

MITCHUM CONVICTED ON MARIJUANA COUNT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Robert Mitchum, idol of the bobby soxers, was convicted Monday of conspiracy to possess marijuana in a 45-minute trial in Superior court.

The end came with suddenness, as the result of a surprising maneuver by cagy Jerry Giesler, Mitchum's attorney.

When the trial opened, Giesler waived a jury trial on the conspiracy count only, and agreed to submit the case solely on the transcript of earlier testimony before the grand jury.

Superior Judge Clement D. Nye, heard the testimony and announced his verdict.

"Guilty as charged."

Convicted with the 31-year-old Mitchum were two co-defendants, actress Lila Leeds, 25, and Robin Ford, 31, a real estate salesman. Their cases likewise had been submitted. They were arrested Sept. 1.

As the judge announced his decision, Giesler applied for probation and the judge set the hearing for Feb. 9. Until that time, action on the first count will be held in abeyance.

COMMUNIST LEADERS HEAR TRIALS SET

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Supreme Court Monday refused to interfere with the indictment and scheduled New York trial of 12 leaders of the American Communist Party.

The 12 asked the Supreme Court to: Cancel indictments against them, order a stay of their trial scheduled to begin in Federal Court January 17, and throw out a list of prospective jurors from which their trial jury may be drawn.

The 12—all members of the National Board of the Communist Party in the United States—were indicted on charges of conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence.

DENTON GUN BATTLE VICTIMS IMPROVING

DENTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Condition of Sheriff W. O. Hodges, wounded during a gun battle at Krum Friday while attempting to arrest a Krum farmer who had previously shot another man, was improved today at Denton hospital, attendants said.

Dr. Bert Davis said Hodges' left eye is showing slight improvement. Hodges lost the sight in his right eye when struck in the face by a shotgun blast.

Joe Allen Goforth, 25 years old, is charged in Justice Court at Denton with assault with intent to murder Hodges.

County Attorney W. K. Baldrige said the case probably will be heard by the grand jury at the next session of district court, on March 7.

M. Chism, 55 years old, a Krum painter, the first victim of Friday's gun battle, was reported in good condition at the hospital today.

TRUMAN WANTS HIGHER SUB CLASS POSTAL RATES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—President Truman proposes higher postal rates on newspapers, magazines and advertising circulars which move as second and third class mail.

The budget message, sent to Congress yesterday, asks a \$250,000,000 increase in postal rates to cut down a deficit otherwise estimated at more than \$400,000,000.

Postmaster General Donaldson told reporters a month ago that he will not propose putting newspapers and magazines on a full paying basis.

EAST COAST TRAIN IS DERAILED

MILFORD, Va., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Eleven cars of the Florida-to-New York Orange Blossom Special were derailed here Monday, injuring a score of persons. One car, a diner, overturned.

Twenty-three persons were admitted to a hospital in Fredericksburg.

Among the slightly injured was Mrs. Paul Whiteman, who with her hand leader husband was returning from West Palm Beach.

Arena Plans To Get Final Check

Final plans for the Rodeo Arena will be discussed at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Library of the Animal Industries Building, Jack Kingsberry, president of the Saddle and Siroin Club, said yesterday.

Kingsberry has asked all rodeo contestants, members and non-members of the club, to be present for this meeting. The plans, after they have been passed by this group, will be submitted to the college architect for an estimate cost.

WEATHER

East Texas—Occasional rain, except some freezing rain in northwest and west central portions. Colder southeast and extreme south portions tonight and tonight. Not so cold west and north portion Wednesday. Lowest temperatures 18-35 northwest and 26-36 interior of south and east portions tonight. Moderate to fresh northerly winds on the coast.

Jan. Commentator Ready for Printing

Newest Copy Laden With Travelogue, Fiction, Mirth, Sports Discussion

By ALLEN SELF

Aggieland's version of Holiday, Esquire, and Argosy—the Commentator—hits the stands in a few days, laden with light fiction, mirth, sports discussions, and a travelogue.

