

DR. WHITE DEBATING BAYLOR PRESIDENCY
AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 5 (AP)—Dr. W. R. (Billy) White, elected president of Baylor University Saturday, spent Sunday in normal fashion. He preached three sermons, taught a men's Sunday School class and visited the bereaved families of two men who died during the past holiday season.

He said he had thought his mind was made up to decline courteously if the presidency were offered him, but when the nominating committee informed him that his name was the only one of 20 or which all could agree, "I was not able to phrase the sentence and say it."

"The matter has resolved itself to where it is a matter between myself and the Lord. . . . To mature my own judgment, I have reserved a few days, part of which I hope will be undisturbed, and then I may make my decision known to you and to the Board of Trustees at Baylor," he continued.

SPANISH CONSUL KILLED IN JERUSALEM BLAST
JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (AP)—Rescuers dug today into the debris of the Semiramis Hotel for 15 persons missing after the three-story stone structure was levelled by a bomb which police said the Jewish underground had planted. Three persons were known dead.

One informant said the hotel was one of five district headquarters for an Arab military group. The known dead included Manuel Salazar Travesedo, acting Spanish consul. Some 17 were injured.

A similar act of violence occurred Sunday in Jaffa, where Arab headquarters was bombed and 15 persons were killed and about 100 injured.

CONGRESS RESUMES SESSIONS TOMORROW
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Questions bearing vitally on the future of the United States and most of the world confront the 80th Congress meeting tomorrow for its final session.

Help for Europe and Asia, tax cutting, the high cost of living, rent control and the housing shortage, military preparedness and health insurance are a few of the top issues.

The chief executive will go to the capitol Wednesday in person to deliver his final state-of-the-union message to a joint session of the Senate and House. His economic report on Friday and his budget message next Monday will be delivered by messenger.

RATIONING "COMMUNISTIC" PAPPY DECLARES
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—A contention that meat rationing would not work without price controls and that a combination of the two would "stifle" meat production came today from Senator Wherry (R-Nebr).

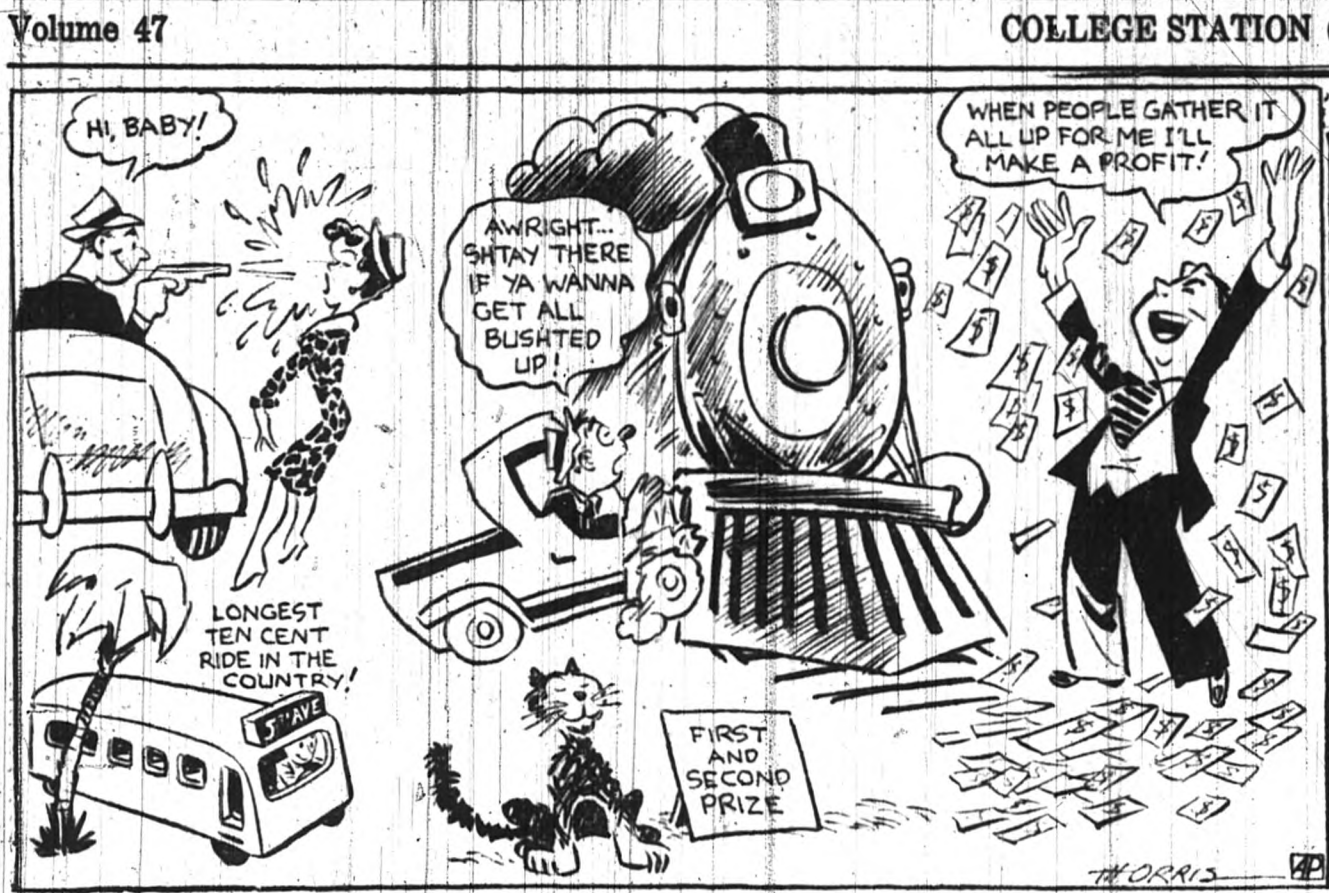
The Nebraska expressed this opinion in commenting on plans of Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) to introduce legislation shortly authorizing the Agriculture Department to prepare for meat rationing to a point just short of putting it into effect.

