

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION
SLATED TO BEGIN TODAY

AUSTIN, Feb. 14 —(AP)— The 51st Legislature goes on day and night shifts starting today.

Proposed laws affecting the every day lives of most Texans are among 75 measures up for public study in house and senate committees. This week bills were introduced heard in committee or set for hearing that touch Texans who: Vote, drink water, drive cars, pay city taxes; send their children to school; go to doctors, chiropractors or naturopaths to have their sicknesses treated; buy radios or cosmetics; try to drive to town on muddy roads; own homes; receive old age pensions; or who are war veterans.

CHINESE PEACE TALKS
RUMORED APPROACHING

NANKING, Feb. 14 —(AP)— A member of Nanking's unofficial delegation to Communist-held Peiping said today the Reds gave assurances that formal peace negotiations would be held within 30 days.

A spokesman for the delegation, Prof. Wu Yu-Hou, said Gen. Yeh Chien-Ying, told the group he expected talks would begin within a month to formally end China's long civil war.

Acting President Li Tsung-Jen appointed a five-man official delegation to sue for peace with the Communists. However, the Red rejected the bid. It said the detention of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and other nationalist leaders on the communist "war criminal" list must precede peace talks.

TEXAS WATER CARNIVAL
ENDS WITH CORONATION

AUSTIN, Feb. 14 —(AP)— Yesleta Leisner of Fort Worth who is studying psychology at the University of Texas, was crowned queen of the institution's annual Aqua Carnival Saturday night.

She was selected from a field of 153 candidates, selection was by five groups of male judges. The coronation was the climax of the five-day Water Carnival, which includes a swimming show, exhibitions and the beauty contest.

TALMAGE SAID TO BE
CREATING "DYNASTY"

ATLANTA, Feb. 14 —(AP)— Talmadge forces are pushing through legislation in Georgia which opponents say could create a political dynasty like the late Huey Long regime in Louisiana.

Day after day the program of young Gov. Herman Talmadge has met cries on the floor of the legislature of "tyranny . . . dictatorship . . . invasion of the bill of rights."

In five fast-moving weeks, the assembly has approved many bills extending the governor's power and his opportunity for re-election. Talmadge said today the opposition charges "are only what is expected. They would cry dictator if I signed an order for Mother's Day."

Camera Club Will
Reorganize Today

The Camera Club will meet at 7:15 p. m. Monday in the Physics Lecture Room for reorganization and a lecture by R. D. Rivers of the Physics Department.

Plans have been made to present progressively advanced talks by various qualified men concerning amateur photography. These talks will be designed so that the student with small box cameras and little technical skill will be able to do good photographic work and thereby increase enjoyment of the hobby.

Rivers' will speak on "Exposure Decent and Indecent." All old members are urged to be present and all men on the campus interested in learning something about photography "painlessly" are cordially invited to attend, the club reporter said.

Internal Revenues
To Aid Tax Payers

James A. Scanlon, collector of internal revenue from the Bryan office, will be at the YMCA on Thursday, March 3, Dr. Walton, College Station postmaster, said today.

Scanlon will be here to help anyone having trouble with his 1948 tax return. He will have all necessary forms and will be here from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., Walton added.

WEATHER

East Texas — Occasional rain north portion, some freezing rain extreme northwest, and partly cloudy south portion this afternoon and tonight. Not so cold northwest and extreme north portions tonight, Tuesday partly cloudy, warmer north portion, Fresh to strong southerly winds on coast.



AUDIE MURPHY, most decorated soldier of World War II shakes hands with Chancellor GIBB GILCHRIST at the parade Saturday afternoon.

Ball Is Climax of
Weekend's Event

By GEORGE CHARLTON

The Military Ball, two presentation ceremonies, one formal review, and a concert-radio program combined to make the weekend one of the most rushed and eventful weekends this year for corps members.

