

FAITH FADES IN 'PHANTOM' NOTES

TEXARKANA, Ark., Nov. 11.—(AP)—H. B. (Doodie) Tompkins' suicide note identifying himself as the "phantom killer" was written when the University of Arkansas freshman was "ill and despondent" in the opinion of authorities here.

The view was expressed in a joint statement issued last night by Sheriffs W. E. Davis of Miller County, Ark., and Bill Presley of Bowie County, Texas.

The statement said: 1. Tompkins had never been a suspect; 2. his fingerprints do not match those presumably left by the "phantom"; 3. Bullets from the guns to which Tompkins had access do not match those used by the "phantom"; and 4. the statement of a boyfriend friend has eliminated Tompkins as a suspect in one case to which he made a specific confession.

COURT AGAIN UPHOLDS BUILDING AMENDMENT

AUSTIN, Nov. 11.—(AP)—The third court of civil appeals Wednesday overruled motion for rehearing appeal of the suit contesting legality of the \$60,000,000 college building amendment.

The appeal court on Oct. 20 declared the amendment valid, upholding the judgment of the 126th district court where the suit was tried.

Ordinarily denial of a rehearing in the third court of appeals paves the way for an appeal to the supreme court. There is possibility however, for a second motion for rehearing to be filed with the intermediate court.

The suit challenging the amendment's legality was brought by C. W. Whiteside of Lubbock and others. The amendment was adopted by a narrow margin in an election last year.

'NO ACTION' CLAIMED ON POLL TAX BILL

WICHITA FALLS, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Melvin E. Evans, president of the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, denied Wednesday that his organization has taken any action on a proposal by Senator Rogers Kelley of Edinburg for a special election to decide whether the poll tax should be abolished.

Kelley said in a statement at Austin Saturday that he had "secured favorable action" on his proposed legislative resolution from several organizations, including the state junior chamber of commerce.

"This organization has not taken any action on this issue," Evans stated in a telegram to the Associated Press.

COLD DOESN'T DIMMY ENDURANCE FLIERS

LONGVIEW, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Still aloft at 6 p. m. last night endurance fliers Fred Vinnom and Bert Simons have completed their third week in the air, last reports said.

They are well past the half-way mark toward the 726-hour world record.

Recent cold weather caused the Dallas bachelors to speculate whether they might have to transfer operations farther south, possibly to Houston, and Beaumont. But temperature rose and they decided to retain the Gregg County Airport as current headquarters.

The fliers made more practice flights with a plane from which they plan to take fuel in the air. So far the joint flights have been for practice only, and principally to perfect synchronization. They have not yet refueled in the air.

DEMO PARTY PURGE ENJOINED BY JUDGE

FORT WORTH, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Asserting that the Democratic State Convention last September was a "mass meeting" and not a legally organized session, 67th district Judge Morris W. H. H. Holtzman ordered a judge to enjoin the Democratic State Executive Committee from conducting a party purge.

The 44-page temporary injunction also blocks the seating of Jack Carter and Mrs. J. W. Douglas of Fort Worth as executive committee members—leaving Neville Penrose, committee treasurer and Mrs. Bennett Smith in office—and finds that the refusal to seat the certified Tarrant County delegation was in violation of the statutes.

HURRICANE MISSES CAPE HATTERAS

CAPE HATTERAS, N. C., Nov. 11.—(AP)—A small, unusually late hurricane now off the North Carolina coast probably will bypass Cape Hatteras and sweep out to sea.

A&M-TU Game Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the TU-A&M game are now on sale in the lobby of the YMCA, according to W. G. Breazeale, assistant director of Student Affairs.

Tickets will be on sale from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily through Tuesday for \$1.20 each, Breazeale said.

Each student will be allowed to purchase one additional ticket, to be used for a date or any other person he desires to bring, Breazeale said. The additional ticket will cost \$3.50.

Reserved seats on the west side of the goal-line will be sold to veterans and their wives provided that both coupons are presented at the same time, Breazeale said.

RVs Will Initiate New Men Tonight

Eighty three new members will be initiated into the Ross Volunteer Company tonight at 6:30 in the Banquet Room of Sbis Hall. The ceremonies will be preceded by a banquet.

Active members and honor guests will attend the meeting with the commissioned officers of last year representing the inactive members.

The initiation ceremonies will be



MISS ERNESTLEA DICKERSON of Jasper is one of the nominees for the title of ABC Beauty. The winner will be chosen at the ABC Ball Friday night. MISS DICKERSON will be escorted by PAUL WILLIAMS of the Signal Corps.

presided over by J. B. Rochelle, Company Commander, and will consist of reading the Constitution, the history of the organization and taking the oath of office.