Another long-time critic of CPA used harsher words. Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.) issued a statement in which he termed rationing a "Communist totalitarian measure" which "will take the stinks out of the grocery stores and put them in the swanky restaurants and hotels where bloated bureaucrats can feed on them three times a day out of their fat, tax money expense accounts."

MEAT RATIONING APT TO BE REVIVED
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Legislation to set up meat rationing machinery which Congress could slip into gear quickly will be introduced in a few days by Senator Flanders (R-Vt.).

The senator outlined his plan after Secretary of Agriculture Anderson expressed belief that Congress will restore meat rationing during the session opening Tuesday.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OKEYS TEACHER SALARIES
AUSTIN, TEX., Jan. 5 (AP)—Teachers salary schedules which will meet with the minimum pay requirements of the law enacted by the 50th Legislature are not subject to approval or disapproval of the state superintendent or board of education, the attorney general has ruled.



For Better and Worse . . .

SUPERLATIVES OF 1947

These are nominations for superlatives by AP specialists:
BIGGEST FOREGONE CONCLUSION: The New Look.
MOST ADD ABOUT NOTHING: Flying Saucers.
BEST FREE SHOW: The marriage of Princess Elizabeth to Louis Mountbatten.
MOST PUBLICIZED EXPENSE ACCOUNT: Johnny Meyer's.
STAR WITNESS: Maj. Gen. Bennett Meyers.
MOST NO-ING MAN: Russia's Molotov.
BIGGEST POLITICAL QUESTION MARK: Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Presidency.
MOST FRUSTRATED DREAM: Living quarters within budget.
MOST OVERWORKED PHRASE: "Open the door, Richard."
BIGGEST COMEBACK: Gen. Charles de Gaulle, who re-emerged into a position of political dominance in France.
ODDEST MIXUP: The situation which gave two governors to Georgia.
BIGGEST BUBBLE: In front of Junior's mouth.
WEIRDEST TALE: Deaths of the Collyer Brothers in their rubbish-stuffed, vermin-ridden home in New York.
MOST DISCUSSED SUBJECT: The cost of living.
ANIMAL OF THE YEAR: The alley cat that strolled into a hotel in St. Louis to keep out of the rain and walked off with two prizes in a cat show.
MOST UNUSUAL ROMANCE: Jim Schuffert, 20, of New Kensington, Pa., was hired as a babysitter, fell in love with a 13-year-old "baby" and so they were married.
HIGHEST BIRTH: Aaxico Vega, born 7,500 feet in the air in a plane en route from New York to Puerto Rico.
OUTSTANDING ATHLETE: Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias.
OUTSTANDING NEW SPORTS STAR: Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers.
BIGGEST SPORTS DISAPPOINTMENT: Boston Red Sox, who bowed to the underdog Yankees in the American League pennant race.
BIGGEST SPORTS SURPRISE: Joe Louis being floored by Joe Walcott.
WORST SPORTS PROPHECY: By Frank Leahy, coach of the undefeated Notre Dame football team: "We will lose three games this year."
TOP SPORTS THRILL: Lavagetto's two-base hit in the ninth inning which broke up a no-hitter and won a game for the Dodgers against the Yankees in the World Series.
BEST PLAY ON BROADWAY: Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire."
WORST PLAY: "Heads or Tails," by H. J. Langsfelder and Ervin Drake.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Failure of the American Repertory Theater to make money, despite several artistic successes.
BEST NEW ACTRESS: June Lockhart in "For Love or Money."
BEST NEW ACTOR: James Whitmore of "Command Decision."
BEST MALE MOVIE PERFORMANCE: Gregory Peck in "Gentleman's Agreement."
BEST FEMALE PERFORMANCE: Rosalind Russell in "Mourning Becomes Electra."
BEST IMPORTED FILM: "Great Expectations."
MOST PROMISING FILM NEWCOMERS: Barbara Belle Geddes, Weldell Corey.
BIGGEST MOVIE NEWS: Britain's 75 per cent tax on U.S. films.
BEST FICTION WORK PUBLISHED: "This Is the Year," by Feike Feikema.
BEST NON-FICTION: "Man Against Myths," by Barrows Dunham.
MOST IMPORTANT LITERARY EVENT: Award of the Nobel Prize to Andre Gide.
BIGGEST LITERARY SURPRISE: The success of the first \$5 novel, "House Divided," by Ben Ames Williams.
BEST NEW WRITER: Calder Willingham author of "End as a Man."
OUTSTANDING MUSICAL PERSONALITY: Arturo Toscanini, NBC Symphony Conductor, who is 80.
MOST PUBLICIZED NEW SINGER: Margaret Truman.

