

Three Attempts Made To Secure Exams

Bandit Accosts Janitor For Keys to Petroleum Building

By C. C. TRAIL

Three attempts to secure examinations from locked offices were reported yesterday to The Battalion by Harold Vance, head of the petroleum engineering department, and Dr. C. W. Randle, head of the economics department.

An armed, masked bandit wearing a Cadet Corps uniform attempted unsuccessfully Wednesday afternoon to obtain the keys to the Petroleum Building from Johnnie Mae Jackson, colored janitress.

Johnnie Mae was leaving the Petroleum Building about 5:45 with two friends when she was accosted by someone wearing a corps uniform. The assailant, masked with a white handkerchief, had apparently hidden in the bushes behind the Chemistry Building knowing that she would pass by on her way home.

According to Johnnie Mae, she leveled a pistol at her and demanded, "Stick 'em up!" "What the devil am I going to stick 'em up for?" she asked. "Stick 'em up and give me those keys to the Petroleum Engineering Building." "I ain't going to stick 'em up and I ain't going to give you these keys," she replied. "You give me those keys or I'm going to shoot you," he threatened.

"Well, go ahead and shoot," Johnnie Mae said.

Meanwhile the two friends who were with Johnnie Mae ran and screamed for two colored janitors who were down the street from them. The men came running to the rescue and apparently frightened the bandit, because he turned, snatched off his mask, and fled toward the Academic Building.

Johnnie Mae said she did not get a look at the man's face, but she believed that she could recognize his voice, since it was a very gruff and extremely low. However, she expressed the opinion that the tone of his voice did not seem natural. "He may have just made his voice low so I wouldn't know him again," Johnnie Mae said.

Fred Hickman, chief of campus security, said yesterday that officers were working on the case, but nothing incriminating has been uncovered.

Two unsuccessful attempts to obtain copies of final examinations from the petroleum engineering and economics departments were made Friday night.

Burglars smashed the glasses in the doors of the offices of Vance and Randle in the Petroleum Engineering Building. Vance reported that the unknown burglars succeeded in stealing seven sets of quizzes taken last week, four sets of which were graded.

Dr. Randle reported that unidentified burglars forced their way into the three economics offices in the Academic Building. Since all quizzes were locked in the safe, nothing was taken, he said.

Baptist Brotherhood Meeting Set Tonight

The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood of the College Station First Baptist Church will take place tonight at 7, Brotherhood [President] J. D. Prewitt announced yesterday. Reverend R. L. Brown, pastor, will speak on "How the Brotherhood Can Contribute to the Church Program."

Registration Slated Friday and Saturday

Students presently enrolled in A. & M. will register at Sbliss Hall Friday and Saturday, January 30-31, according to the following schedule:

- Friday, January 30
8 to 9--All whose surnames begin with L, M.
9 to 10--All whose surnames begin with M, N, O.
10 to 11--All whose surnames begin with P, Q, R.
11 to 12--All whose surnames begin with S.
12 to 1--All whose surnames begin with T, U, V.
2 to 3--All whose surnames begin with W, X, Y, Z.
3 to 4--All whose surnames begin with H, I.

- Saturday, January 31
8 to 9--All whose surnames begin with J, K.
9 to 10--All whose surnames begin with L, E.
10 to 11--All whose surnames begin with B, C.
11 to 12--All whose surnames begin with A, G.
12 to 1--All whose surnames begin with T, U, V.
2 to 3--All whose surnames begin with W, X, Y, Z.
Free waiver slips for veteran students may be picked up now at the Veterans Advisor's Office in Goodwin Hall.

A&M Consolidated Will Organize Band at Mid-Term

The A&M Consolidated School will organize a school band at mid-term, according to A. M. Whittis, school superintendent. The initial meeting to organize the band was held last night in the Consolidated Music Room with a number of parents in attendance.

Colonel R. J. Dunn, who is conducting two school orchestras, has been named band director. "The school is fortunate to have such expert skill and services of this outstanding orchestra and band leader," states Whittis.

