

**LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR LARGE LINER**  
**WASHINGTON, Dec. 2**—A low bid of \$67,350,000 for construction of the largest passenger liner ever built in the United States was submitted to the Maritime Commission today by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., of Newport News, Va.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation bid \$75,649,000 to construct the proposed 46,000-ton ship which would become Queen of the American Merchant Marine.

These were the only two bids received by the commission for building the vessel which would compare in size with the largest U. S. warships now afloat. The new luxury liner, however, would be smaller than the Navy's new super-carrier, the keel of which is expected to be laid early next year.

**ISRAEL'S APPLICATION BEING SLIGHTED**  
**PARIS, Dec. 2**—The chance of reaching a vote today on Israel's application for U. N. membership faded Wednesday.

The French Cabinet discussed how France will vote but reached no decision. France appeared to hold the deciding vote on the 11-nation security council where 7 votes are needed. Six favoring votes seem assured along with one opposing and three abstaining.

Foreign Minister Robert Schuman told the cabinet the council should defer voting on Israel until the U. N. Assembly political committee decides Palestine questions.

**TEXAS DRAFT CALL PAGES HALVING**  
**AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 2**—Texas draft call for January likely will be cut in half, a state selective service official said here last night.

Capt. William B. Sinclair, public information officer, said the reduction in the national quota for January from 20,000 to 10,000 men indicates that Texas will be asked to draft about 484 men instead of the 968 previously called for.

Sinclair said no official word of the cut has been received as yet, however.

Plans for the examination of 3,856 men next month by Texas induction centers in preparation for the January call will not be changed even though some of the men may not be called in January, Sinclair said.

He said the 5,000-man National quota announced for February indicates that Texas will likely be called on for only about 230 and 240 men for that month.

**CAR PRODUCTION NEARS RECORD**  
**DETROIT, Dec. 2**—The 4,800,000th motor vehicle to be built in the United States this year, rolled from the assembly lines today.

Thus the car industry, in a few hours more than 11 months, has made more vehicles than it produced in all of 1947. Last year's total was 4,797,820 cars and trucks.

Schedules indicate another 450,000 units may be built before year end. The indicated 1948 total of about 5,250,000 assemblies will fall short of the record but by less than a single week's output. The record for United States production is 5,358,420 vehicles built in 1929.

**LOCAL AIRLINE MAKING GOOD!**  
**WASHINGTON, Dec. 2**—The nation's oldest "feeder" airline, Pioneer Air Lines, Inc., yesterday was offered an increase of more than one-third in air mail pay, the civil aeronautics board said.

The board fixed a proposed final rate which it estimated will mean \$1,760,000 mail pay a year to Pioneer, compared with \$1,111,799 paid in the 12 months ended last April 30.

The airline serves Texas and New Mexico.

**ORC Commissions Available for 71**

Colonel H. L. Boatner, PMS&T, has announced that Reserve commissions have been received at ROTC Headquarters. All the papers necessary to commission 71 Department of Army students who will complete all the requirements for a commission at the end of the present semester are available.

These students will receive commissions as second lieutenants, ORC, of the US Army, and will be eligible for competitive tours of active duty, leading to regular commissions, or for extended active duty on or about January 25, 1949. Students must satisfy academic requirements to qualify for these commissions, Boatner added.

Additional information may be obtained from Captain Albert Stockell at the PMA Building, Boatner stated.



**WEATHER**  
East Texas — Partly cloudy and cooler this afternoon and tonight. Showers extreme east portion this afternoon. Friday fair and cool. Gentle variable winds on the coast, becoming moderate to fresh north westerly this afternoon.



The Melody Maids will sing here Saturday. They will perform in Guion Hall and in the Student Center at the Annex.

## Melody Maids, 75 Strong, Will Descend on Aggie Land

**HENRY LACOUR**

The Melody Maids, 75 girls from Beaumont, will appear in a choral program in Guion Hall Saturday evening at 6:15. A special performance will be given for Annex Freshmen at the Annex Student Center at 8:15 the same evening.

Organized in 1942 by Eloise Milam, the group first gained recognition through their performances at military camps in southeast Texas and southern Louisiana.

Later, the Beaumont Lions Club began sponsoring the group, and the girls entertained thousands of servicemen at service centers and USO canteens during the war.

Aided by the Lions, the chorus growing in number from the original 17 members to the present 75 girls, whose ages range from 14 to 22 years. As they grew, they entertained at all the wartime bond drive shows in Beaumont, and received for their programs a citation from the Texas Federation of Music for "Exceptional Service in Promotion of the War Effort."

