

"NO-CEILING" RENT BOOST PROPOSED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—A proposal to permit "voluntary" sky-the-limit rent increases popped up in Congress today. A decision was near meanwhile on another cost of living issue—meat rationing.

The suggestion for no-ceiling rent boosts—in exchange for long term leases—was outlined by Senator Cain (R-Wash.).

TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 3 (AP)—Construction of the \$7,512,000 vehicular tunnel beneath the Houston ship channel at Pasadena is expected to begin shortly.

The project was assured Saturday when a special election approved a \$3,000,000 bond issue by a narrow margin.

County Auditor H. L. Washburn said an official canvass showing passage of the bonds will make awards of the contract for construction of the main unit to the low bidder, Merritt, Chapman and Schott of New York City, automatic.

TEXAS CRIMINAL CODE 100 YEARS BEHIND TIMES

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 3 (AP)—Former Attorney General William McGraw of Dallas said Texas' code of criminal procedure is 100 years behind the times.

Speaking to the Fort Worth Bar Association yesterday, McGraw said recodification of the procedure should be close to every attorney because public opinion of the profession is influenced by criminal proceedings.

CAMPBELL NAMED PRISON CLASSIFICATION OFFICER

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 3 (AP)—Frank B. Campbell, 35, assistant manager of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, will assume direction of classification in the Texas prison system Feb. 15.

Appointment of Campbell was announced yesterday by D. B. Ellis, general manager of the penal system.

Campbell replaces Roy Wade, State Department of Public Safety official who last week had accepted the appointment from Ellis.

Wade notified the prison manager he would be unable to accept the position in view of another business opportunity "too attractive to overlook."

Carl Basand resigned as classification director Jan. 1.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL STARTS MARCH 27

CORSICANA, Tex., Feb. 3 (AP)—The Texas Junior College Athletic Conference will open its first baseball season March 27.

Announcement of the schedule was made by Ray Waller, president of Navarro Junior College.

Teams from Navarro, Henderson county junior college, Clifton, Allen Academy and possibly Lon Morris will compete.

AID TO GREECE ABOVE SCHEDULE, SAYS HOLMIGREEN

ATHENS, Feb. 3 (AP)—The American mission to aid Greece said \$60,000,000 worth of supplies over and above current U. S. aid imports had been distributed in the last several months.

E. N. Holmgreen, of Bryan, Tex., A&M Business Manager, on leave and director of the distribution section, said the goods distributed included \$5,000,000 worth of construction machines, \$10,000,000 worth of clothing and \$1,500,000 of spare parts.

UN URGES ACTION TO AVOID PALESTINE COLLAPSE

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 3 (AP)—The United Nations Palestine Commission yesterday urged immediate UN action to prevent a threatened "collapse of security and administrative services" in Palestine.

The urgency of the situation was formally reported to the security council for the first time by the five-nation commission.

The initial report said: "All information thus far available to the commission leads to the conclusion that the situation in Palestine as regards both security and civil authority is more likely to worsen than to improve."

"The commission envisages the possibility of a collapse of security and administrative services on the termination of the mandate unless adequate means are made available to the commission for the exercise of its authority."

MEAT-RATIONING IS NOT "GOOD ENOUGH," CIO STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—A CIO official opposed yesterday legislation to set up meat rationing on a "get ready" basis—he said "it is not good enough."

Donald Montgomery, Washington Representative of the United Auto Workers-CIO, who said he spoke for the parent organization, told a Senate Banking Subcommittee that both price controls and rationing are needed.

WEATHER FORECAST

East Texas: Cloudy with rain this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday. Slightly warmer this afternoon and tonight. Colder in northwest and west-central portions Wednesday. Moderate to fresh east to southeast winds on the coast.

West Texas: Mostly cloudy, rain in Panhandle, South Plains and from the Pecos Valley eastward this afternoon and tonight. Slightly warmer this afternoon. Colder in El Paso area and slightly warmer elsewhere tonight. Wednesday mostly cloudy and colder with rain or snow in Panhandle and South Plains and rain east of the Pecos River.

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McGregor Farm Holds Unlimited Possibilities, Pres. Gilchrist Says

Transfer of Bluebonnet Plant Ends 2 Years of Negotiations

"The future of Bluebonnet farm is one of vast opportunity, limited only by human vision and capacity and the support which the people of Texas find that it deserves and give it," President Gibb Gilchrist said Friday at the presentation ceremony of the McGregor ordnance plant.

