

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — (AP)— A compromise 30-day extension of rent controls won important backers in Congress Saturday only 15 days before the present federal act dies.

Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.) acting GOP Senate leader, told a reporter: "I have an idea that controls will be extended for at least 30 days and the Senate may act on it before the week end."

At the same time Wherry, avowed critic of all government controls, said recent price drops "have relieved the pressure behind all these controls and increased the need for quick tax reduction."

"BRITAIN, FRANCE HAD ULTERIOR MOTIVE"—RUSSIA

MOSCOW, Feb. 16 — (AP)— The Soviet Union charged Saturday night Britain and France shared a basic pre-war aim of getting Russia and Germany to come to grips.

The charge was embodied in the third installment of Russia's answer to the U. S. State Department's publication of pre-war German documents.

The Russians said Britain and France played a double game calculated to lead to an agreement with Hitler Germany for the purpose of directing her aggression against the Soviet Union.

This, the Russians said, was done through negotiations with the Soviet Union which offering guarantees to Poland, Romania and certain other states.

GOVERNMENT PLANS  
YEAR'S EXPENDITURES

CHICAGO, Feb. 16 — (AP)— Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said Saturday that the government has counted on peak production, high employment, and "substantial price inflation" in planning its expenditures for the next fiscal year.

The tax problem, he added, is "not a question of what he would like to have at the moment, but what in the long run is in the national interest."

In a talk prepared for the Chicago world trade conference, he said the president's budget submitted to Congress was based on estimated receipts for the fiscal year 1949 of \$44,500,000,000.

U. S.—RUSSIAN RELATIONS  
EXPECTED TO GET WORSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — (AP)— Relations between the United States and Russia are expected by American officials to go from bad to worse during the next three to six months. After that, these U. S. diplomats say, they may get better.

Within a year or so, some advisers to Secretary of State Marshall report, there is a hope for easing up the differences between East and West.

Spring seems certain to these officials to be a time of crisis because of efforts of the Western powers to unify Western Germany.

To reorganize the economies of the Marshall plan countries, and to form a Western European Union.

CIVIL DEFENSE UNIT WILL PROTECT A-BOMB WARFARE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — (AP)— A new civilian defense unit will get the job of planning protection against mass destruction in atomic age warfare.

Defense Secretary Forrestal said Saturday night the initial study group would be small, made up entirely of civilians, and under the national defense organization. To direct it, he wants a "man of maturity, practical as well as with imagination." He hasn't picked him yet although he has "talked to a certain number of people."

ATTEMPT TO GET RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS FAIL

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16 — (AP)— An attempted rendezvous with the Chinese Communists failed to obtain release of four captured U. S. Marines, but new efforts are being made by means of air-dropped leaflets, it was learned Saturday.

Five enlisted Marines disappeared on a hunting trip north of Hsin-tao on Christmas day. The Communist radio confirmed that they had fallen into Communist hands and said one had been fatally wounded in the capture.

WALLACE ASK RENT CONTROL EXTENSION TO JUNE 30, 1950

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 — (AP)— Henry A. Wallace Saturday urged extension of rent controls to June 30, 1950, and a rollback of all rents to levels of June 30, 1947.

In a letter to Sen. Charles W. Tobey, (R-N.H.) chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, Wallace also called for the re-control of all rental units decontrolled under the rent act of 1947. The present federal rent control law ends March 29.

The third party presidential candidate predicted a general rent increase of 50 percent if controls are removed.

NAVY PLANS TO MAKE CORPUS PERMANENT BASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — (AP)— Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex.) said Saturday the Navy plans to maintain Corpus Christi, Texas, Naval Air Station as a permanent base if Congress grants funds the Navy, has asked.

Connally arrived today from Marlin, Texas. He conferred with secretary of the Navy Sullivan, and Reps. Lyle and Thomas, Texas Democrats. Then he made his comment in a statement.

East Texas: Partly cloudy, warmer this afternoon; little change in temperature tonight and Tuesday. Moderate southeast winds on the coast.

West Texas: Fair and mild this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday.

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## Truman Signs Bill Raising Vets Pay Effective April 1st

### Single Veterans Will Get \$75 Per Month; Married Vets' Pay Is \$105

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — (AP)— President Truman Saturday signed legislation increasing benefits of 2,000,000 veterans attending school under the G. I. Bill.

It raises the monthly subsistence allowance for veterans without dependents from \$65 to \$75, those with one dependent from \$90 to \$105, and those with two or more dependents from \$90 to \$120.

