

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## NO PRICE HOPES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP)—The Commerce Department said today that high feed and labor costs will tend to keep the prices of livestock and meat up the rest of 1947.

## SCHOOL HEADS MEET

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 18 (AP)—State and local school officials will bring reports on their particular problems before a two-day open session of the Joint Education Committee here Friday and Saturday.

## LEE HEADS FOR U. S.

FRANKFURT, Germany, Sept. 18 (AP)—Lt. Gen. John C. Lee, whose Mediterranean command recently has been under investigation by the army's inspector general, arrived here today enroute from Italy to retirement in the United States.

## CHECK FISH DEATHS

BEAUMONT, Tex., Sept. 18 (AP)—The problem of the killing of fish by off-shore oil prospecting in the Gulf will be aired at a meeting at 2 p. m. today in the Galveston county courthouse.

## PW'S KILLED

BRIDLINGTON, England, Sept. 18 (AP)—Eight German prisoners of war and two British escorts were killed and 12 injured today when their truck crashed into a speeding express train at a grade crossing.

## OLD DRINK REVIVED

GULVAL, Cornwall, Eng., Sept. 18 (AP)—Mead, a highly intoxicating beverage known to the ancient Greeks, the Romans and the Teutonic tribes which sacked Rome, took a new lease on life today. A firm here has concocted a batch of this kinsman of John Barleycorn and believes it can produce 3,000 gallons a month.

## FORRESTAL SWORN IN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP)—James V. Forrestal was sworn in as the nation's first Secretary of Defense yesterday. Fred M. Vinson, Chief Justice of the United States, administered the oath, elevating Forrestal from Secretary of the Navy to head of all the armed forces.

## HURRICANE CURVES

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 18 (AP)—The great Atlantic hurricane, which ripped across south Florida yesterday, has curved northward and is expected to hit west Florida between Apalachicola and Pensacola with 100-mile winds late tonight, the weather bureau reported.

## PLAN NEW PIPE LINE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP)—The Power Commission announced today the United Gas Pipe Line Company, Shreveport, La., has been authorized to build a \$1,730,000 pipe-line project in Texas. Plans include construction of 33 miles of 20-inch pipeline from the Carthage field in Panola county, Texas to near Longview, Texas, and a ten-inch line connecting the 20-inch with the Lone Star Gas Company gas plant in the Carthage field.

## FIND MAN'S BODY

FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 18 (AP)—The body of a man was found yesterday at the foot of a trestle in Haltom City. Deputy Sheriff Johnny Roberts and Whit Boyd said the body was identified as that of Clarence G. Starnes, 39, of Davis, Okla. The officers said the man probably fell from the trestle, which spans Big Fossil creek.

## BOOTLEG MILK

PARIS, Sept. 18 (AP)—This summer's drought has increased the bootlegging of milk. Deliveries to retailers for legal sale have been reduced more than 50 percent. The war in Normandy and Brittany and the shortage of feed were factors in cutting production. To obtain milk legally under rationing, one must be a baby, a nursing or pregnant mother, or over 70.

## VALLEY SHIPS CITRUS

ALAMO, Tex., Sept. 18 (AP)—The first truck shipment of citrus fruit from the Rio Grande Valley was on its way to the consumer today. The shipment included 500 boxes of navel oranges, which were described as "of good quality and size."

## PALOMINO CHAMPS PRANCE

FORT WORTH, Sept. 18 (AP)—The World Championship All Palomino Horse Show moved into its second day today. The show got under way last night at Hill Rogers coliseum with one of the finest arrays of Palomino horses ever seen in Fort Worth.

## FAMILY INVADES JAPAN

SEATTLE, Sept. 18 (AP)—The Ferguson family from down on the farm in Kansas are all set to move in on Japan as a one-man-family second wave occupation force. Mama Ferguson and her brood of nine from a northeastern Washington farm arrived at Fort Lawton yesterday to embark for Japan Saturday to join Staff Sgt. Joseph D. Ferguson of the First Cavalry Division. Fort Lawton officers said they are undisputed claimants to the title of biggest military dependent family to go to Japan.

