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Cafeteria Survey Places A & M Second On Price Ladder

University Prices Low

From the price listing of the American Veterans Committee's food price survey, sample menus for breakfast, dinner, and supper were selected at random to illustrate the expenditures for food alone for a month.

The size of a serving at any school cannot be estimated.

BREAKFAST

Bacon

Eggs

Butter

Coffee

At the University of Oklahoma the price would be 41 cents; at Texas Christian University, 29 cents; at A&M, 33 cents; and at the University of Texas, 31 cents.

DINNER

- Roast Beef
- Whipped Potatoes
- Spinach
- Egg Salad
- Pie
- Milk
- Bread
- Butter

At OU, 75 cents; at TCU, 73 cents; at A&M, 71 cents; and at TU, 45 cents.

SUPPER

- Stew
- Carrots
- Lima Beans
- Cottage Cheese
- Ice Cream
- Milk
- Bread
- Butter

For this evening meal at OU, students would pay 62 cents; at TCU, 64 cents; at A&M, 55 cents; and at TU, 40 cents.

By this comparison, A&M is shown to have a moderately low price range; however, the size and the quality at other schools cannot be estimated to compare with the quality and size here.

Considering these meals to be the fare for an average day, the monthly expense for food alone at A&M amounts to about \$50. By strict budgeting, a person can see a picture show a month or buy a pair of socks with what is left of his \$65.

It is true that cafeteria prices are lower than those of cafes, but they are nevertheless too high for a man making only \$65 per month. A married man must have assistance from other sources to make ends meet; \$90 will not provide adequate food for two. If a man and his wife eat out, they will go in the hole about \$10 a month on food alone.

Either food prices or the subsistence allowance must be altered. Savings accumulated in the past are rapidly disappearing, and at the present rate it will not be long till many veterans will be forced to drop out of school because of their inability to continue in the face of the rising cost of living.

This survey was never intended to cast a bad light on the cafeteria at A&M, and has, in fact, proved that higher prices exist elsewhere. The survey merely reports current prices for the information of the student body, so that its position in relation to others may be understood.

Engineers, Agriculturists Get Together!

by Charlie Murray

Another big event, renewed this year for the first time since 1943, is the joint Engineer-Agriculture Day program, slated for Saturday, May 10. Not exclusively an Engineer Day as in the past, the Student Councils of the Schools of Agriculture and Engineering have united to present to the public a program far exceeding those of by-gone days.

Engineer Day, as the exhibition was formerly called, has always attracted thousands of visitors. Spectators have always been impressed with the tremendous facilities available for the instruction of future engineers.

Each year the college has enjoyed an increase in prestige as a direct result of the programs, and the '47 all-day affair will incorporate more modern devices and improvements brought about by the war.

Official of Largest Texas Union to Speak Tomorrow

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Houston Harvester Officials Address ASAE Tonight at 7

The monthly meeting of the student chapter of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers this evening at 7 p.m. will be sponsored by the Houston branch of the International Harvester Company. The meeting will take place in the Agricultural Engineering Lecture Room.

Representing the Houston branch will be J. P. Payne and John R. Baker, manager and assistant manager, respectively; C. T. Helin and P. C. Johnson, manager and assistant manager, respectively, of Motor Truck Sales; and O. O. Lyle, credit manager.

International Harvester is the largest farm equipment manufacturing company in the United States, providing a complete line of trucks, tractors, refrigeration supplies, and other equipment. The Houston managers will familiarize the agricultural engineers this evening with the manner in which the company merchandises its products.

All students interested are invited to attend.

'Student Problems' Is Austin NSA Meet Topic

By Claude Buntyn

An opportunity for students to better understand the problems confronting them will be the state convention of the National Student's Association, which will be held in Austin March 21-22.

At a World Youth Congress held in London in the fall of 1945, a group of British students recommended that an International Student Congress be held. In 1946, this meeting took place, with students from all over the world participating. The returning delegates from the United States decided to form a branch in this country, and during the Christmas holidays the first such organization was held in Chicago.

Early this month the Executive Committee of the NSA met in Chicago to draft a constitution for this embryonic organization and to prepare a Constitutional Convention to be held some time this summer.

