

CHINESE REDS CLAIM FALL OF SUCHOW
NANKING, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The Chinese Communists laid claim last night to Suchow, important government base 211 miles northwest of Nanking.

This exposed the rear of three government army groups moving slowly southward in an effort to support other nationalist armies isolated under Communist attacks in the Sushien and Imngiu areas ranging down to 100 miles from Nanking.

The Communist broadcast heard in Nanking said Suchow fell at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

The Suchow garrison was last reported blocked about 25 miles south of Suchow by strong Communist opposition.

(The Communist broadcast also heard in San Francisco, added a claim that the 110th division of the government's trapped 12th army group near Sushien had come over to the Communist side.)

Despite the dire military news, the Chinese government told foreign diplomats it had "no intention to remove the capital" from Nanking.

MADAM CHIANG ASKS CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Madam Chiang Kai-Shek has asked for appointments with President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall to press for urgent American aid to the Chinese government in its fight against Chinese Communists.

Diplomatic authorities said that the appointments have not been made but presumably will be arranged within a day or so. It is understood that she also wants to call on Mrs. Truman.

Madam Chiang, wife of China's nationalist president, arrived here Wednesday by plane from Shanghai. She still is visiting at the home of Secretary and Mrs. Marshall at nearby Leesburg, Va.

ABDULLAH RUMORED KING OF PALESTINE

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Dec. 3.—(AP)—A Palestine Arab Conference in Jericho was reported here today to have proclaimed King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan as King of Palestine.

The conference was called "the general Palestine congress." It met yesterday in Arab-occupied Jericho, the biblical city north of the dead sea, under the presidency of Sheikh Moh Ali Gaabary.

Official confirmation of the report was lacking.

However, a dispatch from Amman, Trans-Jordan, which passed through Arab censorship last night said Sheikh Gaabary had told King Abdullah of proposals by the congress and asked him, in the name of all Palestinians, to take steps for unification of Palestine and Trans-Jordan, neighboring states.

JAP WAR LEADERS APPEAL TRIALS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Five wartime Japanese leaders sentenced to prison as war criminals asked the Supreme Court yesterday to declare their trials invalid.

The five were convicted by the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo, four of them were given life sentences and the fifth was sentenced to 20 years.

The Supreme Court already has received a similar appeal on behalf of Gen. Kenji Dohiwara and Koki Hirota, former Japanese Premier, who were condemned to death.

TEXAS ON BELL'S INCREASE LIST

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Texas is among the states in which the Bell Telephone Company seeks telephone rate increases.

In Texas, however, the company is not subject to state regulations. City governments pass on the rates. Texas is the only one of the five states in Southwestern Bell Telephone Company area which has this situation.

Southwestern Bell in St. Louis said today that out of 270 towns in which the company operates, a rate increase had been received in 25 and proposals were pending in 11 others. The gross addition to the revenue in the 25 towns was estimated at \$387,000. The company said no provisions had been made in Texas' larger cities for increases.

JAP COAL STRIKE ENDS

TOKYO, Dec. 3.—(AP)—A three-day strike by Japanese coal miners neared an end today with about 127,000 workers off the job. Mines in various sections of Japan each shut down for a day as part of an over-all three-day strike to enforce wage boost demands.

WEATHER

East Texas—Fair, a little warmer west and north portions this afternoon and tonight. Saturday, considerable cloudiness, occasional rain southeast portion. Late Saturday, colder northwest portion. Gentle to moderate variable winds on the coast becoming moderate to fresh southerly Saturday.

West Texas—Fair this afternoon and tonight. A little warmer this afternoon. Saturday partly cloudy, colder in Panhandle and South Plains.

Beaumont Singers Appear in Guion

Seventy-five beauties will arrive on the campus Saturday to give a concert for students and faculty members. The girls are the Melody Maids of Beaumont, who will perform at 6:15 p. m. in Guion Hall, and at 8:15 p. m. in the Student Center at the Annex.

