

NEWS IN BRIEF

LABOR LEADERS OPPOSE PRISON GOODS COMPETITION
AUSTIN, March 8.—(AP)—State Federation of Labor leaders Saturday spoke out bluntly in opposition to use of prison goods for labor "in competition with free labor."

The federation's executive board took this unanimous stand in a statement commenting on a recent prison board recommendation for legislative approval of sale of prison-produced products to other state institutions at a profit.

This was a part of a plan for expansion of the prison system's industrial and farm facilities, designed to place it on a near self-sustaining basis. The plan was suggested by O. B. Ellis, the new general manager, and approved by the prison board.

FOR RENT: MAGNOT LINE—AS PASTURE
PARIS, March 8.—(AP)—For rent The Magnot Line.

The French Government has offered for rent as pasture the sections of land in which the Magnot Line was built and through which the German Panzer divisions came so fast in 1940.

The land for rent is in the region of Thionville, Aumetz, Audun-le-Tiche and Bouzonville.

CHENNAULT ASKS U S AID TO CHINA

TOKYO, March 8.—(AP)—Clare L. Chennault, warplane leader of the Flying Tigers, said Saturday night he agreed with General MacArthur and Albert C. Wedemeyer that the United States should lend military aid to China.

Chennault stopped here briefly on his flight to Washington, where he will testify before the House of Foreign Affairs Committee on American Aid to embattled China. He arrived by plane from Shanghai.

FARLEY SAYS WALLACE WILL POLL 5 MILLION

NEW YORK, March 8.—(AP)—Former Postmaster General James A. Farley predicts that Henry A. Wallace's third party bid for the White House will poll some 5,000,000 (M) votes next November. And he says, "from half a million to a million" of them will come from New York.

Wallace, the one-time national democratic chairman said Saturday night, "is more of a threat to the Democratic Party than the Democratic leaders realize."

He was interviewed on the Mutual "Meet the Press" radio program during which he said flatly that he was not a candidate for office in 1948, "neither for the presidency, nor the vice-presidency."

"In my judgement, President Truman will be the nominee of his party," Farley declared.

As Democratic vice-presidential possibilities, he listed Sen. Millard F. Tydings of Maryland, Secretary of Defense Forrestal, Secretary of Commerce Harriman, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, and Secretary of State Marshall.

TEXAS FINANCES LOOK IN BAD SHAPE

AUSTIN, March 8.—(AP)—Possible "trouble ahead" is seen in the state's financial situation.

State Comptroller George H. Sheppard reported yesterday that state spending for the first six months of the fiscal year was 45 percent ahead.

"If the trend continues—with the rate of spending exceeding the rate of income—there may be trouble ahead," a qualified source said. The comptroller's report had no comment on the point.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST RAISE TAXES IN '49

AUSTIN, March 8.—(AP)—The State Department of Education has reported that more independent school districts may have to raise local tax rates to meet teacher salary schedules next year.

The department pointed out that there will be no \$6 supplemental per capita payment for the 1948-49 school year as in the current year to help make up the required teacher payments.

DIXIE SENATORS ASK FOR 'REPLY' TIME

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Twenty-one Dixie senators Saturday demanded equal radio time to answer a broadcast dramatizing President Truman's Civil Rights program.

The group, representing 11 Southern states, made the request in a telegram to Edgar Kobak, president of the Mutual Broadcasting Co. noting that the Mutual system is broadcasting a series of programs, "to secure these rights," the senators asked Kobak to grant them equal time to explain their stand on the Civil Rights proposals.

The Southerners said they are opposed to the measures recommended by the President's committee on Civil Rights "as are millions of American people whom we represent."

Teague Announces Plans for Muster

Approximately 150 Aggie boys will gather at Walter Reed Hospital on April 21 for their annual Muster, according to Tex. Basley, Washington AP correspondent.

Rep. Olin E. Teague of College Station, is president of the organization. Teague is a veteran, as is his secretary, Earl McChesney, 43, both were wounded in European fighting and spent some time in Walter Reed Hospital.

Two patients in the hospital, formerly from Aggieland are Major R. C. Barton, 31, of Amarillo, and Colonel Earl T. McCullough, who was military science instructor here from 1928 to 1932.

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Martha Langston Selected Cotton Queen

Eight TSCW Duchesses Are Picked by Agronomy Group

By R. L. BILLINGSLEY

Miss Martha Jean Langston, a TSCW major in textiles and clothing and a native of Tioga, Texas, was chosen Queen of the 14th Annual Cotton Ball and Pageant yesterday by the Agronomy Society selection committee.