The new schedules go into effect April 1.

The Veterans Administration has estimated the increases will cost the government approximately \$217,000,000 a year.

The measure was backed strongly by veterans' organizations. It was passed by the senate last summer and by the house February 3.

The House Veterans Committee's professional staff said veterans working part-time while they go to school will be eligible for the new allowances. However, such a veteran's combined allowance and salary will be held under ceilings. The present ceilings of \$175 a month on combined earnings and

News that President Truman had signed the bill increasing subsistence to veterans in school was flashed to the A&M campus Saturday immediately after it was received on The Battalion Associated Press teletypewriter, by means of a special mimeographed "edition" of The Batt. Copies were distributed to veteran students through both mess halls.

allowances for veterans without dependents, and \$200 for those with dependents, are not changed by the new law.

For example, a veteran with dependents who is earning \$200 a month or more while he goes to school will collect no subsistence allowance. If his salary comes up to only \$150, he will get a \$50 allowance.

The limit is the same as that in effect for veterans taking on the

## William Speaks To Kream-Kow Klub

D. W. Williams, vice-president for agriculture at A. & M., will address the Kream and Kow Klub Tuesday, at 7:30 p. m., in the Creamery Lecture Room.

Williams' speech will initiate the spring semester's program, which will feature movies and lectures by Rev. Sam Hill, A&M chaplain, and Head Football Coach, Harry Stiteler.

The following program has been announced for the spring semester: February 17, speech by D. W. Williams; March 2, movie on handling livestock for market; March 16, talk by Rev. Sam Hill, newly appointed A. & M. Chaplain.

Other programs for the semester include: a movie, "New Ways to Do More with Farm Power," April 6; talk by Harry Stiteler, April 20; movie, "After the Storm," May 4; and a movie, "Over the Rainbow," May 18.

## Fees to March 20 Are Now Payable

The second installment of fees, due February 19, are now payable at the fiscal office, H. L. Heaton, registrar, announced today.

Veteran students will pay \$10.35, which includes \$7.25 for room rent to March 20, and \$3.10 for laundry to the same date. Corps members must pay, in addition to the \$10.35 laundry rental fee, \$34.80 for board to March 20. The total amount owed by corps students is \$45.15.

## Insurance Rate Given for Area

New ratings released by the Texas Fire Insurance Department credit College Station with 20 percent and penalize Bryan with minus 15 percent, according to Marjorie Jones, secretary of W. N. "Flopp" Colson, insurance salesman for College Station.

This information is released every five years by the State Fire Insurance Department of Austin. Calculations are based on the ratio of loss by fire as compared with the amount of fire insurance carried by residents in a given area.

The highest rating that a town or city can be given is 25% and the lowest is 15%. These figures are used in computing rates for insurance in the designated areas.

Reasons given for the low rating given Bryan were the Cotton Compress fires of November 22, 1942 and November 25, 1945.



CARMEN CAVALLARO, whose orchestra played for the Valentine Ball Saturday night here, goes over the list of 16 beauty nominees with Daedalian editor JANE HENDERSON.

MISS HENDERSON presented the beauties to CAVALLARO, who in turn selected the principal beauty, whose identity will be made known in the TSCW annual.



TSCW FRESHMAN BEAUTIES—Four beauties of the Freshman Class at TSCW presented at intermission Saturday night are pictured above. Left to right are: HELEN BEYS, El Paso; JEANNINE HOLLAND, Houston; ROBBIE LOU WATSON, Dallas; and MARJORIE WRIGHT, Beaumont.

Each class at TSCW presented four beauty nominees, from which CARMEN CAVALLARO selected the winner. His beauty selection will be announced in the Tessie annual, The Daedalian.

## No Stagecoaches Available . . . Balky Buses and East Texas Sand Delay Cavallaro Troupe

By R. L. BILLINGSLEY  
The campus call for "Rattler" has been replaced by a louder and more plaintive call for "Cavallaro." Although it isn't news to the more than capacity crowd which jammed Guion Hall from before 7 until after 9 Saturday night, Carmen Cavallaro and his troupe failed to appear for their scheduled 7 o'clock concert date.

The troubles they encountered in getting to College Station is news, however, and to the Cavallaro band it was all bad news.

Leaving Shreveport at 11 in the morning, the two buses carrying the troupe headed through East Texas in the general direction of Guion Hall. Somewhere in the broad expanses of the deep thicket, one of the bus drivers smelled foreign odors coming from the engine. He pulled off onto the highway shoulder to investigate. If the driver had been from Rusk, he would have known better.