"I wish to express my appreciation to the civic organizations of this community who have donated their time and financial support in an effort to build up this school," says Whittis. "and I am especially grateful to the Kiwanis Club, the College Station Development Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Mothers and Dads Club for purchasing the more expensive musical instruments and providing the salary for Dunn."

Persons who have used instruments may help this program by renting, loaning, or selling the needed instruments, states Whittis. If the necessary instruments cannot be secured, the parents of the students will have to either buy or rent them through a music company. Dunn can furnish complete details.

D-H Team to Enter Fort Worth Meet

The A. & M. dairy judging team will compete in the Senior Student Dairy Cattle Judging contest in Fort Worth February 2. A. L. Parrnell, dairy husbandry professor, has announced.

The contest, held in connection with the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, was started in 1924 by Darnell. Since that time A. & M. teams have won 14 of the 18 contests. This year's contest will be the first since 1941.

Members of the team who went to Austin on a practice judging contest Saturday are R. E. Barger, hardy, Kerry L. Betts, Mark A. Geeslin, V. B. Janda, W. E. Prather, and Donald R. Shelton.

Registration Notice

All students, except those now living in Ramps I, J, and K, Walton Hall, should pay their fees and sign up for their rooms before 5 p. m., January 27. Assistant Dean of Men Bennie A. Zinn announced yesterday.

Students who wish to change rooms may do so beginning at 8 a. m., Monday, January 26, he said.

Students now in school must be registered for a room before 5 p. m., Saturday, January 31, after which time new enrollees will be assigned to the remaining rooms.

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Two Vet Seniors File In Legislative Election

Representing 34th, 121st Districts, McKnight, Rogers Throw Hats in Ring

Basing their actions on the old adage "There is just one thing worse than a failure and that is someone who doesn't try at all," Peyton McKnight and Andrew J. Rogers, veteran A&M seniors, have thrown their political hats into the ring for the coming legislature race in Texas.

McKnight, whose residence is Wood County, will run for representative of the 34th district, a position occupied by Miss Elizabeth Sutor. Rogers will be a candidate in the 121st district, a post vacated by Sherry Mahan, who resigned when he moved to New Mexico.

Rogers, business senior from Childress, will be a candidate from the 121st district, which is composed of Childress, Hall, Cottle, and Motley Counties.

He was born in Fort Worth on December 24, 1924. When he was four years old, his family moved to Childress. Rogers entered the Childrens public schools in the fall of 1931 and graduated from high school in 1942. While attending Childrens High School, Rogers lettered in football and track, was an honor student, and worked on the school paper and yearbook.

Entered A&M in '42
In the fall of 1942, he entered A. & M. to prepare for law school. After completing one semester and beginning another, he joined the Army Air Corps in March, 1943. While in the Air Corps, Rogers received aerial training, which ended in his receiving both navigator's and bombardier's wings.

After preliminary training, he completed his service time of three years as an overseas training officer and instructor. He reentered A&M in February, 1946 to complete pre-law school training.

Will Graduate In June
Since returning to A&M, he has been a distinguished student most of the time. He will graduate in June.

Rogers is secretary of the Business Society and the Pre-Law Society and a member of The Commentator staff.

He will enter the University of Texas Law School this fall.

Guernsey Breeders Hold Annual Meet

A business meeting of the Texas Guernsey Breeders' Association under the direction of Don Danvers, president, was held here at 10 a. m. this morning. A luncheon at Sbliss Hall sponsored by the Kiwanis Club followed the meeting.

Dean C. N. Shephardson gave the welcoming address in the parlour room of the YMCA after the luncheon. A panel discussion conducted by specialists of the dairy industry concluded the meeting.

First Annual, Olio, in 1895 . . .

English Professor-Journalist Guided Early A&M Publication

Part II
(In 1948 The Battalion is 55 years old under that name, 70 years counting predecessors under other titles. This is the second in a series of four historical sketches telling the development of student publications at A. & M. College.)

By VICK LINDLEY
Always involved in the publication of the Journal and the early Battalion was William Bledsoe Philpott, Mephistopheles-bearded professor of English and an early Aggie graduate. He was inevitably on the mastheads of The Journal or The Battalion as supervising editor, alumni editor, or in some other editorial capacity.