The United States organization was conceived in the minds of students at the University of Chicago last year. From that humble beginning has come what is practically an all-embracing nation-wide machine composed of representatives from about 300 colleges and universities in the United States.

Those students probably realized and wanted to correct the discrepancies and the lack of unity which exists in our nation today—socially, politically, economically, and otherwise.

The primary purpose of the NSA would be to raise the standards of higher education in the United States. It was evident that problems common to all students could

be handled and solved in a democratic, representative, and non-partisan manner. The organization could handle these points:

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS between schools within the United States, and between the United States and foreign countries;

AN INFORMATION BUREAU to disseminate information pertinent to common problems to graduate and advanced students;

STUDENT GOVERNMENTS on all campuses to support local, state, and national legislation designed to improve the standards of education; and

EQUALIZE the opportunities of all students, regardless of color, race, or creed.

It is this organization which will meet in Austin on Friday and Saturday of this week—the National Student Association.

Two Districts Name Agents

Silver Whitsett, county agricultural agent for Guadalupe County since 1926, and Samuel L. Neal, Rusk County agricultural agent since 1936, have been appointed district agents for the Extension Service, J. D. Prewitt, vice-director and state agent, announced.

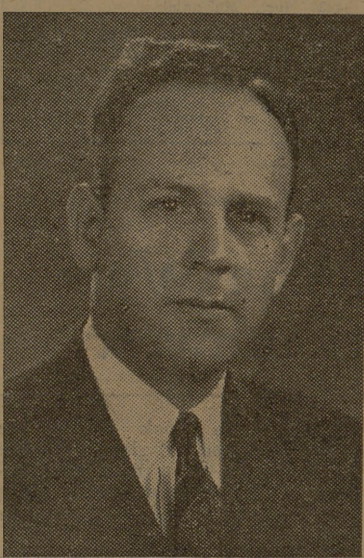
Whitsett was graduated from A & M in 1924 in animal husbandry; in his senior year he was a member of the International Livestock Judging Team. Upon graduation he was named county agricultural agent for Llano County, and in 1926 was transferred to Guadalupe County with headquarters in Seguin, where he was stationed for the 21 years prior to his new appointment.

In 1946 Whitsett toured the British Isles with a group of agricultural educators and scientists as the guests of the British Government, in appreciation of the help received from American agriculture by Great Britain during the war.

Neal is a graduate of East State Teachers College. He was named county agricultural agent for Hopkins County in 1933, where he served until his transfer to Rusk County. His experience includes teaching school and stock farming during the period 1927-33.

Whitsett and Neal have not yet been assigned to specific districts.

Bill Turner



BILL TURNER, above, will direct the Singing Cadets this evening on a Town Hall program beginning at 8 o'clock.

Singing Cadets On Town Hall Tonight at 8

All Types of Music On Guion Hall Performance

Under the direction of Bill Turner, AggieLand's Singing Cadets will present a program of popular, choral, classical, and semi-classical music this evening on Town Hall at 8:00.

Leading off on the Guion Hall performance will be Jason Moore of the architecture department; he will sing the tenor solos in "Meadowland" and "The Night Is Young and You're So Beautiful." Solos in "The Lost Chord" will be sung by Leonard Perkins, baritone, of Fort Worth.

"Welch Choral" will feature Richard Alves, San Antonio senior, who sings tenor, and Tommy Holcomb of Bryan will sing the tenor solos in "Red River Valley" and "Dark Eyes."

One of the special attractions on the program is a piano team "Stormy Weather" and "The Harmonica Player." Another added feature is a Barber Shop quartet. A program at A & M would not be complete without the traditional Aggie songs, and Turner saved these Ken Darby Arrangements until the last group.

Trips for the Singing Cadets this semester are planned for the Beaumont A. & M. Mothers' Club and John Tarleton Agricultural College. The chorus already has performed at TSCW this term.

Commerce Department Ready To Assist Small Enterprises

by Walter Lowe Jr.

Are you interested in establishing and operating a small business?

If so, the expanded field service of the United States Department of Commerce is ready to offer you valuable assistance and counsel, according to Lucian M. Morgan, assistant director of placement.