Uniform for the occasion will be number one with boots for seniors. Honor guests include George Smith, D. W. Williams, Vice Chancellor of Agriculture, H. W. Barlow, C. N. Sheppardson, Lt. Col. Joe E. Davis, Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist, President F. C. Bolton, Dean M. T. Harrington, W. L. Penberthy, E. E. McQuillen, Dick Hervey, P. L. Downs, F. W. Hensel, Lt. Col. Bill Becker, Lt. Col. Owen, E. L. Angell and R. L. Elkins.

Out of town guests are Colonel Oscar O. Abbott, C. C. Krueger, J. W. Grace, Jack Ashton, W. H. Kelley, M. S. Church and Adolph Becker.

Rochelle clarified the status of inactive members, saying that they would not attend drill or parades but would be present for all meetings except the initiation ceremonies tonight.

Income From Farm To Be Lower in '49 Timm Says at Meet

Total farm income will be from five to ten percent less in 1949 than in 1948, Tyrus E. Timm, extension economist, told the District Agents Conference held on the campus last week.

Timm, who recently returned from the National Agricultural Outlook Conference in Washington D. C., said Texas farmers probably will have to pay more for the things they need, while prices of their products will decline slightly.

The Extension Economist credited the greatest decline in farm income to the decrease in sales of livestock. According to Timm, this has been a very unusual year. With the drought and increased feed cost farmers have found it more profitable to sell than to retain livestock as a result total 1949 farm income has soared.

Basing his predictions on present supply and requirements, he says, "The prices of automobiles, farm equipment and building materials may rise as much as five to eight percent during 1949. However, the farmer may pay a little less for radios, some items of household equipment and textiles."



JOSE MONERO will join XAVIER CUGAT AND HIS ORCHESTRA as vocalist for the rhumba king's Saturday night campus performances.

Ag Conference To Begin November 15 In YMCA Chapel

The annual Agricultural Experiment Station Conference will be held from November 15-17. The conference is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Registration will be in the Lobby of the YMCA the morning of November 15.

Meetings of the conference will be held in the Chapel of the YMCA the YMCA Conference Rooms, and the Experiment Station Conference Room. Those attending will be housed in Ramps I, J, and K of Walton Hall.

A reception for those attending will be given by Chancellor and Mrs. Gilchrist, Vice-Chancellor for Agriculture and Mrs. Williams and Director and Mrs. Lewis in Sbis Hall Tuesday night, November 16.

Third Installment Of Fees Payable

The third student fee installment is payable at the Fiscal Office in the Administration Building before November 18, W. H. Holtzman, comptroller, said today.

Holtzman reminded students that under the Fiscal Office's new policy, a fine of \$1 a day for five days is charged for late payment of fees.

Students who do not pay their fees within five days will be dropped from the college rolls, Holtzman stated.

Fugett to Attend Citrus Conference

Kenneth A. Fugett, associate professor of marketing in the Agricultural Economics Department, said today that he would attend a regional conference of citrus marketing researchers at the University of Florida November 17-18.

"Since the marketing problems of Texas and Florida are similar, Fugett said, citrus marketing research agency members from the two states will map a program of research on a regional basis for 1949-50."

Research covering the cost of handling and marketing of citrus fruit from producer to consumer is now in progress, financed by the Research and Marketing Act of 1946, Fugett said.

Broker Speaks To Business Society

E. O. Cartwright, Dallas manager of the brokerage firm of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane, spoke to the Business Society Tuesday night on securities investments.

Successful planning and selection of stocks and bonds and the operation of the New York Stock Exchange and its part in the investment and financial picture of the nation were discussed by Cartwright.

Groneman Attends Chicago IE Meet

Chris H. Groneman, acting head of the Industrial Education Department is attending the annual meeting of the industrial arts conference of Teacher Trainers which began yesterday in Chicago.

Representatives from approximately 30 colleges and universities in all parts of the country are attending the conference, which will close Saturday.

Groneman is scheduled to serve as chairman of the main session Friday.

LWC Plans Dinner Friday Evening

The Lutheran Walthor Club of A&M is planning to have a fellowship dinner on Friday, November 12, Harry Plackemeier, president of the club has announced.

The dinner is intended for all Lutheran students and will be held in the Bethel Parish Hall in Bryan at 7 p. m. All students planning to attend are requested to send in their reservation cards today, Plackemeier said.

Dr. Ralph Steen of the History Department will be the guest speaker at the dinner.



EVELYN and her magic violin will appear Monday night at Gulon Hall with PHIL SPITALNY and his all girl orchestra. This will be the first Town Hall presentation of the season.

Rhumba King Cugat to Arrive Saturday for Concert, Dance

By HERMAN GOLLOP

That much-heralded event is drawing near. Xavier Cugat, internationally famous as the rhumba king, brings his orchestra and troupe to Aggeland Saturday to play for a concert at Gulon and an all-college dance at Sbis.