Two hours later wreckers managed to pull them out of the sand, and they struck out again. The foreign odor still persisted, so they stopped on more stable ground to investigate. The manifold was biting its way through the water hose. Changing the hose and moving it over a bit, the group pressed on.

Around 6 p. m. there came a sound of a loud snap. This time it was the axle, so the Cavallaro crew gave buses up as a bad mode of transportation. After phoning their plight to "Spike" White, the tardy half of the band squeezed into a station wagon and a taxi and continued their mad flight across the Texas wilderness.

During this epidemic of bus troubles the Guion Hall audience was fretting through several assorted news reels and cartoons, and "Spike" White and his office cohorts were hastily scraping money together.

At 9 o'clock the projection room

Dr. P. E. Pearson, head of the department of biochemistry and nutrition, will attend a conference of scientists engaged in biological and medical research in Washington, D. C., February 19-21.

The conference, which is sponsored jointly by the Medical Sciences Division of the Office of Naval Reserve and the National Naval Medical Center, will give the scientists an opportunity to see the nature of the experiments being supported by the Center and the Naval Research Institute.

Dr. Pearson was one of the many scientists from 75 universities and colleges invited to the conference by Rear Admiral P. E. Lee.

## Instructor Passes State Board Exam

Doil S. Hammons, instructor in architecture, has passed the examination for licensing of architects in the state of Texas, the State Board of Architectural Examiners has announced.

Hammons has been with the architecture department two years. He worked in the registrar's office before joining the architecture staff. He is from Knox City, Texas.

## Hardin Replaces Weaver As Religious Speaker

### Mrs. Fred Hale Elected Garden Club President

Mrs. Fred Hale last Friday afternoon was unanimously elected president of the A&M Garden Club for next year.

Upon recommendation of the nominating committee, Mrs. C. B. Campbell was named first vice-president; Mrs. O. K. Smith, second vice-president; Mrs. W. W. Armistead, third vice-president; Mrs. R. E. Snuggs, secretary; Mrs. Dell Bauer, treasurer; and Mrs. W. F. Farrar, reporter.

Mrs. J. S. Hopper announced that the A&M Garden Club's Tenth Annual Flower Show has been set for April 22. The Annual State Garden Club will meet next month in Brownsville, and Mrs. Hale, president-elect, will represent the A&M club.

Club members voted to assist the State Garden Club in establishing a Nature Study Camp which is sponsored by the National Audubon Society.

Dr. J. C. Gaines, entomologist with the Agricultural Experiment Station, addressed the Garden Club on poisons now available for use in the control of vegetable and flower pests. He showed slides of insects, explaining their habits of eating and how different poisons are necessary for chewing and sucking varieties.

The purposes of pruning are three-fold, Mrs. Hale said in her talk on pruning of flowering shrubs. Pruning shapes the plant, restrains overgrowth, and helps blooming, she stated.

Mrs. E. L. Ansell, first vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. H. W. Barlow, president.

## Queen Coronation Ends TU Aquacade

AUSTIN, Feb. 16 — (AP)— The University of Texas Aqua Carnival was climaxed by the coronation of Martha Cartwright from Breckenridge as queen Saturday night.

The outstanding swimming performance of the five-day affair was Eddie Gilbert's victory in the 220 yard Free Style in 2:21.5.

Bobby Hill of Texas took both the 100 yard Medley and the 100 yard Breast Stroke. He won the Medley Race in 6:38 seconds and annexed the Breast Stroke event in 6:9.8 seconds.

The sensational diving of Jack Tolar highlighted the fourteenth annual water circus. Tolar, who captured the Southwest Conference title and 50-yard Free Style last year, was flawless from the 10-foot board and the swinging trapeze.

Felix Kelley, tennis star from Robstown, was crowned the most handsome athlete at Texas.

## Illness Prevents Scheduled Speaker From Making Trip

Paul Weaver, scheduled to appear Monday through Friday this week as principal speaker during Religious Emphasis Week, cancelled his appearance yesterday because of illness, and the Reverend Grady Hardin of Houston has been named to take his place.

J. Gordon Gay, assistant secretary of the YMCA, was notified of Weaver's cancellation yesterday. Rev. Hardin, who was asked to take Weaver's place, "graciously accepted on short notice," the Rev. James Jackson of the A&M Methodist Church said last night.