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## Seniors Condemn 'Yelling' in Huddle

### Move to Send Men to Orientate Freshman at Little Aggie

A motion was made at a meeting of the Senior class last night to send Senior Students to the Bryan Field annex, "Little Aggie", to give orientation lectures to Freshmen on various A. & M. customs such as hitch-hiking, Corps trips, and yell practices.

## O'Daniel, Johnson Cross Paths, Not Swords in Austin

By DAVE CHEAVENS

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 18.—Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel and Rep. Lyndon B. Johnson, longtime political foes, crossed paths but not swords in the State capital last night.

Neither of the potential candidates for the Senate in 1948 made an effort to see the other. And neither let it be known whether or not he would make the race.

O'Daniel said he has made up his mind whether or not he would be a candidate for reelection, but he is not going to announce his decision "until the right time comes."

Johnson told a press conference that he didn't call the meeting to announce his retirement from politics, but also he was not now running for any office.

Johnson was a close second to O'Daniel in the Senate campaign in 1941. Neither would indicate when he planned to publish his decision.

The Senator is not making any formal speeches except the four radio addresses, the third of which will be broadcast tonight, but he hopes to reach into every corner of the state before he returns to Washington.

"Some of the boys seem to have the idea there is a vacancy," he quipped when asked when he planned to make his announcement. "I like to see the boys worry and sweat. I am confident that I would get more votes than I ever polled before if I ran."

Johnson said he was in the habit of just doing one thing at a time, and right now he was being busy representing his congressional district. He called the press conference to announce plans for a big soil restoration and conservation program he had suggested to the Lower Colorado River Authority, and which the LCRA board adopted.

Johnson also talked about the high cost of living. He said "Hoover and his philosophy" are back in the saddle in Washington. O'Daniel had a different idea. The answer to the question of high prices, he said, is for "the government to get out of business."

Class President Elmo Livingston was directed to appoint a five man committee to confer with Dean of Men W. L. Penberthy on this matter.

Included in the motion was a recommendation that a representative from the Dean of Men's office be present at all of the lectures.

Providing the Dean of Men's office approves the plan, Class Prexy Livingston, or the committee he appoints, will select various members of the class to prepare lectures on the various traditions for presentation to the Freshmen.

Throwing of "aggie-confetti" was outlawed at all yell practices excepting the midnight sessions held before conference games. This action was taken due to the appearance of the campus following yell practices in which the "confetti" is thrown.

A motion was passed ruling out the practice among Corps members of yelling at football games while the opposing team is in the huddle. The class further condemned this habit as being unsportsmanlike and not in keeping with the Aggie way of life.

## New Press Puts Batt Out Faster

With the addition of one extra column to each page of the Battalion, the Texas A&M College newspaper has now completed its change-over from a tri-weekly to daily newspaper. There are now eight columns to a page, instead of seven.

This week the Battalion was printed for the first time on a high-speed Goss web perfecting duplex press, which turns out completed copies of the paper at a speed two or three times as great as was possible in the past.

Also this week was the first time the Battalion carried news service and features from the Associated Press, which came directly to the news room of the Battalion by special teletypewriters.

New mailing equipment has also been added to make for speedier mailing of copies to students who receive the Battalion by mail. He is a lifelong resident of College Station, except for a few years in Dennison, Texas, where he worked in the Katy Shops and as an aid to a contractor. Eddie is a high school graduate and spent several months attending Prairie View College. He, the groundkeeper, has been working for the college since 1924.

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According to Eddie, he was the original owner of the former college mascot, "Reveille." Reveille's mother "Spot" was given to Eddie by his brother Lamar who lived in



EDDIE CHEW and REUBIN KING, groundkeepers at the Athletic Department, take time-out to pose for the college photographer.

## Tools on Wheels Solve Problem Of Kyle Field Groundkeepers

By Kenneth Bond

If a member of the Athletic Department has to enter a room or building and does not have the key, he simply calls Eddie Chew, who could very easily be called the "keeper of the Keys."

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## Untested Hughes Flying Boat . . .