The Cotton Queen is a 19-year-old brunette and is listed in "Who's Who Among American University Students." She was a finalist in this year's competition for the title of Maid of Cotton in Memphis, Tennessee.

The eight duchesses were revealed at the same post-breakfast announcement meeting Sunday morning. They are Helen Talley of the Senior Class, Jeanne Routh, and Rosemarie Kleypas of the Junior Class, Mary Lou Jordahl, a sophomore, and Dorothy Mangum, Vera Adams, Jennine Holland, and Joyce Gilstrap of the Freshman Class.

The selections were made by the Agronomy Society representatives after a week-end period of dining, dancing, and conversing with the 32 contestants.

The three cars carrying the committee and their sponsors arrived in Denton in mid-afternoon Saturday, and after they were housed, met the 32 girls in the lounge of Brackenridge Hall.

When the introductions had been made and the resulting nervousness dispelled, the group had dinner in the Brackenridge Dining Hall.

After dinner, the judges and contestants formed a theatre party and saw a performance of the Charles Wiedman Modern Dance Group in the Main Auditorium of TSCW.

At the conclusion of the Wiedman dance interpretations, the acquaintances got under way with a will in an informal, record dance in the recreation room of Stoddard Hall.

The dance probably set more all-time A&M records than any Aggie affair ever seen or to be seen. There were nine judges, a photographer, and a reporter to dance with 32 beautiful girls.

The mood of the ball was a Leap-year, tag, catch-as-catch-can affair, with the girls doing all the tagging. This continued, with an occasional break for coffee, until the 1 o'clock curfew.

The judges, thoroughly acquainted with the contestants, but still thoroughly bewildered, retired to their quarters with pencil and paper to debate their decisions through most of the morning.

At the 8:30 breakfast in Brackenridge the formal decisions were announced by the committee with its sponsor, J. S. Mogford, acting as spokesman. He emphasized the difficulty in making the final selections, congratulated the winners, and offered condolences to the runners-up.

The selection committee will serve as escorts for the queen and eight duchesses. It is made up of Wallace Hackler, who will reign as King Cotton, Barney Grimm, Dewey Peters, Thomas O'Brien, Bill Martin, Dan Stalman, Ned Stites, Fred Robertson, and Bob Smith.

A portion of the judging group, including Mr. and Mrs. Mogford and Mrs. Manning Smith visited Sanger Brothers before their arrival in Denton, to make arrangements for the costume fittings for the court. The queen's robes will be fitted this afternoon, with pictures of the queen in her regal gown to be released shortly thereafter.

Chicago Tribune Starts National Design Contest

A second nation-wide \$26,250 "Better Rooms" competition was launched yesterday by the Chicago Tribune.

The contest this year again offers a total of 161 prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1000 in seven-room classifications. Contestants may submit as many entries as they wish for any room or for several different rooms.

Expected to attract wide attention amid continuing housing shortages is the addition of a "one-room home" classification to the competition. Entries in this division must show sleeping, cooking, and entertainment facilities in a single room.

Other divisions of the contest are kitchen, dining room, living room, combination living-dining room, single occupancy bedroom, and a double occupancy bedroom.

In order to compete, contestants must obtain the competition rules which set forth in detail how ideas are to be presented. Free copies of the rules can be obtained by writing to the Better Rooms Competition, Chicago Tribune, Room 2819, Chicago, Ill.

Prize winners in a similar furnishing and decorating contest sponsored by the Tribune last year included William W. Chromaster and Gene R. Summers, A&M architectural students, who took \$100 fourth prizes in the kitchen and master bedroom classifications.

Duranty-Knickerbocker Debate Russian Question Tonight at 8

'Can Russia Be Part of One World?' Is Discussion Topic

By J. T. MILLER

Walter Duranty and H. R. Knickerbocker, nationally known debate team, will argue the question, "Can Russia Be Part of One World?", this evening at 8 in Guion Hall.

Brought to the campus under the auspices of the Great Issues course, headed by Dr. S. R. Gammon, the debate is open to the public free of charge.

Latest happenings in Czechoslovakia and Finland will be included in the debate to bring it up-to-date with current events.

Duranty will take the affirmative, and Knickerbocker will argue the negative.

Duranty, who served as a newspaper correspondent during World War I, claims that Russia only wants to live in peace and to repair damage done by the war. Russia already has enough territory to worry about, Duranty believes, without attempting to obtain more.

On the other hand, Knickerbocker, will express his recent impressions gained as a World War II correspondent. He says that the Russians are motivated by imperialistic desires combined with the motives of a communistic religion.

Conquest, not peace, is Russia's aim, Knickerbocker believes.

