

NEWS IN BRIEF

VIOLENT EARTHQUAKES SHAKE HONSHU COAST

TOKYO, June 28 (AP)—The west coast of Honshu was rocked today by violent earthquakes that may have killed thousands of Japanese.

Tokyo newspapers estimated the deaths at 1,000 from first reports. The City of Fukuoka with a population of 44,000 appeared hardest hit. The newspaper Asahi said 90 percent of the city's buildings had collapsed. Fires raged four hours after the quakes. The governor of Fukuoka Prefecture appealed for aid.

VANPORT STILL UNDER 16 FEET OF WATER

PORTLAND, Ore., June 28 (AP)—Vanport—four weeks later—still is under 16 feet of water. Its thousands of people still are waiting for homes.

Throughout the Pacific Northwest at least 48 are dead; 16 are still missing from Vanport. Ten of the dead were from there. The Columbia River Saturday was nine feet above its banks. Five weeks ago it first went over flood stage here.

Not for another 30 days says Col. Theron D. Weaver, North Pacific Division Army Engineer, can reconstruction start on broken lower river dikes.

GERM WARFARE WON'T CHANGE DEFENSE—ROYALL

NORFOLK, Va., June 28 (AP)—Developments in German warfare will not change this country's defense setup "in the foreseeable future," army secretary Kenneth G. Royall said Saturday.

Royall, who addressed graduates of the armed services staff college here, made the statement at a press conference. A reporter asked him whether Russian research in bacteriological weapons might prove "an answer to the Atom Bomb."

"There is nothing in germ warfare that would affect the armed forces set-up here in the foreseeable future," the army secretary replied.

BRITISH DEVELOPING FIRST CLASS ARMY

LONDON, June 28 (AP)—War Minister Emanuel Shinwell said Saturday night Britain's army is rapidly developing into first class condition.

ACCOUNTANTS ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

DALLAS, June 28 (AP)—New President of the Texas Society of Accountants is R. B. McBride of Houston. He was elected at the society's meeting here yesterday.

NEW WILCAT BLOWS IN

BROWNWOOD, Texas, June 28 (AP)—A wildcat oil well 450 feet from the Bangs City limits blew in Friday and caused town-leasing to become active.

The nearest production, two miles southeast of the wildcat, has produced a million-and-a-half barrels during several years.

The wildcat topped sand at 1,099 feet and bottomed at 1,107. It flowed wide open through a seven-inch casing while preparations were made to stop the gas.

U. S. CANADIAN DEFENSE CHIEFS IN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—The two chief military scientists of the United States and Canada will put their heads together here in a three-day meeting starting today. Their nations have defense problems in common.

Dr. Omund McKillop, Splandit, chairman of the Canadian defense research board, is scheduled to arrive here as a guest of Dr. Vannevar Bush, chairman of the research and development board of the United States military establishment.

13 DIVISION MOBILE FORCE PLANNED

NORFOLK, Va., June 28 (AP)—Secretary of the army Kenneth V. Royall said Saturday a mobile striking force of 13 infantry and armored divisions is planned for the army by 1949.

Royall said the divisions, six of which would be national guard divisions, would be fully manned and equipped.

The cabinet member revealed the army's plans in the commencement address of the armed forces staff college here.

Royall said the national guard divisions would include the 49th armored in Texas.

LOAN GUARANTEE APPLICATIONS INCREASE

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—For the first time since last September there has been an increase in applications for veteran loan guarantees, the veterans administration said Saturday.

The 34,000 applications received during May were 7 percent above the number for April, a monthly summary showed. May, 1947, applications totaled 51,000.

There was a decrease in the Dallas area.

U. S. TROOPS IN PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—Some 76 members of the United States navy and marine corps have been assigned to duty with the United Nations Truce Missions in Palestine, the navy said Saturday.

Fifty-one marines headed by Lt. R. H. Mullen, Houston, Texas, were landed last week from the USS Marquette, now with the sixth task fleet in the Mediterranean, to handle signal communications for the Truce Mission.

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Journalism Department to Begin This Fall

D. D. Burchard, South Dakota State, Named Head; Will Specialize in General Training

A Department of Journalism to train A&M students for the operation of small town weekly and daily newspapers will be established here in September, President Gibb Gilchrist announced today. The department will also emphasize training for writing on agricultural and technical subjects.