The Melody Maids have, in the six years since their organization, become one of the outstanding entertainment groups of the South. Their fame has been spread nationally through their performances at the program of the International Lions Club convention in San Francisco, and, more recently, their summer tour of Veterans' Administration hospitals around the country. They have appeared in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Washington, D. C., and Houston.

Originally, the chorus was organized with 17 members, and entertained at nearby military camps. Under the sponsorship of the Beaumont Lions Club, however, the group grew to a membership of the present 75 girls, ranging in age from 14 to 22 years. They entertained on every war bond show in Beaumont. For their effort during the war they received recognition from the Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

In 1945, the girls were invited to appear before the Texas legislature and Governor Stevenson. After their performance there, Mrs. Eloise Milam, the Maids' organizer and director, was made an honorary Texas Ranger.

About twice a year, the girls stage a revue at Beaumont city auditorium to help defray their expenses, and their performances at these productions have been acclaimed as near-professional caliber.

However, the girls are not professionals for only a few of them have been trained as singers. They join the organization because of their love of singing.

Admission to the concerts is free. At Guion, the program will be presented between showings of the regular pictures, "Time Out of Mind" and "The Crimson Key." At the Annex, there will be no charge made. Thirty cents, the regular price of admission will be charged at Guion.

Middle of Road Parking Forbidden By City Ordinance

"Parking in the middle of the road section which runs from the Campus Theater to the College Station Bank is prohibited," said Raymond Rodgers, College Station City Manager, "because it serves the dual purpose of a city street and a state highway."

In the past, tickets have been given to violators of the city ordinance, and violators will continue to get tickets for parking violations, Rodgers said.

Rodgers also stated that persons parking on Main Street should park their cars on the right side of the street, with the flow of traffic. Otherwise the parked vehicle will be tagged.

Rodgers requests the cooperation of all drivers because traffic is so congested in the North Gate area.

McNew Chapter To Hear Fortson At Dinner Meeting

Eugene P. Fortson, class of '32 will address the McNew Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers at a dinner meeting in Sbis Hall, December 7, at 6:30.

Fortson is chief of the Hydraulics Division, Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Miss. During the war, Fortson served with the U. S. Army Engineers in the Persian Gulf Command and also in the office of the Under Secretary of War.

Fortson's work concerns model studies of economical development for rivers, lakes and harbors. Preliminary work done by the Experiment Station in Vicksburg, resulted in the spillway and outlet structures of the Denison, Possum Kingdom and Whitley Dams.

Subject of Fortson's talk will be "The Hydraulic Laboratory of the Waterways Experiment Station." Pictures and slides will be used to make illustrations.

Tickets are available at \$1.25 in the Civil Engineering Building.

Magee On Honor Roll at Tarleton

Aden C. Magee, of College Station, who is attending John Tarleton College, has made the "B" honor roll for the first nine weeks of the fall semester. Magee was one of 54 students who were placed on the roll.

Motion Picture On Fiberglas Will Be Shown

A color motion picture with sound, "Watts in Glass," will be shown at a joint meeting A&M Section of the American of the Student Affiliates and the Chemistry Lecture Room at 8 p. m. Tuesday, Fred Jensen, local secretary-treasurer, announced today.

The film will depict certain phases of glass manufacture, particularly the manufacture of "Fiberglas" and will show a number of applications of this substance such as its spinning into yarns and its use in the electrical industry. The film also shows how insulation has in the past limited design of electrical equipment and has placed a burden on its operation and life.

The film shows why Fiberglas has given electrical engineers new design freedom, manufacturer's new production advantages and users better equipment for operation and maintenance at lower cost.

This film will be of general interest to everyone and the public is invited, Jensen said.

There will be a business meeting of the local section immediately following the showing of the film. Officers for the coming year will be elected, he added.

France Allots \$1 Million For Fulbright Act

The Fulbright educational exchange program will become operative in France, according to an agreement recently signed with that country by the Association of Land Grant Colleges. Under the program, the equivalent of one million dollars in francs will be available annually for study and research purposes.