Regarding the territorial designs of Russia, Knickerbocker thinks that Russia wants to rule the earth whereas Duranty says that she is looking only for security. Duranty

further states that Russia is only trying to gain bases to strengthen her position—like the United States.

It is a waste of time to attempt to change Russia's ambition of world conquest, Knickerbocker believes. As for future relations with Russia, Duranty says that the only real danger lies in letting someone create ill-will and suspicion between the two of us.

The only solution to the question, Duranty says, is the complete understanding of Russia and her problems, despite the efforts of enemies to thwart good relations. "Russia Can Be Part of One World" Duranty concludes.

In summing up his negative stand, Knickerbocker says, "Only if Stalin succeeds can the two worlds come together and be one world." He concludes that the solution to the problem lies in the United States and Great Britain impressing and covering Russia with their strength.

TU Journalism Parley Lists Ten Speakers

AUSTIN, Mar. 8.—Ten outstanding men and women have speaking assignments in the convention program of the Southwestern Journalism Congress convention which will be held on the University of Texas campus March 19 and 20.

Convention plans are nearly complete, say Dr. DeWitt Reddick, president of the Congress, and Ben Hartley, head of the student press club division.

Registration will open in the mail lounge of the Texas Union building at 9:15 a. m., March 19.

Speakers at the morning session will be Reuben H. Martin of Boston, for many years Balkan correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor; Vernon Sanford of Dallas, manager of the Texas Press Association; and Margaret Bourke-White, writer and photographer for Life magazine.

Roy Crane, creator of Buz Sawyer, will speak at a noon luncheon on "Adventures with a Continuity" (See JOURNALISM, Page 4)

Early Returns Show Aggies Contributed \$643 to WSSF

A&M students had given \$643.03 to the World Student Service Fund Drive by Saturday noon. John T. Poole, WSSF chairman, announced today.

In addition to incomplete contributions from the Bryan area, Dorms 4, 5, and 9, the Annex had not sent their collections in by Saturday noon. It is expected that the total for the drive will be above the \$750 mark when the final count is made.

The largest amount contributed was by Dorm 8 with a total of \$63.78. Student Senate President N. R. "Jug" Leatherwood made the collection.

Second highest donation came from Dorm 6 with \$52.28 under the direction of John T. Miller, Cadet Corps lieutenant colonel. David T. Gentry was third in his collecting with \$42.64.

The rest of the contributions ranged down to \$9.90 which was sent in from the Veteran's Village.

The following are the contributions from the other dormitories: Dorm 15, \$40.19; Dorm 12, \$37.12; Dorm 14, \$32.88; Pyrex, \$32.85; Dorm 1, \$32.75; Law, \$32.20; Walton Hall, \$31.84; Leggett, \$30.23; and Hart Hall, \$29.14.

Students in Dorm 11 gave \$27.70;

Dorm 3, \$27.47; Miller, \$23.20; Mitchell, \$20; Dorm 2, \$19.96; Bizzell, \$22.28; Dorm 7, \$19.87; Dorm 16, \$17.75; and Veteran's Village, \$9.90. An unidentified dormitory has turned in \$10.21.

Poole said that though the WSSF drive officially closed Saturday evening, if any students were overlooked or were not in the dormitories when the collections were made, they could still bring their contributions to Student Activities, Room 209, Goodwin Hall. He asked that this be done as soon as possible so the entire amount could be deposited.

Faculty members were not contacted in this drive, as part of their contributions to the Community Chest will be placed in this fund.

Student senators were responsible for the drive in their respective areas and contacted the students for contributions.

City-Railroad Heads to Meet

College Station officials and representatives of Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific Lines will meet jointly in the city hall at 2 p. m., Thursday, City Manager Francis A. Vaughn has announced.

Purpose of the meeting, said Vaughn, is to discuss possible remedial safety measures to be taken at the railroad crossing in College Station.

Redbud Festival At TSCW Slated For March 12-13

DENTON, Mar. 8 (Sp.)—With almost 3000 Redbud trees on the campus in full flower as the inspiration, Texas State College for Women will hold its annual Redbud Festival March 12-13.

Leading TSCW students in the Charm Week preceding the Festival will be one hundred Redbud Princesses, who were nominated by their dormitory sisters as candidates for Redbud Queen because of their charm and outstanding personality.

The princesses will be presented in the Parade of Charm at the Coronation Programs March 12-13 at 8:15 in the college auditorium.

On each evening a queen will be chosen from the group and entertained by the TSCW Modern Dancers, 200-voice Choir, and TSCW Symphony Orchestra. Following the Coronation programs the two queens will be honored at the Coronation Ball.