Events began Saturday at 12:10 when Audie Murphy, Texas hero of World War II, arrived in College Station. Met by the Aggie Band, he was escorted to Duncan Mess Hall where he had lunch with the corps. At 2:30 Lt. General Eilwood R. Quesada was received by an honor guard of Ross Volunteers at Easterwood Air Field and escorted to his quarters here on the campus.

Governor Jester, who had been scheduled to arrive at 3:30 at Easterwood Air Field, was unable to attend the weekend's activities.

The entire corps, 3,800 strong formed in front of Duncan at 2:00 and posed for Life photographers. Poses included the corps in mass formation at present arms, at attention, and at the "wildcat." Also a formal shot was taken of corps members squaring their helmet liners.

The cadets formed again at 3:50 this time for a Corps Review. The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of a Honorary Cadet Colonel's Commission, the first given in the history of the college, to Audie Murphy.

At 5:15 to 6:20 cadet officers attended a reception in the YMCA. There they were given an opportunity to meet the numerous guests.

At 6:15 Vaughn Monroe's Camel Caravan Show was held in Guion Hall to a "sold out" house. During the show the six Vanity Fair winners were presented. They were Lon Prothro of Dallas, Martha Keller of Stephenville, Bobby Ruth Smith of San Marcos, Margaret Malitz of Dallas, Alma Jean Vance of Bryan, and Martha Dev-
port of Greenville.

Among flags of the United Nations, palm plants, and insignias representing different branches of the Army adorning the walls of Sbsia, the Military Ball began with Vaughn Monroe singing and his famous band playing. The Moon Maids, four Texas girls, sang at intervals during the show.

Later during the dance the six Vanity Fair winners were again introduced, this time, by Truman Martin, editor of Aggieiland '49, and were presented a bouquet by Vaughn Monroe. Audie Murphy was introduced.

Taylor's Reports
Drawing Winners

The six winners of the drawing held in conjunction with the grand opening of Taylor's Variety Store were announced today by the owners.

Mrs. Bonnie McLain was the winner of a radio, Mrs. F. F. Bishop won \$10.00 in cash, and Diane Oliver received an album of Hallmark Dolls.

A Doll Bed and Dresser Set, a train set, and a gun and holster set went to Kay-Lynn Spirell, Jodey Rush, and Sammy Hayward respectively.

Ann Elkins, who fished out the lucky number, was presented a Madame Alexander doll.

RELIGIOUS WEEK BEGINS TODAY

Water, Sewage
Engineers End
Short Course

The short course for water purification and sewage disposal engineers came to a close Thursday, February 12, according to a bulletin from the civil engineering department.

The course was sponsored by the State Board of Health, the Southwest Section of the American Water Works Association, the State Board for Vocational Education, and the Civil Engineering Department of A&M.

The following is a list of resolutions adopted by the 435 engineers attending the course:

Ask the state legislature to overcome the cast iron pipe deficiency in some manner or other.

Request the president to appoint a Southwesterner to the national advisory committee on water pollution control.

Call upon the Texas Legislature for a committee to study water shortage within the state.

Suggest that present river authorities be given authority to develop additional reservoirs, treatment works, and distribution system. Or, as an alternate, that a super state agency, having a \$200,000,000 fund and patterned after the Federal Reclamation Department, be set up to accomplish the aforementioned.

Ask for \$50,000 to help enforce federal stream pollution regulations.

Dr. George W. Cox, Texas state health officer, in concluding the meeting praised the progress made in most cities while pointing out that some have not yet devised a water purification system acceptable to public health authorities.

Reading Room For
Journalism Majors
Opened in Bizzell

A new service for journalism students in the shape of a reading room has been opened in Room 107 Bizzell Hall, Department Head Donald D. Burchard announced yesterday.

Completed just in time for opening of the spring term, the reading room has racks and files for newspapers and magazines. The department is now receiving about 60 home newspapers and more are being added every week. A large number of agricultural, business and professional magazines are on the shelves.

All students enrolled in any journalism class, and others interested, are invited to use the reading room for study, and reference, Burchard said. It will be open on week days from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. and from 8 until 12 noon on Saturday.

