

## Texas Leads Nation in Fire Prevention, Bostonian Says

Texas is a leader in fire-prevention work, and its Firemen's Training School is nationally recognized, according to Horatio Bond, of Boston, Mass., chief engineer for the National Fire Prevention Association.

Bond was here last week as one of the lecturers for the Firemen's School at which 589 Texas firemen, mostly from volunteer departments, received training in the techniques of fire fighting.

The Firemen's School concluded its sessions Friday when the men took final examinations. Cities whose fire fighters have passed the course at A&M get special credit in their insurance rates.

The Firemen's Training School was founded in 1936 and has since served as a model for similar schools in other states, according to Bond.

The U. S. Air Force also recognizes the Texas school as "tops in the nation" and this year sent 40 men from 25 air fields to the school for fire training, according to H. R. Brayton, director of the school and former A&M chemistry professor. The Air Force men came from 14 states, and represented the fire-fighting forces of such installations as Scott Field, Belleville, Illinois and Lowery Field, Colorado.

The Texas Firemen's Training School had 589 students this year, from 283 cities, compared with 176 men from 96 cities in the first class in 1936, Brayton said. Of the present year's class, 75 percent were attending for the first time.

On the other hand, one of the firemen-instructors has been present for every one of the nineteen annual sessions. He is Adolph Solmky of Seguin, president of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas.

In addition to the summer course the Firemen's School division of A&M conducts training schools in various communities all year round, with five full-time instructors. Each man conducts classes on a "circuit" consisting of five cities, within a short distance of each other. Each city is visited once a week for five weeks. Most of these courses are for mixed departments

with several paid firemen but a large number of volunteers. Special courses are also given for professional fire companies in larger cities. Altogether about 200 Texas fire departments are taught by the traveling instructors each year. All the instructors are former firemen.

Several national and state authorities addressed the Firemen's School this year. State authorities included Olin Culberson, Railroad Commissioner; Joe S. Fletcher, assistant director, Texas Department of Public Safety; and G. M. Kfirtz, supervising engineer, U. S. Bureau of Mines, Dallas.

National authorities included T. Alfred Fleming of New York, director of conservation, National Board of Fire Underwriters and Bond.

Bond is also secretary of the fire services section of President Truman's National Committee for Fire Prevention, and reported that Texas is cooperating with that national group.

Teaching of fire prevention in teachers' colleges, so that the teachers may in turn pass the information on to their pupils was among additional steps urged by Bond for Texas.

He also urged that uniform pay scales be established for firemen of all departments. It should be possible, Bond said, for a fireman to go "up the ladder" in promotions by moving from one fire department to another as openings become available, rather than in spending an entire career in the fire department of a single city.

Establishment of rural fire protection districts, in cooperation with the Forest Service, was urged by Bond. He also pointed out the necessity of disaster relief planning, similar to civil defense work. The Department of National Defense has set up an agency to create civil defense planning on a national level, and a report from Washington on what the Federal Government must do will be made shortly, said Bond.

"The best defense against high explosives, incendiaries and atom bombs is plenty of space between buildings. You have, fortunately lots of space in Texas," Bond commented.



GLADYS SWARTHOUT, mezzo-soprano, is another of the Town Hall features for this coming season. She will appear here March 22, 1949.

## Movie Star, B-29 Encountered At Ft. Sill ROTC Summer Camp

By LARRY GOODWYN

After three weeks of almost continual bombardment of facts and figures about Anti-Aircraft Artillery, the cadets at Sill ran into their "old faithful," the 105 mm howitzer as the final phase of camp training in field artillery gunnery last week.

The windup of 90mm AAA training was featured by gun drills in which squads of 10 men each were timed in emplacement and march-ordering the 90mm gun. Four Aggies were on the winning squad in emplacement competition and three more on the group which established the lowest time for march ordering the weapon.

On July 19 Burth French, fortunate holder of Battalion Commander for a three-day period, became the official escort of Miss Jacqueline White, Hollywood starlet, visiting Ft. Sill where her latest picture, "Return of the Bad Men," is having its premiere.

Miss White, who plays opposite Randolph Scott in the picture which has its setting in Oklahoma, presented the ribbon for winning the Battalion review to Battery C of the ROTC Cadet Battalion—then became the "date" of French for the remainder of the evening.

For French, first sergeant of B Battery at A&M last year, the occasion marked his second first of camp—two weeks previously he had the highest score in the Battalion in firing the caliber 30 carbine on the range—but there is little doubt which "first" he derived the most enjoyment from.

Aeries dominated the annual swimming championships held at Sill July 11. Seven of the ten members of the B Battery team hailed from A&M: Bill Townsend, Herb Walne, Adolph Thome, Corky White, Lawrence Williams, John Stenderfer, Larry Kinard and Bob Holmes.

A Battery, which placed second was composed of five Aeries: Paul Fivel, Burt French, Jack Quirev, Dallas Stites, and Jimmy Hartt, while four more were on the C Battery team: Jimmy Stephens, Har-

old Zietman, Dick Plock, Bull Mitchell and Bill Hayes.

In addition, Johnny Heeman and Allen Self, both Aggies, gave an exhibition of diving—both good and bad—with Heeman providing the former and Self the latter.

They even have Aggie-Exes in Oklahoma. This fact became only too well known to Aggie cadets at Ft. Sill this week when the Aggie Alumni Club of Lawton, Oklahoma, completed plans to toss a barbecue July 14 for cadets in camp.

At least six Aggies at Sill who will receive their commissions at the end of camp July 31 plan to go on active duty at Camp Carson, Colorado, for two weeks of mountain training. They are: Raymond Horany, Fred Hughes, Johnny Heeman, Art Moeller, Pete Richey, and Al Davis.

