

PRESIDENT'S PAY
BILL IS CLEARED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 —(AP)— Senate Republican leaders Thursday agreed to allow speedy passage of a bill raising the pay of the President, vice president and speaker of the House.

Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) said this was decided at a closed-door strategy meeting of the GOP policy committee shortly before the legislation was due to reach the Senate floor.

The bill also calls for salary boosts for cabinet and other high federal officials but even Democrats have given up hope of getting immediate approval for those despite President Truman's plea for prompt action.

The bill, as approved by the Senate Civil Service Committee, would increase the president's pay by \$25,000 and give him a new \$50,000 expense allowance. It carries smaller raises for the vice-president, speaker and other top executives.

PEACE TALKS BEGIN
IN PALESTINE WAR

RHODES, Jan. 14 —(AP)— Israelis and Egyptians sat down at a conference table yesterday for the first time since the start of the Palestine War and began face to face talks on an armistice.

The meeting lasted 30 minutes. A member of the Israeli delegation told reporters "The first meeting was intended to be short."

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, the United Nations mediator, urged speedy negotiations for an armistice in Southern Palestine as a first and indispensable step toward full peace in the Holy Land.

Bunche also appealed to all governments, including those not directly involved in the Palestine conflict, not to take any action which might jeopardize the talks. No name was mentioned, but it appeared likely he meant Britain in particular.

LONGORIA FAMILY WILL
ATTEND SON'S FUNERAL

THREE RIVERS, Tex., Jan. 14 —(AP)— Several Latin-American organizations plan to raise money to send the mother of Felix Longoria, Latin-American veteran killed in World War II, to his burial services in Arlington National Cemetery.

Plans for reburial in Arlington were made after reports that a South Texas funeral home had refused its services for reinterment.

The manager of the establishment denied, however, that he had refused to handle the services. He said he had "discouraged" use of the chapel because of reported friction among members of the family and that there was "no question whatever of discrimination."

Dr. Hector Garcia, president of the American GI forum in Corpus Christi, said today the forum and local groups in Corpus Christi, Robstown, Beeville, Kingsville and Alice would raise the money. The support of Raul Cortez, president of General Lulac, San Antonio, has been requested, he said.

TWO KIDNAPPERS STILL
AT LARGE IN STATE

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 14 —(AP)— Two men, one believed to be an escaped convict from Darrington State Prison Farm, kidnapped and robbed William Francis Winsett, Jr., 31, of Houston, at 1 a. m. yesterday, tied him to a tree with strips torn from the convict's clothes, and fled in Winsett's car. They obtained about \$16.

An intensive hunt to the north of Houston is under way by Deputy Sheriffs and State Highway Patrolmen for the convict and his companion.

The fleeing kidnappers are riding in a 1936 blue four-door Mercury sedan, with red wheels and white sidewall tires.

SERPENTINE SPLIT
PERSONALITY

STOCKHOLM —(AP)— An adder with one wicked and one gentle head is living on the dote in the Stockholm Forestry Institute.

Without human assistance the monster could not exist as the two heads are unable to cooperate. The right head always strives to the right and the left head to the left. Meeting an obstacle on their path the right head would go around it to the right and the left to the left with the result that the rest of the adder is hopelessly caught.

The snake was just a babe when it was found in September and its protector Dr. Goesta Notini fears that it will die in spite of careful nursing. If it survives it will be an interesting object of study for animal psychologists.

The two heads react very differently. The right head attacks quickly and fiercely when teased, but the left one tries to escape. Both heads have fully developed poison fangs.

WEATHER

East Texas — Cloudy, occasional rain west and north portions this afternoon and tonight and in northeast and east central portions Saturday.

Warmer interior tonight. Gentle to moderate south-southwest winds on the coast.

West Texas — Occasional rain this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Occasional rain early tonight. Colder in El Paso area with rain tonight.

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Brazos Bottom Boot Camp . . .

Crystal Ball Foresees A&M As Bluejacket Boys Arrive

By DAVE COSLETT

"Avast there matey! Stow those khakis and ship with me in the bloom'n' navy!"