In 1945, the group was invited to Austin to give a concert for the Texas legislature and, at Governor Stevenson's request, to sing at the governor's mansion. Mrs. Milam was appointed Texas' first honorary woman Texas Ranger after the Maids appeared before the legislators.

Membership in the organization is not restricted by any rigid vocal requirements, as most of the girls are not trained singers, but stress is placed more on the girl's love of singing. Listening to the group, however, belies the fact that the girls are not professional singers, for Mrs. Milam is a capable director, and the Maids attained and maintained an admirable musical standard.

In the past year, the Maids have entertained throughout the nation.

On the West Coast and East Coast they were the guests of Lions Club conventions, and their tour last summer covered New Orleans, Washington, D. C., New York, Chicago, and Houston.

The Maids' concert program includes modern and popular selections and their famous presentations of popular Texas and Western melodies.

Admission to the concert at Guion and the Annex will be twenty-five cents.

## American Editors Honor McFaddin

**By B. F. BISHOP**

Edgar S. McFaddin, called the "Wheat Field," was recognized in Chicago today for "distinguished service to American agriculture" by the American Agricultural Editors Association.

Jointly employed as an agronomist by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, McFaddin has worked more than 30 years to develop disease-resistant varieties of wheat and oats.

Among these are Austin and Seabreeze wheats. Austin wheat is now planted on over a million Texas acres, much of it on land that could not grow wheat before because of the rust pestilence.

Seabreeze wheat extended the Texas wheat belt to the Rio Grande and Gulf waters. He has also developed improved varieties of flax, now a major cash crop in South Texas.

McFaddin has received many "distinguished" awards in the past few years. One, with a check for \$2,500, was given in 1946 by Reader's Digest for his "exceptionally meritorious contribution to public welfare" through making it possible for millions of people to have food to eat today.

Webster, South Dakota, his birthplace, held an "Edgar McFaddin Day" Oct. 16, 1947, at which was unveiled a large granite and bronze monument to the adopted Texan credited with being "a creator and benefactor of mankind."

A "Citation of Merit" was awarded McFaddin in 1947 by the Texas Chemurgic Council. At the recent annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy, McFaddin was named a Fellow, the fifth Texan to be so honored.

## Quarterback Club Meeting Postponed

Tonight's meeting of the Quarterback Club has been postponed because the color films of the Thanksgiving game with Texas have been sent off to be duplicated. Coach "Bones" Irvin dispatched the films by air mail express yesterday afternoon, and expects them to be back by the first of next week.

Harold Ratliff, the proposed speaker for the program, also will not be available until next week. Ratliff has repeated his desire to talk here, and will be present at next week's meeting.

The Quarterback Club is tentatively scheduled to meet next Thursday.

**RUSSIANS CHARGE AGAIN**  
**SYDNEY, Aus., Dec. 2**—The colonial policy of Western Nations was hotly attacked today by the Russian delegate at a meeting of the United Nations Commission for Asia and the Far East.

Kirill Novikov accused Holland, Britain, France, and the United States of collaborating to prevent colonies from achieving independence.

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## Student Senate Votes To Back World Student Service Fund

**Identification Card Question Referred To Executive Committee for Student Body Poll**

**By CHUCK CABANISS**

The Student Senate accepted the World Student Service Fund as a student body project for A&M at a meeting last night.

Dick Baugh of the Senate Executive Committee explained the purposes and organization of the WSSF as stated by Jeanne Cook. Miss Cook, a representative of WSSF, presented a detailed explanation to the executive committee while she was at A&M several weeks ago.

Baugh said that the primary need of the education-hungry students in the world was the instruments of learning: books, mimeograph equipment, and teaching aids. Baugh's statements were endorsed by Charles Kirkham, who traveled in Europe the past summer and had an opportunity to see conditions abroad.

The Senate passed a motion by John Orr that the Senate President appoint a committee to direct WSSF activities at A&M in cooperation with representatives from campus religious groups. Senators named to the committee were Dick Hodges, Marvin Rice, Bibba Springour, Audrey Sprawls, and Ted Copeland.

Information concerning the use of identification cards at other schools; the costs of providing the cards, and the origin of requests for such cards for A&M was provided by Assistant Dean of Men Benny Zinn. Zinn stated that the two principal uses on the local campus would probably be as generally recognized identification for cashing checks and entering athletic contests.

