NEWS

30 KILLED IN CRASH OF AIRWAYS PLANE

SHANNON AIRPORT, Eire, April 15 (P)—The "Empress of the Skies," a Pan American World Airways Constellation, crashed coming in for a landing here today and 30 persons, including 19 Americans, died in the blazing wreckage.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK OF "TEXAS ROCKET"

KREMLIN, Okla., April 15 (P) A name is still lacking today for one of the two bodies found in the wreck of the derailed Rock Island streamliner "Texas Rocket." One other passenger, Mrs. Earl McClintock, 35, Wichita, Kan., was killed in the blazing crash yesterday when a sand-loaded dump truck knocked three speeding coaches off the tracks.

MINERS AWAIT VERDICT OF COURT ON LEWIS

PITTSBURGH, April 15 AP A quarter of a million soft coal miners trekked back to the pits today but thousands of others sattight, waiting "to see what the court does about John L. Lewis."

Trial of President Lewis of the United Mine Workers, on a charge of contempt of the Federal . Fart, was in its second day.

STASSEN ON TOP

OF REPUBLICAN PILE OMAHA, April 15.—(P)—Tireless Harold E. Stassen lifted himself into the top rank of Republican presidential candidates with a sweeping victory in Nebraska's

GOP primary

His clear-cut win clubbed Gov.

Thomas E. Dewey of New York
into political submission for the second week in a row. Dewey was shut out in the April 6 Wisconsin

the Taft campaign.

It all but snuffed out the dying hopes of Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthurs supporters.

TRUMAN GETS PAIR OF THEXAS BOOTS

WASHINGTON, April 15 (P) -A group of El Paso citizens were here yesterday to present President Truman with a pair of Texas cowboy boots.

The boots ought to fit, too. Rep. Regan (D-Tex) got President Truman's measurements several months ago. Tony Lama, famed in El Paso for the boots he makes, turned out the pair.

AUTO UNION ROWS
WITH GM. CHRYSLER

DETROIT, April 15 — Pt—The
CIO United Auto Workers tangled
openly with General Motors Corp.
yesterday and hinted strongly at
contract difficulties with Chrysler

Corp. The row with GM hinged on the union's demand for a union shop.

BAYLOR TEACHERS GET SALARY JUMP

WACO, Tex., April 15 (P)—Baylor University faculty members in Waco today looked forward to salary increases that become effective in September. The pay raises were authorized

tween units in Waco, Dallas, and

Elected Dr. Monroe S. Carroll dean of the university

NEED 12 DIVISIONS BRADLEY SAYS

WASHINGTON, April 15 -(P) —An army of at least 12 regular combat divisions was asked yesterday by General Omar N. Bradley. He said Russia has more than 170 active divisions right now.

Bradley did not say how many divisions the U.S. Army has now, but members of his staff said there are about nine "under-strength divisions" on paper. At the end of the war, Bradley said, the U.S. had 90 ground divisions and 89 of them were overseas.

MACARTHUR MUM

ON PRIMARY LOSS MacArthur had no comment yesterday on the Nebraska presidential preference primary, in which he was a poor fifth.

STATE SUPREME COURT

GETS SWEATT CASE

AUSTIN, Tex., April 15—(P)—

Heman Marion Sweatt, Negro mail carrier, yesterday carried his battle for admission as student in the University of Texas to the State Supreme Court.

B-29's WON'T FLY

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OVER ITALY
WASHINGTON, April 15—(P)
Under Secretary of State Lovett
yesterday termed "absolute nonsense" reports that a group of
American B-29 bombers would fly
over Italy in a pre-election day
"show of strength."
Approximately 30 B-29s took off
for Germany Tuesday on what was
the Air Force described as a rou-

the Air Force described as a routine training mission.

WEATHER East Texas: Fair and warmer this afternoon and tonight. Fri-

this afternoon and tonight. Friday partly cloudy and warm. Moderate northeasterly winds this afternoon and tonight. Becoming southeast to south Friday.

West Texas: Fair and warmer this afternoon and tonight. Friday partly cloudy, little change in temperature.

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COLLEGE STATION (Aggieland), TEXAS, THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1948

QUEEN OF COTTON—MARTHA JEAN LANGSTON, above, TSCW beauty will reign at the Cotton Ball and Pageant here April 16.

The former Minnesota Governor's victory bashed the prestige of Senator Robert A. Taft. It built new fires under the good-man-but can't-win theory that has dogged the Taft campaign. Our Town to Be Presented Dy Aggie Players On April 28 - 30

By JAMES E. NELSON

Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize Winning Play, "Our Town" is now under production by the Aggie Players and will be presented on April 28, 29 and 30 in the Assembly Hall.