These funds are primarily available for use by American students in France, but they may also be used to pay transportation costs of French nationals to the United States on routes which will accept French currency in payment. Supervision of the program will be under the direction of six Americans and six Frenchmen.

As yet, there have been no announcements of specific opportunities made, but those interested in study or research abroad should direct inquiries to: Institute of International Education, 2 West 45th Street, New York 19, New York, for graduate study, or for teaching at the college level or for post-doctoral research, Associated Research Councils, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C.

In addition to the agreement reached with France, Fulbright agreements have been signed with eight other foreign countries.

Story Contest Of College Writers Ends December 31

The short story contest for college writers, conducted this semester by the literary magazine, "Tomorrow," is in its final stages. The contest ends December 31, 1948.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage new creative writing talent and to give young writers the opportunity of seeing their work in print.

The best short story will win \$500 as first prize, the next best a second prize of \$250. Prize-winning stories will be published in the May and June issues of "Tomorrow."

All entries will be considered for publication at the magazine's regular rate of \$125, thus providing additional opportunity for the college writer.

The contest is open to all officially enrolled undergraduates in the United States. There is no limit to the number of manuscripts a single contestant may submit.

Manuscripts should not exceed 5000 words, and the phrase "College Contest" and the writer's name, college, and mailing address must appear on both manuscript and envelope. All entries must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.



DR. EDWARD B. EVANS was installed as president of Prairie View A&M College today. Dr. Evans is the first man in the history of the college to carry officially the title of president.

Don Cossack Chorus Will Sing On Town Hall Program Dec. 7

By PAUL BERRY

The last surviving remnant of one of the most colorful peoples of European history, the world-famed Don Cossack Chorus pays its second visit to College Station for a concert Tuesday evening at Guion Hall under the auspices of Town Hall.

Reverend Crouch Will Tell Of Brazil Experiences

Reverend E. H. Crouch, missionary to north Brazil, will give an account of some of his experiences at the Young People's Fellowship Hour at the College Station First Baptist Church Saturday, December 4, at 7 p. m.

The Fellowship Hour, begun during the summer, is being revived. This informal meeting will feature group singing, and refreshments will be served.

"We plan to continue the Fellowship Hour as a Saturday night function throughout the year," said Rev. R. L. Brown, minister of the College Station Baptist Church.

AF Cadet Team To Visit Campus December 13-15

A special Air Force Aviation Cadet team, composed of Major Julian Dendy and Captain William C. Stewart, will be on the campus December 13-15 to explain the opportunities for pilot training and a career as an officer with the United States Air Force.

These opportunities are open to college men who are 20 to 26½ years old, and physically fit, with two or more years of college. Col. D. L. Hodge, Air Force branch instructor announced today.

Men who are accepted for pilot training will receive their basic flight training in Texas. Hodge said. Aviation Cadet classes begin three times a year—on March 1, July 1, and October 15—and the top men in each class will receive direct commissions in the regular Air Force, Hodge added.

The Aviation Cadet team will be prepared to administer all preliminary examinations to flight-training applicants.

Honor Society Will Meet Tomorrow

All men previously elected to the Scholarship Society of A&M are requested to meet in Room 129 of the Academic Building Tuesday, December 7, at 5 p. m., Dr. W. A. Varvel, professor of psychology, announced today.

The meeting will be concerned with the election of officers, the scheduling of pictures for the Longhorn, and the certificates of membership.

TEXAS CITY TRIAL INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

HOUSTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The mass trial to consider the federal government's liability for damages in the Texas City disaster has been indefinitely postponed.

Dr. Evans Inaugurated As Prairie View Prexy

Scheulke, Rinn Awarded Heep Scholarships

H. H. Scheulke of Lockhart Texas and C. A. Rinn of Fayetteville, Texas, sophomore students in dairy husbandry, were awarded the Herman F. Heep dairy scholarship award of \$100 and \$50 respectively today. Dr. I. W. Rupel, head of the dairy department, presented the awards in the absence of Heep.

