

NEWS IN BRIEF

Members Named At Foundation Meet

College Station, Tex., June 14 (AP)—Five Trustees of the College Research Foundation were elected here Saturday at the fourth annual meeting of Councilors of the Foundation.

Walter C. Cardwell, manager of the Lilling Foundation Fund, and Lamar Fleming, Houston, president of Anderson, Clayton Company, will be agricultural representatives to the board of trustees.

Carroll M. Grimes, San Antonio attorney, was named to represent Texas A&M College Alumni; C. M. Malone, vice chairman of the board of the Second National Bank, Houston, was elected to represent the public; and D. B. Harris, vice president and treasurer of the Humble Oil Co., was re-elected.

SENATE RESTORES HOUSE ERP CUTS

WASHINGTON, June 13 (AP)—The Senate Appropriations Committee voted \$4,000,000,000 for the European Recovery Program Saturday restoring most of the slashes made by the House.

WOMEN ACCORDED PLACE IN PEACETIME SERVICES

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—Women got a permanent place Saturday in the army, navy and marine corps.

The White House announced that President Truman signed his western trip legislation giving it to them.

Under the bill's terms, the Wacs will have a maximum strength of 1,000 officers and 17,500 enlisted women. The Wacs and Marines will have 3,000 officers and 20,000 in the ranks.

The Wacs, with a peak of 100,400 women in the Wacs and 97,800 in the Marines during the war.

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BRAINERD, Minn., June 14 (AP)—Byron Allen, keynoter of the state Democratic Farmer-Labor party convention, Saturday urged Henry Wallace to "abandon his mad course" and withdraw as a third-party candidate for the presidency.

Allen, DFL candidate for governor in 1944, is a long-time personal friend of Wallace.

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**FOOT-AND-MOUTH FUNDS
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—The House Rules Committee Friday approved the expenditure of \$6,000 by the Senate Agriculture Committee for a study of the spread of the foot-and-mouth disease in Mexico. The Senate must also pass on the expenditure.

TIN SMELTER GETS SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—The Senate passed and sent to the House Saturday legislation that would continue government operation of the Tin Smelter at Texas City, Tex., for five years beyond June 30, 1949.

COLORADO GIVES TRUMAN 42 VOTES

DENVER, June 14 (AP)—Amid an uproar, Colorado's 12 votes at the National Democratic Convention were instructed Saturday for President Truman.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES PHONE RATES INCREASED

BROWNWOOD, Tex., June 14 (AP)—The Southwestern States Telephone Company disclosed Saturday plans for increasing rates. The firm filed with the city council a rate schedule proposing increases ranging from 25 cents to \$1.25 on monthly bills. It is the first increase asked by the firm since 1917.

SOVIET JETS EXCEED SPEED OF SOUND

NEW YORK, June 14 (AP)—Aviation week says that motion picture film smuggled out from behind the Iron Curtain shows the Soviets has jet planes designed for faster than sound flight.

These include Russian versions of the Nazi DFS 346 which reportedly reached a speed of 748 miles per hour, the current issue of the magazine, a McGraw-Hill publication, says.

"The whole aeronautical world has been wondering whether Russia has been able to exceed the speed of sound," the magazine says. "These reports indicate this ship has."

INFANT DEATH RATE RISING IN HOUSTON

HOUSTON, June 14 (AP)—Dr. Frank K. Laurentz, city health officer, reported Saturday that Houston's infant diarrhea death rate is climbing rapidly.

Laurentz, directing the city's greatest anti-polio campaign in history, said diarrhea and dysentery have claimed 45 lives this year as compared with only 19 for the same period last year.

CHURCHILL DENOUNCES SOCIALIST'S POLICIES

LONDON, June 14 (AP)—Winston Churchill said Saturday British recovery never can be attained under a Socialist Labor government "dependent of the generosity of the Capitalist system of America." "We are not earning our own living or paying our own way and the government does not hold prospects of our doing so in the immediate future," Churchill told a Conservative party rally.

