

CONGRESS PAVES WAY FOR TRUMAN'S PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—The new Democratic-controlled Congress met Monday. Administration men promptly rammed through the House a new rule aimed to ease the way for President Truman's legislative program.

147,000 TEXANS UNDER GI BILL

DALLAS, Jan. 4 (AP)—Texas war veterans received \$247,000,000 under the GI Bill of Rights and other federal legislation during 1948. The Dallas Branch office of Veterans Administration reported today.

GREYHOUND AND UNION RESUME WAGE PARLEYS

PORT WORTH, Jan. 4 (AP)—Wage negotiations between Southwestern Greyhound Lines and the Union representing 1,600 employees were resumed Monday here with federal conciliator C. T. Emery of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the middle.

AMBASSADOR SMITH ASKS TO BE RELIEVED OF POST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Walter Bedell Smith, ambassador to Russia, said yesterday he imagines some Soviet leaders prefer a "conciliatory" attitude toward the United States rather than a "policy of harshness."

DANIEL SAYS TEXAS TO DEFEND TIDELANDS

AUSTIN, Jan. 4 (AP)—Texas will challenge the authority of the attorney general of the United States to file suit for title to its tidelands, Attorney General Price Daniel said today.

WEATHER

East Texas — Cloudy to partly cloudy; much colder in east and south portions this afternoon. Partly cloudy, much colder in south and extreme east to night with lowest temperatures 18-28 in north except 8-16 in the upper Red River Valley and 28-32 in south portion, except slightly above freezing in the Brownsville area.

Phi Eta Sigma To Have Initiation

Initiation ceremonies for the A&M Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, national honorary society for sophomores, will begin at 5 p. m. tomorrow in Sbisla Hall, according to L. V. Massengale, Jr., chapter president.

Dr. M. L. Wardell, grand historian of Phi Eta Sigma of the University of Oklahoma, will conduct the initiation. In addition to the 3 honorary members and Elmo Livingston, senior adviser, 65 eligible sophomores will participate in the ceremonies.

Aiding in the ceremonies will be Dean Arno Nowotny, faculty adviser for Phi Eta Sigma at the University of Texas, and five charter members of the chapter there. Wesley W. Smith, instructor in the A&M ME Department, who became a chapter member at Montana State University in 1930, will also participate.

Prospective chapter members will convene in Sbisla Lounge at 5 p. m., Massengale said. While they are waiting, each student will fill out a membership blank which James Pianta, chapter secretary, will provide.

Non-corp members have been asked to wear a business suit or a coat and tie; corps members have been requested by Massengale to wear Number 1 uniforms.

Following the initiation ceremonies at 7 p. m., the initiation banquet will be served in the large dining room. Dr. Wardell will give a history of the national honorary society after the banquet.

3 Honorary Members President F. C. Bolton, Dean M. T. Harrington, and Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean at the Annex and faculty adviser, will be initiated at the beginning of the ceremonies as honorary members of the local chapter.

All eligible members of the chapter have been asked by Massengale to see James Pianta, Robert Ransom, or James O'Brien sometime today and secure tickets. Each student will pay \$1.25 for the banquet ticket. Chapter members have been asked to pay an additional dollar which has been assessed all members to cover additional chapter costs when they buy their banquet tickets.

Records Burned As Raiders Force Security Office

A large pile of burnt and sodden papers was all that remained this morning of many of the records belonging to the campus security office after the office was forcibly entered about 10:30 last night.

Patrolman R. P. Batten discovered the blazing records as they lay outside the north window of the office. With the help of several college employees he succeeded in putting out the flame, but not before many of the stolen records had been destroyed either by the fire or fluid from a fire extinguisher.

Chief of Campus Security, Fred Hickman, would issue no statement last night, and declined to comment on the damage.

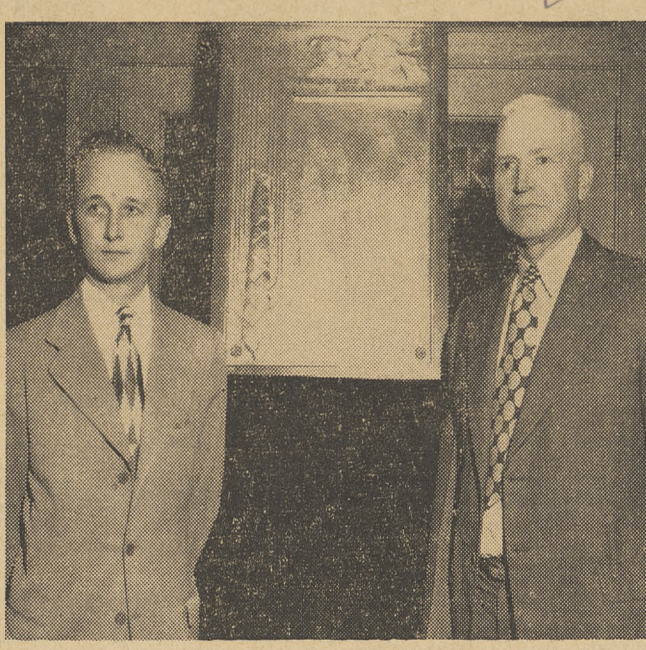
No persons were seen entering the office, but it was apparent from the damage that whoever the person or persons were who had done the job, had gathered the papers, thrown them through the window and then set fire to them.

No further action by the campus security force was hinted at last night.

