

NEWS In Brief

RICE "THRESHER" STILL HAVING RACE PROBLEMS

HOUSTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The student newspaper at Rice Institute here suggests editorially that the question of admitting Negro students should be discussed—privately.

Nearly the entire editorial page of the newspaper, the Thresher, was devoted to the question of race relations.

SOUTHWESTERN STUDENTS GETS UNSCHEDULED BREAK

GEORGETOWN, Tex., Jan. 21.—(AP)—An unscheduled recess was in effect at Southwestern University today as a result of a fire which destroyed the power plant at Laura Kuykendall Hall, a women's dormitory, Wednesday.

All but January seniors were sent home until Monday. Final exams were postponed until Jan. 31 and the opening of the spring semester was delayed until Feb. 3.

The building housing the power plant was a complete loss but some of the equipment may be salvaged.

GODBEY ADMITS KILLING OKLAHOMA CITY LAWYER

EL PASO, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Authorities in this border city have announced that mild-appearing Roy Frank Godbey has confessed the vengeance killing of an Oklahoma City lawyer who once sent him to prison.

The announcement was made jointly late Thursday acting Chief of Police J. W. Fitzgerald and FBI Special Agent D. K. Brown.

The slightly-stooped 52-year-old prisoner signed a statement that he shot and killed Earl Pruet on Jan. 11 in an Oklahoma City skyscraper office, the announcement said.

Godbey's full statement was not released. He told newsmen, however, that he threw the gun used in the shooting out of a bus window when he left Oklahoma City after the slaying.

Pruet was prosecutor when Godbey was tried and convicted at Waurika, Okla., for a \$9 holdup at nearby Jefferson. Sentenced to 35 years, Godbey was released last November 12 with time off for good behavior.

Until the surprise confession announcement, Godbey had denied he killed Pruet but declared he should have poisoned a town's water supply (apparently Waurika's) and otherwise avenged himself for a "framed" robbery conviction.

Tired and travel-weary, Godbey was arrested here early Wednesday by two rookie policemen who recognized him from photographs. Oklahoma officers were expected to arrive yesterday to take Godbey back to Oklahoma. He was waived extradition.

NAVY TESTS NEW PLANE IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Navy's newest jet fighter, an odd-looking plane named XP7U-1, will undergo exhaustive flight tests here.

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Moffett Introduces A&M-Junction Bill

Directors Accept Land in 1946 College Plans Full Summer Program

A bill to authorize A&M to establish a research unit at Junction in Kimble County, Texas was re-introduced into the Texas Legislature by George C. Moffett, Tuesday.

Preliminary work was done on the project in September 1947, and the A&M Board of Directors accepted a gift of

land for the project at that time. The bill was first introduced in the 50th Legislature and was passed by the Senate, but it was caught in the last minute jam in the House of Representatives.

The late Weaver H. Baker of Junction offered a 411-acre tract of land situated on the South Llano River, adjacent to Junction, to A&M in 1946. The property, according to reports, is valued at more than fifty thousand dollars.

Planned Summer Courses
The Board accepted the land with the purpose of developing it into an adjunct of the college for use in summer practice courses, including orientation training for entering freshmen. Research in agriculture through the Ag Experiment Station, surveying, geology, hydraulics, and agronomy were listed as possible courses to be taught at this summer camp if the bill is passed.

The Llano River at this point has a minimum flow of 40 cubic feet of spring water per second, according to a survey of the property. The property has some rough terrain, bearing pecan trees, and a horticultural farm. The land has one and one-half miles of frontage on the river.

Main Provisions
Main points of the bill before the Senate include the provisions that no undergraduate courses for college credit would be conducted at the adjunct between October 1 and June 1 of any year. The bill further stipulates that not more than \$200,000 may be spent for buildings and improvements without specific authorization by the Legislature.

The School of Engineering will offer three new courses for the spring semester, H. W. Barlow, Dean of Engineering, announced today.

The new courses will be I. E. 306 E. D. 402, and Ch.E. 445. E. I. 306 will cover industrial accident prevention and will consist of an analysis of the fundamentals of accident prevention and their application to industrial supervision and management.

E. D. 402 will treat advanced graphics and recent developments in engineering drawing. A review of recent research in graphics, nomography, and related fields will be included. Ch.E. 445 will consist of advanced problems in chemical engineering. Special problems will be assigned to individual students or groups. The work may cover the numerous problems in chemical engineering processes, and it will consist of either laboratory work or conference and discussion, Barlow added.