Veterinarians Will Meet Here During Week

The Texas Conference for Veterinarians, conducted by the School of Veterinary Medicine, will be held here Thursday and Friday.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Wednesday. Registration will be at 9 a. m., and at 1:30 p. m. Coffee will be served at the home of Mrs. R. C. Dunn. A banquet will be held at 7:15 p. m. Wednesday.

The men from A&M who will take part in the conference are W. W. Armistead, W. A. Boney Jr., R. C. Dunn, F. P. Jaggi, A. A. Lenert, and V. B. Robinson.

Others who will take part in the conference are A. H. Groth, Auburn, Alabama; Harry W. Johnson, Colorado A&M; P. L. Piercey, LSU, Baton Rouge, La.; E. F. Schroeder, Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, Boston; B. T. Simms U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington; and E. S. Tierkel, U. S. Public Health Service, Montgomery, Alabama.



W. N. "ZERO" HAMMONDS has been named Sports Editor for the summer Battalion.

Southwest Summer Theatre Releases Summer Schedule

The Southwest Summer Theatre at Waco has announced its summer schedule, according to Roy Hammond, publicity director.

"The Playboy of the Western World," a play revitalizing the Irish Theatre, will be the first of five plays to be given each week beginning June 17.

The stock company, now in its fourth summer season, is owned and operated by its acting members. It is made up of actors and technicians who are students in the field of advanced dramatic art.

The eight stage theatre, located on the Baylor University campus, was built by Director Baker, now head of the Drama Department there. The theatre is equipped with swivel chairs in the building's center with stages forming the four walls.

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They've Heard That Song . . .

The Latest Jesse James Gets Polite Yawn From St. Joseph

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News Editor, St. Joseph, Mo.
News Press

When an old man down in Lawton, Oklahoma, turned up recently claiming that he was Jesse James, no one around St. Joseph was surprised. The folks around here are accustomed to that sort of thing.

Unfortunately for the city that gave the world the pony express and launched Eugene Field on his career, Jesse James and St. Joseph are almost synonymous. Jesse had the hard luck of being shot in the back of the head, with fatal results, during the period he was holding up here under the name of Mr. Howard.

The numerous claimants to the name of Jesse James in the last generation always have had to contend with the fact that since Jesse was shot for a reward, every legal effort was made to establish the identity of the dead man.

For about 50 years the identity was never questioned, so thorough was the proof at the time. About 1930, the first new Jesses appeared. First off was a story from Florence, Colo., to the effect that a man who died there was believed to have been the real Jesse



SKATING AT THE GROVE is a summer past time provided students by the office of STUDENT ACTIVITIES. Above, left to right, NELL CRAWFORD, JOAN TUCK, and BILL BLANKENSHIP are getting ready to spin their wheels.

Bluebonnet Gets 7 Farming Families

Seven families will be rented plots of land averaging from 150 to 200 acres to farm on the Bluebonnet Farm, H. O. Hill, superintendent of the farm, said today.

This plan is but part of a great move to make the former ordnance plant the best, and most modern agricultural research project in the nation, Hill stated. Very little research has been carried out as yet, but extensive research and experimentation in improving livestock and plant life will begin next year.

Agricultural economy will be studied by staking out the seven farms. The farm families, veterans preferred, will be given a farm under contract to work it with modern methods.

"We want to find out what it takes to maintain a decent standard of living on the farm," Hill said.

The first active project in research at the farm will be the breeding of sheep and goats. Each flock will have its own pen made from the "igloos" which formerly were used as storage spaces for bombs.

One of the first projects completed at the farm thus far has been the development of a doe with hair as fine as a kid's. Plans are now underway to develop this line of goat along with raising goats with more parasite resistance, Hill explained.

In another group of igloos, pens are being built for Hereford and Brahman cattle. Plans call for cross-breeding the two breeds to produce a good grade beef of cattle with the Brahman resistance to ticks and heat.

The first project in plant research will be the development of the best type of grain sorghum for the area and study of its response to fertilizers.

The college has planted, under the direction of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, a plant new to this hemisphere—Kenaf, a fiber plant which is hoped can replace Jute, Hill said.

"The Bluebonnet Farm has 17 different kinds of soil ranging from black land to adobe," Hill explained. "We even have a railroad with 28 miles of track and two diesel engines. We have warehouses, work shops, a laundry, and two fire engines."

