

**BALL PLAYERS BATTLE  
DETAILS REVEALED**

DALLAS, Dec. 9 —(AP)—Details of the fight Art Shires, former major league first baseman, had with W. H. (Hi) Erwin, another former baseball player, which the state charges led to the latter's death were excluded today when a habeas corpus hearing was dismissed.

Shires already was under a charge of murder and justice of the peace W. L. Sterrett said there was no need for a hearing.

Shires, whose turbulent big league career made the headlines in the late twenties and thirties, declined to discuss the affair.

However, city detectives T. O. Pope and H. C. Holloway said witnesses told them Shires walked into Erwin's cleaning and pressing shop while the latter was talking over the telephone to his mother.

The witnesses were quoted as saying Shires picked playfully at Erwin and said something to him. Then, Erwin retorted something the witnesses did not hear and Shires slapped him. Erwin then struck Shires across the face with the telephone receiver and a fight followed.

The witnesses said Shires returned to the shop later, chased the witnesses out of the shop and when they returned they found Erwin, who had been lying on a bed on the floor.

Erwin, former minor league player and umpire, died Saturday in a hospital here. Officers quoted Shires as saying the fight occurred with Erwin Oct. 8.

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**BRITISH TELL OF  
JORDAN INVASION**

PARIS, Dec. 9 —(AP)—A British spokesman said yesterday he had information that Jewish armed forces had crossed the frontier into Trans-Jordan.

The British statement to a security council committee called the incident an "incursion," and conceded it might have been connected with routine troop movements.

Harold Beely, British United Nations delegate, told the security council's Palestine committee if the information proved true, it would "oblige Britain to take action envisaged in its treaty with that Arab country."

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Aggeland Then and Now . . . 1911-12

## Old Main Building, Mess Hall And Varsity Burn During 1911-12 Period

By CHUCK MAISEL

As far as the face of the college is concerned, Aggeland underwent perhaps its greatest change in the years 1911-12. Two of the oldest landmarks disappeared in dramatic exits and two of today's most beloved landmarks took their place.

The old mess hall which stood near the present hospital caught fire at 6 a. m., November 11, 1911. That morning, Bernard Shiba served the only meal he served late in the entire 37 year period he was director of subsistence. Nevertheless, 1,100 cadets got their morning chow by 9 the next morning.

A temporary mess hall was erected soon after but it too burned only three days after completion. Work began on Sbia Hall in 1912. The Old Main Building also was victim to flames the following May.

Fire started on the fourth floor at 3 a. m. and despite efforts of the students to check it, completely demolished the building leaving only the walls standing. The structure had been so well built that the college was at loss to find a means to tear these walls down. They tried dynamite, steel bullets, and concussion from cannon all to no avail.

"Lindy" Millender, the head yell leader, organized the corps and threw ropes around the walls. The cadets pulled on the ropes setting the walls in vibration by their repeated tugs. The old building resisted for some time, but finally toppled. Work started soon afterward on today's Academic Building.

Other new structures making their appearance on the campus in this period were Milner and Leggett Halls in '11, and Mitchell Hall and the Electrical Engineering Building in '12. The cornerstone of the YMCA was laid in '12 also.

A&M changed in other ways too. The Schools of Agriculture and Engineering as such were organized in this period. The Agricultural Extension Service was put on its present basis.

The Cadet Corps was still primarily infantry except for one battery of field artillery. An unhappy habit of firing field pieces on other outposts and college buildings coupled with other pranks committed by the field battery caused the artillery to disappear in 1912.

The talk of the campus centered around the unpopular quarantine Newmanites Plan Group Communion.

The Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament Committee has invited A&M to participate in the 1949 National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament.

A team of eight players will be chosen to play a set of prepared hands which will be scored and sent to the tournament committee. The committee will then choose finalists to play in a face-to-face round in Chicago.

The contest is open to all undergraduate students who are eligible for intercollegiate activities. They must be enrolled at the time of both the Regional Tournament in February and the final round in April, according to the news release.

No entry fee is required, and all expenses to the final round of play in Chicago will be paid by the Tournament Committee.