Members of the cast have been working every night since April 3 on interpretation of the heart warming drama that won much acclaim for its au-

thor. Twenty-four people will par-ticipate in the actual production of the play during the three day period of staging..

Our Town is the story of life taken from the author's viewpoint that people do not realize fully what is going on around them as their own individual life unfurls before them. It could well have been any nor-

mal small American town dealing with people that might happen to be your next door neighbors, even your own life could be fitted into

play. There is no scenery employed in the staging of the play, the imagination of the audience is employed to help give the play the realization of how things in life occur appeal to the audience as they are told the simple story of Exams Slated By people and how they live.

Production committees for the play are few because the actors double as stage hands, moving the furniture and settings off after each scene. However, four com-mittees will function for the prothe lives of George and Emily.

The play is told through the voice of the Stage Manager, who talks directly and simply to the audience and has the actors depict scenes in the every-day life of the people of Grovers Corners, New Hampshire, setting of the Cour (See OUR TOWN, Page 4) costumes, publicity, and ticket sales. Heading the lighting com-

Seniors Begin Drive To Revive Aggie Howdy,' Other Traditional Courtesies

Veteran Student's Opinion & Asked On Bonus Question

The Veteran Student Association has received a letter from the Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, University of Texas, requesting delegates from A & M be present at the first state meeting of "Operations Bonus." The

delegates have been asked to bring a poll of the Veteran Student body as to their views toward a State Bonus for Texas Veterans.

to get the money, that bill was defeated.

The two most logical sources of revenue would be:

Much discussion and one proposed bill has been submitted to the legislature, which failed to come out of the committee. The bill proposed to give each Veteran of World War II a sum of \$2.00 all is needed. Listed below is a ion dollars. Due to the inability April 16.

meeting will open at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and last of the house to get a natural rethrough Sunday, April 18. A&M source tax bill passed in which

 Natural resource tax
 State sales tax
 Because of the time element infor each day served in the Fed- ballot, and all Veteran Students eral Service within the continen- are urged to complete this ballot tal limits of the United States and turn it in to their housemaster and \$3.00 for each day served not later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, outside the continental limits of April 16. Housemasters should the United States. This bonus bill turn the ballots in to the Assiswould cost the state of Texas ap- tant Director of Student Affairs proximately three hundred mil- not later than 5:00 p.m., Friday,

I am in favor of a State Bonns

(Strike out the one not applicable.) NO

If the answer to the above question is yes, answer the question below.

The money should come from

1. Natural resource tax

2. State sales tax

(Strike out the one not applicable.)

The Civil Service Commission the position of transportation specialist, employment to be with the various Federal agencies in Texas.

Entrance salaries for the po-sition range from \$3397.20 to \$4,-902 a year.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the College Station Post Office.

Propeller Is Received For

The propeller for the wind tunnel at Easterwood Airport has been received from the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Clifton, New Jersey, E. E. Brush, head of the aeronautical engineering department announced.

He said that preparations were being made to install the propel-ler, and that the tunnel would be ready for use sometime this sum-

nel was started five years ago, completion has been held up by the shortage of materials. Now that all necessary equipment has been received the project will soon

be completed. The tunnel is equipped with a 1000-horse power electric motor, which will develop a 180-mile per hour wind although only ten percent of all experiments are done at a speed higher than 70 or 80 miles per hour.

This is the largest college-owned wind tunnel in Texas, with Georgia Tech being the only col-lege in the south with a wind tun-nel of a comparable size.

Ag Commissioner To Be at Pageant

J. E. McDonald, state commissioner of agriculture, will be on the campus Friday to witness the 14th Annual Cotton Style Show and Pageant. McDonald was elected state com-

missioner of agriculture in 1930 and has held the position since that time. Prior to this he was a member of the state legislature, from Ellis County.

A native of Mexia, McDonald concentrated his attention early in life on farming and handling livestock, both as breeder and

Cotton Ball Is Friday 10 - 1 p.m.

The Cotton Ball will be held in Sbisa Hall from 10 to 1 Friday night with music by the Aggieland Orchestra. The dance will be semi-formal.

There will be a meeting of Cotton Ball ushers at 5:15 Friday son feels reasonably secure in his position. After that the case with the rehabilitation division is closday in DeWare Field House.

Student Senate, Battalion Policy Assailed; Sam Donahue Band Will Play for Ring Dance

A special drive to bring back the traditional handshake, greeting, and other A&M courtesies was organized last night by the S enigr Class in a meeting held in the YMCA

Student Loans

A sale of timber on the

sion of the A&M College Texas Forest Service, after the Board of Directors authorized the sale.

