

CHINESE REDS KILL LOST U. S. MARINE
Tsingtao, China, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Chinese garrison commander reported today that Chinese communists killed one of five U. S. Marines who became lost on a hunting trip in this North China area Christmas Day.

DR. WHITE ACCEPTS BAYLOR PRESIDENCY
Waco, Tex., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Dr. William Richardson White, southern Baptist leader and pastor, on Feb. 1 will become the 10th President of 103-year-old Baylor University at Waco.

He succeeds former Texas Governor Pat M. Neff, who retired Dec. 31.
Dr. White, now pastor of the First Baptist Church at Austin, was unanimously elected to succeed Neff Saturday at a meeting of 29 of the Baylor board's 39 members. He accepted the presidency in a telegram yesterday to Dr. W. W. Melton, President of the Baylor Board.

ST. JOHN GARWOOD NOW ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
Austin, Tex., Jan. 8.—(AP)—St. John Garwood of Houston, veteran of both World Wars and well-known lawyer, has been named Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court by Gov. Beauford H. Jester.

Garwood, 51, was appointed yesterday to fill the vacancy created by elevation of J. E. Hickman to the Chief Justiceship.

EX-POLICE CHIEF KILLS SON-IN-LAW IN DALLAS

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Robert L. Jones, 51, former Dallas Chief of Police, was at liberty today on \$7,500 bond after being charged with murder in the fatal shooting of his son-in-law, George A. Valdere, a private detective, in a downtown jewelry store yesterday.
"He ruined my baby daughter. He'll never bother anyone else," Jones, onetime F.B.I. agent and now operator of three Dallas liquor stores, commented after the shooting.

RICHARD TAUBER SINGER DIES IN LONDON

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Richard Tauber, 56, noted singer, composer and conductor, died at a London nursing home today.

One of the leading tenors of the German-speaking world, Tauber was one of the greatest interpreters of Mozart, and was frequently heard at Mozart festivals in Munich and Salzburg.

REPUBLICANS CALL TRUMAN 'LEFTIST'

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Republicans planned a political "left-wing" label on President Truman today as they set out to counter his "State of the Union" proposals with their own laws making program in preparation for next November's ballot battles.

TRUMAN ASKS CUT IN INCOME TAX

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress yesterday to let every individual income taxpayer knock \$10 "out of living" credit off his tax bill for himself and an additional \$40 for each dependent. He proposed a hike in corporation taxes to keep the government's total tax take unchanged.

His proposal in his state-of-the-union message bumped into immediate opposition from Republicans as tax leaders in Congress said there was no chance it would be passed.

ANTI-TRUST SUIT HITS ICE CREAM MAKERS

AUSTIN, TEX., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The state yesterday filed suit charging the Borden Company and Rettig's ice cream manufacturers and distributors, with violations of Texas' anti-trust law in 78 Texas counties.

It was the second anti-trust suit to be filed in two days by Attorney General Price Daniel. Tuesday's suit was filed charging anti-trust violations by eight milk corporations in Dallas and Fort Worth.

WAR DEPT. NAMES 26 HONOR HIGH SCHOOLS

AUSTIN, TEX., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The War Department has designated 26 Texas high schools maintaining Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps units as "honor schools" for high standards of military training and discipline.
The adjutant general's office yesterday announced the list as including: Ball High School, Galveston; Austin High School; El Paso High School of El Paso.

STATE DEMS TO PLAN TIDLANDS FIGHT

DALLAS, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A special meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee will be held Jan. 15 at Austin to plan organization and financing of a concerted fight for national legislation to insure Texas continued control of its tidewater lands. State Chairman R. W. Chavert told the Times Herald from his office at Hillsboro yesterday.
The meeting was called by telegrams to all committee members Tuesday afternoon by Chavert at the request of Governor Beauford Jester.

WEATHER

East Texas: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Friday. No important temperature changes. Moderate southerly winds on the coast.
West Texas: Fair this afternoon, tonight and Friday. Somewhat cooler in the Panhandles and South Plains Friday afternoon.

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Great Virgil's Wonder Show Combines Mystery, Laughter



THE GREAT VIRGIL

By CHARLEY MURRAY
Mystery, fun, and laughter, as well as spine-chilling thrills, are in store for those who attend The Great Virgil's Wonder Show at Guion Hall February 3.

Beginning at 8 p. m. with such feats as cavorting ghosts in a puff of smoke, snatching birds, flowers, silks, and rabbits from thin air, The Great Virgil goes swiftly into the more spectacular illusions. Among the highlights of the show are the great Chinese torture mystery; sawing a woman in half, a night in the palace at Peiping, the miraculous Houdini trunk mystery, and countless of other sensational mysteries.