The reading room supplements the typing and newsroom laboratory opened last semester. Additional equipment is planned for the future, Burchard said.

Dr. C. E. Barbour Gives First Talk;
Charles Glass Presides At Meeting

The seventh annual Religious Emphasis week at A&M opened this morning at 10 in Guion Hall with a talk by Dr. Clifford E. Barbour.

The talk by Dr. Barbour, who is pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, and dean of

the school of religion at the University of Tennessee, was the first in a series of five such talks by him to be given in Guion Hall during the coming week.

Today's session was presided over by Cadet Lt. Colonel Charlie Glass, senior Agricultural Engineering major from Mt. Pleasant and president of the Inter-Faith Council Tony Sorenson, a senior Animal Husbandry student from Waco led the singing.

Dr. Barbour outlined the Four Great Facts as: "God is God, Christ is Christ, salvation is salvation, and the church is the church."

He discussed the philosophies of commercialism, materialism and humanism. None of these, he said, could give a person complete satisfaction in life. He stressed the need for religious ideals in securing satisfaction from life.

In addition to the Guion Hall talks, each of the churches serving the college has arranged to conduct nightly services at 7:15. Special speakers will be present at each of the services.

A coffee hour will also be held in conjunction with the Religious Emphasis Week activities. It will be held in the Assembly Room of the YMCA at 6:45 each evening.

Students attending this evening church services will be officially excused from Call to Quarters, according to an announcement by Gordan Gay, assistant secretary of the YMCA.

The special speaker for the Methodist Church will be Rev. Charles A. Jackson Jr., brother of the present pastor of the A&M Church and pastor of the First Methodist Church of Statesboro, Georgia.

Rev. Jackson is a graduate of Emory University at Atlanta, Ga. and the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He works with the student program at the Georgia State Teachers College in Statesboro.

Rev. Warren R. Hall, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Navasota will be the Religious Emphasis Week speaker for the A&M Presbyterian Church.

A former Lt. Colonel in the Chaplain Corps of the Army during the war, Rev. Hall is a graduate of the University of Texas and the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Evening services of the Episcopal church will feature Bishop John E. Hines, the Bishop Coadjutor of the diocese of Texas in Austin.

Bishop Hines has held pastorates in St. Louis, Atlanta, and Houston and at present his special duties are with mission work and college groups. He is a graduate of the University of the South at Seawane, Tennessee and of the Theological Seminary of Virginia.

Jewish Religious Emphasis Week services under the sponsorship of the Hillel Club will be conducted by Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr., of B'nai Zion Congregation, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dr. Lefkowitz also will address a combined meeting of the Presbyterian and Hillel groups Sunday February 13 at 7 p. m. in the Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati and served four years as a Chaplain with the U. S. Air Forces.

The Church of Christ's special speaker for Religious Emphasis Week will be Rev. Willard Collins. Rev. Collins is vice president of David Lipscomb College and Pastor of the Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee.

A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Rev. Collins is the district five director of the American Col-
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RV's Act as Honor
Guard for Service

Eight Ross Volunteers left for Dallas this morning to act as honor guard at the reburial services of Lt. Austin Nance, former captain of the Ross Volunteers who was killed in the Battle of France.

Members attending the services are Jim McCulley, Kenneth Smith, Billy Shields, Emmet Ingram, Kenneth Landrum, Jim Modest, John Taylor, and J. B. Rochelle. Wayne Dunlap will act as bugler for the ceremony.

College FFA Will
Reconvene Today

The A&M Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers of America will hold its first meeting of the semester at 7:30 Monday evening in the Agricultural Engineering Lecture Room, John Bradford, president, announced today.

Several important committee assignments are to be made, Bradford said.

6 Vanity Fair Winners Visit
A&M; Enjoy Every Minute of It

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

The six Vanity Fair winners of the Aggieiland 1949 had a very busy day Saturday. In fact, after having been hurried from one end of the campus to the other, and being photographed all the way, it would have been difficult to persuade them that A&M is not a highly social college.