All interested persons may contact Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities, for further details. The deadline for applications is December 20.

The Newman Club will receive group communion at the 10 a. m. Mass Sunday, Pat Ramsey, president of the club, has announced.

Following the services, coffee and donuts will be served in the basement of the Chapel and a religious discussion will be held.

Beginning Wednesday and continuing until December 18, the Rosary will be said every evening at seven o'clock in St. Mary's Chapel for the success of the Chapel Fund Drive now in progress, Ramsey said.

The Trans-Pecos Club will hold its last regular meeting before the holidays at 7:30 in the YMCA Chapel. A movie will be shown.

The student chapter of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers held a banquet meeting Tuesday night at the Fin Feather Club in Bryan.

John James, of the McDonald & Miller Company, Chicago, spoke on the use of relief valves in steam and hot water heating systems.

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## Faculty Members Take Part In Science Meet

### SP Strike Can Be Prevented Says Mediator

Washington, Dec. 9 —(AP)—Chairman Frank Douglass of the National Mediation Board said today he believes a strike of Southern Pacific Railroad workers called for next Wednesday can be averted.

Douglass talked to newsmen after conferring with President Truman at the White House.

Asked about the likelihood of a strike in seven western states, he said: "The situation is under control. I think we can get it settled up."

The strike notice has been served by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen employed by the Southern Pacific. The dispute is over numerous grievances under interpretation of the present contract. Wages are not involved.

A strike would tie up Southern Pacific operations in Oregon, California, Texas, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico.

Douglass told reporters he has sent a mediator to the West Coast to try for a settlement.

He added that if necessary he will ask Mr. Truman to appoint an emergency board, which automatically would postpone a strike for 60 days.

### A&M Foundryman Society Obtains Official Charter

The local chapter of the American Foundrymen Society met Tuesday night for the installation of student officers and for the presentation of the official charter.

The A&M chapter is the seventh to be chartered in the United States. In honor of the occasion the chapter was presented with a baby rattle signifying a baby chapter and the latest to be installed.

William W. Maloney, National Secretary-Treasurer of the American Foundrymen Society, made the presentation for the society.

Student officers installed were: John A. Whitacre, president; Bobby D. Stone, vice-president; Clyde C. Spraggins, treasurer; and Victor C. Henkel, secretary.

As a token of appreciation, Maloney was presented with a set of Texas A&M bookends cast and polished in the A&M foundry.

Dean H. W. Barlow, and C. W. Crawford, V. M. Fairies, D. W. Fleming, L. G. Berryman, R. V. Jarvi, and M. W. Watson were present at the meeting.

The most needed minerals in a dairy ration are calcium and phosphorus, Dr. I. W. Rupel, head of the Dairy Husbandry Department told a group of dairymen and dairy plant fieldmen yesterday.

The 70 dairymen from over the state and members of the College staff and Dairy Department heard Dr. Rupel speak on the concentrated situation. He told the group that first, the dairy farmer should figure out his roughage picture, then feed enough protein to make up what is lacking.

Good, green hay offers the highest vitamin content, said Dr. Rupel, and if the hay is cut, dried and stored correctly, the hay will have a fairly high amount of vitamins.

The Texas Collegiate Academy of Science and the Senior Academy of Science are meeting at the Incarnate Word Academy in San Antonio today through Saturday.

Several members of the A&M faculty are taking an active part in the sessions. Charles LaMotte of the Biology Department is a vice-president of the executive council. James L. Liverman is vice-president of the executive committee. Dr. G. E. Potter of the Biology Department is chairman of the membership committee. S. W. Billing of the Entomology Department is chairman of the library committee, and Dr. LaMotte is chairman of the collegiate division.

Serving as chairmen on the committees of economic influences and range and forest are L. S. Paine and V. A. Young.

At the Thursday session of the meeting, D. G. Steinicke of the Department of Agricultural, Economics and Sociology will speak on "Trends in Relative Emphasis upon Natural and Social Science."

W. L. Hughes, of the Department of Education and Psychology, will speak on "Development of Scientific Attitudes in Public Schools."