The Great Virgil has spent \$100,000 and 35 years developing this sensational attraction, and is rated as the world's greatest living magician. He is considered to be the fastest and most mystifying magician on tour today, and it is said if you nod to a friend you miss a trick, for he presents as many as nine mysteries in the course of three minutes.

Julie, The Great Virgil's leading lady, who is billed as America's Sweetheart of Magic, is featured in many of the illusions, wearing elaborate and costly costumes especially designed for being sawed in half, dissolved, tortured, vanished, and produced.

Children will be especially thrilled with the circus scenes in which the laughable antics of clowns, comical ducks and chickens, and fascinating illusions especially created for this number constantly keep the audience mystified.

The full performance of The Great Virgil is said to be just one long thrill and laugh-packed evening that is more fun than a three-ring circus.

There will be no reserved seats, and admission of 60¢ for students and children, and \$1.20 for adults.

The Great Virgil is being brought to the campus through the Student Activities Office and is not a Town Hall program.

Aggie Players 'Born' in 1945 . . .

Dillavou Anticipates Roadshow Troupe With Larger Membership

By JOHN W. LAUFENBERG
One of the hardest working Aggie organizations which does a great deal toward providing A. & M. with much needed entertainment is The Aggie Players.

Under the guidance and direction of George J. Dillavou of the English department, The Aggie Players not only amuse and entertain the Aggies on the campus with their many and varied productions, but they also serve to aid the members who take an active part in the stage productions to develop poise and confidence which will stand them in good stead after graduation.

"The training that one gains from acting in an amateur production," said Dillavou, "helps one to think on his feet in front of a large audience. This training is always an asset to any professional man, since he may some day be called upon to outline a development program upon which he has been working; if he is able to present his material in a forceful, confident manner, the chances of the report's being accepted are greatly enhanced. Difficult, unheard-of situations sometimes arise on the stage during a performance, and the necessary quick action which an actor must make is a decided training value. It teaches one to be mentally alert," continued Dillavou, "and no one can deny that there is any greater need among professional men."

Organized in 1945

The Aggie Players were organized in the fall of 1945 by Forrest Hood of the English department. When he left in 1946 to teach in another college, Art Angrist and George Dillavou took over the sponsorship of the club. Starting with no equipment whatsoever, the players built their own scenery, installed a makeshift lighting system in the Assembly Hall, and launched their first production, "You Can't Take It With You." Encouraged by the success of their first production, they immediately produced "Junior Mils," which was also well received. Starting from a small contact group of Aggies interested in dramatics, the group has expanded every semester until it now includes both corps members and veterans, veteran's wives, and townspeople from College Station and Bryan.

"Hedda Gabler" Next

Extensive plans have already been made for the forthcoming production, "Hedda Gabler," by

Henrik Ibsen. This is by far the most ambitious undertaking of the thespians to date and will mark the first time that this great classic has been presented in this part of the country. Opening night of this play will probably draw dramatic critics from both Houston and Dallas as well as dramatic directors from many other Texas colleges.

In addition to the invaluable training one receives on the stage before the footlights, there is also a great deal of highly important work which takes place behind the scenes and for the performance of this work, the members of the stage crew receive little or no public praise or applause.

Since the Aggie Players are not subsidized by any school or student activities fund, they must operate on a limited budget, and it is the hard work of these linemen of the stage that makes it possible for the actors to put across their "punchlines." The assembling of properties, arranging of lighting effects, and designing and constructing of scenery are tremendous jobs in themselves. Technical problems must sometimes be solved, and \$5 of equipment must often do the work of \$25.

It is through the loyal and diligent efforts of such behind-the-scenes personnel as Howard Davis, stage manager; Cliff and Darwin Hodges, lighting; Walter McElahan, business manager; and Miss Lillie Mae Williams, properties, that these productions are made possible.

Players Learn Stagecraft

Here in the stage work, members of the club are able to learn the fundamental arts of stagecraft and their relation to such fields as architecture, color harmonization, construction of flats, mixing of pigments and their reaction to various lighting effects, psychol-

ogy of color, stage make-up, and organization and direction. Textbooks have been written on many of these subjects alone, and an unlimited opportunity is offered to anyone interested enough to apply himself.

It's Fun, Too!