The girls represented a wide variety of geographical areas. Lou Prothro, escorted by Herb Beutel, is a tall brunette from Dallas. Only other Dallasite in the group was Margaret Malitz, a near-platinum blonde from SMU, who was escorted by Cadet Colonel Bob McClure. From the Gulf Coast came brunnette Bobby Ruth Smith, whose home is Newgulf and whose escort was Ken Hudgins.

The western representative was Martha Keller of Dublin, escorted by bandsman Hiram Smith. Martha Devenport, a small picture-blond from Greenville, was escorted by Loyd Devenport. Alma Jean Vance the only Bryan representative, was absent attending a friends wedding.

Kick-off for the afternoon and night's whirl came at a luncheon in the Aggieiland Inn. There the beauties and their escorts were introduced to each other and the co-editors of Aggieiland 1949. Between bites of fried chicken, Co-editors Earl Rose and Truman Martin explained the schedule for the rest of the day.

By 2:30 the meal had been consumed and the group departed for the Academic Building and a date with photographer. After an hour of being posed and photographed, the beauties were hustled off to Guion Hall to discuss their introductions of the night with Vaughn Monroe.

Snatching a few minutes with Monroe between his practice numbers, the group smoothed out the details of the concert and dance and rushed off to dress for the evening.

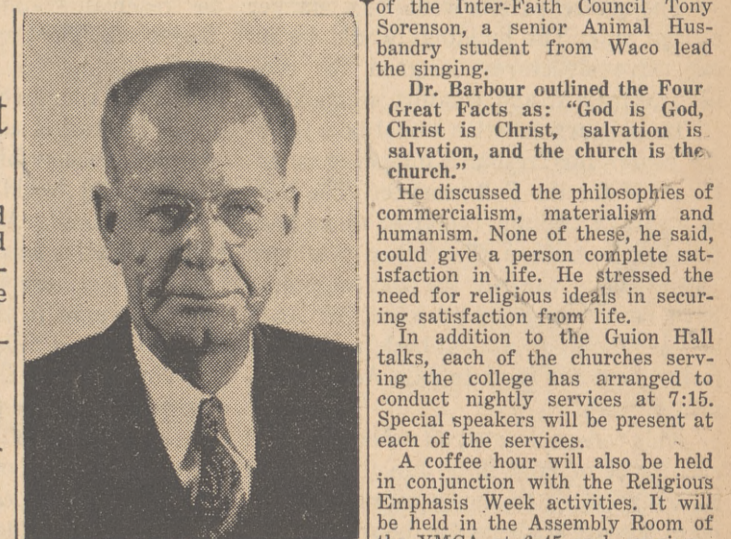
By 6 they were back at Guion to see and hear the concert and to be introduced by Monroe.

Going directly to the Military Ball they went through the introduction ceremonies again and plunged into the normal routine of an A&M big-name dance.

When the last number was finished, the girls were very tired. The day had been long and rugged. They had met several hundred people they wouldn't remember the next day and been photographed from all angles. It had all been very trying.

But they loved every minute of it!

Deadline for entries is March 15. Members on the committee are Bill Bowen, 127-3; Adolph Thome, 228-8; William C. Gersch, 32-Milner; Dick Joseph, 201-6.



...Rev. F. G. Roesener, "The Father of Lutheran Student Work in the Texas at State Institutions," spoke at the dedication of the Lutheran Student Center Sunday.

Wood of World's
Oldest Tree On
Exhibit in Museum

Tracy Herbarium has received a sample of wood supposed to be from the oldest living plant that reaches tree dimensions, H. B. Parks, museum curator, has announced.

The specimen, Metasequoia Glyptostrobus Huet Cheng, was given to the College Station chapter of Wood Collectors of America by their secretary. It is one of the three samples of this wood that has recently reached the United States Parks said.

Samples of the wood are located at the University of California, Yale University, which has the largest collection of wood samples in the world, and one with the A&M Museum.

Parks described the wood as soft and light, and said the tree from which it came reaches a diameter of three feet and a height of a hundred feet. The tree resembles the redwood of California. It is called the living fossil as it is known only from wood coming from Asia or America, Parks said.