## Seaplane Looks Good on Paper

The giant Hughes Hercules flying boat, the building of which with Government money is now raising questions on the part of Congressmen, is a seaplane with some four times the estimated carrying capacity of the war-tested veteran Martin Mars. Its actual capacity is not known because the airplane, while reported to be afloat on the water, has not yet even been given taxi-tests on the water's surface.

The surface tests will be given soon, it is said, but only after engineers have completed making thorough tests with various testing instruments of its component parts, both by themselves and as a part of a whole. It is now about two years behind the date on which it was to have been completed.

This Hughes flying boat has a wingspan of 320 feet, and a 220-foot-long hull. The Martin Mars was 200 feet in wingspan and about 117 feet in overall length. The newer Mars JRM in the Navy, is about the same size, but has certain refinements. The original Mars on one trip carried 35,000 pounds of cargo.

Size alone is not the only point of interest in the eight-engine Her-

cules. It is of plywood construction rather than of the usual light metals such as aluminum and aluminum alloys. This plywood is built-up panels and beams of very thin sheets of wood with each alternate sheet laid crosswise, and the whole strongly and permanently bonded with a resin. The use of plywood in planes is not new, but it has been mostly in light aircraft.

The Hughes Aircraft Company, builder of the Hercules, was organized in 1936 by Howard Hughes who had already established a world record. It was a modified version of his original plane with which he made a non-stop flight in 1938 across the country in seven hours and 28 minutes.

In 1939, the company started development work with plastic materials for plywood airplane construction. In 1942, Mr. Hughes joined with Henry J. Kaiser to build three experimental cargo flying boats for the U. S. government. They were to be eight-engine planes of original design, made of wood because of a scarcity of suitable metals. The order was cancelled in 1944, partly because of delays in

possible for a very few, but Reubin King has that privilege. Reubin, a colored man, has been working on the grounds of the athletic area since 1928 and has had plenty of opportunity to view the field from all possible angles. He gets a large portion of the credit for mowing lawns, caring for shrubs and trees and the general care necessary for such a vast area.

Reubin, after completing eight years of school, worked as an overseer for a farm agent in Over Bottom until 1928. He had eighteen colored men working under him on this farm. Reubin, married but with no children, owns a nice home in College Station. He is a 7th Degree Mason, having been an active member for the past 27 years. He has been Deacon of the St. Mathis Baptist Church and has been an active member for fifteen years.

"There have been many improvements since I came here," he said. "We don't have it so very bad except when we have a game or something like that. Then we really get a workout," he concluded as he turned back to his never-ending job of mowing grass.

## Housing Changes In Corps Provide Additional Space

### Artillery Unchanged in Dorm 8; Corps Staff Housed in Dorm 10

By J. K. B. Nelson

To house the various units of the corps more effectively, several changes have been made in the original schedule of dormitory assignments. As a result of the shifts, 75% of the corps can breathe more deeply when in their rooms without disturbing their roommates.

The new schedule was worked out by Harry Boyer, chief of housing, and Lt. Col. Joe Davis, assistant to the commandant, with the cooperation of the cadet officers.

The following changes were made effective last Sunday:

In Dorm 2 Companies A and B, Engineers remain on the second and third floors, and Company C, Composite, on the fourth floor. However, surplus men in each of the three outfits were moved to the first floor, which had been left vacant to care for the overflow.

Troop A, Cavalry moved from the first floor of Dorm 6 to the third floor of Dorm 4, replacing Company A, Composite, which moved to the two lower floors of Dorm 8. The other three units previously assigned to that dormitory were Troop B, Cavalry, first floor; Troop C, Cavalry, second floor; and B Composite, fourth floor.

Flights A, B, and C, Air Force expanded to fill the first floor of Dorm 6, replacing Troop A, Cavalry. This left Flight A on the fourth floor, Flight B on the third floor, Flight C on the second floor, and the overflow from all three outfits on the bottom floor.

No changes were made in the housing of units in Dorm 8. Battery E, Artillery occupies the first floor, Battery D the second floor, Battery C the third floor, and Battery B the fourth floor.

