

U. S. WILL SUPPORT U. N. PEACE-FORCE
LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 25 (AP)—The United States yesterday pledged full support to partitioning of Palestine including the possible use of an international peace-keeping force.

In the long awaited U. S. policy declaration Warren Austin told the Security Council the U. N. must act to block any "attempts to frustrate the general assembly's recommendations for partition by the threat or use of force."

GOV. JESTER PRESENTS TIDELANDS VIEWS
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester of Texas asked Congress yesterday to stop what he called "trends in thinking toward nationalization of natural resources in this country."

Jester was one of a parade of members of Congress and state officials who presented arguments in favor of giving the states ownership of lands beneath coastal waters.

RENT CONTROLS GIVEN ONE-MONTH EXTENSION
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—A one-month stop-gap extension of rent controls was passed yesterday by the House.

Quick Senate passage is expected to send the bill to the White House. This would save rent controls from expiring at midnight Saturday, and continue them through March.

MINNEAPOLIS TEACHERS GO ON STRIKE
MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 25 (AP)—Minneapolis Public School teachers struck yesterday for higher pay and a full school year.

The strike was called by the A.F.L. teachers federation which represents about half the city's 2,200 public school teachers.

BORN AND DIED LIKE GEORGE WASHINGTON
GETTYSBURG, Pa., Feb. 25 (AP)—George Washington White died on Washington's birthday. He was born 85 years ago—on Washington's birthday.

JEWISH BLAME BRITONS FOR BOMBING
JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (AP)—A Jewish agency spokesman declared yesterday the Jews are confined Sunday's bombing of Jerusalem's Jewish business district, in which 52 persons died, was engineered by Britons.

LEGION LEADER GOES ON TRIAL
SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 25 (AP)—Herman Nami, San Antonio attorney and prominent in local and state American Legion affairs, went on trial here yesterday in criminal district court, on an indictment charging embezzlement and theft of over \$50 after two unsuccessful defense motions for dismissal.

AMNESIA VICTIM WOKES IN TEXAS
PALESTINE, Tex., Feb. 25 (AP)—Miss Frances Vok, 30-year-old Davenport, Iowa woman who was found barefooted in a remote East Texas pasture last Thursday, was returning home yesterday with her mother.

PITTSBURGH FOOTBALL WANTS BIG TIME TEAM
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 25 (AP)—A committee of students and faculty today told the University of Pittsburgh to get out of big-time football or get a team that can play it.

LONG WINS LOUISIANA GOVERNOR'S ELECTION RACE
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Longs have been resailed to power in Louisiana.

Earl Long, brother of the late Sen. Huey P. Long, received a top-heavy vote over Sam Houston Jones in yesterday's Democratic runoff primary election for governor.

WEATHER
East Texas: Cloudy, occasional rain this afternoon and tonight and in all except extreme west portion Thursday. Colder in northwest portion this afternoon and in extreme north and west portions tonight and Thursday. Fresh to occasionally strong southeast winds on the coast.

WEATHER
West Texas: Cloudy, occasional rain this afternoon and tonight except snow or freezing rain in Panhandle and South Plains. Colder this afternoon and tonight except little change in Panhandle and South Plains. Thursday, partly cloudy, occasional rain east of the Pecos River, not so cold in Panhandle and South Plains.

Wallace Hackler Elected King of Cotton

Batt's Pictures New; Run Same Day Made

Facilities in Guion Basement Speed Up Photography Progress

By R. L. BILLINGSLEY

When you pick up the afternoon edition of The Batt and cast a cursory glance over the pictures, what thoughts pass through your mind? Other than a mental "Not Bad" or "Who is this Geek?", depending on the sex depicted, do you ever wonder what processes were involved in the transient

and can then be set up in the press, inked, and printed. Once used, a "cut" can be filed away, and reprinted for an indefinite length of time.

A&M's lab is the only one owned and operated by a student-publication in the state, and one of the few in the nation.

The two technicians in the plant are both veteran-students, having gained their photo-engraving experience on the service. Joe Trevino is an ex-Navy man, having entered the Navy as one of the "Thousand USS Houston Volunteers," in May 1942. He lists Edna, Texas as his hometown, is majoring in architecture, and hopes to practice in South America when he graduates.

The other half of the team is Hardy Ross, a Palacios native and a veteran of both the Merchant Marine and the Army. He started to school here in June of 1943 majoring in Ch. E., but left to enter the Merchant Marine Cadet Corps the next year. Ross saw service in both the Atlantic and Pacific before he left the Merchants for the Army in November 1945. Fifteen months of his Army career was spent at Fort Knox as a darkroom technician. When he was discharged last year, he returned to A&M and work on his Ch. E. degree.