Monday's announcement that the Board of Directors had given the go-ahead sign to the establishment of a Naval ROTC unit at A&M has quite naturally led to a bit of speculation around these parts. To a school bearing the nickname "The West Point on the Lower Brazos," such an idea could not possibly be received calmly.

Just picture the change that the establishment of this third branch of the service will entail. In fact, let's steal Art Howard's battered crystal ball and see if we can't actually peer at the campus as it may look in future years.

The year is 1955 and Naval ROTC has become pretty firmly entrenched around these parts. In many ways it's still the same old campus, but a closer look reveals that there is something different, vastly different. To prove my

point, come on over here to Dorm 5—to the USS Gainer I mean.

Those flags up there on the top are signal flags spelling out "Scuttle TU." No, that woe-begone cadet with the boots is not a senior, he's a "boot," the navy equivalent of a fish. He's mad because he has to stand a four hour watch Saturday afternoon. He got caught by his chief while he was bangin' ears with some "boys on the bridge."

Those boots on that scaffolding there are chipping mud off the dorm. They'll have to give it a coat or two of red lead when they finish that. The USS Schumacher has contracted mice and is going to have to be put in dry-dock next week, or at least that's the scuttle butt that's goin' around.

But come on inside. Be careful of the hatch there. One of its hinges is loose. The passageway hasn't changed much except for those daisy lights in the ceiling. The "holes" are hardly recognizable though. They call them compartments now.

This one is occupied by boots. You can tell that by the ham-

mocks. Bunks, you know, are an upper classman's privilege. I particularly want you to notice how clean this place is. They make those boots swab the deck, overhead, and bulkheads every day. The place is deserted now because the boys are all down at Prexy's triangle on fleet maneuvers.

Pull up that sea-bag and I'll tell you about a few of the other modifications. Yell practice has changed a little. You remember how they used to say "Well-l-o-o-l-d army?" Now they say "avast you swabbies and doggies."

These hell bottom boys have really whipped the corps trip situation. They don't do much hitch-hiking now since the college has supplied those new liberty launchers down in the Brazos. They can get half way to Ft. Worth and Dallas on the Brazos.

And they don't have to worry about hotel rooms. They can pitch those hammocks anywhere. You should have seen that guy stretched out between the chandelier and the railing of the mezzanine in the Texas Hotel.

Living conditions around here are the same for the army and air force cadets but the navy men have added a few things. Now, the swabbies ignore all bugles and won't even fall out unless the bosun pipes 'em out.

As with the khaki-clad troops, you can tell a cadet class by his uniform. Those boots caused a little trouble at first but so did the stripes around the sleeves of the uniforms. It was hard to convince some fellows that they weren't fish stripes.

Boots and seamen can wear only bell-bottom type uniforms. Sophomores reserve the right to cock their hats at any desired precarious angle and to have a few hidden pockets in their gear. Juniors rate a chief's rig and all the trimmings with the exception of a white officer's cap, a senior privilege. Seniors, of course, wear officers' clothes.

Well, there's the noon fog-horn, so I'll have to be shippin' out. What? You want to know what that object over there with the sign is? Why that's Spot. He's still campaigning for K-9 training at A&M.

New Heads Named For College Bank

S. A. Lipscomb was named president of the College Station State Bank at the recent annual stockholder's meeting. Harold Sullivan was elected executive vice-president with H. E. Burgess as vice-president. Thomas W. Lee is cashier.

The stockholders reapointed last year's seven directors and added one more. They are S. A. Lipscomb, R. W. Steen, H. E. Burgess, R. B. Butler, G. E. Potter, L. G. Jones, and Harold Sullivan. Coulter Hopps, Bryan attorney, was named the new member of the board.



Willard Collins of Nashville, Tennessee, has accepted an invitation to serve as guest speaker for the A&M Church of Christ during Religious Emphasis Week

Officers Of Pre-Law Group To Be Elected

Spring officers for the Pre Law Society will be elected at a meeting which is to be held Monday evening at 7:15 in the Assembly Room of the YMCA. Plans will be made for an informal dinner in February and a report will be given on a proposed typing class which is to be held on the campus.

