

40 MIDWAY SAHMORS FEARED DROWNED

HYERES, FRANCE, Feb. 17 (AP)—At least 15 American sailors drowned early today in a launch accident which occurred while the U. S. Aircraft Carrier Midway were returning from a Riviera party ashore.

CONSIDER SPECIAL SESSION ON SCHOOL FINANCES

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 17 (AP)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester and members of the joint legislative committee today were scheduled to discuss the advisability of a special session to deal with the need of rural-aid schools for more money.

DALLAS WELDER FILES FOR U. S. SENATOR

HILLSBORO, TEX., Feb. 17 (AP)—Otis C. Meyers, 32 Dallas welder, yesterday filed for United States Senator.

ARREST CIO LEADER AS COMMUNIST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Federal agents yesterday arrested Ferdinand Christifer Smith, regional secretary of the CIO National Maritime Union, as an alien Communist.

KING RANCH FULLY NOW QUARTERHORSE CHAMP

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 17 (AP)—Miss Princess, bred by the huge King Ranch in Texas, won the world's championship quarterhorse title yesterday.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS INVESTIGATING GROUP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Investigating powers of the House Committee on Un-American Activities yesterday, in effect, were upheld by the Supreme Court.

JESTER MISSES VIEW OF VISIT BY MARS

AUSTIN, Feb. 17 (AP)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester's interest in Mars lost a decision to tide lands. The governor, back in his office after several days in the hospital with a severe cold, said his interest in Mars' fight to retain his tide lands necessitated his cancelling a trip to Mexico.

CARDINAL PIGNATELLI DIES IN VATICAN

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 17 (AP)—Gennaro Cardinal Granito Pignatelli Di Belmonte, 96, second only to Pope Pius XII in the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, died yesterday of a bladder ailment complicated by old age.

U. N. ASSEMBLY WILL MEET IN PARIS

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 17 (AP)—Paris has been selected as the site of this year's meeting of the general assembly, the United Nations announced yesterday.

GRAINS SNAP BEAK IN MARKET DEAL

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (AP)—Grains snapped back on the board of Trade yesterday. Heavy selling of the last 10 sessions appeared to have ended, dealers said. Corn led the advance with prices up as much as 8 cents, the daily limit.

"SLOW IN PALESTINE" TRUMAN REQUEST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—President Truman has made personal and direct appeals to other governments for "restraint in dealing with the Palestine situation."

SEN. THOMAS CALLS TRADING "PRIVATE"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Senator Elmer Thomas told senators investigating grain and cotton speculation yesterday that he does not want to be "othered" any more about his "private activities."

UNIFORMED ARAB ARMY BEGINS ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17 (AP)—Jews said hundreds of uniformed, well armed Arabs attacked three Jewish settlements early today in the Beisan Valley on the shores of the Jordan.

RAILROADS GET OK FOR RAISE IN RATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission yesterday authorized 68 more railroads to raise basic passenger coach fare 13.03 percent.

WEATHER

East Texas: Fair and mild this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday. Gentle to moderate southeast winds on the coast.

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Committee to Handle Ballots

Saturday Noon Deadline For Senate Candidates

Replacements will be made to the Student Senate by an election to be held next week, according to Tom Laros, chairman of the Senate Election Committee. Deadline for making application has been set for Saturday noon, February 21.

New representatives will be elected from Dormitories 12, 14, 16, and Leggett Hall, Trailer Camp Area, Bryan Field Vet Village, and Freshman Corps representative at the Annex.

Watches Valued At \$900 Stolen From Varner's

Thieves entered the Varner Jewelry Store through a broken window early this morning and stole watches valued at \$900, C. W. Varner, owner of the store, told The Battalion today.

Nine watches were taken but one of them was dropped outside the building, Varner stated.

The thief broke the plate glass window next to the A&M Photo Shop, Varner said that the window looked as though a heavy blunt instrument had been used to break it.

Varner estimated that the store was robbed about 4 a. m. as two paper boys noticed the broken window and made a report to the Campus Security.

Investigation of the robbery is continuing, Varner stated, and a suspect has been found in Bryan, and is being held by the Bryan police.

Ross Volunteers Meeting Scheduled Thursday Evening

The Ross Volunteers will meet Thursday, February 26, at 7:30 p. m., Room 301 Goodwin, instead of the previously announced date of February 19, according to Lt. Col. Dexter L. Hodges, chairman of the Ross Volunteer Sponsorship Committee.