These two men do a major part of the work in the newly established lab and the quality of the finished cuts depend largely on their skill. With these improved engraving facilities The Battalion hopes to move up in the collegiate ratings as having a brighter page as well as a better page.

The engraving process itself is made up of several steps involving re-photographing the original picture through a diamond-engraved glass plate, which breaks up the picture surface reflections into varying minute squares of light. This action reduces the brilliance of the print, but creates a light pattern that will affect a sensitive zinc plate which is the final form of the process.

After the plate has been soaked in a chemical bath, all the superfluous covering flakes off, leaving a reversal of the final picture on the plate. The zinc plate is mounted on a wooden block to strengthen it,



JOE TREVINO, left, and HARRY ROSS are shown taking a proof of one of their photo engravings.

Regimental Ball and Leap Year Dance Are Week-end Activities

Week-end activities on the campus will be highlighted by the Fourth Regimental Ball on Friday evening, February 27, from 9 to 1 and by the Leap Year Dance from 9 to 12 on Saturday evening. Plans for the Friday night ball are not yet entirely complete, but as Joe Reuss put it, "We are expecting a fine crowd for the nicest regimental ball in years."

Music for both the Friday night ball and the Saturday night dance will be furnished by the Aggeland Orchestra under the direction of Bill Turner. At the regimental ball free cokes will be served and tables and chairs will be arranged in night club style. Reuss said. Decorations are to include a white picket fence with pot plants and regimental and branch insignia.

The Friday night ball is open only to members of the Fourth Regiment and their guests. All Corps seniors will be permitted to attend upon payment of the regular admission price. Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased from any of the organization commanders of the regiment.

The committees which have assisted Gene Lewis, regimental commander, in the planning are:

Orchestra—Bill Evans and Jimmie Jones; and Program—Buzz Canon and Joe Reuss.

The fourth regiment is made up of Companies "A" and "B" Engineers, A Composite (Signal Corps and ASA), B Composite (QM-TC), and C Composite (Ordnance and Chemical Corps).

Grady Elms, assistant director of student activities, has announced that the Leap Year Dance Saturday night will be open to all students and faculty members. It, too, will be night club style. Elms said that, while not advising it, he would not object to any young lady's asking the hand of some eligible bachelor. He promises to announce from the bandstand any engagements contracted.

Admission to the Saturday night dance will be \$1.

Comic Dancer To Appear In Guion March 4

By ART TOMKINS

Guion Hall has sported some wierd characters in its time, but what promises to be one of the most entertaining of all wierd characters appears March 4 in a satirical dance revue.

Iva Kitchell, a Junction City, Kansas, girl through the machinations of fate, began her study of the Dance in a serious frame of mind, but one day realized how silly dancers could look when they assumed those ethereal expressions. She has been laughing ever since and making others laugh just as heartily.

The excessive, sentimental, half-baked and overdone "artistic" are the ones for whom Iva Kitchell goes gunning. She respects their ability but enjoys throwing another light on whatever they have so seriously wrought, she says.

Though Miss Kitchell makes a tremendous joke of "the dahnse," she is acclaimed by critics as an accomplished dancer in her own right. Her grace, balance, timing and technical treatment approach perfection, they say.

Her program for March 4 includes Sonata Rococo, a souped up classic; Chorus Girl; Selections from Beethoven, Schubert, and Saint-Saens done up in Kitchell style; Non-Objective; Growing Up; Soul in Search, a take-off on Marjorie's style; and Maizette at the "Moovies."

The final selection is called "The Tale of a Bird." In this opera Miss Kitchell as Iva Kitchellova portrays first the bird and then as Ivan Kitchelloff, the hunter. The bird gets annihilated after much ridiculous carrying-on, but it should be worth seeing even though you know the plot.

Ballots from Bryan Field Village and the Trailer Area will be brought or mailed to the Election Committee, Student Activities, prior to Wednesday noon, Laros added.

Eight Agronomists to Select TSCW Girl for Cotton Queen

By BOB WEYNAND

Wallace Hackler, 22-year-old agronomy senior from Olton, Texas, last night was chosen King of Cotton for 1948 by members of the Agronomy Society.

Six-foot-two Hackler is a member of Company B, Veterans, having served for 25 months in the Army. As a member of a field artillery unit, he served in the European Theatre of Operations.