Future A&M Prof Arrives Saturday

Richard A. Bartlett and Mrs. Bartlett announce the arrival Saturday noon of a 7 lb. 10 oz. son, named Richard.

Bartlett, A&M history instructor, says that both are doing fine.

'Stormy', Where She Danced!!!

Irate LSU Co-Eds Dunk Teaser

By H. A. CHERRY

The difference between a Cajun and a Texan was never more vividly demonstrated than at Baton Rouge Thursday when the students threw poor Stormy into the lake as she snatched her last zipper.

The ungalant treatment which the lady, Stacie Lawrence, prima stripper of New Orleans' French quarter, received resulted in a split lip, four loose teeth, and a black eye.

Stormy was quoted as saying that LSU co-eds were responsible for the facial alterations.

Stormy's Thursday appearance on the Tiger campus was the climax of a series of events which began when she was featured on the cover and in the lead story (with pictures) of the LSU magazine, "Pell Mell." Stormy appeared on the campus, demurely clad, and autographed several thousand copies of the magazine.

As a result of the story, "Pell Mell" was discontinued and its editor, Pat McIntyre, reprimanded. McIntyre promptly announced his candidacy for president of the student body.

Despite an official warning to keep her performance away from the LSU campus, Stormy announced that she would campaign for McIntyre. When McIntyre was informed of her intentions, he withdrew his candidacy.

Stormy, probably feeling that campus politics needed an aesthetic touch, came anyway, rolling in Thursday complete with zippers and a six-piece band.

Stormy went into her dance at noon Thursday in front of the University Field House before an estimated 3,000 students. As the students sang her theme song, "Stormy Weather," she went through the classical motions of her dance. Her blouse and skirt fell by the wayside. Her last apparent garment, a two piece bathing suit,

seemed destined for a like fate when she was so rudely interrupted.

Wrong School!

Stormy had the right idea but the wrong school. Perhaps the murky swamps of Louisiana breed some strange passions that do not exist in sunny College Station. Surely she could allow her art and social conscience full reign here without fear of the fountain in Prexy's Triangle.

Aside from the fact that she is unlikely to meet co-educational mayhem here, Stormy would find a powerful protagonist in the large male majority unshook by excessive association with the fairer sex.

The men with crusted boots and the men with slide rules would gather around, and Stormy's art would wax and flourish and rise to a new zenith.

Perhaps someone might even vote in the next student election.

Placement Office Announces Opportunity for Summer Work

Opportunities for undergraduates to do summer work in California are now being offered by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, W. R. Horsley, director of the Placement Office, announced today.

According to a bulletin Horsley received from the Bureau, men are needed to do blight-control work. The job is mainly concerned with the eradication of wild currant and gooseberry plants. These plants act as hosts to a parasitic fungus disease which attacks and kills white pine and sugar pine trees.

The working season starts early in May and ordinarily ends in late September. The wage rate for a crewman is 97 cents an hour and for a crewleader, \$1.07. Forty hours of work a week, Monday through Saturday are required. Board and lodging, about \$1.95 a day, will be deducted from earnings.

Inexperienced men are first employed as laborers; later, crew leaders are selected on the basis of leadership and ability.

Jobs in the skilled classifications such as cooks, clerks, truck drivers, and checkers will be open to men who can qualify.

To qualify for a job, the applicant must be a citizen of the United States, or any of the United Nations allied with the United States. He must be at least 18 years of age, able-bodied, and capable of walking and working all day in brushy, mountainous country.

God eyesight is essential and men with heart trouble or other constitutional diseases that might be aggravated by strenuous work or by high altitudes are not acceptable, the directive stated.

Veterans will be given preference provided they are fully qualified. Complete training in blight eradication will be given the new workers at the beginning of the season. The training program will also include instruction in other phases of forest work, such as proper use and safe handling of forest tools, fire fighting, map reading, woodsmanship, camp responsibilities, and safety and health precautions.

Each worker must furnish his own personal clothing which should include a warm coat or sweater and several pairs of heavy wool socks, two or more pairs of heavy field pants, and a pair of good leather boots of the logger type.

In addition to his work clothing the applicant should take a pair of all-leather work gloves, toilet articles, flashlight, pocket knife, watch, stationery and stamps, camera, books, magazines, and athletic and fishing equipment, since they are not easily secured in the forest areas.

Horsley said that placement forms are now in the applications office and he suggested that those interested in the work should apply immediately.

Business Society to Hear Manager of Equitable Life

L. W. Klingman, agency manager for Equitable Life Assurance Society, will address the Business Society Tuesday at 7 p. m. in the Agricultural Engineering Lecture Room.