Speakers for the meeting will be Major Jess Willard, who will give a brief history of the Ross Volunteers, and Colonel G. S. Meloy Jr., who will explain the purpose and the constitution of the organization.

Also on the agenda is the appointment of members of the various committees—uniforms, social functions, initiation fees, initiation ceremonies, membership, as well as election of officers.

Lt. Col. Hodges added that the names of the 123 cadets eligible for the Ross Volunteers are now in his office but the final choice rests with the Membership Committee.

Sul Ross Masons To Confer Degree

A Master's degree will be conferred on Virgil R. Huddleston by the Masonic team of Gilmer at a meeting of the Sul Ross Lodge at Consolidated High School Monday evening at 7 p. m., Dr. Ralph Steen, publicity chairman, announced today.

The 45-man team, directed by Past Grand Master Leo Hart, will be in full costume for the occasion.

All Master Masons in good standing of the College Station—Bryan area are invited to attend the meeting, Steen said.

Student Masons wishing rides to Consolidated are asked to contact Harry Boyer at 4-5014. Cars for student Masons will leave the YMCA at 6:45, Steen concluded.

Subtle Plot of 'Hedda Gabler' Introduces Pistols, Red-Head

Members of the Aggie Players have moved into the last phase of preparations for the coming production of Hedda Gabler. The final cast is being chosen and should be released the latter part of this week, according to John Laufenberg, publicity director.

George Dillavou, director of the organization, released the following on the character of the play and the story that the author, Henrik Ibsen tries to portray to his audience.

"It is a poor student of human nature, indeed, who can put down Hedda Gabler without the slightest thrill at her ruthlessness and selfishness. Within all of us there is a face of a desire to control and master the destiny of others, and in this play Ibsen has touched a chord within us that few admit to, but most recognize as part of themselves.

Ibsen has succeeded well in depicting human beings, human emotions, and human destiny on a background of certain of the social conditions and principles of the present day, the goal at which he aimed in writing this piece.

Ibsen was clever and subtle in the way he let us know of Hedda's affair with Lovborg. First, Mrs. Elvsted tells us that he had an affair with someone who threatened to shoot him and concludes that it was a red-headed singer. The audience then thinks no more of that until the end of the second act when Hedda is denied her new horse and brings out her pistols to play with, and immediately the audience thinks back to what Mrs. Elvsted said.

There are several concious allusions to Hedda's desire to rule a (See GABLER on Page 4)

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Expect to reside in the respective area or dormitory from which elected until the end of the spring semester.

Application blanks may be picked up at Student Activities, Room 209, Goodwin Hall.

Freshman Corps Qualifications: Qualifications for candidates other than Freshman Corps representative are:

Have a 1.25 grade point average. Must be classified as a sophomore.

Expect to reside in the respective area or dormitory from which elected until the end of the spring semester.

Application blanks may be secured from Mrs. Ann Hilliard at the Student Center.

Method of Voting: A ballot for all candidates will be published in the Monday's issue of The Battalion. Students in the dormitories will use this ballot to vote for their respective candidates.

The Housemaster and a member of the Election Committee will pick up the ballots Tuesday night, February 24, and the committeeman will count them.

In instances where the Housemaster desires to run for the vacant position, the election committeeman will handle the entire election, Laros said.

Mail Ballots In: Students in the Trailer Area and Bryan Field Vet Village may fill out the ballot and either mail it to the Election Committee, Student Activities, College, or bring it to Room 209, Goodwin Hall. Deadline for turning in ballots for these areas has been set for Wednesday noon, February 25, Laros emphasized.

Ballots for the Annex Corps representative will be distributed to each barracks by a member of the Election Committee. The committeeman will gather the ballots Tuesday night, February 24, and make a count of them.

Foster's Music Thrills Guion Audience Friday

By BOB WEYNAND: Sidney Foster, brilliant young piano virtuoso, entertained a highly receptive audience in Guion Hall Friday night. Playing for an hour and a half, with only one short intermission, the internationally-known concert pianist performed with ease and beauty.

Foster's "enviable technique," as described by New York Herald Tribune reviewers, was aptly demonstrated at the Guion Hall concert. The talented young pianist played with the motions and intricate movements of a delicately-made Swiss watch.

Bethoven's Sonata (Patetique), Opus 13, was the opening number. Other selections were from Chopin, Liszt, Prokofieff, and Scriabin. Chopin's "Three Etudes," and the "Vals Oublie" and the "Racocsky March" from Liszt highlighted the entertainment program. Prokofieff's Sonata No. 7, plus selections from Debussy and Scriabin completed the entertainment.