In Dorm 10 Company A, Infantry moved from the third floor to the fourth, replacing Battery A, Artillery, which moved to the first floor of Dorm 11. Company B, Infantry moved from the second to the third floor, and Company C, Infantry moved to the second floor from the first. The corps staff is now on the first floor of Dorm 10, having moved from the bottom floor of Dorm 12. Overflow from Company C, Infantry is also housed on that floor.

Company A, Veterans has moved from the first floor of Dorm 11 to the first floor of Dorm 12; Company B, Veterans has moved from the second floor of Dorm 9 to the corresponding floor in Dorm 12. Company A, Seniors and Company B, Seniors have shifted to the fourth and third floors of Dorm 12, respectively.

Company A, Composite now occupies the two lower floors of Dorm 9, having moved from the third floor of Dorm 4. The Maroon and White Bands are quartered on the top three floors of Dorm 11.

Walter's ship was ordered to fly directly through the heart of the hurricane by naval authorities. The flight, according to Walton, was the first experiment of this nature by the armed services. At the present time both the Army and Navy maintain scheduled "hurricane hunter" patrols throughout the Caribbean and West Indies hurricane zone.

The ex-navigator recalled that he heard audible prayers just as the big black inner wall loomed miles above the flying boat. "If it's possible, the inner wall was even more turbulent than the first wall. By throttling the motor and keeping just above the top of the waves we fought our way through to the center area."

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## Ex-Student Council Meeting Saturday

The annual Fall meeting of the Council of the Former Students Association of Texas A&M will be held Friday and Saturday nights. E. E. McQuillen, Executive secretary, stated Monday.

The Fall meeting usually is held on a week-end when the Aggie football team plays on Kyle Field. Last year the meeting was held when the Aggies tackled the Arkansas Razorbacks, which they lost. This year it is hoped the game, to be played with Southwestern, will end differently and more to the liking of the former students.

A. E. Hinman of San Antonio, president of the Former Students Association, also is chairman of the Executive committee and of the Council, which has a large membership and which names the members of the Executive committee. Members of the committee and possibly 100 or more members of the Council are expected to attend the meeting.

## Swimming Hole On Different Time

Want to go swimming? The pool is now open from 4-6 p.m. on weekdays and from 3-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

For sanitary reasons all swimmers must now wear regulation bathing caps and pool trunks. These articles may be purchased for a minimum price at the gym office.

Anyone interested in swimming lessons, water polo, or life-saving courses should contact Coach Art Adamson or one of his assistants at the pool.

## Cadets to Appear At Goober Festival

An engagement at the annual Goober Festival in Grapeland on Saturday, October 4 will be the first trip of the season for the Ringing Cadets. Following a performance at the high school auditorium, the choral group will attend a steak dinner and dance at the country club, according to arrangements by J. C. Shoultz, Grapeland mayor.

A chartered bus to carry the group which has increased in number to sixty-five, will leave the Music Hall at 1 p.m. The cadets will remain in Grapeland until Sunday afternoon, at which time the bus will return to college.

High school coaches, among them Phoebe Phythian of South Park in Beaumont and Brooks Conover of Orange, former Aggie football stars, agreed with Carmichael. They pointed out that a coach isn't safe even on his own practice field these days with "ivory hunters" swarming all over the premises.

## Blue Look

Women May Choke to Death in Newest Styles

CHICAGO, Sept. 18 (AP)—A leading corset manufacturer today cautioned women to be careful that the fashionable "blue look" doesn't give them a "blue look" that accompanies gasping for air.

Adoption of "Nineteenth century torture devices" as undergarments, Walter H. Lowy, vice president of the Formfit Company, said, would threaten women with "the greatest fashion hoax since the gay 90's."

The "new look" he added, "plans to popularize the hourglass figure and encase women in waist-pinching corsets that were proved ruinous to health 40 years ago."

## Athletic Director Of A-M Raps Illegal Sports Practices

BEAUMONT, Tex., Sept. 18 (AP)—Athletic Director Bill Carmichael of Texas A&M rapped the spreading growth of athletes' subsidization in an address before the Beaumont ex-Aggie Club here last night.

Carmichael said that "unless something is done to curb underhanded proselyting of athletes, irreparable damage will be done to collegiate football."

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