Recent A&M students who are now enrolled in the University of Texas Law School will be honor guests at the February dinner. The Aggie-exes have already indicated their willingness to take part in a discussion about the conditions at a law school with campus pre-law students.

After the conclusion of the business session the members of the society who made a Dallas inspection trip in December will be available to discuss conditions observed at the SMU Law School.

Beginning last Wednesday, Station WTAW began carrying a series of talks, The Law in Action, which is sponsored by the Pre-Law Society and delivered by members of the Brazos County Bar Association. The 13-talk program is scheduled for 5:15 p. m. on every Wednesday.

W. T. McDonald presented the first talk, titled Wills, last Wednesday and a speaker will deliver each of the succeeding explanations of the workings and backgrounds of our laws. McDonald is president of the Brazos County Bar Association and a former state legislator from this district.

Other subjects included in the series are Criminal Law, Contracts Negotiable Instruments, Aviation Law, and International Law.

MOODY'S HEALTH IMPROVING

AUSTIN, Jan. 13 —(AP)— Former Governor Dan Moody was reported today "showing satisfactory progress" in recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

'T' Banquet Highlights Club Officers Meeting

Registration for the third annual A&M Club Officers meeting began this afternoon at 3 in the YMCA. Dick Herve, executive secretary of the Former Students Association stated that about 100 former club officers have registered.

Highlight of the first day's activities for the former club officers will be the annual "T" Banquet Friday night in Sbis Hall at 7 p. m.

Screwy Architects Plan ASABAB Ball

By SAM LANFORD

Once again the mysterious and exciting word 'ASABAB' appears on the campus and as the architects begin preparations for the biggest, most fabulous costume ball yet the rest of the campus awaits in hushed expectancy.

A building project second only to the Thanksgiving Bonfire, the decorating of Sbis Hall for the Architectural Societies Annual Beaux Arts Ball is now generating multivolets in the fiendish minds of the fourth floor night owls.

As whole forests of trees, junk yards, and tons of Aggie confetti appear on the lawn of Sbis, peeped spectators once again confirm their thoughts that all architects definitely have bats in their upper stories. Even more midnight oil (if possible) is burning as final blueprints for the hilarious event are being drawn.

The theme of this fun-festival is dedicated to Terschichore, god-dess of song and dance. The costumes, under the heading of song titles will range all the way from "I'm a Little Teapot" to "I'd Rather Be A Texas Aggie."

Frantic negotiations are being carried on with the Prairie View Ramblers, the hot swing band of our southern neighbors, to hold down the bucking bandstand.

Local residents will be requested to bar their doors for the night and reports are that Security Chief Fred Hickman has been enlisting the aid of Bryan officers to act as extra guards for the night just in case Terschichore allows or helps activities to get out of hand.

Anything that is anything son, can and may happen when the realm of the unlikely and impossible is invaded. Don't scoff—just remember what happened to Robert Walker. He got Venus, didn't he?

Foreign Students Plan to Graduate

Among the 673 candidates for graduation from A&M January 28 are seven students from foreign countries. Three of these are graduate students from China, due to receive a master's degree. One student comes from India, Costa Rica Mexico and Hungary.

Nineteen states, besides Texas, are represented among the graduation candidates. These are New Mexico, Georgia, California, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Alabama, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Colorado, Indiana, Mississippi, Virginia, Florida and New Jersey.

McCulley Heads Campus Scholars; Shula Elected V-P

James McCulley, senior mechanical engineering student from Alexandria, La., was elected president of the Scholarship Honor Society at a business meeting Tuesday night.

William E. Shula, senior engineering student from El Campo, was elected vice-president and William D. O'Mara fifth year vet medicine student from Fort Worth was named secretary-treasurer.

Dues of \$1 for recently elected members should be paid to the treasurer or in Room 102, Academic Building, according to Dr. W. A. Varvel, faculty sponsor of the society. Paid-up members are entitled to a membership certificate which may be secured in room 102, Academic Building, Varvel added.

Men who have been notified of their eligibility for membership may secure keys through Caldwell Jewelers in Bryan, Varvel said.