"We have no intention of duplicating the efforts of existing schools and departments

First Aggie Cadet to Arrive At Fort Sill Forgets Salute

By LARRY GOODWIN and TOM PARSONS

Howard McMillan, member of the Senior Class of 1948, at A&M, and the first cadet arriving at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Artillery School for summer ROTC training, performed in true Aggie style when he stepped onto the post Friday, June 18: he forgot to salute the Commanding General.

McMillan, member of "A" Battery, Artillery at A&M last spring, was among a group of cadets who drove up to the Fort Sill Training School a full day early. Met by a parade of brass headed by Major General Clift Andrus, Camp Commander and Col. Bryan L. Milburn, head of the ROTC program, McMillan merely smiled and said hello.

Shortly afterward, McMillan emerged from an intensive processing completely decked out in baggy army issues and the usual accompanying bewildered look. But bewildered look and all, McMillan is now saluting.

A camp newspaper "Ranging Round" will be published five times a week, Tuesday through Saturday. Co-Editors: Alan Skip Self, former Battalion editor, and Larry Goodwin; Also Tom Parsons, Bill Brown, and John Standefer (Senior in the Band last year) on the predominately Aggie staff.

Lieutenant Herb Carter, June Graduate of A&M, is athletic officer and assistant special services officer.

Schools represented at Camp: St. Mary's of San Antonio, Oklahoma University, Colorado A&M and Arkansas state. Approximately half of the 235 cadets here are Aggies.

Welcoming ceremonies, officially opening the camp, were held June 21. Major General Clift Andrus made the welcoming address.

The first copies of The Battalion received here were passed around among the Aggies as if they were (See FORT SILL, Page 4)

Assistant Dean Of Agriculture Receives Award

By LOUIS F. FIELDS

A fellowship at Cornell University has been awarded John Bertrand, assistant to the Dean of Agriculture, according to D. W. Williams, vice-president of the Agricultural School.

A veteran of more than three years in the naval submarine service during the war, Bertrand was dean of men at Sam Houston State Teachers College before he became associated with A&M in 1946.

Bertrand will study in the field of rural sociology and education in the New York State College of Agriculture, which is a branch college of Cornell University. His studies will emphasize personnel training and academic guidance in land grant colleges and the Extension Service. This type of work is designed to aid students in various phases of college training, including close co-operation between the faculty and the student body.

By this means, it is believed that a great many individual problems in planning schedules and maintaining higher scholastic standings may be solved. Helpful suggestions to students will be stressed instead of a quick recourse to threats.

Bertrand will remain at A&M for Freshman Week in September, during which time he will be available for consultation and guidance in the office of the Dean of Agriculture. He will leave for Cornell University immediately thereafter.

Bertrand received his M.A. degree from the University of Missouri with a major in journalism, and taught journalism at Butler University, Indianapolis and Oklahoma A&M College before moving to South Dakota.

In addition to his academic training, Burchard has served as city editor of a midwestern daily, owner-publisher of a Missouri weekly, associate editor of Radio Digest magazine and a staff member of the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

WTAW 'Kampus Kuiz' Program Offers Fame, Theatre Tickets

By BARRY SMITH

Do you sit by your radio day after day and bemoan the fact that you can't be the next contestant on your favorite quiz program? Have you missed the one and only chance at fame and fortune just because you don't have a telephone?

No doubt everyone at one time or another has said, "What a yoke, if I were there I could win that new fluid drive dirigible."

Yearn no more my intelligent friend, for the quiz fever has struck College Station.

That guy you see in front of Sbis Dining Hall from 12:30 to 12:45 Monday through Friday is actually giving away something for nothing.

Bill Guthrie is to be the permanent announcer on the Kampus Kuiz, but until his return next week Milt Frenkel is playing the local peasantry with questions on current events and getting their opinionated views on vital issues.

At last there is something to do between that two hour class in the morning and that one o'clock lab; so if you can recite the Constitution backwards or explain Einstein's Theory in twenty five words or less, don't be bashful, uncover that hidden genius.

You lovers of the cinema will be pleased to know that free passes are being given away to those fortunate enough to be chosen as contestants. Numerous other prizes are to be added to the list as the program continues.

Sponsors of this new sidewalk show are Bryan Office Equipment Company, Halsell-Donahoe Company, Lauderette, Pruitt Beauty Shops and Automatic Gas Company.

The questions will be thought up by the "highly imaginative" minds of the staff of WTAW; so one can only guess what strange and fantastic subjects will be dwelt upon.

Don't you stay-at-homes feel as if you have been left out. From



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D. A. Anderson Named Head Of Forest Service

D. A. Anderson will be elevated from silvicultural research chief to acting director of the Texas Forest Service July 1, according to an announcement by President Gibb Gilchrist.