The combination, while not the exact equivalent of the above-mentioned commercial magazines, is satisfying but not inspiring. Editor J. T. Miller, laboring to produce a creative mag on a campus noticeably lacking in creative talent, has spawned a product in the image of A&M College. The imaginative spirit often found in other college magazines is not to be found.

It's not all the writer's fault, though. They do a creditable job. Dave Coslett authors an interesting short on Lima, Peru. Guitarrist Buddy Luce takes the reader into a zany examination of those quasi-musicians, the Aggie Ramblers. Sports writer Andy Matula gives his "Hoop-er Ratings" on Southwest Conference basketball, accompanied by photo illustrations.

Fantasy Provided More fantasy from the pen of Harry Gooding may make you snigger as you browse through "Pilby," the chronicle of a mole-like lovelorn taking CE 206 whose girl is named Maren.

Kenneth Marak, art director, drops his watercolors long enough to present "Happy Birthday to Murder," a thriller-chiller radio script complete with O. Henry ending to a not-so-perfect pathological murder.

Physical effort in the production of a magazine, in the essential, is not enough. The Commentator shows the results of work in its layout and editing, but the fine edge of cleverness, humor, genuine versatility, originality and cleverly turned ideas and words is not to be found, regrettably.

Center Superimposed You'll recognize the January Commentator by its cover, the Memorial Student Center superimposed with a Senior Ring. Leaf through and read; you might enjoy it.

Air Crash Injures Aggie, Kills Dad On Dakota Flight

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 11.—(AP)—A Texas rancher who lay in subzero weather in the wreckage of his plane for nearly two hours died late last night in the Pierre Hospital.

He was Arthur W. Sorrell, 59, Amarillo, hurt when his plane crashed about four miles north of the Pierre airport. Sorrell had taken off to inspect storm loss to steers he owned on a ranch west of Onida.

His son, Charles, 21, a Texas A&M student and a passenger, struggled for nearly a mile through packed snow to a farm to get help. He was brought to the hospital where he remained in serious condition with extensive injuries.

A horse drawn manure spreader was used to reach the plane where four men labored for 30 minutes to extricate Sorrell.

Creamery Installs Ice Cream Freezer

Students in dairy manufacturing here are being taught the workings of one of the latest models of continuous ice cream freezer. The stainless steel machine has been installed at the creamery.

"We are proud of the new model machine," Dr. A. V. Moore of the Dairy Husbandry Department says. "It will prove of inestimable value to the students."

The prepared ice cream is placed in a 50-gallon tank, an automatic switch is turned and it comes out in a semi-solid form. It is then placed in a freezer. Eighty gallons can be produced hourly.

"A smoother grade of ice cream is produced," Moore points out.

YMCA to Reshow Reproduction Film

The movie, "Human Reproduction" will be shown at 7:15 p. m. tonight and tomorrow night in the YMCA Chapel, M. L. Cashion, YMCA Secretary, announced Monday.

The educational film, which has been on the campus several weeks, lasts 20 minutes. Cashion indicated that the general public is invited to the showing.

UCC ENROLLMENT UP CORPUS CHRISTI, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Fall semester enrollment at the University of Corpus Christi, which is in its second year of operation, has increased 158 students. A. H. Wilcox, registrar, said the university has a total of 410 students.

Religious Week To Begin Here February 14

Dr. Fred E. Barbour, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, will be the principal speaker during Religious Emphasis Week, February 14-18.

J. G. Gay, assistant secretary of the local YMCA, said that the full schedule for Religious Emphasis Week has not yet been worked up, but will probably be completed within about ten days.

Religious Emphasis Week began on the campus in 1942 with Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas conducting the first program.

The purpose of Religious Emphasis Week, said Gay, is to focus the thought of students upon religion and to bring outstanding speakers to the campus.