Especially well received by the Guion audience were the familiar air of Debussy's "Clair de lune," and Scriabin's "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" for the left hand alone.

The women inspected facilities of the college in company with Miller and others, including A. H. Walker, A. L. Smith, John H. Jones and J. K. Riggs of the college.

The Livestock Advisory committee was named recently by C. E. Weymouth of Amarillo, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattleman's Association. The other committees are Texas Purebred Swine Breeders' Association, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and the Texas and Southwestern Cattleman's Association.

Newman Club Picture To Be Retaken Wednesday

The Newman Club will have its Loughorn picture retaken Wednesday, February 18, Bill Miller, Newman Club reporter, announced today.

Members of the club are requested to meet at the chemistry building at 5:15 in the afternoon.

Lutherans Plan Convention Here

The Executive Committee of the Gulf Region Lutheran Student Association of America met with representatives of the A. & M. chapter last Saturday to formulate plans for the coming LSAA Gulf Regional Convention to be held here March 12, 13 and 14.

Over 100 students representing colleges throughout the state are expected as guests of the local association.

Dr. Ruth Wick of the National Lutheran Council will be the guest speaker. The theme of this year's Regional Convention will be the same as that of the LSAA: "Jesus Christ is Lord."



JOHN MCCONNELL

McConnell Is Named 'Duke' At SHSTC Ball

John McConnell, 20-year-old agricultural administration student from Atlanta, Texas, will represent A&M in the role of a duke Wednesday night when he escorts Duchess Da Lee Smart, a sophomore from TSCW, to the Sam Houston Coronation Ball in Huntsville.

McConnell, Infantry battalion commander, was chosen by N. R. (Jug) Leatherwood, president of the Student Senate, to represent A&M at the Ball.

A member of the Marketing and Finance Club, McConnell is also a member of the agricultural council.

The Ball, which is similar to A&M's Cotton Ball, is sponsored by the "Acaide," Sam Houston State Teachers College's yearbook, Leatherwood said. A king and queen to reign during the festivities will be chosen from dukes and duchesses chosen from the Sam Houston student body he added.

AH Advisors Meet With Members Of College Faculty

W. G. Swenson of Stamford and Newton Harrell of Claude, members of the Beef Cattle committee of the Livestock Advisory committee, which acts in an advisory capacity to the animal husbandry department, conferred with Dr. J. C. Miller, head of the department, and other faculty members here Monday.

The cowmen inspected facilities of the college in company with Miller and others, including A. H. Walker, A. L. Smith, John H. Jones and J. K. Riggs of the college.

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Was Chilling Rebel Yell Parent of Aggie Wildcat?

(Digging through old files of the Battalion and the Loughorn in connection with the Batt's seventieth anniversary, staff investigators discovered a number of sports oddities. We pass them on to you.)

By VICK LINDLEY

Is the Aggie "wildcat" a collateral descendant of that blood-curdling "rebel yell" which rang from Confederate throats across Civil War battlefields? Could be.

Few men on the campus today know what a rebel yell sounds like, but those few say that it is NOT the same as any current Aggie yell. However, it is likely that the rebel yell was often heard on the A&M campus in the early days.

The college was established by and staffed by Confederate veterans, and most of the early students were sons of the "boys in grey." The term "yell" probably became fixed on all Aggie cheers at that time.

The oldest Aggie yells in use today are two preserved as part of the words of the Aggie War Hymn: "Chig-ga-raa-ga-em" and "Hullabaloo canick canek." Another old one is "Farmers Fight," also included in the War Hymn, which dates back to the time when A&M students were called Farmers rather than Aggies.

"Run!" Started T. Most of the familiar yells of today were created shortly before 1916. Yell Leader W. K. "Run!" Hanson probably started more A&M traditions than any other Aggie, even more than Sully Ross. For one thing, he introduced a dog mascot, who not only wore a blanket but trousers as well. This took place during the season of

Self-Love Too Important Today, Rev. Hardin Tells Guion Audience

Supreme Court Will Not Force OU Admittance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—The Supreme Court yesterday refused to order a Negro woman admitted at once to the all-white university of Oklahoma Law School.

The court issued an order rejecting a demand by Mrs. Ada Lois Spuiel Fisher for immediate admission as a student.

Justice Rutledge dissented. He said she should be admitted at once. The court's order said that the case was in the hands of the Oklahoma State Courts and that the Oklahoma courts must rule on the case before the Supreme Court could take any further steps.

