

**HAIL RUINS COTTON**  
LEVELLAND, Tex., Oct. 9 (AP)—Cotton fields in the Levelland area of West Texas today lay in virtual ruins—the result of a devastating 40-minute hail storm that caused an estimated \$2,000,000 damages.

**PLAN HOUSTON VIDEO**  
HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 9 (AP)—On file in Washington today was what was believed to be the first application for a television broadcasting station in the south, filed by attorneys representing W. Albert Lee, Houston hotel owner.

**MME. DUTRA DIES**  
RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 9 (AP)—Senora Carmela Dutra, wife of the president of Brazil, died shortly before midnight last night of complications following an operation for appendicitis.

**CIO QUESTIONS FBI**  
BOSTON, Oct. 9 (AP)—The CIO executive board called on the Justice Department yesterday to repudiate reports that FBI men are making "leaking gum shoe" detective investigations of CIO political expenditures.

**JESTER BACKS TRUMAN**  
AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 9 (AP)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester has called on the citizens of Texas to join the front ranks of Americans who are willing to save food to help feed hungry persons in Europe. He characterized the proposals of President Truman as "specific, definite and realistic."

**HOUSTON WOMEN ACT**  
HOUSTON, TEX., Oct. 9 (AP)—A group of Houston housewives, fed up with the high cost of living, have laid plans to do something about the situation. The women formed the "committee against the high cost of living" and announced plans to appear before the city council for permission to place booths on downtown streets so they can obtain thousands of signatures urging President Truman to roll prices back to the June, 1946, level and reinstate the O. P. A.

**FREIGHT RATES UP 10%**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (AP)—A 10 per cent emergency freight rate increase amounting to \$700,000,000 annually has been granted to the Nation's Railroads, which hoped today to put the boost into effect next Monday.

**EXPECT U. S. APPROVAL**  
LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 9 (AP)—A leading delegate to the United Nations assembly reported today that he had been told by a high state department official that the United States would support the proposal for partition of Palestine "with perhaps a few modifications."

**SOLD GIRL FOR 24 PESOS**  
DALLAS, Oct. 9 (AP)—A young Mexican woman who told officials her father had sold her to a 60-year old Corsicana Negro ex-convict for 24 pesos, left here by bus for Mexico Tuesday night.

**DOUBTS "BUG" WARFARE**  
HOUSTON, Oct. 9 (AP)—Use of bacteriological warfare as a weapon in a future war was discounted here by Dr. W. Albert Noyes, Jr., president of the American Chemical Society. He said it would not be used "unless the operation is back up against a wall."

**OREGON NIXES SALES TAX**  
PORTLAND, ORE., Oct. 9 (AP)—Oregon voters for the fifth time in 14 years rejected a sales tax and also turned down a 2-cent-a-pack cigarette tax by decisive margins in a special election.

**JOHN MEYER ARRESTED**  
NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (AP)—John W. Meyer, press agent for Howard Hughes, was arrested in El Morocco night club yesterday on a warrant issued in a paternity action, and was released a short time later under \$500 bail.

**PRINTERS LASH BACK**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9 (AP)—Woodruff Randolph, president of the AFL International Typographical Union, said today the American Newspaper Publishers Association overstepped its authority when it filed charges of Taft-Hartley Act violations against his union.

**NEW DALLAS PAPER**  
AUSTIN, TEX., Oct. 9 (AP)—Welcoming the Wall Street Journal to Texas, Gov. Beauford H. Jester said "the southwest could receive no finer recognition than the Wall Street Journal's action in establishing a southwestern edition."  
Jester said he was informed the Journal National business newspaper is establishing a southwestern edition in Dallas, with the first edition to be printed on or about March 8.

**FARMERS GIVE PLEDGE**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (AP)—Leaders of three major farm organizations have pledged President Truman "100 per cent cooperation" in the drive to save food at home in order to feed hungry Europeans.