Ryan Starts Workouts For Poultry Show

The Junior Poultry Judging team coached by Cecil Ryan, Professor in the Poultry Department, has begun active workouts in preparation for the junior judging contest to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, March 5 and 6. Sixteen schools from the southern states will enter teams at the contest which is sponsored by the feed manufacturers of Tennessee.

Last year, the show was held at Louisiana State University, at which the A&M team placed third. The contest is based on approximately the same basis as was the senior judging show held in Chicago last November.

At present, six students are working out for the team, from which four will be chosen.

Kern Tips, sports announcer, will deliver the principal address of the evening. Members of the 1948 varsity and frosh football teams and the cross-country team will be awarded "T" medals and letters for sports.

J. D. Langford, '26, chairman of the A&M Club Program Committee will conduct the meeting.

The athletic department is making its whole film library available for the guests and they may see any football film they request, Herve stated.

Beginning at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, a forum of all club presidents, vice presidents, and secretary-treasurers will be held. During this meeting, forum leaders will be chosen from the group.

After the forum, a general officers meeting will be held. Topics for discussion will include the activities and responsibilities for the newly appointed A&M Athletic Committee, the local A&M club handbook, the Former Students Directory and other matters of interest taking place at the college.

Breakfast in Sbis Hall Sunday morning as guests of the Former Students Association will finish the big weekend activities.

Athletes who will receive the Medal-bar are Robert Bates, Jim Boswell, Richard Callender, Turk Chapin, Cedric Copeland, Andy Hillhouse, Carl Molberg, Charlie Royalty, Dwayne Tucker and Kenneth Voss.

Athletes receiving a bar and sweater are James Cashion, Edwin R. Daniel, Calvin Dupree, Hub Ellis, Bobby Goff, Bob Goode, Max Greiner, Marion Stetegar Jr., Preston Smith, Odell Stautzenberger, Wray Whitaker, Jim Winkler, and Charles Wright.

Two men graduating will receive awards of bar-sweater-blanket. They are Buryl Baty and Herb Turley. Jim Flowers will receive a bar award for conference swimming and Bart Haltom will receive the same award for conference golf.

Student managers Robert Street and Lockhart Nolen and trainers Robert Holmes and James Overly will also attend the banquet.

Members of the cross-country team who will receive bar-jackets are Jerome E. Bonnen, Carroll Hahn and J. D. Hampton.

Julian Herring will receive the medal-bar for cross-country and Webster Stone will receive a bar "T" medal for three years track. John Garney is student manager for the cross-country team.

D. W. Williams, chairman of the Athletic Council, will make the regular awards. Special awards to the team captains and the most valuable player will be made by S. A. Lipscomb.

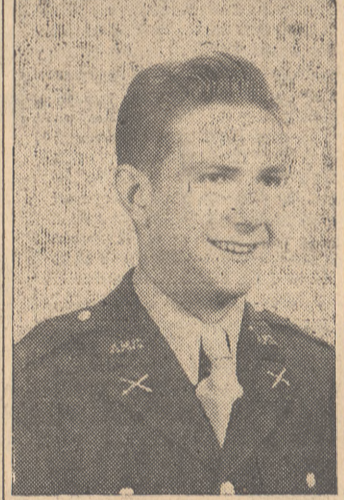
Among those attending will be sportswriters and members of the Texas press and outstanding high school athletes from over the state.

Range, Foresters To Hear Walsler

Paul Walsler, state conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service of Temple, is slated to address members of the Range and Forestry Club at a meeting to be held next Monday at 7:15 p. m. W. E. Dickens, president of the club announced. Walsler will be introduced by Dr. V. A. Young, head of the range and forestry department.

Officers who were elected at the last meeting of the club will be installed after Walsler's talk.

Walsler has been with the Soil Conservation Service for several years and has built up vast experience in his field, Dickens said. After the address he will open himself to questions from the club members. Dickens asks that all members be present with pertinent queries.



LARRY GOODWYN, associate editor of The Commentator, has been elected Editor-in-Chief for the spring semester.

Goodwyn replaces J. T. MILLER who graduates at the end of this semester.

Teams, Staffs, And Individual Picture Schedule Released

The following picture schedule for the college yearbook has been released by Truman Martin, co-editor.

