

TWO MEN CHARGED IN STEPHENVILLE MURDER

STEPHAVILLE, Tex., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Robert Bagwill, 17, yesterday was charged with murder in the robbery-slaying Jan. 28 of Crockett Ross, service station operator here.

Bagwill and another man, Dan White, 48, were in jail here. White was charged as an accomplice, said District Attorney Sam Cleveland. Both men were arrested about 5:30 p. m. Sunday in Vernon. The pair were brought here Monday.

Sheriff Ed Luttrell of Vernon, who assisted in the arrest of Bagwill and White, said property missing in burglaries at Sapulpa and Tulsa, Okla., and Vernon, Crowell, Electra, Childress, Quanah and Amarillo in Texas was recovered.

The property included cash, jewelry and other items valued at \$12,000, said Luttrell.

Cleveland said Bagwill has been recently of Vernon and Mineral Wells and came from Holdenville, Okla., his birthplace. White is from Mineral Wells, said Cleveland.

Cleveland and Sheriff Robert E. George of Stephenville went to Vernon last night to question the pair. Texas Rangers were assisting in the investigation.

COAST GUARD RECEIVES GULF DISTRESS MESSAGE

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Coast Guard said yesterday it had received word of a ship in distress in the Gulf and had sent three cutters and an airplane to search waters south of Corpus Christi.

The Coast Guard said the reports of S-O-S messages came from ham radio operators in New York and Tennessee where the signals were said to have been picked up early Sunday.

The operators said the vessel identified itself as the SS San Salvador, with a crew of 18 aboard, the Coast Guard reported.

Coast guardsmen said there is no listing of the vessel in registries, but it is believed to be a banana boat. No direct contact has been made, they said, by the cutters sent from New Orleans or from a PBM which flew into the area from Corpus Christi.

The Coast Guard said both operators said the ship reported it was disabled by a hole in the side.

The Coast Guard said it did not have any further details on the amateur operators.

RIVER COMPACT PASSES

AUSTIN, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Senate Monday passed 28 to 0 a bill approving the Pecos River compact between Texas and New Mexico.

The upper house acted shortly after Gov. Beauford Jester asked the legislature to give the bill immediate consideration.

PLANE SALVAGE OPERATION BEGUN IN PONTCHARTRAIN

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Weather permitting, salvage operations will be resumed today at the wreckage of a B-25 in Lake Pontchartrain.

Portions of two bodies were recovered Sunday, but heavy fog forced suspension of diving and dragging work. Eight crewmen were believed to have gone with the bomber last Friday.

One engine, pieces of the plane, parachutes and bits of clothing have been recovered.

The craft was enroute from Biloxi to Fort Worth when it crashed.

STATES' RIGHTERS HOLD MEETING IN BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 8.—(AP)—States' Rights Democrats met here Monday to complete plans for a national campaign to continue their fight for state sovereignty.

Former Gov. Ben Laney of Arkansas, chairman of the States' Rights Executive Committee, presided over today's session. Gov. Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi, candidate for vice president last November on the States' Rights ticket, was here also.

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, States' Rights candidate for president, was unable to attend because the legislature is in session at Columbia.

Delegates from Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana and Texas were here for the session.

Contract for Shell Construction Let

Plans for the Grove's bandshell have been altered slightly, and the contract let, T. R. Spence, manager of Physical Plants, announced yesterday.

Earlier bids exceeded the \$15,000 allotted, and a slight reduction in the structural design of the bandshell brought the bids within the cost limit, Spence added. The construction contract was awarded to A. B. Butler of Bryan for \$11,317 and the electrical and plumbing work was given to C. L. Andrews of Bryan for \$2,375.

Butler is expected to start within 10 days, Spence said. The contract calls for an allotted period of 75 working days. No changes other than structural alterations were made, except that the rest rooms were increased, along with the storage space.



JIM TUCKER, Houston insurance man, presented a \$2,000 four-year scholarship to A&M Thursday night to smiling 16-year-old William M. Huffman, Harrison County youth, for the best all-around entrant in the 1948 calf scramble at the Houston Fat Stock Show. Shown at the presentation also are (left) Stanley Shipnes, general manager of Sears Roebuck stores in Houston, host at the calf scramble dinner, and (right) Dave Cunningham, chairman of the calf scramble committee. The youth had the best record for feeding, record-keeping, scholarship and all the other factors. His winning entry was an 845-pound Hereford, "Huffy's Pride." Young Billy was one of 137 4-H and F.F.A. Club members who captured calves in the 1948 scramble. Mr. Tucker will continue his award annually.