The pledge of cooperation was extended to Mr. Truman by Albert S. Goss, master of the national grange; Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Quentin Reynolds, president of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

## Veterans' Election Ends Today at 6

### Non-Campus Ballots Due in Academic Building by 5; Dorm Votes Due at 6

This afternoon at 6 p.m. the race for president and vice-president of the Veterans Students Association will draw to a close. Dormitory veterans should turn in ballots to their respective housemaster or first sergeant before 6 p. m. this evening, with non-campus veterans' ballots due in the Academic Building before 5 p. m.

Three candidates are in the running for the VSA presidency. They are: E. C. Bunton of Temple, John G. Hancock of Corona, New Mexico, and C. V. Slagle of Taylor.

In the race for vice-presidency are four candidates: William Gruenisen of Dallas; Charles D. Kirkham Jr. of Cleburne, Gus W. Lampe of LaGrange, and John W. Laufenberg of Port Arthur.

Three candidates are running alone for the secretary, treasurer, and parliamentary positions. Lauren D. Hobbs of Peeco is sole secretarial candidate; E. O. Courade of Waco is unopposed in the treasurer's slot; and T. C. Brennan is running without opposition for parliamentary.

Results of the election will be announced in tomorrow's issue of The Battalion.

## 3 Faculty Members Attend National ASME Conference

G. H. Thompson, vice-chairman of the South Texas section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, accompanied by C. W. Crawford, head of the mechanical engineering department, and B. H. Erwin, instructor of mechanical engineering, attended the 1947 National Conference of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in Houston, October 5-8.

The conference was held to discuss new materials, refining process, and transportation of oil and gas over the United States. Crawford stated that many active members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers were A. & M. graduates.

Although conducted primarily for the benefit of oil and gas companies of Texas and Oklahoma, many companies from South and Central America were represented during the 4-day period.

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## Comms Expelled From Chile For Plot Against US

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 9 (AP)—Two Yugoslav diplomats, accused by the Chilean government of fomenting, on orders from home, a Communist campaign against the United States and hemisphere solidarity, were expelled from Chile last night.

An official statement said the two men—Andrej Cunja, Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires, and Dalibor Jakasa, secretary of the Yugoslav legation in Buenos Aires, a visitor in Santiago—were acting for the new communist international headquarters in Belgrade and had received instructions to:

"A. Intensify and coordinate a campaign against the United States of America in order to induce the greater Democratic elements to join Soviet strategy against the Western Democracies.  
"B. Attack the policy of continental defense.  
"C. Develop a plan of sabotage of production, either by means of slowing work or causing strikes and conflicts in industries producing raw materials."

Cunja and Jakasa were taken by automobile to Mendoza, Argentina, just across the border. It was announced officially just before midnight that President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla had notified President Juan D. Peron of Argentina of his action to "counter-balance the energetically revolutionary plan of the Communist party" and that Peron had informed Gonzalez Videla that he would defend Argentine sovereignty.

Officials said Foreign Minister Vergara Donoso told the Yugoslavs they had "seriously infringed the hospitality of our country and acted against its independence with subversive aims."

## Utility Companies Praise Calculator

The alternating current network calculating board located in Bolton Hall has been of great service to the utility companies of Texas, according to L. M. Haupt, laboratory director and professor of electrical engineering.

The latest innovation in the electrical engineering department has been in constant use since June, 1947 and will be scheduled up to January, 1948, Haupt stated. Utility companies have been using the device in studying electric power distribution and transmission.

Letters have been received recently from Texas Electric Service Company and Community Public Service Company, both of Fort Worth, expressing pleasure over results obtained and assistance and service rendered.

Haupt is directly in charge of the calculator, assisted by R. D. Chenoweth, operator, and graduate students W. J. Kolb and C. W. Wendlandt.

Names on the cornerstone of the old chapel, now imbedded in the wall of Hart.