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These designs are displayed on the fourth floor of the Academic Building and the public has been invited by Rowlett to attend the showing from now until February 1.

These designs embody the contemporary way of thinking and the cities continuing change in social and governmental character. Space is shared between functions; furniture is cagily built in; above all, even larger areas of glass are used to extend offices into nature's outdoors.

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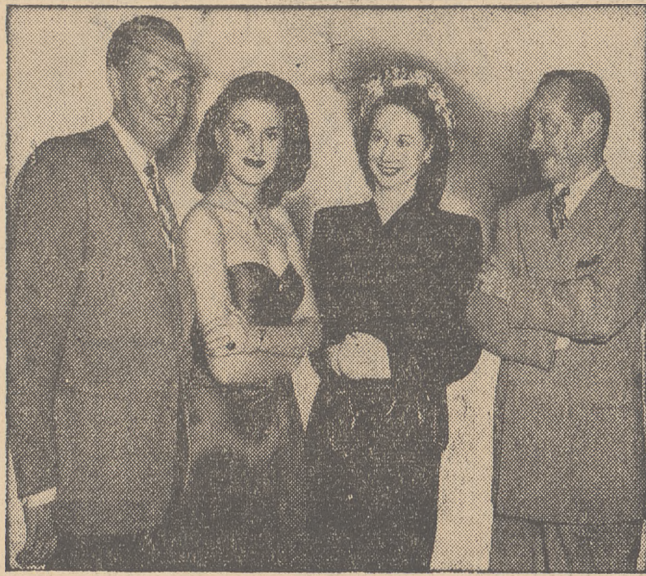
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BROADWAY PERSONIFIED—The Great White Way is well represented as band-leader Vaughn Monroe (left) and British singing star Beryl Davis (second from left) meet Broadway columnists Dorothy Kilgallen and Danton Walker at a rehearsal of Vaughn's Saturday night Camel radio show.

General H. K. Berry Gives Commissions

By TOM CARTER

"You represent the ideal of young manhood," General H. K. Berry, Adjutant General of the State of Texas, told the 100 cadets who received their reserve officer commissions last night.

He told the new officers that they had not wasted their time in taking the ROTC training and urged them to join the National Guard as soon as they had completed their tour of active duty.

President F. C. Bolton gave the initial address of the evening in which he said that "the men of A&M worked to develop their country in time of peace and defended it in time of war."

In continuing, he referred to the new officers as "citizen-soldiers" and told them that the former men of A&M had set an example for them to follow and that they, the new officers, should carry the torch just a little higher than those before them.

He also said that while in the Army they should keep in touch with their civilian occupation and after returning to military life they should keep up their military work. Colonel H. L. Boatner, PMS&T and commandant, left the cadets one thought, "always do a job better than the man who gave it."

Bryan Area Needs Rental Housing, Says Rent Director

Among this community's New Year resolutions should be one resolving that more rental housing be constructed during 1949, Gordon L. Benningfield, Area Rent Director today pointed out adding that emergency rent control, as a federal law, is now going into its fourth post-war calendar year.

"The Bryan Area Rent Office continues to serve the area only because of the continued shortage of rental housing," said the rent official.

"Had congress not recognized this as a continuing post-war emergency condition, rent control of this nature would not be existing. Our continuation of service depends on how quickly the shortage is overcome."

Benningfield pointed out that the present rent law has three months more to run, through March 31, 1949, and that the new congress will undoubtedly consider an extension, since Housing Expediter, Tighe E. Woods, has recommended a strengthened law.

The local rent official said he joins in a recent statement by Woods, who said: "I am familiar with the rent act and the regulations under it. And I know for a fact that under the act and under our regulations, a landlord has only himself to blame if he is losing money, or if he is not making as much money now as he made before rent control went into effect. Our adjustment provisions take care of both."

Benningfield added that for fairness to both tenants and landlords the expediter has recommended correction in weaknesses of the present law.

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Trace Of Weed Killer Damages Cotton--Ergle

Sociology 206 To Analyze War And Revolution

Analysis and cause of war and revolution will make up more than half of the course in Rural Sociology 206 to be offered next semester, according to Dr. Melvin S. Brooks of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

Dr. Brooks, who will teach the course, says American foreign policy, past and present, will be studied, with a view to its effect upon world events. Factors behind the rise of Communism in Russia and the development of Fascism in Nazi Germany and Mussolini's Italy will be noted.