Born in Brenham, Texas, in 1865, Philpott received his early education at James' Academy in Bryan and in Austin, and entered A&M in 1881. He graduated in '84 with a degree in mechanical engineering, but after a period as principal of Bethel Academy, he turned to journalism as editor of the Brazos Blade. Philpott returned to A&M in 1887 as associate professor of English, receiving an M.S. degree and subsequently was made full professor and head of the English department. Later he became business manager and associate editor of The Southern Horticultural Journal of Dallas.

As Philpott was both a teacher and a practicing journalist, he was able to guide The Battalion onto a sound basis. Philpott was active in alumni affairs, and per-



ANDREW J. ROGERS



PEYTON MCKNIGHT

"I think I am well qualified as a veteran and Wood County citizen to serve the people," McKnight said. "Since I plan to become a lawyer, I think this first term would provide valuable experience to be used later."

McKnight became interested in running for the Texas legislature two years ago, but it wasn't until this year that he finally decided to run. Wood County, making up the 34th district, contains a cross-section of industry, labor and agriculture. Seven new oil fields have been opened in the county since 1940. There were 4,600 people in the district who paid their poll tax and who were eligible to vote in 1936 from a total population of 24,360.

A quiet, deliberate-speaking six-footer, McKnight was born in Alba, Texas, in December, 1924. He, the only child of an oil broker, attended grade school in Alba and graduated from Quitman High School in 1941. After spending a summer semester at East State Teacher's College, he transferred to A&M in the fall of 1941.

Served in Air Corps
In December, 1942, he entered the Air Corps and received his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas. After taking a course in airplane engineering at Amarillo Field and a course in aerial gunnery at Las Vegas, Nevada, he was sent to Tampa, Florida where he received his operational crew training.

As an engineer and upper turret gunner on a B-17 with the 15th Air Force in Italy, he participated in 35 sorties, equal to 55 missions, over the German-controlled Balkans and the Ploesti Oil Fields. During his missions, the bombardier on his plane was killed, the tail turret gunner bailed out. According to McKnight, no one knows why he bailed out or what happened to him.

Upon his release from service in September, 1945, McKnight returned to A&M. He is scheduled to graduate next June when he will enroll in the University of Texas. (See MCKNIGHT on Page 1.)

referred to in those days as alumni) used part of The Batt space to keep old grads in touch with one another, until the Alumni Quarterly was founded in 1915. The Quarterly became The Texas Aggie in 1921.

Instead of a college annual, old-time Aggies received June commencement issues of The Battalion, which contained many pictures and articles of the sort usually found in annuals. In fact, the first pictures printed by the Battalion were in the June '93 commencement issue. The June '96 issue contained 74 pages, many of them full-page pictures.

The First Long Horn
But The Batt editorially called for a real annual and in 1895 the Olio was printed.

This first annual was pushed through by F. M. Law, Jr., an editor of the Batt in '95 and president of the Olio committee. Mr. Law, now chairman of the board of the First National Bank in Houston, later served on the college board of directors for twenty-two years, much of that time as chairman of the board.

There was never a second edition of the Olio, but in 1903 the senior class published the first Long Horn (two words) and there has been no break in the continuity since, except when the 1945 annual came out late as Volume I, 1946.

The Long Horns were small and unpretentious from 1903 through 1906, but in 1907 an elaborate issue of 200 pages set the general style that is still followed.



WILLIAM B. PHILPOTT Guided Early Batt

shaded many alumni as well as students to pay their \$1-a-year subscription fees.

Philpott died in 1908, shortly before he was to have been called as witness in the investigation of President Harrington. He had left the college several years before.

Batt Was All Things
In the 1890's The Batt was the equivalent of most of today's student publications rolled into one. The Battalion newspaper, The Longhorn, The Texas Aggie, and The Commentator all claim the Old Batt as predecessor.