A. & M. was as military as a fort in those days, Read remarked. Bugle calls sounded all day long, including the beginning and ending of each class hour. Cadets drilled every day, stood sentry duty at night. Clad in grey uniforms, they marched to classes and to the old mess hall.

Austin and Foster Halls and the old Chapel were constructed while Dr. Read was a child on the campus. The only other permanent buildings were Gathrite, Old Main (now the present Academic Building) the mess hall and the shops.

The older Dr. Read had the only telephone at the college, so that he could reach Bryan in case of emergency. There was no such community as College Station—just the railroad station.

## US Robot Plane Hits 1700 Mph; Beats Sound

CLEVELAND, Oct. 9 (AP)—American robot rocket planes have crashed the sonic barrier at blistering speeds in the neighborhood of 1,700 miles an hour, a high government official revealed today.

The flights have been carried on for months from a lonely island off the Virginia Coast, where the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) has a small experiment station.

This disclosure of American progress in the field of supersonic flight—which is flight faster than the speed of sound—was prompted by publication Wednesday of accounts from flight of the 900-mile-an-hour flight of pilotless rocket craft.

As in the English experiments, the American rocket ships are launched at high altitude from a fast-flying bomber. Their controls are pre-set to send them diving into the sea after a flight of 20 to 30 miles.

Telemetering devices installed in the robot automatically transmit pertinent data to observers aloft and on the ground. Radar also is used to track the rocket plane throughout its brief but sensational flight.

"It will not be many months before we have a piloted aircraft break through the sonic barrier (750 miles an hour at 30,000 feet), although he will be flying a turbojet plane with a rocket boost," the government spokesman said.

Battalions will be placed in Ramp F, Walton Hall and in Ramp C, Hart Hall, according to Roland Bing, manager of student publications.

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## Orchestra, Cadets To Play in Stage Show At Guion Hall Nov. 1

Bookings Taken in Music Hall For Aggrielanders on Christmas Jaunt

The Singing Cadets and Aggrieland Orchestra will begin the '47-'48 season on November 1 with a stage show at Guion Hall, Bill Turner, director, announced yesterday.

The Singing Cadets, beginning the year with its record enrollment of 69 members, meet every afternoon from 5 to 6 in the Music Hall across from George's Confectionary.

The choral group went to Grapeland last week-end to sing at the Goober Festival, with the next trip planned for December 6 to TSCW. Other trips will be taken to North Texas State College at Denton, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Dallas. The latter four trips are sponsored by the A. & M. Mothers' Clubs of the respective cities.

At the Grapeland Goober Festival the Cadets presented a program of seven songs, including the Ukrainian "Carol of the Bells," the Negro spirituals "Dry Bones," "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," and "Set Down, Servant"; "The Erie Canal"; "I'd Rather Be a Texas Aggie"; and "The Spirit of Aggrieland."

Additional entertainment was furnished by a barbershop quartet composed of Tommy Gould, Ralph Wheat, Bob Stinson, and Helmut Quiram. They sang "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie" and "Winter Wonderland." The quartette will appear on several campus programs this year.

Besides the duo-program of November 1, the Singing Cadets and Aggrieland Orchestra will perform the following week-end on another stage show. On November 28 before the bonfire, they will be featured in the Pigskin Review on the stage of Guion Hall.

Both local and outside talent will be obtained for the campus stage shows, Turner stated.

Four Christmas dates have already been booked by the Aggrieland Orchestra for their annual holiday tour throughout the state. Two dances have been arranged at Wichita Falls on December 21-24; they will play at Brownwood on December 25, and at San Angelo on December 26.

Clubs desiring the Aggrielanders for their Christmas dances can contact Turner in the Music Hall.

Jack's Pastry Shop, owned and operated by Jack Cash, is a new business opened at the North Gate to give better service and to be five miles closer to the people of College Station.

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JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS—Officers of this year's Junior Class are, left to right: JOHN E. ORR of Bryan, president; JACK SCOTT of Borger, secretary-treasurer; and DON KASPAR of Shiner, vice-president.