Cugat and company will arrive by air on a specially chartered plane sometime Saturday afternoon, and will leave by plane following the dance. Featured in Cugat's troupe will be Jose Luis Monero, Norma, and Aladdin.

While Enrico Caruso, the Metropolitan opera star of 25 years ago, was traveling in Europe he heard Cugat play his violin and brought him to the United States for a series of concerts.

The Rajah of Rhumba and his orchestra will provide sambas, congas, rumbas, and popular songs of the day to the rhythm of maracas and cuban-gourd shaking.

Cugat is one of the versatile men in today's entertainment world. He is a cartoonist, violin concert artist, movie star, radio star, comedian, composer, and last but not least—a showman.

In the concert at Gulon at 8

Community Chest Goal Is \$9,843

The College Station Community Chest drive got under way here recently. The goal is \$9,843.

Joe Sorrels is chairman of the Chest Committee, and members include G. W. Black, C. A. Anderson, W. N. Colson, M. L. Cashion, Col. Joe E. Davis, R. L. Elkins, S. L. Loveless, Dr. J. C. Miller, J. E. Roberts, Raymone Rogers, T. R. Timm, Dr. R. D. Turk and W. T. Wilkins.

Steed, Prassel and Pauls Winners in Smoking Contest

By LARRY GOODWYN

W. B. Steed, Sophomore Civil Engineering student, blew, puffed and snorted one hour and 12 minutes Wednesday afternoon to drag down endurance honors in the Battalion's annual Pipe Smoking Contest in the YMCA chapel.

Competing in the standard bowl class, Steed won first place by six minutes over J. W. Selby, Vet Village senior. Selby received a \$5.00 Van Roy Pipe for his efforts while Selby was awarded a one pound tin of Holiday Tobacco as the runner-up prize.

Steed and Selby, along with B. H. Hancok, who finished third in the standard size class with a time of one hour and three minutes, all finished ahead of the winner of the large bowl class on the basis of time.

The grand prize of a \$10 Custom Built Pipe to the winner of the large bowl class was copied by Victor Prassel. Prassel's time was one hour and two minutes.

Kon Cook, junior in "D" Battery Field Artillery, was runner-up in large bowl competition and received a zephyr lighter.

"Roll Your Own" honors went to E. W. Pauls who won by a nose over W. B. Smith. Judge Charlie Menden, A&M's Ugly Man, debated 10 minutes before naming his two choices. Pauls received a Yellow Bole pipe while Smith was awarded a Zephyr lighter.

When asked where he obtained his experience in the manly art of manufacturing home made weeds, Pauls replied that "I've been doing it since I was 13." Smith said he started his career in superior cigarette rolling "when I began running out of money."

Other winners were: Rudolph Jahn, R. R. Morris and J. W. Porter. Jahn won a \$3.50 Kaywoodie Pipe for coping first place in the Corn Cob division. Cecil Huey was second, trailing Jahn's winning time of 46 minutes by seven minutes.

Morris won a Stern Crest Pipe taking the small bowl competition by nine minutes over Vick Lindley, former editor of the Battalion and now a member of the college publicity staff. Morris' time was 42

Top A&M Officials At Meeting In Washington

Williams and Hale Attend Southwest Livestock Clinic

Dr. D. W. Williams, vice chancellor of the Animal Husbandry Department left Thursday for Oklahoma City where they served on the Southwestern Livestock Clinic and Livestock Equipment Exposition which was held November the fifth and sixth.

Dr. Williams acted as one of the presiding officers and discussion leaders. One of the highlights of the program was Fred Hale's speech, "Hog Pastures In The Southwest."

Other highlights included speakers from Congressional Agricultural Committees, Agricultural colleges throughout the United States. Veterinarians, prominent livestockmen and representatives from Commission Companies, Packing Houses, and agricultural magazines.

For the first time since these livestock clinics were started in 1943, an exhibit of livestock equipment and materials was held in connection with the clinic. They included exhibits prepared by Oklahoma A&M College, the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture, Veterans Agriculture Training Division, Future Farmers and 4-H Clubs.

An outstanding exhibit of the latest types of labor saving equipment and materials useful to the livestock producer were exhibited by equipment manufacturers and dealers from all over the country.

Gilchrist Says Land Grant Program Popular With Major Political Groups

By TEX EARLEY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Top officials of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College expressed hope yesterday that the turnover in control of congress will mean an expanded farm program in their state next year.

Here for the association of land grant colleges and universities convention, the Texans are headed by Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist.

Explaining to a reporter the over-all operations of the college in administering such programs as the Texas Experiment Station and Extension Service, Gilchrist said: "We now receive between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 annually from the Federal government under various appropriations."

"These programs carried out by land grant colleges are so popular with both major political parties that we don't ever suffer too much when there is a change in administration."