Within the Aggie Players, however, all is not work, for the organization offers opportunities for social activities on week-ends. During the preparation of the last play, a weekly party was held with one of the single girls, a vet's wife, or with Dillavou himself acting as host or hostess. On the night following the final production, a party is customarily held to celebrate the successful completion of the play. This semester the club enjoyed a steak dinner, followed with dancing at Franklin's.

No Dues—Just Work

When Dillavou was questioned about the dues in this active organization, he stated that the only prerequisite is a willingness to work and to take part in the activities. He stated that The Aggie Players welcomed anyone to take part in the stage work, acting, and social activities. Dillavou's office is in Room 34, Foster Hall, and he will be more than glad to have anyone who is interested drop by and talk with him about The Aggie Players.

The present officers of The Aggie Players are Mill Frenkel, president; Bill Krause, vice-president; and Betty McMahan, secretary. They were elected at the beginning of the fall semester and will (See DILLAVOU on Page 4)

A&M Will Act As Host for ASME

A&M will be host school at the next general regional meeting of the ASME chapter sometime in the spring, it was announced at the regional parent ASME meeting Tuesday night.

M. J. Kearnes, chairman of the executive committee, and George E. Nevill, executive secretary-treasurer of the South Texas Branch ASME were guest speakers of Tuesday evening's meeting. The third top policy-making official of this organization present at the meeting, was vice president J. G. H. Thompson Jr. of the A&M College staff.

Advantages of joining a technical society were discussed at the meeting.

AVC Head Praises Civil Atom Board

WASHINGTON—Warning that a new effort may be made during the regular session of Congress to remove atomic energy from civilian control, Chat Paterson, national chairman of the American Veterans Committee, today praised the operation of the civilian Atomic Energy Commission.

"The military clique which wants control of atomic energy by men in uniform needs only a minor incident to whip up a new demand for military control," Paterson said.

1,049 X-Rayed Yesterday In Tuberculosis Survey



John R. Morris

Total of 1,659 Photos Taken In Last 2 Days

By LOUIS MORGAN
The tuberculosis X-ray survey unit operating in the YM-CA yesterday took 1,049 photos, a total of 439 more than on Monday, which was the first day of operation at College Station.

This figure, 49 above the estimated number that could be handled in one day, makes a total of 1,659 persons X-rayed within the last two days.

The unit now at College Station is one of three such units touring the state for the Health Department. With a staff of fifteen members, the survey units send their films to Austin to be examined by Dr. Howard E. Smith, director of tuberculosis control for Texas.

Individual X-rays are kept on file in Austin, and information concerning film can be gained any time by writing to the State Health Department, Tuberculosis Control Division, enclosing film number and date taken.

The units are directed from headquarters in Austin, with the length of time spent at a given place determined by the population. Upon leaving College Station, the team expects to X-ray members and inmates of the Texas Prison System.

The X-ray unit will operate from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day except Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday the team will take X-rays only from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beginning Thursday, January 25, through Saturday at 1, the team will visit Little Aggeland to photograph students and faculty members. The apparatus will be set up in Building 256 on the days indicated.

The survey is conducted rapidly without removal of clothing. There is no charge.

First films were X-rayed Wednesday were Lewis Crow of Belton, Julian Martinez of Bryan, John E. Peters of Mexia, Kenneth Bobkoff of Corsicana, and Roland E. Bizsell of Boyce City.

Totally Blind Since 16 Years Old . . .

Mop Maker In War, Johnny Now Runs Concession Stand

By LOUIS MORGAN

Hoping that ex-G.I.'s and ex-Swabbers won't hold it against him, John R. "Johnny" Morris admits that he turned out many of the mops used by the armed forces during the war.

Johnny, the blind man who operates the candy concessions in the Main Post Office, worked in the Light House for the Blind in Austin after he graduated from the State School for the Blind. The Light House is a sheltered workshop where the blind make such articles as mops, rugs and mats. It just so happened that Uncle Sam was more than willing to buy all that could be turned out while Johnny was working there.

Totally blind since the age of sixteen, Johnny was born in Linden, Texas in 1916. He received only two years of public school education before his eyes became so bad that he transferred to the School for the Blind in Austin as a last resort to save his failing

eyesight. He spent eleven years in school, and during most of that time he was completely blind. Despite this handicap he worked on the school publication, The Texas Meteor, and was assistant editor during his senior year.

Becoming interested in creative writing while working in the paper, Johnny started writing fiction after he left school. He placed in a beginner's contest sponsored by August Lenniger, writer's agent, but as yet he has been unable to place a manuscript. He

has not given up, however, but still turns out a story occasionally on week-ends or at night. He does his own manuscript typing, and owns a Braille, as well as a regular typewriter.