Under the pravisions of the

Service announce

In a rather stormy session attended by 5.5 Clorps Seniors, they decided to begin immediately a drive among all Corps men to promote this Aggie fellowship. Cadet Colonel of the Corps Bill Brown,

Annual Accounting Conference Will Be Held at A&M, May 4-5

The first annual Accounting Conference at A&M will be held May 4 and 5, T. W. Leland, head of the business and accounting department, announced yesterday.

Speakers include R. G. Dunlop, president of the Sun Dil Company; Earle C. King, of the SEC; W. A. Pason, Univer-

sity of Michigan; Gay Carroll,
Humble Oil and Refining Company; D. M. Sheehan of the Monsanto Chemical Company; Raymond G. Ankers, Lybrand, Ross,
Bros., New York; H. T. McAnly, of
Ernst and Ernst, Chicago; Wright
Matthews, Dallas attorney; and
Mason Smith, president of the National Association of Cost Accountants.

Timber Sales

Timber Sales countants. "A&M and the cooperating or-

ganizations of accountants have arranged this conference for accountants, representatives of management, credit grantors, and educators interested in the problems est has netted the College of the accounting profession," Le- Student Loan fund \$2,815.15.

The Advisory Council consists of the Texas Forest Service re-J. R. Mulvey of Houston, chair-man; S. R. Harwell, Dallas, vice-chairman; and T. W. Leland, sec-

Members are Curtis H. Cadenhead, E. H. Gregory, Ralph W. Rager, Kenneth White, Dallas; R. Rager, Kenneth White, Dallas; R.
H. Gregory and G. H. Harwell, Ft.
Worth; Erwin Heinen, John Old,
W. V. Vaughn, Houston; D. C.
Higginbotham, Port Arthur; Ben
F. Irby, Fred E. Pflughaupt, San
Antonio; B. S. Mothershead, Harlingen; C. Aubrey Smith, Albert
L. Wade, Austin; C. L. West, of
Longview; Frank L. Wilcox, Waco.
"Every major accounting group"

To date the Student Loant Fund
has realized more than \$5,000 off
this state forest.

The timber was cut selectively
and the trees to be made into
poles were designated under the
supervision of Don Young, chief
of the Forest Management division of the A&M College Texas
Forest Service, after the Board

"Every major accounting group in Texas is cooperating to make this one of the outstanding accounting meetings ever to be held in Texas," Leland stated. Groups include the Texas Chapters of the National Association of Cost Accountants, the Texas Controls of the Controllers Institute of America, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants the Texas fied Public Accountants, the Texas Association of Public Accountants the Texas Society of Accountants and the Texas Association of University Instructors in Accounting.

Brush stated that the tunnel will be used primarily for college and commercial research, and that several aircraft companies have made requests to use the tunnel when it is completed. Although work on the wind tun-Interruptions

Veterans planning to interrupt their education at the end of this semester, and enter any phase of GI training at any other place, should re-port to the Veterans Advisor's Office, 104 Goodwin Hall and complete VA Form 1905e Taylor Wilkins, veteran's advisor, announced today.

Under existing VA regulations, veterans who have enough time remaining under the GI Bill to carry them through more than half a semester will receive full Wilkins also announced a recent change in the VA leave policy. Veterans now enrolled under the GI Bill, who will interrupt their training on June 5, 1948, will automatically be paid subsistence through June 20 unless they notify the VA that they do not wish to receive the additional 15 days

Veterans receiving pay through June 20 will lose 15 days more of their GI time than those who request that their subsistence be stopped on June 5. The request to stopped on June 5. The request to stop subsistence pay on June 5, must be in Waco not later than May 5 and may be made by re-porting to the Veterans Advisor's Office, before May 5, and complet-ing VA Form 1908.

H-SU Co-ed Named Panhandle Duchess

Miss Barbara Bechacek, home economics major at Hardin-Simmons University, has been chosen as duchess to Cotton Ball and Pageant by the Panhandle A&M

Miss Bechacek is a member of the Tri-Hi-Y and the Hardin-Simmons University Cow Girls. Her escort will be Joe Herndon from Panhandle, Texas.

Class Joe Clark asked that all non-corps men cooperate and enter this special movement. At the beginning of the meeting the seniors decided to conduct a Mather's Day Program in Guion Hall. Elmo Livingston, president, will appoint a committee of five to handle arrangements. In a discussion of a college gift

for the class to make upon grad-uation, they decided to appoint a special committee to work with the present Junior Class to discuss

the possibility of the two classes making a joint gift presentation. The committee's results will be presented to the Senior Class for

Sam Donahue and his band will play for the Senior Ring Dance, Bill Evans, ring committeeman, announced. Donahue is opening the season at the Galveston Pleasure Pier next week. The committee was unable to secure Tex Beneke.