Houston Speaker To Address ASME

Michael I. Kearnes, general manager of Brown Shipbuilding Company, Houston, will address the A.&M. chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Mechanical Engineering Lecture Room, C. E. Lennor, president.

National Teacher Examinations Will Be Given Here, Feb. 7, 14

National teacher examinations of the American Council on Education will be given in College Station on Saturday, February 7 and Saturday, February 14. George B. Wilcox, head of the education and psychology department, has announced.

Battalion Selects Aggieland's Top Ten News Stories of 1947 . . .

Student-Administration Fight Was Biggest A&M Headline Maker

By LARRY GOODWYN
1947 was a big year for Texas A.&M. The name of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas bristled across the state, hitting the headlines in papers in the Panhandle, along the Gulf, in the piney woods of East Texas, and in the Rio Grande Valley. Some of the publicity was good—some bad.
Out of the maze of news stories involving A.&M. during 1947, The Battalion staff picked one—the anti-administration fight that spread the length of the spring semester—as the top news story of Aggieland for 1947.
1. ANTI-ADMINISTRATION FRACAS—The now famed "midnight march" of the Cadet Corps began the story. The entrance of the Veteran Student Association into the fight through its equally famed "six questions," the charges against President Gibb Gilchrist by Economic Department Head F. B. Clark and his subsequent dismissal, the culmination of the entire affair in the House-Senate investigation—these were the events of the administration-student fight that carried the affair to the top of the heap of 1947 Aggieland stories.
Texas Associated Press editors rated the anti-administration fracas sixth among the top state stories for 1947.
2. RESIGNATION OF FOOTBALL COACH HOMER HILL NORTON—Late December—produced the second biggest story of 1947. Coach Norton's resignation, following publication throughout the state of the intentions of "Aggies, Unlimited" to purchase his unexpired contract. The resignation of the veteran coach brought to an end a year-old squabble between Norton and former students that began after the disappointing 1946 season. Assistant Coach Harry Stiteler has been named to fill Norton's shoes.
3. REORGANIZATION OF STUDENT LIFE—The first successful move on the student life front since the beginning of student discontent in 1945 occurred when W. L. "Penny" Penberthy was elevated to the office of the dean of men. The affable, well-liked "Penny" immediately made a success of a ticklish job that had proven "too hot to handle" since the introduction of the "Basic Policy."
Other changes, likewise proving successful, sent "Spike" White to the head of Student Activities, and the formation of the Student

Aggies Get Coke Returns In Recreational Facilities

X-Ray Surveys Begin Tuesday Morning in 'Y'

The Texas State Department of Health will conduct a chest X-ray survey on the main campus and at Bryan Field January 6 through January 17 from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily except Sunday. The survey will seek to examine all students, college employees, and their families for the purpose of finding diseases of the chest, principally tuberculosis. The X-ray machines will be located in the YMCA Chapel from January 6 through January 14, and in Building 256 at Bryan Field, January 15, 16, and 17. The X-ray survey is conducted rapidly without removal of clothing and at no cost to the individual, Assistant Dean of Men Bennie Zinn said. At the time of examination the person X-rayed is asked to name the physician to whom he wishes his report sent, should any abnormality be found. If the film interpretation for an individual shows suspicious tuberculosis definite tuberculosis non-tuberculosis pathology or if the film is unsatisfactory, the physician designated is notified. If the interpretation of the film (See X-RAY on Page 4)