The government isn't sparing the dollars when it comes to training its ROTC cadets. Just in order to make visual tracking more life-like, the army decided to send a B-29 aloft for cadets to sight and "fire" on. Where did the plane come from? Spokane, Washington!

## 6 Texas Counties Studied by Paine

The statistical phase of a study of the resources and industries of six east Texas counties has been completed by L. S. Paine of the Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department.

The counties are Newton, Jasper, Tyler, Liberty, Hardin and Orange.

This background study is aimed at determining what farmers located in the area are doing, how they are doing it and the economic and social results.

Paine is placing special emphasis on the growing dairy industry in that part of the state. The concluding phase of the study will involve field tests of the secondary data already summarized.

## Cadets at Fort Sill Praised By Commander

The 250 Artillery cadets at Fort Sill, nearing the half way mark in their concentrated training program received high praise from both the camp executive, Col. Bryan L. Milburn, and the instructor responsible for the various phases of the camp, recently.

In addition to getting practical training in latest artillery techniques the cadets are being given chances to serve in various command positions.

Colonel Milburn stated that the spirit of the potential artillery officers is high. He said much interest has been shown in such subjects as communications, camouflage, anti-aircraft artillery drill and practice firing, and selection and occupation of anti-aircraft artillery positions. Intensive field artillery training got under way last week.

Interest in camp activity does not stop at the conclusion of the day's training. An athletic program featuring inter-battery competition in softball, volleyball, swimming and boxing is in progress. A daily newspaper which covers the camp activity is published by the cadets after their regular duties are completed.

The camp executive stated: "I feel that we have one of the finest groups of ROTC cadets it has been my privilege to serve with."

## LETTERS

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price range." Campus, but if you have ever walked it, you will know, as I know, that it isn't an iota less than a full 5 mile walk. After two weeks of walking to work, home for lunch, back to work, then home again at 5, I felt sure there must be an easier way. I've told myself over and over that it isn't actually the walking that bothers me, it's the principle of the thing.

It is all those people driving by swoosh in their cars with a big empty seat. That really gets me! I've convinced myself that they may be justified, but I haven't convinced my legs yet—they ache every night.

You won't believe it, but of the nine next-door neighbors, not a single one's destination coincides even remotely with mine. So I walk.

As I said, I didn't mind it so much at first—commuting with Mother Nature so early in the morning, but the novelty soon wore off, and I found myself looking back wistfully whenever I heard a car coming. They usually kept right on going, too.

I did get a ride one morning which restored by faith in the goodness of humanity, but it was only a temporary restoration. A sweet old lady, who was taking her laundry to the Laundromat, picked me up. She took me before she could find a place to stop and let me out. I was further away from my work than when I caught the ride.

So, please, driver, if you see some poor struggling creature hobbling along on her knees (I've walked off up to there) be good to me. If you can't give me a lift, then please don't splash water on me as you go by.

Name withheld by Request.



## 1 Corpse, 3 Murderers in Houston

By T. J. BILLINGSLEY

In Houston practically anything can happen. Some things practically happen. Lots of things happen that aren't practical. Last week was no exception.

The weekly murder came off on schedule. A young lady picturesquely dubbed the "Queen of the Beaumont Highway" was still more picturesquely bumped off on the road of the same name.

The gendarmes have three suspects, each of which cheerfully admits that he did the woman in. The minions of the law have sent the murder slug along to a ballistics expert to determine the winning contestant.

The protectors of the peace had other troubles too.

A lady summoned the radio patrol to her uptown residence to remove a horse she found standing on the back porch when she returned home from a shopping tour. What with the recent horse meat scandal the poor critter was probably only looking for the kitchen to have a few words with a stablemate.

Across town the men in blue had a little variety from the usual procedure of moving automobiles from off pedestrians. A motorist reversed things by complaining that there was a man sleeping on top of his sedan. When they removed the body it explained that it had been contacting the heat by taking a few nips of some aged-in-the-weed Nectar of Blue Grass. He remembered nothing until a few pink elephants later when he was awakened by the officers of the law with his pockets inside out and his mind containing a little less. The gendarmes shrugged their shoulders and bade him be on his way.

The Houston Post's man of many answers, Mr. H. Mewhinney was fresh from settling a dispute over whether or not a bus driver is deserving of a cup of coffee at the end of his run and was devoting his question and answer column to the problem of whether a night-hawk was a nighthawk or a bull bat.

A reader wondered what the birds wheeling around in the sky at dusk were. Mr. M. said they were bull bats. Ten thousand irate readers arose and said they were no such thing but rather (a) nighthawks, (b) banded flycatchers, and (c) some latin name two columns wide.

H. M. layed back at them by saying that he was a country boy at heart, and that all rural lads knew a bull bat was a bull bat.

The dissenting readers concluded that H. M. was full of one, had had the other in his belfry and the argument was still raging when last I bought a Post.

The birds incidentally, were still flying about, oblivious of all the furor they had fostered. And out on South Main where a new Ford was selling on the used car lots for \$3,200 a dealer was auctioning off a shiny Ford. But it wasn't quite new in the true

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And down town the natives scurried past the new building skeletons, knowing only one thing for sure. Besides all this, it's the biggest town in Texas too.

## Auction Proceeds Go to Loan Fund

Public auction for lost and found articles turned into the Security Office was held July 9 in the Student Labor Office in Goodwin Hall.

George A. Long, Student Loan Administrator, was auctioneer for the day.

Bidding was slow, but the majority of the articles were sold. Prices offered ranged from five cents for a tie clasp to eight dollars for a leather jacket.

Total sales amounted to \$50.85, and Long said that this money would be put into one of the student loan funds. Future auctions will be held for unclaimed items that are turned into the office, with the proceeds from each sale going to student loan funds.

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