In the department there is an abundance of information which can be most useful to the business community—particularly to the small businessmen. It has no regulatory powers and does not propose to tell a person how to run his business. Rather, it is the duty of the Department, through the several divisions of the decentralized and expanded field services, to give support and advice upon request. It tells what a person should know, particularly as a small man, to compete more effectively in a competitive market.

General objectives of the Small Business Division are to provide veterans and others who desire to go into business with information and services dealing with problems ordinarily encountered in the process of establishing and operating a business enterprise. Another aim is to help solve management problems, including those relating to purchasing, production, and marketing, as well as advertising, inventories, deliveries, research, personnel, and public relations.

If you should be faced with problems arising from monopolistic practices in violation of federal, state, or local laws and regulations, the Department will render individual assistance. If you have

Eugene Field Jr. Killed In Auto Accident Near Austin

Silver Taps was held last night for Eugene Field, Jr., veteran senior, who was fatally injured Saturday night near Austin when his car overturned. A University of Texas student with whom he was riding suffered only minor injuries in the accident. Field died in an Austin hospital an hour and a half after the accident.

Gene Field, was business manager of the Engineer magazine. A senior in mechanical engineering, he would have graduated this June.

The funeral was held Monday at 2 o'clock in Calvert, with eight A. & M. fellow-students as pallbearers. They were Clarence Hester, Bob Criswell, Peyton McKnight, Stewart Cartwright, Bland Woolter, Ned Brown, Sidney Smith, and Tom Inglis.

Field first came to A. & M. in September, 1940, when he became a member of the Infantry Band. He was drum major of the band during his last semester at A. & M. In January, 1943, he entered the Army and spent 23 of his 33 months in service overseas in the Philippine campaign, and was a first lieutenant when released from active duty in August, 1946. In September of last year he re-entered college.

Survivors include his father, Eugene Field, Sr., his mother, a sister, Mrs. Milton Eliot, and a niece, Anne Eliot, all of Calvert. Field was born in that community on November 7, 1922.

In high school he took part in football, basketball, and extemporaneous speaking. He graduated in the first quarter of his senior class in May, 1940.

Eppes Awarded \$100 Burpee Scholarship

Harmen E. Eppes, junior veteran student, has been awarded the Burpee Scholarship in Horticulture for 1947. Professor F. R. Brison of that department announced Thursday. The Burpee Scholarship of \$100 is awarded annually to a junior student in horticulture with an outstanding scholastic record. Junior classification with credit and good grades in Vegetable Crops, Horticulture 309 and Genetics 301, are required to be eligible for the scholarship.

Eppes had, at the beginning of the current term, 85 credit hours toward his degree in horticulture. For the past two years he has been employed by the department of horticulture and at present is responsible for the care and maintenance of the departmental greenhouse and the related work of plant propagation.

He is 24 years old and a married student. His home is San Augustine, Texas.

A&M, Texas Side by Side

To show food prices in different school-operated cafeterias in this area, the A&M chapter of the American Veterans Committee questioned other colleges of Texas and Oklahoma. Comparisons with the University of Oklahoma and TCU were printed in the last issue of the Battalion, and listings from the University of Texas have since arrived.

A&M was shown to have comparatively low average cost range. Below, TU's prices are compared with those of A&M. The subsistence director at TU hesitated to give his listings, and did so with the stipulation that the size of the serving be withheld. It may or may not be smaller than servings elsewhere.

MEAT	TU	A&M
Roast Beef	10	26
Roast Pork	10-15	---
Ham	18	33
Bacon (2 slices)	8	12
Stew	12	20
Chili	8	22
Fried Fish	20	25
Steak (T-bone)	20	---
VEGETABLES		
Potatoes, Fried	5	10
Potatoes, Whipped	3	7
Carrots	3-5	7
String Beans	3-5	7
Spinach	5	7
Lima Beans	3-8	7
Pinto Beans	3-8	7
Beets	3-5-7	7
SALADS		
Combination	3	7
Potato	5	10
Egg	8	10
Slaw	5	7
Cottage Cheese	8	10
MISCELLANEOUS		
Pie	7-8-15	10
Cake	5	8
Ice Cream	5	7
Jello	8	7
Milk	7	7
Coffee	5	4
Bread (2)	2	2
Butter (1)	2	2
Eggs (2)	14	15

Alexander Elected Vice-President Of Insurance Company

E. R. Alexander of College Station was elected vice-president of the National Farm Life Insurance Company, Ft. Worth at the company's annual meeting in Fort Worth March 11, Lallah Wright, secretary-treasurer, announced Saturday. He has served the past year as director, chairman of the advisory boards, and member of the executive committee of management, and is one of the original founders of the company which was chartered on an old line legal reserve basis last March to provide participating life insurance exclusively to farmers, ranchers, and others identified with agriculture in Texas, according to information from the Fort Worth office.