Scheulke and Rinn won the awards by having the highest and second highest grade point ratios of sophomore students majoring in dairy husbandry for the preceding year.

Scheulke, having a grade point ratio of 2.72 for his freshman work won the \$100 award and Rinn won the \$50 award with a grade point ratio of 1.94.

The sophomore awards were presented by mistake to Richard E. Allen of McGregor, Texas and George Perlmutter of El Paso, Texas at a recent meeting of the Kream and Kow Klub, Rupel said.

Heep, past president of the American Jersey Cattle Club, makes the annual awards of \$100 and \$50 respectively to students majoring in dairy husbandry who have the highest and second highest grade point ratios in their respective classes for the preceding year.

FFA Leadership Contests Judged By A&M Students

Seven Agricultural Education students went to Rockdale yesterday to judge the district FFA leadership contests for the Milam-Lee district of Area III.

Students who made the trip to Rockdale are M. C. Bozarth, Bryan Swain, Harold White, J. H. Clifton, Wendell Messer, Calvin Reese, and William Swindel.

The six contests included junior and senior chapter conducting, in which parliamentary procedure under chapter conditions were given and in which the participants had to be able to take care of a situation cited by the judges. Next were junior and senior farm demonstrations in which the participants gave demonstrations of practical farm experiences useful on all farms.

Last were junior and senior FFA contests which included questions on state and national scope, questions from the FFA manual, questions from the 1948 National Convention proceedings and questions from Roberts' "Rules of Parliamentary Procedure."

This district contest is usually held in February or March but was held earlier this year in order to prepare students as leaders of their chapter during the current year. Similar contests will be held in other districts in the near future and the area contest will be held at A&M on December 18th.

Groneman to Head Industrial Arts Planning Group

Chris H. Groneman, acting head of the Industrial Education Department, has been elected chairman of a seven-member Policies and Planning Committee by the Industrial Arts teachers at a recent convention of the State Teachers' Association in Dallas.

This committee represents approximately six hundred Industrial Arts teachers in Texas.

The function of the committee will be to work in cooperation with various agencies of the TSTA, the State Department of Education, and the United States Office of Education in formulating plans to upgrade the profession in this state.

Part of their function will be the revision of a state planning bulletin to serve as a handbook for Industrial Arts teachers. Groneman is past president of the Texas Vocational Association and past chairman of the Industrial Arts section of the TSTA.

Brison Will Attend Okie Nut Festival

Fred Brison, professor of horticulture will attend the Annual Pecan Growers Convention and Nut Show in Muskogee, Oklahoma this week, he has announced.

Brison will give a talk on the varieties of pecans in Texas. The convention will attract the leading pecan growers and authorities on pecans of the Southwest, he said.

First Official President Is Installed by Gilchrist Today

Dr. Edward B. Evans was installed as president of Prairie View A&M College by Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist in ceremonies this morning at Prairie View.

Dr. Evans becomes the first man in the history of the Negro land-grant college to carry officially the title of president.

The inaugural ceremonies were attended by representatives of leading colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Attending from A&M were Chancellor and Mrs. Gilchrist, Vice Chancellor and Mrs. D. W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Angell, Mr. and Mrs. Ide Trotter, President Frank C. Bolton, Colonel H. L. Bontner, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Spence, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Freeman, G. R. White, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reese, and Rufus Peoples, White, Reese, and Peoples are members of the A&M Board of Directors.

The first president of Prairie View A&M is the eighth man to head the college since its founding in 1876. The school has been a part of the Texas A&M College system since 1879 and has been administered locally through a principal with top administration in the hands of the administrative officers of the A&M College at College Station.

President Evans, joined the staff at Prairie View in February, 1938, two weeks after graduating from Iowa State College with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

He has served there continuously except for two leaves of absence. For four months in 1918 he was on leave to attend Officers Training School at Camp Lee, Virginia, where he received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps, Medical Section.