Hardin is associate minister of the First Methodist Church, Houston, which, according to Rev. Jackson, is one of the largest metropolitan churches in the country. In his capacity with the Houston church, he is one of the preaching ministers, Jackson said.

Rev. Hardin was selected by the staff of the A&M Methodist Church because of his unusual ability in the pulpit as a speaker to young people, Rev. Jackson said. Hardin's being a young man himself, the A&M Methodists felt that he could speak the language of the young men on the campus.

Rev. Hardin is a graduate of Duke University's School of Religion, which Rev. Jackson rates as one of the best Methodist schools in the United States.

For ten years after graduation, Hardin served in the western North Carolina Conference. Recently he transferred to the Texas Conference to be associated with Dr. Paul Quillian of Houston, principal religious speaker here in 1943.

Rev. Jackson says that Hardin is a forceful and attractive speaker. "He is going to be popular here, I'm sure," Jackson said. "There will not be a let-down, but instead I expect an ever-increasing attendance on the part of the students."

Rev. Hardin delivered his first message this morning at 11 in Guion Hall.

Tuesday morning he will again speak at 11; Wednesday and Thursday mornings services will begin at 10, and Friday morning the program will be from 9 to 10. During those hours classes will be dismissed to permit students and faculty members to attend the daily services.

## WTAW Presents Varied Topics This Week On 'College Speaks'

Listeners to the "College Speaks" program heard over WTAW Monday through Friday afternoon at 5:15 will find a varied program of interest in the offering this week.

On Monday afternoon, J. T. Kent, professor of mathematics, will continue his sequence of talks on the solar system. In his discussion "Daughter Moon," Kent will give a comparison of the moon's physical characteristics to those of the earth.

Dr. Charles LaMotte, professor of botany, will discuss "The Seventh Wonder of the World," on Tuesday. The "seventh wonder," as LaMotte considers it, is the seed produced by a plant for reproductive purposes.

Contrasting the methods of seed propagation, dispersal, and germination, LaMotte will tell how the rambling Russian thistle of West Texas disperses its seed by rolling across the prairie, while the stationary plant of Indian corn depends on man for its survival as its seeds germinate attached to the ear of corn which falls to the ground.

A graduate of the University of Texas, LaMotte received his Ph. D. from the University of Illinois. He did research in the field of cytogenetics for the Carnegie Institute at Long Island, N. Y., before coming to A. & M. in 1930.

"Chance and Certainty" after noon Mrs. L. H. Morris of the mathematics department. She will speak on "Chance and Certainty," pointing out how the principle of mathematical probability is applied in everyday life.

After telling why gambling doesn't pay—according to mathematical probability—she will continue to show how business and insurance experts apply the principle in their calculations for a profit.

A native of Brazos County, Mrs. Morris graduated from TSCW before coming to Aggieiland in 1943 to help out in the math department during the war shortage of professors. Since then, she has been called back four times to continue as the only woman instructor in the math department.

"Collective Bargaining" will be the topic of Dr. C. W. Randle, professor of economics, on Thursday's program of the College Speaks. A graduate of Duke University, Randle received his Ph. D. from the University of Kentucky. He did extensive study in Latin-American trade before entering the field of teaching. During the war he was vice chairman of the National Wage Stabilization Board, a member (See WTAW on Page 4)

## Sophomores Select University Co-Ed for Sweetheart of Ball

Margie Hill, 17-year-old University of Texas freshman from Waskom, was presented Friday night to members of the Sophomore Class as sweetheart of their annual ball.

A petite, green-eyed brownette, Miss Hill was escorted by Jack Tompkins, sophomore animal husbandry major of an Infantry.

As a remembrance of the occasion, she was given a gold compact on which was inscribed "Sophomore Sweetheart — Texas A&M — Margie Hill."

Miss Hill was selected by an eight-man committee from 41 photographs submitted by members of the class. Students on the committee included Bob Speer, chairman; Martell Moore; Bill Mayo; Gene Hollar; and Marjiss Bird.

W. L. Penberthy, dean of men; C. G. Spike White, director of student activities; and George Dillavou, director of the Aggie Players, aided the second-year students in selecting the sweetheart from the photos.

According to Don McClure, president of the Sophomore Class, about 300 girls attended the dance with their escorts. Commenting on the dance, Don McClure, president of the Sophomore Class, said that "the only thing wrong was the lack of stags—until the very end there were few men without dates."



MARGIE HILL, sweetheart of the Sophomore Ball, dances with her escort, JACK TOMPKINS, in right photo.