After the main business of the meeting was completed, Clark brought up the question of "The Battalion and its Editorial Policy."

P. B. Wells, C' Cavalry, brought up the recent editorial about the work of the Student Senate.

"How can you support such

work of the Student Senate.

"How can you support such things in your editorials when you were elected to represent the Senior Class and the corps?", he asked James K. B. Nelson, corps editor. "You are supposed to represent the majority of the Senior Class in your job, and I don't think that your opinion represents the majority."

"Why can't your editorials be confined to A&M and not national problems?" asked Gene Weatherly. A total of 493 poles were sold during March to the International Creosoting and Construction Com-pany of Texarkana, highest bidder. To date the Student Loan Fund has realized more than \$5,000 off

"Why aren't grades and number of wash-outs made available on the Freshman Class at the Annex?" asked a large number of the class. "We want to know how the percentage of washouts this year compare with the number who washed out and dropped last year."

"Does the Battalion carry Col-lege Station elections and results? asked Jack Turner. "Why can't we send letters to The forest is now coming into sustained productivity. Previously the Student Loan fund had benefited to the extent of \$2,212,44. It took many years before the tract began to make a yield, for at the time of the gift it had been thoroughly cut over and had to be re-stocked and built up.

The Battalion without signing our names?"
"We are degenerating into a second Allen Academy. We want the Corps of 1939 back," Wells said

bitterly.

"Why do we have to use letters to the editor to represent our opinion while you use the editorials to push the Student. Last year poles valued at \$1,285 were sold. It is planted to sell 200,000 board feet of diseased and defective pize timber later this year. Next war more poles and sawlogs will be ready for market, and the forest will be capable of periodic logging operations from now on, the Forest Service announces.

Senate?"

These were questions and remarks made by some of the more radical to Nelson, Nelson, in making an explanation of The Battalion policy and his position, emphasized that his aim was to aid (See SENIORS, Page 4)



RANGE AND FORESTRY CLUB members selected MISS BY THER CLASSEN of San Antonio to serve as their duchess at the 14th Annual Cotton Ball and Pageant. She will be escorted be JOHN CLASSEN, JR.

Class of 1944 spring meeting Tuesday hight. Dr. W. R. White, who was inaugurated president of the school Tuesday announced that the trustees and Elected Dr. Wilby T. Glock vicepresident of the University to work with White as his liaison man bewith White as his liaison man be-

By OTTO KUNZE James Mack Abercrombie is a happy 33-year old armless man from Waco, who finds the loss of his limbs no particular handicap. He can do almost everything with his artificial hook that a normal person can do with two hands. Abercrombie, originally from Athens, Louisiana, is not a dis-abled veteran, he lost both of his arms in a 1935 railroad accident. His left arm was severed about

five inches below the elbow and

his right arm was cut off above

Sometime after his mishap he acquired two artificial hands and mastered the art of using them. Then became an artificial arm demonstrator. This employment carried him to Washington where he worked for a firm which manufactured artificial limbs.

his disability he was exempted from ROTC and physical train-ing. He worked for W. L. Hugh-

In September, 1941, Aber-crombie entered A&M, and in September, 1944, he received his bachelor's degree in education and rural sociology. Because of



JAMES MACK ABERCROMBIE

es in the education and psychology department for 3 semesters as a student helper. He was accepted by the division of rehabilitation during his last 2 semesters here.

After graduation he received a graduate assistantship in the school of social welfare at Louisiana State University, worked for the Louisiana State Department of Public Welfare, and did a semester of graduate work in rural sociology. During the latter part of 1947 he received his present job.

Abercrombie is employed as a counsefor by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Board for Vocational Education. Abercrombie's district includes Brazos, Crockett, Madison, Hous-ton, Leon, and half of McLennan

His office is in Waco and from there he tours the counties assigned to him once a month. His tours to A&M are somewhat more often because of the great amount of work with disabled students. There are approxi-mately 30 students attending A &M who are under the State-Federal Rehabilitation Program. This rehabilitation program was stablished in Texas in 1929 for

rocational handicaps. Requirements to be included under this program are eligibility and feasability. While almost any disabled person is eligible, many persons do not meet the feasability tests. Alcoholics and insane ersons are ineligible on this ac-

those suffering from physical or

Also persons suffering from cancer are excluded from the pro-gram. Disabilities of the afflicted son must be reasonably static pefore he can become eligible. Counselling and guidance go along with all services furnished by the rehabilitation program.

After graduation the division of rehabilitation helps the disabled person find a job. Follow-up services are continued for about 3 or 4 months until the disabled person for a service are continued for about 3 or 4 months until the disabled person for a service with the disabled person find a post of the disabled per

Wind Tunnel