Mrs. Fisher made the demand for immediate admission in a petition filed with the Supreme Court January 26—three days before beginning of the school's new term. The petition asked a writ of mandamus to require her immediate admittance to the all-white institution.

Anything less than such an order, her petition said, would not comply with a January 12 ruling by the Supreme Court. In that decision the court said Oklahoma must provide immediate law school facilities for Mrs. Fisher, and said they must be equal to those provided white persons.

Oklahoma officials appointed a three-man, all-white faculty to conduct a law school for Negroes, but Mrs. Fisher did not apply for admission. Instead, she asked to be admitted to the university's law school, but was rejected because of race. Oklahoma's constitution bars Negroes and whites from attending the same schools.

The Supreme Court's order said Mrs. Fisher's demand raised only the question whether its January 12 ruling has been followed. The court said "it is clear" that the district court of Cleveland County, Oklahoma, "did not depart from our mandate" of January 12.

The order said that Mrs. Fisher's original petition with the Supreme Court "did not present the issue whether a state might not satisfy the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment by establishing a separate law school for Negroes."

RUSS PUPPETS SET UP KOREAN GOVERNMENT: SEOUL, Feb. 17 (AP)—A high American official said yesterday a Russian puppet government has been established in North Korea. He declared it has an army, a flag and a constitution—in open defiance of international agreements.

Mannas Elected As SAE Vice Chairman

William J. Mannas and H. H. Edwards were elected vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Society of Automotive Engineers at last Thursday's bi-monthly meeting of the organization.

Mannas and Edwards succeeded R. L. Clinton and J. E. Francis, who graduated last semester.

The organization is planning a new membership drive for this semester and next fall.

Time of the next meeting will be announced in The Battalion.

Medical, Dental Societies to Hold Banquet Friday

The Pre-medical and Pre-dental Society will hold its annual banquet in Sbisla Hall on Friday night, February 20, at 7, Don Carroll, president, has announced.

Dr. Ben Wells of the Cancer Research Institute in Houston will be the principal speaker. Representatives from most of the medical and dental schools in Texas will also be present.

The banquet is for members of the Society and their dates only, Carroll said. Admission will be \$1.25, and tickets may be obtained from Paul Fanguy or other members of the Society. Fanguy lives in Room 3 Leggett.

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JACK HUDDLESTON

Co-Editor Of 'The Engineer' Quits Position

Jack M. Huddleston, Co-Editor of The Engineer, has resigned that position, Roland Bing, director of student publications, announced today.

Huddleston will attend Centenary College at Shreveport, Louisiana, where he is planning to study economics.

A native of Shreveport, Huddleston is a navy veteran and was a 4th year architectural student at A&M. He served with Henry Gilchrist as co-editor of The Texas A&M Engineer.

Gilchrist, who graduated from A&M in January, is now attending The University of Texas where he is studying law.

The resignation of Huddleston leaves the position of editor of The Engineer vacant, Bing added.

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Youthful Houston Methodist Minister Duke U. Graduate

By LOUIS MORGAN

"Too many people are looking out for number one, and not giving any consideration to others," Aggies were told yesterday by Rev. Grady Hardin, Religious Emphasis Week speaker.

Rev. Hardin, assistant to Paul Quillian at Houston's First Methodist Church, was heard again this morning, and will speak at Guion Hall tomorrow and Thursday at 10, Friday at 9 a. m. Classes at those hours are being dismissed to permit students and faculty members to attend the services.

Singing Cadets Go to NTSC Saturday Night

The Singing Cadets will perform on the stage of North Texas State College in Denton, Saturday night, Bill Turner, director of the cadets, announced today.

This will be the second Denton appearance for the cadets as they previously sang at TSCW.

The cadets will leave College Station at noon Saturday and will travel on chartered buses, Turner stated.

Approximately 60 cadets will make the trip, he stated, and the program for that night will include all Aggie songs. They will also sing the folk song, "I am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger" with Harry Doray as the tenor soloist. Ralph Wheat will be featured as soloist in the Negro spiritual "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen."

The Singing Cadets have made appearances in San Antonio, and Grapeland and trips to other major cities in Texas are in the offing, Turner said.

Born the son of a Methodist minister in Denmark, South Carolina, Rev. Hardin grew up in the Carolinas and graduated from Duke University at Durham, North Carolina, in 1936. After ten years of service with the Western North Carolina Conference, he transferred to the First Methodist Church of Houston in May, 1947.

He has a wife and two daughters, one six years of age and the other eighteen months old.

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