During the past, services have been conducted in Guion Hall each day, and night services conducted in each of the various churches.

Other persons who have been featured during Religious Emphasis Week are Dr. Paul Quillian, Dallas; Dr. Wallace Basset, Dallas; Dr. Frank Hall, St. Louis; Dr. W. H. Alexander, Oklahoma City, and Rev. Grady Hardin of Houston.

District 10 Agents And Assistants To Meet February 18

The County Agricultural agents and assistants of District 10 will meet in Belton February 18 under the direction of S. L. Neal, District Agent.

T. R. Timm, extension economist will preside over the subject matter meeting, acting as discussion leader for a panel of specialists whose work is applicable to District 10, Neal announced.

District 10 is located in the central part of Texas with a variety of soils and activity within its limits. Several counties of District 10 have beef cattle, sheep and goats as their major enterprises, while other counties are heavy producers of cotton and other row crops, as well as small grain.

"Conferences such as this are held at timely intervals, and whenever the necessity for information being carried to the fields arise," commented Neal.

Jobs Now Open At Student Center

The Memorial Student Center has openings for student employees, Chris F. Gent of the Student Center staff announced today.

Gent said that all interested students should contact him at Room 157, Bizzell Hall.

"We are particularly interested in securing students who will be able to work next semester," Gent said.

And the Wind Blew

Scarcely had the smoke blown away from the starting gun used to initiate the Battalion's Tall Tales contest, when the fables began being cleared, pithforks being loaded, and feet being pushed into rubber boots produced a deafening noise throughout the campus.

Bud Luce, feature writer for the Battalion, had the honor of relating the first story. Luce was slightly dismayed when told that he was ineligible to actually enter the competition. Not only is he barred because of his work on the Battalion but it is felt by the judges that his professional standing should eliminate him too.

Luce states: I was hoeing the cotton patch back home. While chopping around a stump I met face to face with the biggest rattlesnake that ever was.



CECE BLAKE, performer with Vaughn Monroe and his Orchestra, has been scheduled to appear here February 12. The show is scheduled for Guion Hall.

Reiter & Santone Symphony Concert Delights Audience

By WICK VAN KOUENHOVEN

"Symphony Week" in the College Station-Bryan area opened last night when Max Reiter strode to the podium in Guion Hall and the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra began the strains of Weber's overture to "Der Freischuetz."

The concert was the first Town Hall performance of 1949, and the third for the school year.

The program struck a neat balance between serious and "popular" veins. In addition to the Weber overture and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 3 in E flat (Rhenish), the orchestra played a symphonic arrangement of Jerome Kern operetta tunes and a number of encores in the spirit of the Boston "Pops."

Greatest musical skill of the evening was shown in the first number of the second half, a suite from the opera "der Rosenkavalier" by Richard Strauss. Although the program modestly refrained from mentioning it, this arrangement was made by the composer of the opera for Reiter's use, and the world premiere was given by the San Antonio orchestra in a coast-to-coast broadcast last year.

The performance of the Weber overture was good, emphasizing the Germanic musical ideas which were later to come to full fruition in Wagner. The performance of the Schumann symphony was muddy—or perhaps the muddiness must be blamed on the composer.

The formal program concluded with Robert Russell Bennett's tribute to the late Jerome Kern, "Symphonic Story," using many of Kern's tunes from "Show Boat," "Roberta" and "Music in the Air." Reiter was called back time and again for encores, and the orchestra complied with such numbers as Khatchachourian's "Saber Dance," Carmichael's "Star Dust," and the novelty "Fiddle-Faddle."

Veteran Town Hallers nodded their heads with pleasure as they saw the entire San Antonio Symphony comfortably seated on the new Guion Hall stage. Two years ago the last visiting symphony—the Houston—was badly crowded even with a false stage extension and all drapes tied back to the walls.

Heart of Texans Elect President

J. D. Locker of Richland Springs was elected president of the Heart of Texas Club at a meeting of the organization Thursday night.