"No one can foresee the possibilities that may develop but we can state the basic policies that will be followed during the initiation and early development of this project. An agriculture which provides an opportunity to earn the essentials of life and a better standard of living for the American people is the foundation of our security."

In speaking of the future of the Bluebonnet farm, Gilchrist said that a "guiding principle will be to stress studies looking to the improvement and conservation of soil and water resources. We expect to do much work on grasses and legumes, including plant breeding."

"A primary assignment at Bluebonnet will be to increase our foundation seed stocks. The present value of Bluebonnet may be multiplied many times over in single items such as higher yield in hybrid corn, disease resistant grains, or improved variety cottons."

"Farm Units Planned" "A number of complete farm units will be set up to be operated under supervised programs for soil improvement with varying sources of cash income," Gilchrist continued.

"Today we may be witnessing the beginning of a program which in the future will mean more to Texas than any one here can foresee. We will cooperate with all agencies public or private, looking unselfishly toward a sound business like permanent agricultural program which will develop and be a challenge to the kind of leadership and rural life Texas and America must have," he concluded.

Colonel Karl E. Wallace, recently appointed administrator of Zone 5 for Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas, presented the deed of the 17,483 acre project to board member C. C. Krueger of San Antonio.

G. R. White, president of the A. & M. Board, was unable to be present at the ceremony to receive the deed.

Both Wallace and Krueger are former students of A. & M. In making the presentation, Wallace told of A. & M.'s accomplishments both in World War II and in the science of agriculture at A. & M.

Congressman W. R. Poage of Waco, master of ceremonies, called attention to the part which the people of McGregor and vicinity had in bringing about the transfer of the Bluebonnet farm.

Friday's presentation ceremony ended more than two years of negotiations for the \$2,000,000 holdings with the War Assets Administration.

The properties, as government surplus, were sold to A. & M. at 100 percent cash discount, payment to be made in public services over a 25-year period. The tract is located in McLennan and Coryell Counties.

Henry O. Hill, present superintendent of the Blackland Experiment Station at Temple, will take charge of the property.

Veteran students desiring to drop a course for which they have already obtained books and supplies, or who wish to change courses, must get approval to make the change from the dean of their particular school. E. A. Zinn, assistant dean of men, announced today.

Upon receiving permit to change courses, the student will turn in books and supplies already drawn through the Veterans' Administration to the book store from which they were drawn.

When the change permit and receipt from the book store are presented to the Veterans' Administration in Goodwin Hall, registrations for new books and supplies will be issued for the new courses, Zinn said.

Art Howard of San Antonio has been named to succeed Paul Martin as sports editor of The Battalion, Co-Editor Jimmie Nelson announced today.

Shepardson Elected President Of City Chamber of Commerce

Charles N. Shepardson, dean of agriculture, was elected president of the College Station Development Association and Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting of the new board of directors.

Shepardson, who served as vice-president of the organization during 1947, succeeds W. Lamar Fly, first head of the development association.

Other officers elected were G. E. Madeley, vice-president; R. W. Steen, secretary; and E. E. Ames, treasurer.

Ames, H. E. Burgess, and Mrs. D. W. Fleming were elected new directors to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Mrs. Norman Anderson, Mrs. Frank Anderson, and J. R. Oden.

Hold-over directors include Shepardson, Madeley, Steen, Fly, E. O. Sietek, and Manning Smith.

Adopted at the meeting was an amendment to the by-laws providing for ex-officio membership on the board of directors of the city manager, superintendent of A. & M. Consolidated, and the president of A. & M.

Three major projects were cited as accomplishments for 1947. First of these was the assistance given by the organization to the bond amendment fund campaign in August, 1947. The association raised \$1,000 to support passage of the College Building Amendment.

Second accomplishment of 1947 was the preparation and distribution of the pamphlet "Welcome to College Station" which is being used to acquaint new arrivals to the city. The booklet is accompanied by a map of the city and the campus.

Consolidated Band Formed The last major project cited was the establishment of a band at A. & M. Consolidated School, Working with the city Kiwanis Club and the Mothers' and Dads' Club, the association has seen the program initiated with the employment of Colonel R. J. Dun as band director.

The consolidated band is expected to be ready for public performance during the latter part of 1948.