Braving dust, snow, and cold, cold winds, the Aggeland Orchestra spent a mighty busy two week "holiday" scattering melody and merriment over every corner of the state. Their reward?—a lost suit of clothes, a chance to see a lot of Texas highway (2,955 miles to be exact), and interesting items, aplenty, for their scrap book.

Starting early the morning of December 20 when most Aggies were finding out what it feels like to sleep late for once, these ambitious time-hustlers headed for their first stop, Haskell. To set things off with the proverbial bang, a dust storm greeted them upon their arrival in the West Texas city.

Something a little more powerful than any dust storm was also there to greet them, though for they found none other than "Jarrin' Jawn" Kimbrough among the customers at their first holiday dance. Kimbrough, they found out, had just finished a season with the Los Angeles Dons professional football team.



M. M. KOTHMANN, left, of San Antonio, is the winner of the first annual Brewer Award presented to the outstanding student in animal husbandry, ROY A. BREWER of San Antonio, Class of '19 and donor, is shown with Kothmann.

4 Aggies, 2 Advisors Attend Kansas Religious Conference

Four A&M students and two advisors attended the first Ecumenical Student Conference held at Lawrence, Kansas, December 27 to January 1. Representing the YMCA were Bob Latson, Jarvis Miller, C. L. Ray, and J. Gordon Gay, assistant secretary.

Cleve Walkup and Ferris Baker, director, represented the Wesley Foundation. Entitled "World Churchmanship—1948," the conference was planned to introduce undergraduate leadership to the ecumenical reformation.

The conference was sponsored of fifteen church student movements, the YMCA, and the YWCA. Over 1200 delegates from every part of the country were present, along with fraternal delegates from national movements all over the world.

Under the direction of religious leaders, the conference included worship, discussion groups, Bible study, mixers, and platform addresses.

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy at Earlham College and editor and author of religious publications, delivered the principal address.

Names for Annual Being Collected In 'Longhorn' Office

Eight different names have been submitted to the Longhorn Editors as possible names for the A&M Annual, Earl Rose, co-editor, said yesterday.

"We have had eight different names submitted with some duplications," Rose said. Names submitted include Twelfth Man, The Final Review, Aggeland 1949, Aggeland, Aggie Spirit, Bonfire, Reveille, and Spirit of Aggeland.

These names and all other names submitted up until 5 p. m. today will be included on the ballot which will be distributed Thursday.

"Some of the names which have been submitted have been too long," Rose added. "If possible, the name should be one word with two words a maximum."

Fourteen Aggies have been conditionally accepted by the air force for pilot training. Major Julian Dandy, Jr., interviewer and examiner of the air force traveling college procurement team, announced today.

January and June graduates passing the preliminary examinations were: Allan Ralph Smith, Kaufman; Joseph John Putegnat, Jr.; Brownsville; Frank Louis West, Houston; Dan Worth Ragsdale, Ft. Worth; George Donald Pickels, San Antonio; Felix Brockman Probandt, San Angelo; John Paul Robinson, Corsicana.

Undergraduates passing the examination were: Walter Ray, Austin; James Burks, Baird; Robert Corbell, Bellaire; James Greeson, Hawkins; Joe Pate, Wharton; Leonard Hillebrandt, Jr., Baytown; and Jimmie Lester, Dallas.

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All ROTC Fields Open For Advanced Students

Advanced ROTC contracts will be available for the spring semester in all departments of the Army branches and the U. S. Air Force, Colonel H. L. Boatner, PMS&T, announced today.

Engineer Features Latest in Science

By BUDDY LUCE. Additional stories cover space aircraft, the new Continental lightweight engine, the Management Engineering Department, and miscellaneous engineering topics.

Scientific journalism is difficult for untrained college students, but the writers of the Engineer staff do well in dealing clearly with intricate subjects. Layout and art work do justice to the written word.

R. B. Harwood, editor, has compiled lucid articles to tempt even the less mechanical minded. Kenneth Marak, are director, with the aid of his staff of artists, displays these ideas and developments in outstanding fashion with clearly illustrative photos and drawings.

Stratovision, a method of transmitting television over large areas by relay transmission from high-flying airplanes, was developed by C. E. Nobles, '39, now engineering for Westinghouse. Stratovision's employment gets full treatment in an article by William T. Miller.

Recycling of natural gas, a relatively new development in the petroleum industry, attained front-page publicity lately when the Texas Railroad Commission ordered the shutdown of 15 oil fields as a conservation measure until recycling operations were begun.

C. L. Mills discusses the engineering and economic aspects of this method of producing butane, propane, and the other vital petroleum hydrocarbons.

"Ground Water" by D. N. Brown is a survey of the water resources of Texas and the problems involved in lowering of the water table. Water, long regarded as a free economic good, is just now gaining attention from engineers and conservationists. Brown's article is a valuable introduction to the subject.

Senate to Meet At YMCA Wednesday

The Student Senate will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Assembly Room of the YMCA, Charles D. Kirkham, president of the Student Senate, announced today.

Among the items on the agenda are the discussion of identification cards for students, the coming election to determine the name of the college annual, and the planned WSSF drive. Also there will be the standing committee reports.

Kirkham asked all members of the Senate to be present at this regular January meeting.

COURT UPHOLDS LAWS

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THE LITTLE AGGIELAND ORCHESTRA furnished the music for the annual Christmas party held at Bryan Field Annex. Fifteen men compose the group which is led by PAUL H. MOTHERAL, civil engineering major from San Benito.