January 17— Dairy Products Judging Team at 5 in the Creamery; Livestock Judging Team at 5:15 in the A&I Building; Meats Judging Team at 5:30 in the A&I Building.

Dairy Judging Team at 5:45 in the Agriculture Building; Poultry Judging Team at 6 in the A&I Building; and Crops Judging Team at 6:15 in the Agriculture Building.

The YMCA Cabinet will have its picture taken at 7:30 in the YMCA and the Town Hall staff will be photographed at 7:45 in the YMCA.

Individual pictures for the Annex will be discontinued at 5 p. m. January 20 and resumed at 10 a. m. February 2, Martin said. He announced the following schedule for individual pictures:

February 2 and 3—6th Company, February 4 and 7—10th Company, February 8 and 9—11th Company, February 10 and 11—7th Company, February 14 and 15—12th Company and February 16 and 17—8th Company.

The other six company pictures will be made January 15 by the schedule already released, Martin said.

PRAYERS ASKED FOR STALIN

HASTINGS, England —(AP) Former health minister Ernest Brown wants everyone to pray every day for the conversion of Premier Stalin to Christianity. "It would do more good than the United Nations," he told a church conference.

two of the best trained bird dogs in all of Tennessee. When they found a covey of quail one dog would quickly dig a hole in the ground while the other dog ran the birds into the hole.

"The first dog would then put her foot over the hole and let the birds out one at a time. After my father had fired, the other dog would retrieve the birds as they fell."

Floyd Blount Jr. maintains that this occurrence happened right on our campus. His twisting of the truth goes this way, "I was just getting ready to go home for Christmas when I suddenly remember I had a floriculture quiz to take."

"Since I had to be at the Academic Building in five minutes, I rushed out jumped into my 1949 Cadillac (standard, not deluxe) and started off. I jammed it into second and roared up Military Walk the wrong way, jumped the curb by the flag pole, drove up the sidewalk, barely missing Sully, and parked in a flower bed.

"After the quiz I stayed around talking to Dr. Stadelmann—working on an exemption—for some time. As I started back to my car, nearly three hours after I had parked it, I suddenly thought, I

might get a ticket on my car! "I rushed out and there was a K. K. leaning on my fender, whistling 'Dixie' and reading a big little book. I began, 'Sir, I know I was in the wrong but . . . He interjected, 'Son, that's all right. We always like to give you Aggies a break. However, I must warn you that if I catch you going up military walk the wrong way again, I might give you a ticket.'"

Bill Bollinger had a tale on the much mangled subject of fishing. Quote Bollinger, "While fishing in the Gulf last winter a cold wave hit. In my haste to reach shore I lost both oars in the huge waves. I nearly gave up hope of ever surviving the elements. However I put my mind to work.

"I started fishing until I had caught a boatful of dogfish. I then cut up enough of the barks to start a large fire in the bottom of the boat. The cold weather kept the boat from burning. Rather than just sit, I started yelling for help even though I knew I was too far from shore to be heard.

"As I called for help I noticed my words were freezing in the air. Taking advantage of this good luck, I kept yelling until I had enough strips of ice between me and shore to get out of the boat and walk home to a

warm fire and bed, none the worse from my near-death experience."

Kerry Savage had a startling experience to relate. "While hunting in Alaska two years ago, I used up all my ammunition killing bears. As I started towards camp a large razor-back hog rushed me. To save myself I ran to an empty barrel standing nearby and dove in.

"The hog came sniffing around in search for me. I saw an opportunity to even the score so I reached out, grabbed his tail and pulled it through a knot hole in the barrel. I tied his tail into a knot. Then I easily made my escape since the hog couldn't run with the obstacle attached to her.

"This year I went back up to my hunting grounds in Alaska again. Believe it or not, I saw the same old sow with the wooden barrel still on her tail. Right behind her were five little pigs with nail kegs attached to their tails."

The following tale was submitted with two different pen names on it. We can't give just credit but the story warrants repeating. The anonymous one tells, "Many have heard of the Texas 'Blue Northerners' that we have in the Panhandle. Most people know that they have a reputation for striking suddenly,

Look! I can walk again!

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