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MAJOR GENERAL A. D. BRUCE

Gen. A. D. Bruce Presents Reserve Commissions Here

Major General A. D. Bruce, deputy commanding general of Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, presented Officers Reserve Corps commissions to 29 cadets this morning in Guion Hall.

Three of the cadets, Ed Brandt, Bob Martin, and Harrell D. Foltik, were designated as "distinguished military graduates." They filed for direct commissions in the Regular Army.

General Bruce, who returned from Japan last December, is an A. & M. graduate of 1916. He organized and commanded the Tank Destroyer center at Camp Hood, later serving as commanding general of the 77th Infantry Division.

Lt. Col. William S. McElhenny, adjutant of ROTC at A. & M., administered the oath of office.

Reserve commissions were presented in the Engineer Corps, Quartermaster Corps, Signal Corps, Field Artillery, Infantry, Armored Cavalry, and Ordnance Department.

Waterfowl on Gulf Mostly Pintails, Redheads -- Davis

About four-fifths of the total waterfowl population on the Texas Coast between Port Lavaca and Corpus Christi are redheads and pintails, according to Dr. W. B. Davis, head of the wildlife management department.

Dr. Davis has just returned from the third Waterfowl Population Census conducted on the Texas Gulf Coast January 5-10. The waterfowl investigations in Texas are a part of the Pittman-Robertson Project sponsored by the Texas Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Davis said.

Caleb Glazener and William S. Hiet of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission are in charge of the project.

Dr. Davis counted about one quarter of a million waterfowl in this area. This is an increase in the number of birds present over the earlier surveys, suggesting that ducks are still moving into the Texas Coastal Waters from inland areas.

This appears to be a poor area for mallards, shovellers and widgeons, which are puddle ducks, because there is probably a shortage of food, Dr. Davis concluded.

6 Graduate Ag Eco Courses Scheduled

Graduate courses in agricultural economics for the spring semester of the 1947-48 school year have been announced by J. Wheeler Barger, head of the agricultural economics and rural sociology department.

Any of the following graduate courses will be offered provided there is a sufficient demand, Barger said. Farmers' Movement 601, Land Problems 603, and Agricultural Policy 614 are four credit hour courses which will be instructed by R. L. Hunt, L. S. Paine, and J. W. Barger, respectively.

Seminar in Agricultural Marketing 623 and Seminar in Farm Management 624 are two credit hour courses which will be instructed by W. E. Paulson and C. A. Bonnen, respectively. Research, Methods and Problems 671-672 are courses that will yield from one to eight credit hours, according to Barger.

Classes for these courses will meet at periods agreeable to the students enrolled.

'Would You Like to Take Great Issues? . . .

26% of Students Would Like To Take Administration 405

By JAMES E. NELSON

Approximately 26% of students encountered in a random poll taken over the week-end said that they would like to take the "Great Issues" course.

The "Great Issues" course, Administration 405, will be presented by the history department this spring. The 2-hour course, limited to seniors, is being offered to create in the student an awareness of his present and primary duty as an educated man to help his world survive.

Lack of time and crowded schedules dominate the reasons for students' not being able to take the course. However, the opinions expressed by some students are encouraging.

Typical of the opinions expressed by students in favor of the course came from Roy Tipton, a senior of Company B, Seniors. Tipton said, "I think it would be a very interesting course, but at present my schedule is too crowded and I have no room for elective courses of this type. I think it would be a good idea if other courses like the 'Great Issues' course

could be worked into the school curricula."

Another favorable attitude toward the course was expressed by Bob Qualls, a senior of Company A, who said, "I have no room for electives along the line of this course. But I do think that courses such as the 'Great Issues' course and more courses in public speaking should be worked into the curricula for engineers."

The opinions of those not interested in the course can be shown in statements from two students who happen to be from the same town, Clyde H. Patterson, Jr., from Memphis, Tennessee, a senior on the corps staff, said, "I am not interested in the course. I do not have time, I have my schedule arranged for next semester, and I hope to have enough hours to graduate then."