"However, we certainly don't expect to receive less next year than we did during the past two years when the Republicans controlled congress."

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, state extension service director, was more specific in his belief more money would be available. He said: "Congress four years ago passed a law authorizing annual appropriations for state extension service which were to begin with \$4,000,000 for the first year, increase to \$8,000,000 the second year and go up to \$12,000,000 for the third and each succeeding year."

"This year, the first time the full amount was due, Congress decided that \$11,000,000 would be enough, so that is all we got. That's for all states."

"We anticipate that the 81st Congress convening January 3 will appropriate the full \$12,000,000."

He went further to express hope that this might even be increased to meet higher operating costs.

"Texas' share of the full appropriation would be \$250,000—\$275,000 for each \$4,000,000. State and county governments also contribute to the extension service budget of \$3,500,000 annually."

Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the Experiment Station, likewise looks for more aid from the new congress.

"I am hopeful there will be more federal appropriations for our work next year," he commented.

He said the Experiment Station operates on an annual budget of about \$2,250,000, of which \$425,000 is from the federal government.

The balance comes from sales of farm crops and livestock produced at the 32 research stations and field laboratories over the state and from fees for such services as inspection and testing of feeds and fertilizers.

Others here from A&M include President F. C. Bolton; Dean Charles N. Sheppardson of the school of agriculture; Dean P. B. Pearson, of the graduate school; Dean M. T. Harrington of the arts and sciences school; and Dean H. W. Barlow of the engineering school.

Also Dr. Ide P. Trotter, director, J. D. Prewitt, and Maurine Hearns of the Agricultural Extension Service; R. B. Lewis, director and Jesse Whitacre of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

The visitors were guests of the local Texas A&M Club at a capital luncheon yesterday. Others present included Rep. Olin Teague (D-Tex.), and his secretary, Earl E. McChesney; Del. Rental, civil aeronautics administrator; Maj. Gen. O. P. Weyland, assistant commander of the war college; Col. Guy Moley, a former commandant at A&M who now is at the war college, and commissioner Thomas A. McDonald, public roads administration.

FFA Plans Dance Barbecue Friday In Shiloh Hall

The Collegiate FFA will have a barbecue and dance beginning at 6 p. m. Friday at Shiloh Hall, H. Z. White, reporter, said yesterday.

There will be a program from 6 until 7, and the barbecue will be held from 7 until 8. The FFA dance will be held from 8 until midnight.

Dance music will be furnished by the Aggie Sextet, and the Aggie Ramblers will play during intermissions to help carry out the western theme, White said. Dress for the affair will be gangsters, jeans, and gingham dresses unless the weather is too cool, White added.

Shiloh Hall will be decorated with hay, saddles, and other riding apparel to help carry out the western theme, White said.

"The barbecue will be a specially prepared meat and not roast beef with gravy," White said. "It will be served with all the trimmings."

Tickets are on sale at the agricultural education office, and they are being sold by agricultural education majors, White said. Charge will be \$1.50 and will cover all expenses.

Potts Hinted For Hiway Commission

R. J. Potts of Harlingen has been mentioned by the Dallas Morning News as a prospect for the State Highway Commission to succeed Fred Knetsch.

Potts was at one time professor of highway engineering at A&M, and was president of the A&M Students Association.

Adriance and Cain Return from Meet

Dr. G. W. Adriance and R. F. Cain of the Horticulture Department returned Friday from Dallas, where they served as research consultants in the planning of the world's largest refrigerated warehouse.

The warehouse, now under construction at Dallas, will cost \$5,250,000 and contain 1,500,000 cubic feet of refrigerated space for cool storage and for freezing foods, Adriance said.

Horticulture department members plan to do experimental work with activated carbon and its effects on grapefruit and onion cold storage at the warehouse, Adriance added.

King Returns From Cotton Conference

C. A. King, associate extension entomologist will return today from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he is attending a conference dealing with cotton insect control, according to E. C. Martin, extension assistant state agent.

The latest information regarding cotton insect control was brought up at this meeting, as well as the results of the findings of the cotton insect work just completed in Texas during the past season, Martin said.

E. Hincley Heads Astronomy Society

Emmett Charles Hincley was elected president of the A&M Astronomical Society according to D. E. Feigenspan, reporter for the club.

Other officers elected were H. D. Hodgen, vice president, G. T. Keene, secretary-treasurer, and D. E. Feigenspan, reporter.

The group is studying six-inch reflector mirrors for individual telescopes, which each person will make, Feigenspan said.

He said the society meets on the first Monday of each month in Room 33 of the Physics Building.

At the last meeting they heard a talk by J. T. Kent of the Math Department on "Comets and Meteors."

The next regular meeting will be December 5 at 7:15 p. m.

RECORD US CORN CROP

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department, in its semi-final crop report, today estimated this year's record corn crop at 3,646,510,000 bushels.