A talk on "Soil and Water Conservation—An Economic and Social Necessity" will be delivered by Roy L. Donahue, Extension Agronomist. Liverman will speak on "The Part Played by Undergraduates in the Activities of State Academies of Science."

The only member of the faculty scheduled to speak on Friday is William C. Rasmussen, Associate Professor of Geology. His topic will be "Sands of the Texas Gulf Coast—A Review."

C. C. Doak, head of the Biology Department, and Vernon A. Young head of the Range and Forestry Department will speak Saturday. Doak's topic will be "Reciprocal Crosses in Cupressus," and Young will speak on "Certain Conservation Phases of Our Range and Forest Resources."

Officers for the next year will be elected at the final business meeting on Saturday at 4 p. m.

Damage to tender crops was general throughout the valley but severe in the west end from around Mission to Roma. Despite the low temperatures in all areas of South Texas, winter or hardy type vegetables came through in fairly good condition.

Crops in the coastal bend were in especially good condition, and by the latter part of the week other sections were showing good progress. Harvest of beets, brocoli, cabbage, carrots, and spinach was underway in the winter garden Eagle Pass, Laredo and lower Rio Grande Valley districts.

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Lucian Kruse was elected chairman of the committee in charge of rewriting the constitution. Billy Johnson and C. D. Rankin are also on the committee.

A decision was reached to nominate new officers before the semester finals and to vote upon them at the first meeting after the finals.



A. O. PAYTON, senior student in agricultural education, has been awarded a \$300 Borden Milk Company award. The annual award goes to the senior student who has the highest grade point average prior to his senior year.

Payton, a veteran of World War II, is from Nevada, Texas. He is married and has a five-year old daughter.

### Radio Interviews Discussed by FFA

Future Farmers of America chapter members discussed methods of using the interview-type of radio program at their last meeting, according to D. A. Adam, Radio Extension Director for the Texas Farm and Home Program, who is conducting the radio school for the chapter.

Proper technique for this type of program was demonstrated. Students prepared radio scripts, then recorded them on a wire recorder. During the latter part of their meeting, the recordings were played.

Adam said the group discussed and criticized them. He also stated that this type of criticism is very beneficial and constructive in helping students correct their radio technique.

Panel-type radio programs will be emphasized at the next meeting Thursday at 3 p. m. in the Agricultural Engineering Building, Adam concluded.

ALASKA EXPECTS BID  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 —(AP)—Delegate Bazlett of Alaska expressed confidence today that congress will vote statehood to Alaska next year.

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**What's Cooking**

A&M GARDEN CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Friday, YMCA Chapel.

AMARILLO CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 123, Academic Building. Longhorn picture.

"B" COMPANY INFANTRY, CLASS OF '48, 7 p. m., Thursday, Leggett Hall Lounge. Plans for a reunion.

BEAUMONT A&M CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 108, Academic Building.

BRAZOS BAYLOR CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Girl Scouts Home north of country club.

BRYAN-COLLEGE A&M CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 305, Academic Building. Christmas party plans.

COLLINS COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 224, Academic Building.

COOKE COUNTY CLUB, 7:15 p. m., Thursday, third floor of Academic Building.

COMPOSITE GROUP, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Petroleum Lecture Room.

CORYELL COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 307, Academic Building.

EAST TEXAS CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, YMCA.

EL PASO CLUB, 7:15 p. m., Thursday, Room 326, Academic Building.

GALVESTON CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 129, Academic Building.

HEART OF THE HILLS CLUB, 7:15 p. m., Thursday in the YMCA Club picture.

NAVARRO COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 228, Academic Building. Plans for Christmas party.

PANHANDLE A&M CLUB 7:15 p. m., Thursday, Room 125, Academic Building. Christmas party plans.

SAN ANGELO CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 203, Academic Building.

TRANS-PECOS CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 227, Academic Building. Plans for Christmas party.

WEATHER  
Fair and colder this afternoon and tonight. Lowest temperatures tonight 24-28 in north, 24-33 in south, except 34-38 along the coast. Friday generally fair and cold. Fresh to occasionally strong northerly winds on the coast diminishing Friday.