Other parts of the course will probably deal with the Spanish Civil War, the present situation in China, and the Arab-Jewish squabble in Palestine, Brooks said. The course is designed to help students understand the causes behind current events in the world today.

Student participation in discussion of the issues presented will be invited, Brooks said.

Rural Sociology 206, entitled "Principles of Sociology," will be offered next semester on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. No prerequisite is required for the course.

Two Day 2,4-D Short Course Closes; Various Applications Are Discussed

By CURLEY PUCKITT

"Experiments with the renowned weed killer, 2,4-D, indicate that even extremely small amounts damage cotton plants," Dr. R. Ergle, A&M College chemist, explained at the two-day short course in 2,4-D which ends today.

The short course, which was sponsored by the Plant Physiology and Pathology Department, was held for the purpose of presenting the latest developments in the application and use of 2,4-D.

"2,4-D is now the most widely used weed killing chemical in the United States," said Dr. L. S. Evans, agronomist of the USDA Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering, of Beltsville, Md.

Causes Serious Disturbances
"2,4-D is not a poison in the ordinary sense, but a hormone-like material that causes serious disturbances in plants. These growth-regulating substances cause marked changes in the plant's form and function, even from minute quantities," Evans continued.

O. K. Hedden, Agricultural Engineer of the USDA Agricultural Engineering Laboratory, spoke on airplane spray drift tests. Slides of charts were shown showing coverage by different types and arrangements of nozzles used in airplane spraying.

Edgar C. Tullis, plant pathologist for the USDA at Beaumont, gave statistical information concerning the lateral drift of 2,4-D when the weed killer is released from planes.

Conflict Between Farmers
D. D. Clinton, county agricultural agent of Harris County, spoke on his experience in a county where there was a conflict between rice farmers using 2,4-D to kill weeds, and other farmers who were growing cotton. The 2,4-D was killing the weeds, but at the same time was cutting down the production of cotton.

In a very humorous manner, Clinton related his experiences as county agent serving farmers of conflicting interests, which demanded considerable amount of tact and resourcefulness.

Clinton, however, believes that most of the damage came about as a result of carelessness and ignorance. Nevertheless, the cotton farmers have been hurt seriously. "You can't afford to be careless with 2,4-D," Clinton said.

"The Cotton Industry's Interest in the use of 2,4-D" was the subject of a talk by Claude L. Welch, Director, Division of Production and Marketing, National Cotton Council of America, Memphis, Tennessee.

"The cotton industry's primary interest in 2,4-D and other herbicides is three-fold," said Clinton. "First, the use of chemicals to control weeds and grasses in cotton. Second, the use of 2,4-D in crops in such a manner whereby it will not damage cotton and other sensitive crops. Third, to vigorously support research and educational programs designed to develop the fullest potential of 2,4-D and other herbicides in southern agriculture."

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Kiwanis Prexy Announces Men To Head Committees

Committee chairmen and members for 1949 have been announced by Dr. Ralph Steen, president, College Station Kiwanis Club. President Steen called upon all chairmen and members to meet frequently and "be active throughout the year."

Bob Cherry is chairman of the Attendance committee; J. H. Southern, chairman, Bulletin; Achievements Reports, Joe Sorrels, chairman; Sid Loveless, W. N. Colson and J. H. Quisenberry; Church Support, Jimmie Jackson, chairman; W. H. Badgett and J. G. Gay.

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Georgia Minister Will Be Speaker

Rev. Charles A. Jackson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Statesboro, Georgia, will be the Methodist speaker during Religious Emphasis Week, February 14-18.

Rev. Jackson received his B. D. Degree from the Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He is a Fellow of the Yale School on Alcoholism Studies, and was one of the speakers at the Emory University Religious Emphasis Week last year.

Rev. Charles A. Jackson is the brother of Rev. James F. Jackson, present pastor of the A&M Methodist Church.

During Religious Emphasis Week, Rev. Jackson will speak each night at the Methodist Church. An invitation is extended to everyone to attend services.

MONDAY BATTALION IS LAST FOR SEMESTER

The Monday issue of The Battalion is the last paper to be published this semester. Publication will be resumed February 1.

Anyone desiring to turn in news items is requested to do so by noon Saturday.