An initial investment of about \$2500 would be needed to set up the equipment for providing the cards. Zinn added, Cards would cost the school about 15¢ and the information on them could be determined so as to fit the needs of Aggies.

The subject of identification cards for A&M students was turned over to the Executive Committee. That committee is to investigate student opinion on the use of cards and make recommendations to the proper college authorities.

A suggestion of the Executive Committee that letters be sent by the Senate to hometown clubs on the campus was approved. These letters will urge the clubs to invite outstanding high school graduates from the hometown which the club represents to visit the college.

Ben Wyatt, chairman of the Welcoming Committee, reported that some 10 members of the Senate attended the dinner given for A&M representatives by Texas University prior to the Thanksgiving game.

Bob Weyand of the Mess Hall Committee gave some information which he had obtained in a talk with food supervisor J. G. Peniston. The cost of various food items was the main subject of the discussion.

J. M. Abercrombie, who is guidance counselor on the A&M campus, explained the purpose of the Texas Vocational Rehabilitation Program to the Senate. He said that the state had funds from which it gave financial aid to physically handicapped persons who desire to attend state-supported schools.

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## Rent De-Control Hearing Planned

The Bryan Rent Advisory Board will hold a "public hearing" on possible rent de-control Friday night at 7:30 in the District Court Room of the Brazos County Court House, Gordon L. Benningfield, rent director, said yesterday.

In making the announcement, Benningfield said that, in his opinion, he believed that the rent situation in Bryan and College Station has not changed since last year.

"All interested groups are invited to participate in this public hearing," Benningfield said.

The prime requirement of the Housing and Rent Act of 1948 is that a community's rental needs must be reasonably met before de-control can be recommended by the local rent advisory board, Benningfield added.

Since general statements are unsupported and are of little substantial value, witnesses appearing at the hearing should be prepared to support their testimony with specific facts or in written evidence. Documents offered as evidence may be presented in the form of an original and five carbon copies. Testimony may be presented orally or in writing, Benningfield added.

## Pistol Team Unbeaten In '48-'49 Season

The A&M Pistol Team has beaten Wisconsin, Colorado A&M, MIT, Illinois, Cornell and Utah State in six successive contests to remain unbeaten for the 1948-49 season.

Lt. Colonel Frank R. Swoger, sponsor of the team, said that the team would probably fire thirty-five matches during the year and had a good chance to win them all.

Teams scheduled for matches with the A&M squad include the Naval Academy, Coast Guard Academy, VMI, Quantico Marines, the New York State Maritime Academy, Michigan State, Washington University, Massachusetts State, Rhode Island State, Princeton, and Ohio State.

In explaining the matches, Swoger said the five highest scores each week are sent to the opposing school. They in turn send their scores here. The school scoring the highest total of points wins the match. Each member fires 30 shots for record, 10 slow, 10 rapid, and 10 timed. The total possible score is 1500 and the firing is done with 22 caliber pistols at a distance of 50 feet.

The team has 18 members, eight of whom have figured in the firing. These are John V. Alto, Sam W. Smith, C. P. Suderman, P. G. Silber, D. T. Gentry, O. Quillichin, T. M. Means, and T. D. Benfield.

The ultimate goal of the team is to win the National Intercollegiate Championship award in the spring, Swoger continued. This award is sponsored by the National Rifle Association.

## Group Selects New Sites For Annual Rodeo

Three prospective sites have been chosen on the A&M campus for the location of the new rodeo arena, according to committeeman Charlie Rankin.

The committee, which is composed of Jack Kingsberry, Charlie Rankin, Lloyd Griffith, Tommy Johnson and Bill Moore, met with vice-Chancellor D. W. Williams, Dean Shephardson of the School of Agriculture, Dr. J. C. Miller, head of the Animal Husbandry Department and Professor Jim Gray of the Animal Husbandry Department to select the possible sites.

The intramural field located behind Kyle Field was the committee's first choice. The large hill, which would be in the center of the new golf course, was selected as second choice. Third choice site is located across the railroad track in the agronomy fields.

Arena blueprints from several other colleges are now being discussed by the arena committee, Rankin stated. The arena, which will be of modern design, will be completed in time for the annual Aggie rodeo next fall.

## Lost Uniform Held In Security Office

A package containing a cadet uniform has been turned in to the Campus Security Office, Fred Hickman, chief of Campus Security, said today.

The package was turned in Monday, November 29, by a motorist who gave the Aggie a ride from the East Gate to the New Dorm area.

The student who lost the package may pick it up at the security office, Hickman said.

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