, at a meeting of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors last Thursday night.

The Battalion, in an attempt to find the opinions of the students on the matter, this week put the following question to a group of men picked at random:

"Do you favor the proposal made by Pres. Gilchrist, to raise \$500,000 to build a new chapel on the campus?"

Almost without exception, the students questioned named other purposes on which the money should be spent rather than on a chapel.

Glen Torrence, sophomore in the Band said, "If the proposal by Gilchrist is made in the interest of the welfare of the students, as may be assumed, I think that these interests may be better served by spending some money on increasing the recreational facilities on the campus. The shortage of theaters, showing up-to-date films, is, I think, particularly acute."

Robert O. Nelson, sophomore from Honey Grove, said that "before anything else is built on this campus, I want to see completed

## Interfaith Group To Hear Cohee on Sunday Program

A cultural interfaith meeting sponsored jointly by the Y.M.C.A. and the A&M Hillel Foundation will be held Sunday afternoon, December 15 at 3:30 o'clock, with Colonel Orason Cohee as guest speaker.

Colonel Cohee was a Chief Chaplain in the Pacific Area during World War II, and served in a similar capacity during World War I. For eight years following the first World War, Colonel Cohee was instructor in Psychology and Sociology in the Army Chaplain School; he later served in China, the Philippines and Hawaii. He was born in Indiana, attended Wabash College, the University of Chicago, and Columbia University, and also graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in New York. At present he is Associate Southwestern Director and Coordinator of the Intercultural Education Program.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is dedicated to the promotion of the ideals of justice, amity, understanding and civic cooperation among Protestants, Catholic and Jews. The Conference was founded in 1923 by a group of American leaders headed by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes of the Supreme Court, Doctor S. Parks Cadman and Newton D. Baker.

## "Green Pastures" Free in Guion Hall Saturday Morning

As the first in a series of free movies featured in Guion Hall, "Green Pastures" will be shown Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. One of several "classical" shows that have come out of Hollywood is planned each month, it was stated by Tom Putty, manager of Guion Hall.

Two others to be brought to the campus are "Mid-summer Night's Dream" based on a story by Shakespeare and the film version of Twain's "Prince and the Pauper". "Green Pastures" will be remembered as a satire on religion by Marc Connelly.

These films were chosen from a group of all the productions of movie companies in the last ten years as the best shows. New prints were made of the 28 pictures selected and are now being distributed to be shown free to movie goers throughout the country.

## That Union Building for which we've been raising money for lo these many years. Ground for the long-needed building was supposed to be broken last April," Nelson pointed out, "and I think we should get this job done before accepting any added responsibilities."

Mac Weaver, sophomore from Brownwood, was the lone person questioned who favored the proposed plan in even some of its aspects, and his approval was qualified. Said Weaver: "I would favor building a structure housing a new chapel if such a building was equipped with a stage so that plays and movies could be shown. An all-purpose auditorium would fill the bill," Weaver concluded.

Teddy Clegg, junior from Port Arthur, was another of the many questioned who saw no need for a new chapel. "The individual churches can handle their own needs," Clegg said. "What this school needs are some more roads cut through the campus and additional sidewalks."

Ed Hodges, sophomore from Giddings, proposed, in place of a chapel, that the \$500,000 be spent on a new gymnasium. "The present gym," said Hodges, "doesn't even begin to have the necessary seating capacity to seat the student body, much less fans from Bryan, College Station and from visiting schools. Besides, Hodges added, "the gym is outmoded and can't handle the intramural needs of the athletic department."