Juliet Mainspring in Drama

By MACK T. NOLEN

"Romeo and Juliet," Shakespeare's most popular play, came to Guion Hall last night as the National Classic Theatre put on a performance that was neither excellent nor poor.

Originally scheduled to be "The Merchant of Venice," last night's production was handicapped by a shortage of actors because of an auto wreck in which several members of the cast were injured.

In spite of the hasty change some members of the company were in fine form and their Shakespeare was convincing and dramatic. Juliet had the audience following with bated breath the tale of ill-starred love in old Verona.

Mercutio's untimely demise at the beginning of Act III came off so forcefully that a little boy in the front row, who didn't know which side the hero was on, stood up and "wildcatted."

The audience supplied itself with boxes of popcorn before entering the hall and thus placed itself in the same category with the groundlings of Shakespeare's

Aggie Players To Hold Election Of Officers Tonight

The Aggie Players will hold the first meeting of the Spring Semester tonight in the Assembly Hall at 7:30 p. m., according to J. Howard Davis, president. Davis said that the club's financial condition would be discussed and that an election of club officers for the spring semester would be held.

Davis said that George J. Dillavou had returned to A&M to resume his role as director and sponsor of the Aggie Players. Dillavou has completed the requirements for his MS degree in dramatics from Columbia University.

The director said that he planned to produce two plays and a Variety show this semester, and he asked that all old members as well as any non-member who wished to join the organization be present at the initial meeting.

Dillavou said, "I plan to do our first play in Guion Hall, but I do not wish to release the name of it at this time. However, it is a modern comedy which has been presented recently on Broadway, and I am certain that it will be well received and well liked by the Aggies. If anyone wishes to join the Aggie Players, but is unable to attend tonight's meeting, I hope they will contact me in my office, Room 102 Bizzell Hall, or see John W. Laufenberg, "D" Vet Flight, Dorm 12," concluded Dillavou.

Official Sanction Given IRE Group

Official recognition has been granted to the A&M chapter of the Institute of Radio Engineers, according to Carl E. Gilchrist, secretary of the organization.

The local group, which formerly held membership with the Houston section, was given a section of its own after a petition was submitted to national headquarters.

The A&M IRE has a membership of 30 members and is sponsored by Tom Prickett of the EE Department.

Museum Mummy Probably Man Of Distinction in Early Egypt

By GEORGE CHARLTON

(Ed. Note: We had a picture of the mummy shaking hands with Pinky Downs, but the engravers dropped the negative and broke it.)

The mummy Anh-Hr-H3sept, who can now be found any day or night reclining and resting his four thousand year-old head in his suite, in the college museum, must have been a gay old dog.

Anh, assuming that is what his friends called him, according to archaeologists was someone of local importance, a casual cat, probably a tax collector. Contrasted with the current species in that occupation, tax collectors in those days were held in high esteem.

They had the run of the land in their two wheeled chariots decorated with emblems of the owners' ancestors. Sometimes they were direct representatives of the Egyptian ruler.

If anyone could be called a "wheel," Anh could. He rose promptly every morning at eight and a half candles and partook of boiled ostrich eggs and a handful of pomegranates.

Of course, his "breakfast of champions" would not have been complete without a handsome helping of shredded wheat.

Then off to the provinces for Anh, for he had a busy day scheduled on his Egyptian calendar. Back from the provinces promptly at nine after collecting one million

Hervey Announces New Student Loan Interview Hours

Special hours for interviews for student loans have been announced by the Association of Former Students, according to J. B. Hervey, executive secretary.

Students with satisfactory scholastic standing who desire to confer with association representatives concerning loans for necessary school expenses should visit the office between 1 and 5 p. m. on Monday; between 8 and 11:55 a. m. on Wednesday; and between 1 and 5 p. m. on Thursday.

In the past, students could visit the offices of the association any time between 8 and 5 p. m., but stricter regulation has become necessary because of the large number of loans being negotiated, Hervey said.

The new setup is designed to expedite loans and allow the maximum attention to the individual student and it will not be possible to obtain a loan interview at any time except during those hours under normal circumstances, Hervey added.

The Caissons Go Rolling Along . . .

Peashooters One of First Outfits After Great Change In 1918 ROTC

By CHUCK MAISEL

(Authors Note: This is the first of a series of articles wherein each branch of service on the campus will be written up with a brief history, listing of "characters," and the set up of the outfits today. If it seems that I am prejudiced, it's because I am. This first article is about the Field Artillery. There are many reasons why I began with this unit, the most important of which is that I am one of the Caisson Kids.)