Other officers elected were E. Otte, vice-president; H. E. Pittard, secretary; J. B. Steen, treasurer; E. W. Beherens, reporter; L. G. Stewart, athletic officer; B. A. Wyatt, social chairman; and J. C. Falls, propaganda minister.

Locker announced that the club would meet again on January 20.

US SOOTHS PLANE INCIDENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The United States urged Britain and Israel yesterday to treat the shooting down of five British planes as a "regrettable incident only."

At first we were both frozen by fright. Finally he struck at me but my excellent reflexes enabled me to parry the thrust with the hoe handle.

"The snake missed me and sunk his poisonous teeth into the wooden handle. I then proceeded to kill him and went on hoeing. By the time I had gotten to the end of the row the reptile's poison had infected the handle and it had swollen to nearly twice its original size. I couldn't finish the next row for the handle had become a log.

"I went to the house, hitched up my mules and returned to pull the hoe up to the house. I left it in the yard and after dinner sawed it into planks and built a pippen out of the lumber.

"The next morning," says Buddy who has now placed a square of butter into his mouth to prove it wouldn't melt, "I found out my mistake. The swelling had gone

down and the wood, returning to its former size, had choked all sixteen of my pigs to death."

An extremely short story, but one equally hard to believe was entered by Jack Crook. He says, "I think Art Howard is pretty."

"Honest" Max Levy relates the following with a face that would do honor to a choir: "When I came back to school last fall I found that I could sign up for only 20 hours because of a scarcity of grade points last spring. I needed 21 hours to graduate. I explained my case to Dean Barlow after he had warmly greeted me and given me a cigarette to settle my nerves. I told him that a lone hour shouldn't require me to go this spring. Naturally, he let me sign up for 21 hours."

Probably this entry submitted by Jamie Lewis shouldn't be termed a "tall tale." Following the principle set forth by the

"call a spade a spade" school, we shall classify Lewis' story as a damned lie. In it's entirety, "Yesterday I ate a good meal at Sbsia and my check came to only 45 cents."

F. C. Cushing, also ineligible because of his connection with the Batt, tells of the weather he has witnessed in southwest Tex. "One day a wind came up, really more like a breeze by the standards out there, as I was standing by the creek on our place.

"While I watched, it blew all of the water away and then attacked the now-dry creek bottom. After the breeze had died down, I walked onto the land once covered by the creek. Because I wasn't looking too closely I tripped and fell, breaking my arm. You see, I had fallen over one of the crawfish holes which was sticking some six inches out of the ground."

A&M System Asks For \$23,102,896 Budget

By CARLEY PUCKETT

The budget request for the entire A&M system for the biennial period beginning September 1, 1949 and ending August 31, 1951 will be \$23,102,896, according to Henderson Shuffler, director of Information.

Shuffler emphasized that this is merely the amount that will be submitted to the legislature for approval and may be altered in any way that the legislature sees fit.

The request, compared with an appropriation for the present biennial period of \$12,275,018, represents an increase of \$10,827,878.

This increase is necessary because of the inflationary trend, representing increases in salaries which are necessary to keep trained and experienced personnel, an increase in services rendered, and an increase in prices of almost everything that is used by the system, Shuffler said.

The A&M System employs more than 5,000 persons, owns and operates 43,901 acres of land, and operates a physical plant that would require \$75,000,000 to replace at this time.

This system is composed of the following: A&M College of Texas, North Texas Agricultural College, John Tarleton Agricultural College, Prairie View, Agricultural Extension Service, Engineering Experiment Station, Engineering Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, Firemen's Training School, Rodent Control Service, and Miscellaneous Divisions and Services.

A&M Budget Increases For A&M College, the proposed budget for the biennial period beginning September 1, 1949 is \$7,146,438, compared with \$4,980,182 for the present two-year period, an increase of approximately 40%.