## What's Cooking?

AGGIE WIVES CIRCLE (Methodist Church), 4 p. m., Monday, Home of Mrs. Don Riddle at Rock Court.

AUSTIN CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 108, Academic Building.

BAYTOWN CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 106, Academic Building.

BRAZOS VALLEY KENNEL CLUB, sponsoring dog show, October 12, 1 p. m., Animal Husbandry Pavilion.

COOKE COUNTY CLUB, 7 p. m., Thursday, Room 223, Academic Building.

DALLAS A&M CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Y Chapel.

DEL RIO CLUB, Following yell practice Thursday, Reading Room of YMCA.

GARDEN CLUB, 3 p. m., Friday YMCA.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB, Foreign Students, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 10, C. E. Building.

TRANS-PECOS CLUB, 7 p. m., Thursday, Room 223, Academic Building.

## FFA Committee Sees Prairie View Ag School, Campus

A committee of seniors from the A. & M. FFA Chapter, composed of Jeff Davis, Roy Duggar, Roy Sims, and Preston Kiel, visited Prairie View A. & M. College Tuesday afternoon, October 7.

George L. Smith, director of agriculture, and Oscar J. Thomas, state advisor for the New Farmers of America, directed the committee through the school of agriculture and on a tour of the campus.

Smith stated that there are 293 students enrolled in the school of agriculture, all of whom are from Texas; approximately 50% of these are veterans. With an agriculture curriculum corresponding very closely to that of A. & M., Prairie View will graduate close to 46 students from the school of agriculture this year.

Prairie View graduate hold reasonable positions throughout Texas as well as in other states. Ninety-eight per cent of the 150 high school vocational agriculture departments are supervised by Prairie View graduates, and virtually all of the Negro Extension Service and experiment station personnel come from this school.

Reid received his bachelor of science degree in Fish and Game from A. & M. in 1942; at that time he was made an instructor here and held this position until he entered the Navy in November, 1943. Upon discharge from the Navy, in February, 1946, Reid became affiliated with the Texas Fish and Game Commission in Austin, where he was in charge of the anti-water pollution program.

Reid returned to A. & M. Sept. 1 as assistant professor in the department.

Buechner received his bachelor of science degree from the New York College of Forestry in 1941; two years later he received his master of science degree from A. & M. in Wildlife Conservation.

Before joining the teaching staff in the Fish and Game Department here, Buechner spent 15 months studying the pronghorn antelope in the Trans-Pecos area of Texas.

SMITH STILL CHAIRMAN  
AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 9 (AP)—R. E. Smith of Houston, chairman of the Good Neighbor Commission through recent months of stormy criticism, today was again chairman of the reorganized group.

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In the fall season of 1942 she made her Metropolitan debut as Musetta in La Boheme. Critics predicted that Frances Greer was here to stay.



FRANCES GREER

Eyes and Summertime. She has starred in the Memphis Open Air Theater, singing leads in such operettas as The New Moon, Roberta, Naughty Marietta, and Rio Rita. Her wide range of talent accounts for her frequent appearance on radio network shows—more than a thousand to date.

This is Frances Greer's third transcontinental tour. She is an old trouper when it comes to traveling performances. With the Charles L. Wagner travelling opera company she appeared thirty-seven times in La Boheme and eight Canadian appearances in Toronto and Montreal. In the latter city, Miss Greer's initial performance as Cherubino in The Marriage of Figaro were made with Sir Thomas Beecham, who selected her to appear in the 1945 Montreal Festival.

One of the greatest thrills in her life was her performance of Melisande in Pelléas and Melisande in the opera's first English presentation with Mauries Maeterlinck, author of the play (music by Debussy) in the audience.

This opera is the only one she is partial to, usually she is carried away by any part she portrays and claims to have no favorite.

With such talent as Frances Greer possesses, Town Hall goes many well expect a top performance on October 13 when the season opens with her appearance in Guion Hall.