The fall of 1918 saw the coming of ROTC contracts to the A&M campus. For the first time, everyone didn't wear infantry brass, for in that year, the Field Artillery was born in the cadet corps. There had been a single artillery battery on the campus from the turn of the century, but this unit was discontinued in 1913 because of its general roidness.

During the years following the peashooter's return, the Field Artillery produced more cadet colonels than any other branch on the campus. In intramural championships, it has been second only to the infantry. In overall glamour, the Field's greatest rival has

always been the Cavalry as both units were mounted until the early Forties.

Today, if one were placing the outfits according to their beliefs and just what they stand for, the Artillery would be put on the extreme right as opposed to the Cavalry standing on the extreme left. (No reflection on their political ideas, of course.)

Today's Field Artillery, with some exceptions, is the bulwark of conservatism on the campus. Battery men tend to look down on extra-curricular inter-outfit squabbles. If forced into some fray like a bench war, however, they usually give a good account of themselves. Their spirit is more of the strong silent type. Potent, but not bistrostrous.

The unit occupying the top stoop of Dorm 8 is referred to often times as A Battery and often as the Camel Corps. They earn this distinctive name by virtue of the fact that they are practically an Arab Legion. In past years, A Battery has been famous for the many feathers adorning the legs of its members. This year, however, it is probably the most easy-going outfit on the campus. There are no moguls in the outfit and none is "bucking."

Student Senate Plans to Meet With Annex Representatives

Dr. Barbour To Lead Religious Emphasis Week

The seventh annual Religious Emphasis Week for A&M will begin Monday morning in Guion Hall when Dr. Fred E. Barbour of Knoxville, Tennessee, gives the first of five lectures, according to Gordan Gay, assistant secretary of the YMCA.

Special evening services will be held in each of the churches serving the college in conjunction with the Guion Hall services by Dr. Barbour. Guest pastors from each church will speak every week night at 7:15.

Dr. Barbour, who is pastor of the second Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, is dean of the school of religion of the University of Tennessee, a director of Maryville College, and vice-moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

He holds bachelors degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and Western Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Each of the morning services in Guion Hall will be presided over by a student leader. Special music will be furnished and the morning prayer will be given by a different student each day.

The speaking hours for the week have been staggered so that no student will miss more than one class in each subject throughout the week. Classes will be dismissed during the hours of the services. Monday and Tuesday the talks by Dr. Barbour will be from 10 a. m. until 11 a. m. The hours for Wednesday and Thursday are from 11 a. m. until 12 a. m., and on Friday the service will be held from 9 a. m. until 10 a. m.

For those students in the corps attending the evening services in the churches, an official excuse from the CO has been authorized, Gay announced. The Jewish services in the evening will be conducted in the cabinet room of the YMCA.

Annual Highway Short Course Will Be Held March 8

The annual highway engineering short course will begin at A&M March 8, according to an announcement made by Fred J. Benson, chairman of the course.

The course will be conducted by the civil engineering department on March 9, and 10 in Sbisla Hall. About 400 highway engineers are expected to attend, Benson said.

A dinner will be held in Sbisla Hall Wednesday night, March 9, for those attending, Benson concluded.

WSSF, Identification Cards, Traffic Report And Memorial Center Subjects for Discussion

The Student Senate will meet tomorrow evening at 7 in the Biology Lecture Room at Bryan Field Annex. This will be the first regular meeting of the Senate off the campus.

Listed on the long agenda are reports from several special committees as well as regular committee reports. The subject of identification cards for next year's student body will be introduced by John Orr, chairman of the executive committee. This committee has studied possible uses for identification cards and will make their recommendations concerning them.

The report on campus traffic conditions will be presented by George Edwards, chairman of the special committee appointed at the last session of the Senate. After several meetings with students and Campus Security officials, the committee has drawn up its report and recommendations.

Aubrey Sprawls will explain plans of the World Student Service Fund Committee. The WSSF Committee will soon launch a drive to collect donations from A&M students to send needed aid to European students.

Discuss Student Center

After having considered possible plans for administration of the new Memorial Student Center, a Senate committee headed by Fred Hambricht will present to the Senate their recommendations in the form of a letter to President Bolton.

This year's Aggie Muster will be planned and presented by a joint Senate—Brazos County A&M Club Committee. Marvin Rice will tell the Senate of progress made by the committee so far.