Other officers and directors elected are: Donald L. Jones, Lubbock, president; Dr. Noel R. Bailey, Fort Worth, vice-president; Lallah Wright, Fort Worth, secretary-treasurer; W. L. Stangel, Lubbock, chairman of the Board of Directors; William C. Young, Fort Worth, general manager and agency director; R. M. Boswell, Kenedy; David Lemon, Sulphur Springs; Elmer Bizzell, Midland; Guy Richards, Abilene; Raymond Pfluger, Eden; Will Steiner, Gonzales; A. A. Spacek, Granger; Thomas J. Boyd, Hereford, and V. F. Young, Lubbock.

After the meeting the directors and guests and many of the district managers of the company were honored at a luncheon at the Worth Hotel, and production prizes were awarded to contest winners. The group were guests at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in the evening.

ness specialists, who would be glad of the opportunity to speak to various organizations. Further information concerning the small-business program can be obtained by contacting Mr. Morgan, whose office is in the Administration Building.

trampling out the vintage...

By Mack T. Nolen

Nearly every newspaper you pick up has at least one column devoted to some nonsense that would not be printed if the author were not the brother-in-law of the publisher. In the Battalion there is no such family relationship, but to keep up with the Joneses, such a column now rears its ugly head.

During the Civil War, Julia Ward Howe wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", from which we have slyly lifted the title of this opus. It is here for better or worse; take your choice.

There is a little Robinson Crusoe in all of us. When the weight of the world presses on our shoulders and the cares of life chafe us, we all dream of a free, unrestricted existence on a desert island.

The real estate people who traffic in desert islands have a word of caution, however, for those who let their imaginations run amuck. There's more to it than meets the eye.

First, let us consider the price. Islands are no longer free for the taking. Poverty usually motivates our island planning, but from \$2,000 to \$50,000 is required for the land alone. Still interested?

Your contentment is inversely proportional to the distance from the nearest Walgreen's, and island-life makes that almost nil. Everything must be imported from food to what-have-you. Still interested?

Desert islands have a nasty habit of situating themselves in the hurricane belt, but that lasts only a few months a year. And native population of the islands usually resembles Hattie McDaniell more than Dorothy Lamour. Still interested?

Let us remember the swimming is good (sharks and barracuda), the sunsets breath-taking (chiggers and ants), and the climate balmy (death and transfiguration). Well, you talked me into it. Let's get packed!

Veterans At Annex Prove That A's Can Be Quadrupled

By R. C. Childs—English Dept.

Faculty members are working overtime passing out A's at the Bryan Field Annex. In fact, it seems as though a vet can't bust a course for making an A in it.

Twenty-two percent of the grades earned by veteran students at the Annex proved to be the old symbol of approached perfection. Under normal conditions, the A's handed out would be only about five percent, but this fall's crop has sprung up four-fold. Whereas the B's under normal conditions would be only about twenty percent of the total grades, the veterans at the Annex have run the percentage up to 30.5. Subsequently, fewer C's and D's were made than per usual.

The following table illustrates the grades by percentages earned by veteran students at Bryan Field Annex.

SCHOOL	A	B	C	D	F
AGRICULTURE	17.8	35.9	24.5	8.7	13.1
ARTS AND SCIENCES	20.3	29.1	26.6	9.3	14.7
ENGINEERING	24.5	26.7	21.2	10.8	16.8
VETERINARY MEDICINE	24.9	34.4	20.7	12.1	7.9
Average	22.2	30.5	22.8	10.1	14.4

All in all, it is agreed that the vets are making a showing hard to equal.