Hackler and Queen Cotton, to be selected from TSCW beauties, will reign April 16 at the 14th Annual Cotton Ball and Pageant.

Four seniors, three juniors, and one sophomore, all agronomy majors, were also selected to act as members of the Royal Court.

Seniors are: Barney Grimm, 25-year-old agronomist from San Antonio; Neal Slites, 19, of Donna; Doyle Peters, 25, Hortense, Texas; and Dan Statham, 21, of El Paso.

Grimm, who graduated from Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, in 1940, served in the European Theatre for 11 months, receiving a Purple Heart. He is now housemaster of Law Hall.

Slites, a corps member, is a first lieutenant in Battery B, Artillery. Peters, a veteran, served in an ordnance unit in the European Theatre. Statham, also a corps member, is a cadet major in Battery B, Artillery.

The three juniors selected last night were: Thomas O'Brien, Bill Martin, and Robert R. Smith.

O'Brien and Martin are both veterans, while Smith is a cadet. O'Brien, 28, is from Edna, Texas, and served four years in the Air Corps. Martin, 23, of Nocona, Texas, served three years in the Pacific Theatre. Smith, 19, of Rule, Texas, is first sergeant of Battery E, Artillery.

The only sophomore member of the Court is Fred Robertson, 19, of Plainview. He belongs to Battery A, Artillery.

The theme of this year's pageant to be held on Kyle Field, will be that of a southern plantation garden scene.

The Agronomy Society expects to have approximately 125 duchesses from all over the state participating in this year's festivities. Duchesses will represent the various mother's clubs, ex-student organizations, Southwest Conference schools, state teachers colleges, and campus clubs and societies.

Sanger Bros. of Dallas will furnish the costumes for the queen and her attendants. This year's attire will be of the style worn in the days of Scarlet O'Hara. The dresses will be tailored in New York City.

During the pageant, Sanger Bros. will present a style show in which some 20 models will fashion the latest styles in ladies' clothing.

Miss Matilda Nail, National Maid of Cotton, will be a highlight in this year's Cotton Ball and Pageant. She is a native Texan and is presently attending the University of Texas.

The first Cotton Ball and Pageant was held on the campus in 1932. Since then it has been an annual event, except during the war years.

Proceeds from the Cotton Ball and Pageant are used to send a group of students on an educational tour in some foreign country.

Students for the trip are chosen through competitive examinations on cotton. Last year's group consisted of J. P. Bennett, G. W. Kunze, and V. P. Stanford. Bennett and Kunze are presently working on their master's degrees at A&M, while Stanford is doing post-graduate work in agronomy at the University of Pennsylvania.

Plans for this year's trip have not yet been made. Competitive examinations for the trip will be given some time after the Cotton Ball and Pageant.

Photo Club To Feature Texas At Friday Meeting

The College Woman's Social Club will have a Texas Day program at the regular monthly meeting at 3, Friday afternoon, in Sbis Hall, it was announced today.

Short talks will be made on the customs and lore of Texas. Mrs. Ralph Stuenkel's subject will be "Highlights of Texas History." Mrs. Horace Bass will speak on "Social Customs and Women in Texas," and Mrs. C. B. Campbell's subject is "Early Days at Texas A&M."

The highlight will be an exhibition square dance under the direction of Lee Thompson.

The tea table, in charge of Mrs. C. E. Campbell, will carry out the theme for the day with its decorations. The Tea Committee, with Mrs. Bryant R. Holland and Mrs. Kenneth Kuiken as co-chairmen has planned a party plate further carrying out the Texas idea.

Singing Cadets Have Troubles; Axle Breaks on Dallas Streets

By R. L. PILSNER

The Singing Cadets paid "Big D" an unexpected visit last Sunday afternoon while returning from Denton. The Cadets had an eventful week-end in Denton, singing on a program at NTSC Saturday night and in the First Methodist Church of Denton, Sunday morning.

The week-end went smoothly up to Sunday afternoon when all hell broke loose for the Aggies as they passed through Dallas. Dallasites, taking one look at the two bus loads of Singing Cadets passing through Dallas, must have thought a vanguard of next fall's corps trip had arrived.

Rolling along on Industrial Blvd. the rear bus suddenly broke an axle, leaving thirty of the Singing Cadets frantically waving and yelling, trying to stop the front bus. The cadets hurriedly sought the aid of a police car—police cars for some reason are always in the vicinity when a group of Aggies are present in some of our larger cities. Despite the two-way radio the bus containing thirty of the Singing cadets was able to get past the cordon of police cars unnoted.