Fats Research Program Given Official Okay

A proposal for research on fats by A&M has been approved by the Medical Science Division of the Naval Research, Washington, D. C., it was announced today.

Under this grant investigations will be made on the metabolism of fats and fatty solids.

Work on this project will be carried on under the direction of Dr. R. T. Holman and Dr. P. B. Pearson of the department of biochemistry and nutrition.

It is expected that this work will result in a better understanding of the role of fats in nutrition and the possible interrelationship between fatty acids and other foods such as proteins and vitamins, Pearson said.

Deterioration or spoilage of food of both animal and vegetable origin is frequently due to chemical changes in the fat, Dr. Pearson points out. "It is believed that more complete information on the chemical and physical properties of fats as they occur may lead to the development of methods of preventing such deterioration during storage."

Dr. Holman has just recently joined the faculty after one and a half years of work and study at the Nobel Institute in Stockholm and at the University of Uppsala.

The project of the investigation of fats will be handled jointly by the A&M Research Foundation and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The Foundation will be responsible for the contractual and financial phases while the Experiment Station will be responsible for the technical and scientific work.

This project is the only one of the office of Naval Research has at the college and is one of three grants awarded this year by the Medical Science Division.

17,000 ACRES—Deed to the Bluebonnet Ordnance Plant was received on behalf of A. & M. by C. K. KRUEGER, right, member of the Board of Directors. COL. KARL E. WALLACE, War Assets Administration administrator, makes the presentation.

Blackland Station Supervisor Takes Over Experimental Farm

Henry O. Hill, superintendent of the Blackland Experiment Station at Temple and project supervisor for the research branch, Soil Conservation Service since 1940 has been named superintendent of the Texas A. & M. Bluebonnet Farm at McGregor.

Announcement of his appointment was made at the deed presentation ceremony in McGregor, January 30.

Hill received his B. S. degree in civil engineering from the University of North Carolina in 1930, doing graduate work in agronomy-taxonomy at Mary Hardin Baylor College in 1940. In 1945 he took a correspondence course in statistical methods in biology and agriculture from the US Department of Agriculture Graduate School.

Hill served as a student civil engineer with the Southern Railway Company, Danville, Virginia from 1928-30, as junior civil engineer with the USDA from 1930-33, and as chief agricultural engineer with the US Department of Interior and the USDA from 1933-35.

The following two years Hill was senior conservationist with the USDA, then serving as project leader of the Soil Conservation Service until 1940.

Since then Hill has been serving jointly as Blackland superintendent and USDA project supervisor at Temple.

He is a member of the ASCE, ASAE, American Geographical Union, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Hill also is vice-president of the Temple Chamber of Commerce and past governor of Kiwanis International. He is 39 years old.

A name band will be booked in their place, he said.

Ambassadors of Song Cancel Town Hall Show

The Ambassadors of Song, widely known octette scheduled to appear on Town Hall in February, have cancelled their engagement here. C. G. "Spikie" White, director of student activities, announced today.

A name band will be booked in their place, he said.

High School Leaders To Make Tour of Campus on Sports Day

Outstanding student leaders from high schools over the state will visit A. & M. on Sports Day, in March under a plan set up by officers of the hometown clubs, Assistant Director of Student Activities, Elms announced today.

Editors of yearbooks and newspapers, presidents of student governments and others showing unusual qualities of initiative and leadership are included in the plan.

The idea behind the proposed visit, Elms said, is to acquaint the high-caliber high school students with A. & M. so they might come here to college and provide superior leadership in publication and student government posts.

Athletes do not enter into the program unless they are also qualified in one of the other fields, Elms added.

The plan as formulated by the hometown clubs is briefly this: Members of the clubs will go home and consult high school principals concerning logical choices on the basis of leadership, activity and intelligence. They will ask former student clubs in the town to cooperate in providing transportation and assistance. The college will lend any advice and aid it can to make the project a success, Elms said.

The Dallas Former Students Club has already voiced its enthusiasm, Elms added, and has pledged to furnish seven cars for the visit in March.

Not all hometown clubs are acquainted with the visitor plan, Elms stated. He urges those who have not heard of it but are interested to contact him to learn how the other organizations are conducting their programs.

Another meeting of the hometown club officers will be held sometime during the first two weeks of this semester, Elms continued. Notice will be sent to the clubs on file as interested in the plan. Others should contact him in Goodwin Hall if they wish to be included at the meeting.