Johnny lives in Bryan with his wife and three-year-old daughter, Virginia Ann. He met his wife at the School for the Blind and graduated in the same class with her in 1938. She has not lost her sight completely.

Aggies make good customers, Johnny says, and, except for a short period during the war, he has found very little dishonesty in College Station.

He received his concessions in the Post Office through the State Commission for the Blind, a placement and rehabilitation agency. He goes to work at 8:05 a.m. in the morning and closes shop at 5:30 p.m. He was one of the first in this area to reduce the price of candy to 5 cents.

Graduates May Take Record Exams Feb. 2-3

Seniors who plan graduate study will be offered the Graduate Record Examination at A&M on February 2 and 3, according to Dr. Walter A. Varvel, professor of psychology.

The Graduate Record Examination, offered quarterly, is a series of objective tests designed to show the nature and extent of the candidate's knowledge and understanding in comparison with that of other college students. Each examinee will take the Profile Tests, consisting of eight general tests covering broadly the principal subjects of a liberal education, and an Advanced Test in his major field of study.

The scores a student receives are the results of his ability to answer questions, to solve problems, and to exercise judgement based on knowledge of the material. They reveal what he has attained and what he may expect to undertake with confidence.

Although a number of the larger graduate schools require applicants to take the examination before their entrance into graduate work is considered, A. & M. does not have this requirement. During the academic year of 1946-47 alone, some 17,000 American college students took the profile tests.

The tests, requiring approximately six hours of actual working time, are administered in two half-day sessions. The examination fee is \$5. A prospectus and application schedule may be obtained from Dr. Varvel in Room 102, Academic Building, Noon, January 15, is the registration deadline.

Former Police Chief Kills Man In Dallas

DALLAS, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A man identified by police as George A. Valdere, was shot to death yesterday in the busy downtown section near Ervay and Commerce Streets.

Student Council Okay Valedictory Selection Method

The recommendation of the Student Life Committee to select the senior with the highest grade point average as valedictorian was approved last night by the Student Council. Luther Terry, member of the council, reported.

The senior must have spent four of his last six college semesters at A. & M., it was stated. This clause was inserted last month by the Student Life Committee and returned to the Student Council for consideration.

The present recommendation will go before the Student Life Committee next week for approval before being submitted to the Executive Committee.

Mack E. Roach, president of the Student Council, was named by Dean of Men W. L. Pennerby to check into the possibility of placing permanent dormitory markers on all halls, Terry said.

N. R. "Jug" Leatherwood and Terry were appointed to work with a student activities committee to see if semi-permanent decorations may be placed in Shisa Hall for next semester's social season.

A&M to Receive Plaque From Navy

Captain Henry Y. McCown, US Navy, next Thursday will present President Gibb Gilchrist with a bronze plaque on behalf of the Navy Department for A. & M.'s service in training officers and men during the war.

Dean of the College F. C. Bolter said that the presentation would be held at 11:30 a. m. in Gilchrist's office.

Sul Ross Lodge Holds Schools Of Instruction

Sul Ross Masonic Lodge No. 1200 is conducting a School of Instruction in floor work and in trial questions and answers in the three degrees, Senior Warden J. J. Woolket announced yesterday.

The Schools of Instruction will be held four afternoons a week from 5 to 6 p. m. in the Lodge Room and they will continue indefinitely, he said.

Practice in floor work will be given in the Lodge Room proper, while the class in Trial Questions and Answers will be conducted in the anteroom.

Sessions will be held every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon from 5 to 6, according to the following schedule:

Monday, Floor Work and Trial Questions and Answers, Entered Apprentice.
Tuesday, Floor Work, Lectures in E. A. F. C., and Masters Degrees; Trial Questions and Answers, Entered Apprentice.
Wednesday, Floor Work, Fellowship; Trial Questions and Answers, Fellowship and Masters.
Friday, Floor Work, Masters; Trial Questions and Answers, Entered Apprentice.

The Schools of Instruction are intended primarily for students and others wanting to study in phases of Masonic work, Dr. Al B. Nelson said.

Regular meetings of the College Station Sul Ross Lodge are held on Thursday at 7 p. m.

Kream-Kow Klub Elects Officers

E. V. Niemyer was elected president of the Kream and Kow Klub for the next semester at a regular meeting Tuesday night. He served as vice-president of the club this semester.

B. H. Murphy was elected vice-president and Doug Ramsell, who will serve on the Agricultural Council, was elected reporter. Robert B. Price, former president and Frank W. Moore, former reporter, are graduating this semester.