The first bus continued on to College Station while the fellows in the second bus remained stranded in Dallas. Making a frantic appeal for help to the Dixie Trailways "Bus Company," the Aggies made a deal to have a new axle installed in the chartered bus that afternoon.

The stranded bus contained almost all the solo talent of the Singing Cadets. Too off-set this loss, Soloist Buddy Boyd, of Fort Worth, made a mad dash to Aggeland in a private car, arriving in time to sing with the thirty cadets of the first bus at the A&M Methodist Church that night. He sang all the solo parts usually rendered by Ralph Wheat, Leonard Perkins, and Harry Doran. Conrad Cone sang in place of Helmut Quiram.

Despite the handicap of being minus half their members, the Cadets made a good showing in the Methodist Church.

The second bus limped into Aggeland late Sunday evening, the Aggies aboard full of tales that would be more than a sequel to Steinbeck's "Wayward Bus."

NEW ADA PARTY CONDEMNNS WALLACE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25 (AP)—Delegates to the first national convention of Americans for Democratic Action voted to support liberal congressmen "regardless of party label" and at the same time condemned the presidential candidacy of Henry A. Wallace.



ERNEST LANGFORD
Candidate for College Station Mayor

Langford Announces Candidacy For Re-election as City Mayor

Ernest Langford, head of the architecture department, announced today that he will be a candidate for re-election to the office of mayor of College Station.

Langford is now serving his third term as mayor, having been a member of the charter council when the city was incorporated in 1939.

"I am not offering my candidacy for re-election to the office of mayor or for any personal emolument," Langford declared. "I only do so in the hope that I may be of some service to the community." He pointed out that many persons had urged him to announce for re-election and that he is doing so after "careful study and consideration of the matter."

Langford also declared that he wanted to impress upon the voters of College Station the importance of voting. "It is a serious matter," he stated, "and a representative vote will help to make our community what we all want it to be."

Pipe Smoking Contest Today; Record Said Made in Practice

With hopes of setting a new record for collegiate non-stop pipe smoking, Aggie pufflers are scheduled to get together at the YMCA at 5 o'clock this evening in the first pipe-smoking contest to be held at the college.

Prizes are \$5 pipes, offered by the college confectioneries to first place winners in each of the three divisions, and \$1.50 pipes for second place. Also large cans of Bond Street or Revelation pipe tobacco, offered by the Philip Morris Co.

Judge of results in the heavy-weight pipe division will be Dr. Paul J. Woods of the History department. Standard pipe smokers will be judged by Jim Noton, editor of The Texas Aggie, while those who smoke metal creations will be judged by Vek Lindley, wire editor of The Battalion. All the judges are themselves incorrigible pipe smokers.

According to campus grape-vine, one contestant, in a practice smoke, kept going for one hour and 45 minutes on a single pipeful. Because all contestants in each class will be limited to an equal amount of tobacco, he may not be able to smoke so long in competition, but it does seem probable that the LSU record of one hour 4 minutes may be broken.

Visitors, who simply want to

Heman Sweatt Denied Writ By Court of Appeals

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 25 (AP)—Heman Marion Sweatt, Houston Negro, today lost another round in his court fight to gain admission as a law student in the University of Texas.

The Third Court of Civil Appeals upheld the lower court's refusal to grant Sweatt a mandamus (court order) forcing the University to admit him as a student.

The opinion was written by Chief Justice James W. McClendon.

The "controlling" question presented in Sweatt's appeal from the 12th District Court of Travis county, said Justice McClendon, is whether the state at the time of the trial had provided and made available to Sweatt a course of instruction in first-year law equivalent or substantially equivalent to that provided at the University's law school.

The Appellate Court found from the evidence that the state has made "an enormous outlay both in funds and in carefully and conscientiously planned and executed endeavor to afford every reasonable and adequate facility and opportunity guaranteed under the 14th amendment."

Sammy Kaye Will Play Here April 3

Sammy Kaye and his orchestra will play for an all-college dance in Sbis on the night of Saturday, April 3, Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities, said today.

Kaye, assisted by a choral group which will bring his troupe up to forty persons, will present a pre-dance Town Hall concert in Guion Hall at 7:15 that evening.

A limited number of tickets for the concert will be sold, Elms said. General admission tickets for students will be 60 cents, general admission for non-students \$1, and reserve seats will be sold for \$1.30. Admission to the dance is \$1.50 per person.