James Whitley, as chairman of the Mother's Day Program Committee, will report his committee's plans. The committee is planning to arrange a hand concert for Mother's Day afternoon as well as the Sunday morning Guion Hall program.

Housing Conditions

Present rent conditions in the Bryan - College Station area will be reported by Robert Ransom. This report will concern rent conditions as they affect married students of the college.

Luther Leatherwood, an Annex representative to the Senate, is in charge of arrangements for the Senate meeting. Before their meeting the Senate will eat in the Freshman Mess Hall.

Though visitors are welcome to all meetings, this will be the first opportunity for Annex freshmen to conveniently attend a Student Senate meeting.

Construction Of Student Center Back on Schedule

Work on the Student Memorial Center is in full swing again after being temporarily halted last week by foul weather, according to E. A. Palma, labor foreman. Muddy ground permitted only 15 days of work last month, but the project is back on schedule now.

Had the project not been hampered by miscellaneous jobs, such as having to bread, melt, and pump snow out of the basement, the project would have been ahead of schedule, Palma said.

The ground floor above the basement has been poured and the remainder of the ground floor will have been poured by Saturday. "After this is completed, the work will progress more rapidly," stated Palma.

Palma added that work is going nicely now and if the weather remains good until the remainder of the ground floor is completed, additional bad weather will not hamper work a great deal.

Architect Places First in Contest

Edwin F. Redondo, fifth-year A&M architecture student, won first place in a cover design contest sponsored by the National Council on Schoolhouse Construction.

W. D. McClurkin, secretary-treasurer of the Council, notified W. W. Caudill, professor of architecture, of the winners.

The winning design will appear on the 1949 edition of the Council's publication "Guide for the Planning of School Plants."

Other Aggies in the run-offs were Jean Du Bose, Gene R. Summers, A. Ray Morse, John P. Wells and Robert L. Palmer.

EGYPT AWAITS PEACE TALK

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Egyptian Foreign Minister Desouki Abaza Pasha said today six other Arab nations might wait the results of the Egyptian-Israeli armistice talks on Rhodes before answering acting mediator, Ralph Bunche's invitation to begin negotiations with Israel.



HORACE K. JACKSON

Horace K. Jackson To Address Local Masons Tomorrow

Horace K. Jackson, immediate past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M., will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Sul Ross Research Club to be held tomorrow in the Physics Lecture Room, according to Rudolph Huddleston, chairman.

The lodge will be opened at 7 p. m. in the Physics Lecture Room for the purpose of examinations, since Brother Jackson desires to speak before a tiled meeting.

Jackson was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M. during 1948. He is a graduate of Baylor University and a resident of Gatesville, Texas.

The talk will begin promptly at 7:30 p. m. The meeting of the Sul Ross Research Club is open to all E.A., F.C., and Master Masons.

However, the sturdy Norwegians don't intimidate easily. Foreign Minister Lange is going right ahead and discuss matters with American Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Presumably Norway's decision will depend on the outcome of these discussions. In any event, Foreign Minister Lange made it clear in a speech before his parliament last week that Norway's position will be decided by herself and not by any other nation.

The problem of the Scandinavian countries certainly isn't easy, sitting as they do under the muzzles of Moscow's big guns.

The nations which don't resist the Red revolution will be taken over like Czechoslovakia, Hungary and the rest of the wretched slave states.

"Neutrality," in the accepted sense of the term, is out the window. It just can't be counted on, for the reason that ruthless aggression is stalking the world and it has no regard for the "rights" of "neutrals."

B Battery (that's home base) comes next in the line of the Regiment. This unit boasts the distinction of being the most erratic outfit in the corps. Despite what time of the day or night you visit B Battery, someone is always awake and there are two things going on—a poker game and a bull session. This unit takes greatest pride in its card playing and grade-point getting abilities. Twenty-Sixty is not at all an uncommon posting.

By actual count, 43 of the 58 members play poker. Every senior does except Pat Henry and he's too busy making money other ways.

They tend to live in the glorious past when they were the outstanding military outfit on the campus and they are still anxious to see the red patch of B Battery once more supreme.

C Battery is in two factions. One is a very serious and brainy group as exemplified by J. B. Rochelle, outfit CO and possessor of many honors and grade points. The other group is a man-about-town set which think partying is the more important thing in life.

Together they make a proud lot and count many successes in the field of inter-outfit competition.

The truly serious outfit of the Field is D Battery. Bitsy Davis,