Anderson will succeed S. L. Frost, whose resignation as acting director will become effective June 30 so that he may accept the executive directorship of the American Forestry Association in Washington, D. C. Frost had been acting director since April 1 of this year following the resignation of W. E. White.

Anderson has been associated with the Texas Forest Service for 12 years. He joined the organization in May, 1936, as assistant director for the forest protection chief at Lufkin. His duties were gradually changed to forest research and management phases.

These duties caused him to be moved to the College Station headquarters in 1939, and in 1941 he was named chief of silvicultural research.

The position of director vacated by resignation of W. E. White on April 1 is expected to be filled by September 1.

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PMA Field Worker Conclude Two-Day Meet Here Friday

Production and Marketing Administration field workers concluded their two-day school in information methods here last Friday.

The group which attended consisted of 16 district field men and 20 A&A (AAA) secretaries.

Howard Kingsberry, acting state PMA director, presided at the sessions. Arrangements were handled by W. I. Chenault of the state PMA office, Jack Sloan, visual aids specialist of the extension service, demonstrated the use of colored slides and other visual methods.

D. A. Adams, extension radio editor of Texas A&M, was in charge of the radio clinic with a faculty consisting of the following radio farm directors: Murray Cox, WFAA, Dallas; George Roesser, KTRH, Houston; Layne Beatty WBAP, Fort Worth; and Glen Shelton, KPRN, Wichita Falls.

The PMA district field men are expected to hold similar schools for county ACA secretaries in their districts so that farmers and ranchmen may receive information on AAA activities and programs through their local newspapers and radio stations.

Dr. Edds Receives Educational Award

Dr. George T. Edds, of the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology, has been awarded a fellowship by the General Educational Board, according to D. W. Williams, Vice-President of the Agricultural School.

A leave of absence has been granted Dr. Edds for the one-year fellowship at the University of Minnesota. During this time he will study in the field of dynamics of drugs and at the same time continue work on a doctor's degree in pharmacology.

Dr. Edds, who received his degree in veterinary medicine at A&M, has been with the Veterinary School since 1936, having previously attended the University of Michigan.



A&M CADET HOWARD G. McMILLAN, (right), is personally welcomed to the FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA, ROTC Camp by MAJOR GENERAL CLIFT ANDRUS, Post Commander. McMillan, the first A&M cadet to arrive at Fort Sill, is one of 240 Artillery Cadets who are attending the camp this summer to study the latest techniques adopted by the Artillery. (Signal Corps Photo)

Pups Will Whine

Grandpa Jones and Romona Will Fiddle Wednesday Night

By BUDDY LUCE

Dogs will howl, pups will whine, and trains will whistle Wednesday night when Grandpa Jones "turns them pups loose" at The Grove. Grandpa Jones will make a personal appearance here to bring the long awaited "Old Rattler" to the A&M Campus to the soothe the pains of studying Aggies.

Not much recollection is necessary to recall who Grandpa Jones is. He was the first

Institute of Oil Seed Technology Established Here

An Institute of Oil Seed Technology has been established at A&M according to J. D. Lindsay, who will direct the organization.

Lindsay said the Institute will bring all the resources of A&M to bear on the problems of extracting and using oil from seeds.

In addition to college personnel, advisors will be appointed from such organizations as the Texas A&M Research Foundation, the Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association and the Texas Cotton Research Committee.

Dr. A. W. Mellich, as vice-director of the Engineering Experiment Station, is chairman of the policy committee, which includes Dr. Carl M. Lyman, Dr. S. G. Stephens, Dr. W. I. Harris, Dr. William M. Potts and Dr. Bryant R. Holland, in addition to the heads of the departments of chemical engineering, chemistry, Dr. F. W. Jensen, agronomy, J. E. Adams, and the dean of the graduate school, Dr. P. B. Pearson.

College divisions which will take part in the research are: departments of chemical engineering, chemistry, biochemistry and nutrition, agronomy, genetics, mechanical engineering; the cotton products research and chemurgic research laboratory; Engineering Experiment Station, Agricultural Experiment Station, Industrial Extension Service and the graduate school.

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and foremost cause of the "Old Rattler" era on the campus during the spring semester. Music lovers remember the melodious strains of coon dogs, bound yaws, a five string banjo, and the mountain top tenor of Grandpa himself.