Shuffler explained that the appropriations for the college are worked out on the basis of student levels. Freshmen and sophomores are known as lower level students. Juniors and seniors are known as upper level students. The proposed appropriation is figured on the basis of \$281.00 for lower level students, \$361.00 for upper level students, with an additional allotment of \$40.00 for technical students.

Allotments for the other three colleges in the Texas A&M System are as follows: North Texas Agricultural College, \$1,591,632, compared with a present allotment of \$1,036,746; John Tarleton Agricultural College, \$1,096,054, compared with a present allotment of \$720,244; and Prairie View, \$1,936,738 which has a present allotment of \$1,440,986.

Allotment Greatly Increased The Agricultural Experiment Station is allowed an allotment of \$4,376,252 compared with a present allotment of \$1,833,112.

The Agricultural Extension Service is allowed \$2,861,488, but is operating at present on a biennial state allowance of \$936,036.

Shuffler pointed out that only 29.16 percent of the money on which A&M College is now operating is obtained from the state.

Other sources of income are as follows: Federal, 26.99%, student fees, 16.66%, sales and miscellaneous 19.6%, gifts, grants and endowments, 7.59%.

Rodeo Arena Site Tentatively Set In Agronomy Field

The agronomy fields north of the farm service department barns have been selected by the Saddle and Siroin Club as the site for the new rodeo arena.

Reasons given for the selection were that no more livestock will be quartered on the campus side of the railroad tracks, and the location is within walking distance from the campus and is near the old mule barn which can be converted into stables.

The selected site is now being considered for approval by Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist, Vice-Chancellor D. W. Williams, and Dean Charles Shepardson of the School of Agriculture.

37 Students To Get Awards of Distinction

Thirty-seven advanced ROTC Cadets are scheduled to be appointed Distinguished Military Graduates, January 20. Air Force was first with 14 students, and the Infantry branch was second with seven distinguished students. Final certification of the names is being made by the Registrar's Office.

The names of the students and their respective branches of service are as follows:

Air Forces Clifton J. Bolner, Henry G. Butler, Harvey J. Chelf, Fred B. English, Jr., John I. Hammonds, Jr., Edwin A. Hinkle, Jack E. Jackson, Marlin H. Keathley, Gilford W. Koopman, John T. Miller, Joseph N. Miller, Jr., James K. Prenal, Roy G. Thornal, and Arnold M. Walkow.

Corps of Engineers Raymond M. Champion, Jr., Geo. O. Muller, William T. Payne, and Edward A. Pella.

Armored Cavalry William G. Fuller, Albert M. Lewis, and Clyde H. Patterson, Jr.

Field Artillery Herbert A. Carter, Jr., Marvin L. Jones, Stanley A. Self, and James C. Winkler.

Infantry James W. Alexander, Ray M. Golden, Sidney H. Cook, Jr., Norman E. Laker, Billy Z. Schange, John P. McConnell, and Henry A. Pate.

Quartermaster Corps Theodore H. Clark.

Signal Corps Gene Lewis, Elmo C. Livingston, Jr., James F. Jones, and Roy G. Neeley.

Faires Will Talk To Ag. Seniors A meeting of agricultural seniors who expect to graduate this semester will be held in the Agricultural Engineering Lecture Room according to Dean C. N. Shepardson of the School of Agriculture.

The meeting will be held at 4 p. m. January 17.

Professor V. M. Faires, who has charge of post graduation studies, will discuss the opportunities of this program with graduating seniors.

K of C to Organize Council on Campus Ferdinand J. Kinane, State Financial Secretary of the Knights of Columbus, will be in College Station Wednesday afternoon to help lay final plans for the formation of a K of C council here, P. H. Ramsey, Newman Club president, announced today.

Kinane will meet with the local K of C committee at 5 p. m. Wednesday in the YMCA.

Kinane will speak to all Knights of Columbus in this area at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel, Ramsey added.