Pete Clayton, sophomore veteran student from Memphis, said, "I am not interested in the course. I have all I can possibly do to take the required courses." Interest seems to be high in the freshman and sophomore classes. Typical of the statements from the students of these two classes comes

OKLAHOMA NEGROES MAY ASK CONTEMPT CITATION

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 20 (AP)—The Oklahoma state regents for higher education Monday established a Negro school of law in Oklahoma City as a branch of Langston Negro University, but a Negro leader said immediately that there would be "no acceptance of a Jim Crow law school."

The U. S. Supreme Court, which ordered immediate arrangements for Mrs. Lois Spidel Fisher to be admitted to a law school "equal" to that at Oklahoma University, may be asked to issue a contempt citation against the regents, it was intimated.

MEAT RATIONING BILL IS INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Two Republican Congress members today introduced legislation authorizing the Truman administration to set up meat rationing machinery, including printing of ration books.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Flanders (R-VT) and Rep. Javits (R-NY) provides up to \$1,000,000 to allow the Agriculture Department to make all necessary relations.

STASSEN ASKS STUDENTS TO WATCH GOVERNMENT

LUBBOCK, TEX., Jan. 20 (AP)—Playing "that insidious talk that war is inevitable" and begging the United States is a key factor in worldwide clash of ways of life, former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, told 3,000 Texas Tech students today that the drive and enthusiasm of youth is needed more in public affairs today than ever before.

Saying this country, with but one-sixteenth of the world's people, produces almost one-third of the world's goods and services, Stassen urged that "American youth should become interested in governmental affairs, even those attending college."

OKLAHOMA U. RECEIVES NEGRO APPLICATION

NORMAN, Okla., Jan. 20 (AP)—Ada Lois Spidel Fisher, 42-year-old negro seeking admission to the University of Oklahoma, filed but an application yesterday in her effort to break down the state constitutional barrier barring negroes from going to school with whites.

Mrs. Fisher backed by a United States Supreme Court decision ordering the state to give her equal and immediate law education opportunities, arrived with a group of negro leaders and immediately went into a closed conference with Dr. J. E. Feltus, dean of admission.

AUSTIN TO RAISE MONEY FOR FREEDOM TRAIN

AUSTIN, TEX., Jan. 20 (AP)—Austin civic leaders yesterday undertook a campaign to raise \$2,000 requested by the American Heritage Foundation to help pay expenses of the Freedom Train.

Martin S. Snyder, New York, a director for the Foundation, told a meeting here that the expanded hierarchy of the train had so increased expenses that leaders in the project decided to ask for local assistance.

BARUCH GIVES ADVICE TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Bernard M. Baruch, many times presidential advisor, yesterday offered Congress his own ideas for helping Europe and keeping this country on an even keel.

This, in brief, is what he said this country should do at once:

- 1. Boost corporations' taxes but don't cut individual income taxes for at least two years.
2. Roll back farm prices to cut the cost of food and then ask labor to be satisfied with present wages.
3. Keep rent control.

DEMS ASK BELMONT, FARLEY, TO HELP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Democratic high command has asked Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to campaign for President Truman's election next November and has received assurances of her willingness to cooperate.

Confirming this, chairman J. Howard McGrath told a reporter he also expects James A. Farley, who broke with the late president Roosevelt in 1940 over the third term issue, to become active again during the campaign.

FIND R. E. LEE'S ORDERS TO COMMAND ARMY

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 20 (AP)—Rummaging through an old trunk William C. Croom of Mobile came across an original document yesterday by which the late general Robert E. Lee was assigned to command the Confederate armies.

The discovery was reported by Croom today as Mobile joined with other cities in the south in observing the anniversary of Lee's birth.

1,000 MARINES BOARD MEDITERRANEAN CARRIER

VALETTEA, MALTA, Jan. 20 (AP)—The United States Navy's biggest peace-time Mediterranean assignment was carried out here yesterday in Marsa Seneggo Bay, where the aircraft carrier Mayway took aboard 1,000 American Marines who arrived aboard the U. S. Auxiliary transports Bexar and Montague.

WEATHER

East Texas: Mostly cloudy this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. No important temperature changes. Moderate to occasionally fresh northerly winds on the coast.