The farm, formerly the Bluebonnet Ordnance Plant, is at Mc-

Gregor, which is 20 miles from Waco. Its 400 buildings and 27 square miles of farm land became part of A&M last January.

The college plans no undergraduate teaching at the farm, but graduate students will be sent there for work on special projects, Hill concluded.

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James. His body was exhumed and photographed.

Judge T. F. Ryan, who was an assistant prosecutor at the time of the slaying, was interviewed. He was convinced that the man slain was Jesse James. He described in detail the events of the fateful day.

He had received a telephone call from the city marshal (St. Joseph had telephones in 1882 though few cities could boast of such a system). Marshal Enos Craig reported he had two men in custody who said they had killed James. They were the Ford brothers.

He also told of the fearful visit of the widow of Jesse, asking for custody of the body.

Grove Entertainment This Week Includes Movies and Folk Songs

Community Picnic Scheduled Friday

The first picnic scheduled by the College Station Recreation Council will be held Friday evening, June 18, Tad Moses of the Agricultural Experiment Station said today.

The picnic will be held at The Grove and baseball games, scheduled in connection with the picnic, will be played on the old drill field.

Francis Vaughn and J. G. McNeely, both of College Station, are in charge of the entertainment program for the evening. Two softball games, skating, and square dancing will highlight the program.

The Giants and Pirates, of the College community softball league will play a scheduled game on the old drill field, diamond number 4, at 6 p. m.

The best team College Station has to offer, under the name of Texas Aggies, will play the Nixon-Clay Team of Austin at 8 Friday evening, on the old drill field. The Nixon-Clay Team represents Austin in the state softball league.

Those attending the picnic will provide basket lunches, Moses said. Soft drinks will be sold at the Slab. The juke box at The Grove will furnish music for square dancing and skating.

Vaughn and McNeely, in charge of entertainment, emphasized the fact that student families were cordially invited to attend the picnic.

Conscription Measure Ready For House of Representatives

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—Machinery to start up the nation's first peacetime draft is pretty well set.

So much spadework has been done that the office of selective service records estimated Sunday that it can have inductees on the way in sixty law becomes effective.

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File Now For Summer Degrees

Students who expect to graduate by the end of either the first or second summer term should call by the Registrar's Office now to file application for degree, H. L. Heaton, Registrar, has announced.

Short Courses for Nurserymen Will Begin Wednesday Morning

A&M will be host Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the Nurserymen's short course sponsored by the Horticulture, Landscape Art, Entomology, and Plant Pathology Departments.

Registration will start at 10 Wednesday morning in the lobby of the Agricultural Engineering Building, President Raymond Mosty of the Texas Association of Nurserymen will open the sessions at 1:30 p. m.

Mosty is chairman for the banquet which will be held in Bisha Hall at 7 p. m., Wednesday.

G. W. Adriance, Head, Department of Horticulture, will be general chairman for discussion of the Horticulture Program Thursday.

At 1:30 p. m. Thursday the Entomology Program will begin with H. G. Johnston, Head, Department of Entomology, as chairman.

Thursday evening will be devoted to an illustrated discussion of the use of the weed-killer chemical 2-4-D by A. A. Dunlap, Head, Department of Plant Pathology and Physiology.

The short course will be concluded at 12 noon Friday.

Walker Says Bryan Water Supply Low

A danger signal concerning the water supply in Bryan has been sent out by Mills P. Walker, City Manager.

Walker states that although the wells are producing approximately the volume that engineers had planned for a population of 35,000, the sudden increase in the use of water since hot weather began has made the supply at the end of the day insufficient for fire-fighting purposes.

If residents would refrain from sprinkling lawns for several days, an adequate supply could be stored for emergencies, Walker said.

GOP HEADS RECOGNIZE CONVENTION TRAIN

FORT WORTH, June 14 (AP)—The special train being organized to take Texas Republicans to the National Convention in Philadelphia has been recognized as an official train in a letter from Carlos Watson, secretary of the State Executive Committee, Jim McMullen, train director, said Saturday.

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