The March trip is being planned to coincide with Sports Day on the campus, and the visitors will be treated to an intra-squad football game, a baseball game, and maybe a stage show in Guion Hall. The tour will be under the sponsorship and guidance of the hometown clubs involved. Club members will entertain the visitors and show them the spots of interest.

Preview of Coming Events

FEBRUARY 3—Great Virgil, Guion Hall, 8 p. m. FEBRUARY 6—TSCW Modern Choir, Town Hall, 8 p. m. FEBRUARY 7—Architectural Society's Annual Beaux Arts Ball, 8 p. m. FEBRUARY 10—Balladeer Tom Scott, Town Hall, 8 p. m. FEBRUARY 13—Pianist Sidney Foster, Town Hall, 8 p. m. FEBRUARY 14—All-College Dance, Carmen Cavallaro & Orchestra.



J. A. LOMAX

J. A. Lomax, Late Ballad Hunter, Once Taught Here

John A. Lomax, 80, foremost American ballad hunter and one-time member of the A. & M. English department, died Monday, January 26 in Greenville, Mississippi.

Lomax became ill Friday, January 25, in Greenville, where he had gone to make a personal appearance with his son, Alan.

In 1910 he published "Cowboy Songs," the first book of American folk songs ever copyrighted. On foot, by horseback, by buggy, auto, and train, he traveled half a million miles into every state but North Dakota in search of ballads.

Perhaps the most famous song Lomax uncovered was "Home on the Range," which he heard a drunken Negro saloonkeeper sing in San Antonio in 1908.

In addition to teaching English here Dr. Lomax guided publication of The Battalion.

In 1932 Lomax began collecting for the Library of Congress.

Prior to his death he lived in Dallas.

Scholarships Honoring Military Leaders Awarded A&M College

Two \$10,000 military scholarships honoring United States military leaders have been established at A. & M. by Houston Endowment, Inc., a philanthropic corporation established by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Jones. A. & M. is one of four southwestern schools to receive such scholarships.

A. & M.'s scholarships are in honor of General Dwight Eisenhower and the late General George S. Patton; Rice Institute, Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. and General Alexander Archer Vandegrift; University of Texas, Admirals Chester W. Nimitz and Ernest J. King; and New Mexico Military Institute, General Douglas MacArthur.

The men honored by these scholarships will be selected for the state-supported schools, A. & M. and TU, through a statewide competition from entering freshmen. Recipients will be expected to announce their intention of pursuing a military or naval career after graduation.

Each scholarship will be made available in annual payments over a period of ten years.

The endowments for the scholarships were presented to representatives of the four schools in Houston, January 23, by Mr. and Mrs. Jones in a ceremony held in the office of Jones, who was the former secretary and head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Jones outlined the objectives of the scholarships as follows: "I'm firm in the belief that the future safety and peace of America as well as the eventual hope for world peace depends upon the continued ability of this nation to protect and enforce the peace."

"I'm well aware that the effective use of such an ability depends to a great extent on the quality and training of our military leaders."

"I recognize the fact that many of our potential great leaders may not be developed, simply through lack of opportunity to secure the training necessary to fit them for such leadership."

"It is the purpose of these scholarships to offer such potential leaders an opportunity to secure the training which will fit them for military careers."

The representatives at the endowment ceremony included Colonel Guy S. Meloy, Jr., professor of military science and tactics and commandant of the Cadet Corps, A. & M.; General Hugh M. Milson, president of New Mexico Military Institute; Captain J. E. Cooper, USN, professor of naval science, Rice Institute; and Captain Henry Young McCown, USN, professor of naval science and officer in command of the ROTC, University of Texas.

Campus Salute To Honor A&M ASAE President To Speak Tonight

"Campus Salute," a weekly program originating from Washington, D. C., will spotlight Texas A. & M. College within the next month, probably on February 20.

R. Henderson Shuffler, director of publicity at A. & M., will furnish the necessary information for the program as requested by Captain Gerald S. Tate, director of the Army Department's Public Information Division.

"Such items as local color, a brief history of A. & M., and outstanding graduates will be included on the program."

Newcomers Set Bridge Party

The Newcomers Club will hold a bridge party Wednesday afternoon at 2 in the YMCA.

For reservations persons are requested to call Mrs. R. E. Leighton, 4-4824, or Mrs. J. B. Johnson, 4-5309, before Tuesday night.



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