Accompanying Grandpa will be his musically inclined "grandchildren" featuring Ramona, champion old time girl fiddler. Grandpa and his "troops" come to Aggeland from the "Grand Ole Opry" of radio station WSM in Nashville, Tennessee. Rumor also has it that remnants of the Aggie Ramblers will serve to lengthen the program at The Grove and help to act as hosts to Grandpa.

Grandpa is not the old timer that his name implies. Actually, he is somewhere between 35 and 40 years old. He has been playing and singing "coon dog" music for many years, but his popularity did not grow by leaps and bounds until he graced the airways with "Old Rattler." The musical story of Rattler is the most popular of a number of hillbilly and folk songs that Grandpa sings and plays.

Listeners to WTAW during the spring semester will remember the Old Rattler record contest carried on under the auspices of the Aggie Ramblers. The versatile Tex Fields, possessor of the widest grin and longest drawl among the Ramblers, brought down the house in a Guion Hall performance of Old Rattler during the 1948 Follies on All College Day. Tex is well known for his antics with a banjo, guitar, fiddle, or base fiddle, and was a contributing factor to the success of Grandpa Jones' classic on the A&M campus.

When Spike White, director of Student Activities, notified the King Recording Company of Old Rattler's popularity on the campus, they immediately sent to radio station WTAW 25 discs of the thing. This resulted in the record contest.

Any listener to the Ramblers could enter the contest by telling why they wanted a record of Old Rattler. The best 25 letters won free recordings. The response to this contest was almost alarming, and the records ran out fast. Rattler scored another triumph in the minds of Aggie music lovers.

A large turnout is expected for the Grandpa Jones show on Wednesday night, and since the show is free, some music lovers had better bring their own chairs. Grandpa won't disappoint you.

Churchmen Meeting Today For Discussion of Rural Problems

By W. H. BEARDSLEY

Rural church leaders from many southern and central states met today in the YMCA for the first session of the third annual Rural Church Conference. The conference, which will end Wednesday, will be devoted to discussions of agriculture, economics and social problems of rural areas.

Among the prominent church leaders present to speak at the conference are Reverends J. C. Spurger, H. C. Ziche of Taylor, R. H. Kuretsch of Geronimo, and G. C. Schurman, state rural church evangelist of the Christian church.

Dr. T. F. Gullixson, president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary will make several addresses.

Mrs. Hubert Lerschen, pastor of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne, Louisiana, will be one of the conference speakers. He was born in the Netherlands and attended Fribourg University in Switzerland.

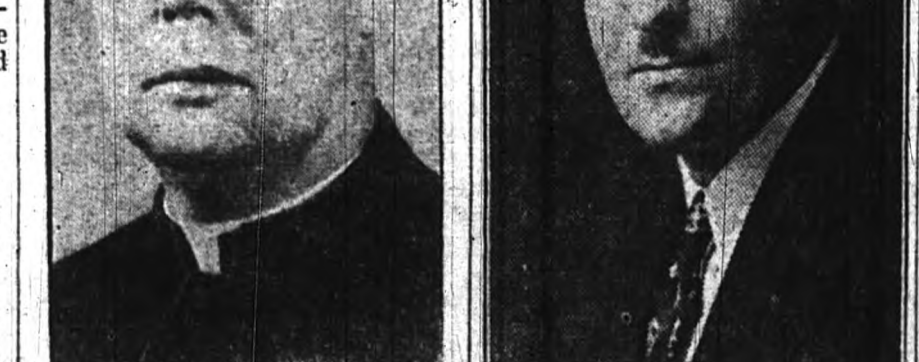
Mrs. Lerschen is now vice-president of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

Dr. Mark Rich, secretary of town and country work for the American Baptist Home Mission Society, will speak on "The Church in its Community" Wednesday morning.

Dr. Rich, a native of Oregon, is a graduate of Linfield College and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He did his M.A. and Ph.D. work in rural sociology at Cornell.

He is author of several magazine articles and has written a book about his work, "An Effective Organization for Rural Churches." In 1935 he was honored with an award for rural work by the Northern Baptist Convention.

An attraction of the conference will be the Deseret Quartet of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, who will give special musical numbers for several of the sessions. This church, although it has only one rural colony in Texas, is well known for its church program in Utah where it has been responsible for the agricultural development of the Utah desert.



THE VERY REVEREND MSGR. HUBERT LERSCHEN, of Rayne, Louisiana, first vice-president of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, will address the RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE here June 30.



REVEREND MARK RICH, secretary of Town and Country Work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, will address the RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE here June 30.