He was on leave for a year to direct the organization of curriculum, faculty, equipment, and student recruitment program for the School of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

At Prairie View, Dr. Evans has served as head of the department of Veterinary Science, State Leader of the Negro Extension Service of Texas, acting registrar, and director of various divisions before being named as principal in 1946.

A native of Missouri, where he was born in 1894, Dr. Evans has spent most of his life in Texas. During his early childhood, however, his family moved to Texas, living near Galveston. As a boy, he worked on a private car for the Long Bell Lumber Company and spent some time in and around Lufkin.

A Research Story, Topic for Talk By Chicago Engineer

John James, chief research engineer for McDonnell and Miller, Chicago, will speak on "A Research Story" at the annual dinner of the A&M chapter of the American Society of Heating and Ventilation Engineers.

The group will meet in the Fin Feather Country Club Tuesday night at 7:30 according to Julius Blum, society publicity chairman.

Blum said that all students who have attended student meetings on the campus are invited to attend. Tickets cost \$2.50 each, and may be obtained in the Mechanical Engineering office, and from Staron Ammons, Tommy Burns, Charles Howard, C. V. Brown, or Julius Blum.

There will be a social hour from 6 until dinner is served at 7:30 Blum said.

Adriance to Visit Rio Grande Valley

Dr. G. W. Adriance, professor of horticulture and head of the horticulture department, will make a trip to the Rio Grande Valley this week to select varieties of fruits and nuts to be displayed at the annual horticulture show, he has announced.

Dr. Adriance will be accompanied by a group of horticulture students.

This year's show will be the biggest ever held at A&M College, Dr. Adriance said.

DALLAS, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Actual work on the \$12,000,000 Midway Airport between Fort Worth and Dallas was under way today.

Singing Cadets Go To TSCW Saturday

The Singing Cadets, under the direction of Bill Turner, will travel to Denton Saturday in two buses to give a concert in the Auditorium on the TSCW campus, at 7:00 p. m. After the concert, the Singing Cadets will attend the senior dance. Sunday afternoon the Cadets will return to the campus.

Checks for advanced ROTC students are here and are now being distributed at Ross Hall, Col. W. S. McElhenry announced yesterday.

Methodist Church Will Hold Special Communion

Special Communion services will be held this Sunday by the A&M Methodist Church, Rev. J. F. Jackson has announced.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be tied in with Communion. Rev. Jackson will deliver the morning sermon; his topic will be "After Heroism What?" Mrs. Randall Thomas, contralto, will sing a solo, and B. T. Killough and others will furnish background music while Communion is being served.

At 5:30 Sunday afternoon, the young people and intermediates will meet for league, at which time sandwiches and refreshments will be served.

Rev. O. W. Bradley will deliver the sermon for the vesper hour, which begins at 6:30 Sunday night.

4H Club Congress Attended By Boys, Girls From Texas

A group of Extension Service headquarters staff members chaperoned the Texas delegation of 4-H Club boys and girls who took part in the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Dr. Ide P. Trotter, extension director, announced today.

The group included Gladys Martin, extension assistant state home demonstration agent; Fannie B. Eaton, extension district agent; J. W. Potts, extension 4-H club specialist; D. A. Adams, extension radio editor; W. B. Jones, extension district agent; and J. D. Prewitt, extension vice-director and state agent.

National awards were made to club boys and girls based on their accomplishments and achievements over a period of years in club work.

Adams, while in Chicago, attended the meeting of the National Association of Radio Farm Directors.

Products Research Lab Exhibits Oil Extraction Method

An exhibit on a newly developed solvent extraction process where oil is only about one percent of the oil is left in the cottonseed cake is now being shown on the second floor of the Petroleum Engineering Building by the Cottonseed Products Research Laboratory.

A chemical called Hexane is the solvent being used. Heretofore an average of about six percent was retained in the cake by the old crushing process.

In order that the findings of the laboratory may be placed in hands that put them to constructive use, the laboratory and its staff is constantly at the disposal of undergraduate and graduate training. Each year the Oil Mill Operator's Short Course is held in cooperation with the Texas Cottonseed Crushers' Association.

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