Unit Commanders, Housemasters, And Senators To Hear Plan Tuesday Night

Many of the nickels dropped into coke-vending machines in A. & M. dormitories will soon come home to roost in the form of money for recreational activities, according to an announcement by Dean W. L. Penberthy. How these funds are to be made available to outfits will be explained at a meeting of company commanders, non-military student senators, and housemasters Tuesday evening at 5 p. m. in Goodwin Hall. Vending machines were installed in the dormitories last fall, with the understanding that 60% of the net profit would be turned back to the dormitory inhabitants as funds to be spent for the following purposes:

George's, Casey's Acquire New Look

Campus Confectioneries Open Under Direction of Memorial Center Head
By VICK LINDLEY
The two campus confectioneries, previously known as Casey's and George's, reopened yesterday afternoon under management of the Student Memorial Center. Both stores were completely cleaned, repainted, and renovated during the Christmas holidays by a staff of twenty men, who worked night and day during much of that time. The "New Look" of both places, partly due to daring use of color in repainting, presents a night-clubbish effect. The Central Area shop, formerly Casey's, has been treated modernistically in silver, black and coral; while the South Area store, formerly George's, has been painted coral and green. Small "drug" counters containing toilet articles and other small items have been put up in each store. New names have not been chosen yet for the two confectioneries. The greatest changes have been made in Casey's, as that was the older shop. All walls and floors were scrubbed by hand before repainting. Much of the tile was removed and replastered. New linoleum was put on the table-tops in the booths, and more fluorescent lights added. Mirrors were resilvered. The fountain and coffee urn were completely torn apart, cleaned, and put together again. (How ever, part of the coffee urn was broken in the process and another urn was borrowed temporarily after a long-distance telephone call.) New Equipment at Casey's: New equipment at the Central Area store includes a doughnut machine and a larger grill with hood for venting smoke or fumes. To break up congestion, hamburgers, sandwiches, doughnuts, and coffee are available at one part of the counter; malts, fountain drinks and more coffee at another. New outside storm doors have been installed, and the old inside doors removed. A rack has been installed to hold text books while the owners are getting a snack. A "juke box" has also been added. Storage space has been given the same thorough cleaning as the serving section. Fewer Changes at George's: At the South Area store, formerly George's, changes are less evident. However this place also was given a complete scrubbing and repainting; a larger grill was installed, with hood, and the tops of all tables were sanded and refinished. Coffee will be served from two different parts of the counter. To improve the outside appearance (See GEORGE'S on Page 4)

You've Got A Hot Seat, Harry . . .

But We're With You

(An Editorial)

Dear Coach: While we were away, the newspapers informed us that you had been named head football coach at Texas A. & M. That's quite a job. As Harold Ratliff of the Associated Press said, you are "used to stepping into hot seats." You've got one, but we're behind you all the way. Old timers tell us that when you were the star of the Aggie track team in your student days, Frank Anderson wouldn't let you play football for fear you'd break your leg and not be able to pole-vault. But you sneaked out the back window of the gym, blacked your face, and played anyway. That's the kind of spirit you'll need to lick the situation here. A.&M. had some pretty lean football seasons the past four years. Prospects for next fall are no brighter, you are admittedly taking over one of the hot-test seats in the country—without batting an eye. They tell us that you have a year-to-year contract that can be broken at any time by either party. It took nerve on your part to accept a contract like that. But we don't think you'll regret it. Well, we've heard how you took underdog Waco High School up to Dallas in '45 to battle the Highland Park Scoties, and when they asked you about the odds against you, you said, "We're not coming up to Dallas to lose." And you didn't! That, too, is the spirit that it will take to put A.&M. football teams back where they belong. Of this much you can be sure: the Aggie student body is behind you 100 percent.

Freedom Train' Unable to Visit College Station

The Freedom Train will be unable to visit College Station on its trip throughout the United States, Dave Bruce, president of the Student Senate, announced today. In a letter received from J. Edward Shugrue, national director of The American Heritage Foundation, sponsor of the tour, the Freedom Train is due to cover over 33,000 miles in the continental United States visiting 300 communities. "Our one-year time limit, technical difficulties of various nature, and the Herculean size of the project make it infeasible for us to affirmatively answer your request for a Freedom Train visit," Shugrue stated. "The itinerary of the Train was carefully worked out long months ago by representatives of the Foundation and officials of the many railroad companies involved." (See TRAIN on Page 4)

Tom Scott Moved Back to Feb. 10

Tom Scott, balladeer-troubadour-folk singer slated to appear on Town Hall January 7, has rescheduled his performance for February 10. Student Activities Director C. G. "Spike" White announced today. Scott previously was booked for October 6, but the date was changed due to a revision of his tour through the United States.