The sample of wood is on exhibit along with its history in the lobby of the A&M Museum.

Seniors Call For
Duchess Pictures

Seniors interested in entering pictures for the selection of a duchess to represent their class at the Cotton Ball may submit their photos to one of the selection committees, according to Dick Joseph, committee chairman.

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Griesser Appliance
Opening Today

C. E. Griesser, owner of Griesser Electrical Co. of Bryan, will open a branch store at the South Gate this morning.

The branch will be located in the Dan Russell building, and will be open from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. today.

Mrs. Charles Logan, home economist from Houston, will display new types of kitchen equipment and demonstrate it at the opening.

Joe Diviak of Bryan will be in charge of all repairs on electrical appliances. Other personnel in the store include Marvin West, Lehman Speed, and Mrs. E. T. Meisell. Griesser stated that the store will also carry all types of air conditioning equipment.

Second Installment
Fees Now Payable

Second installment fees will be payable February 1-20. W. H. Holzmann, comptroller, announced today.

Fees for this installment are \$44.30, delayed payment fees being \$1 per day extra for each day of delay, Holzmann said.

Religious Week
Cancels Meetings

As has been a custom in the past, organizations are requested not to hold any meetings that will conflict with the morning or evening services of Religious Emphasis Week.

Tepid But Terrific . . .

Military Ball Overcomes Crowds and
Heat to Rank as Outstanding Success

By DAVE COSLETT

Socially slumbering Aggieiland awoke with a bang Saturday night as the long-anticipated Military Ball became a reality. The time-proven ingredients of music, girls, and celebrities gave birth to a weekend of top-notch entertainment.

The fact that each of the components came in unusually heaping measures tended to add to the batter of the Military Ball a seldom equaled quality.

The music, bearing the brand name of Vaughn Monroe and Orchestra, substantiated press release claims that the Camel Caravan congregation is "The Most Talked of Band in America."

Vaughn himself displayed his "masculine voice" to anticipated standards in songs which he has made nationally famous including "Dance Ballerina Dance," "Racing With the Moon," and "There, I've Said It Again."

The Moon-Maids, four Texas members of Vaughn's troop, lent their able assistance in several other familiar Monroe arrangements. Harmonica Virtuoso Dick Hayman added his bit with some

harmonicabatics including "Chinatown" and "Night and Day."

Humor high-spots of the night came from two other members of the Monroe aggregation, Jay Lawrence and Ziggy Talent. Lawrence ably impersonated various well-known celebrities, managing to produce a better than reasonable facimile in looks as well as voice.

Talent's rendition of "Annabelle" contained just enough of the risqué to draw giggles instead of blushes from the visiting females. He also did "The Maharaja of Magidor."

In the personality compound of the night, Lieutenant Audie Murphy, outstanding war-hero, movie star, and recently turned novelist, stole the spotlight from such contenders as British Major General J. A. Gascoigne, British Colonel Windsor Lewis, Major General Harry H. Vaughn, Major General Charles Ryder, Brigadier General Wendell Westover, and Brigadier General Edward A. Evans.

The handsome, almost bashful, multi-decorated Texan made an immediate hit with his promise to bring his beautiful wife, movie actress Wanda Hendrix, to A&M on his next visit. His

unruly hair and conversational abilities added an air of naturalness to the star of the new picture "Bad Boy."

The third ingredient, girls, was especially notable for both its quality and its quantity. Outstanding in this department was Aggieiland '49 Co-editor Truman Martin's presentation of the six lovely winners of Vanity Fair.

As for the quantity, the number of girls down for the affair could well have set a record. They swelled the already tremendous attendance to a jam-packed peak.

The over-crowded conditions and the resultant heat formed the basis for what few complaints were registered concerning the Ball. Open doors and windows failed to relieve the definitely non-wintery temperature in Sbsia.

As a result of the crowd, which would have probably felt cramped even in Kyle Field, missing dates became the rule instead of the exception. The long-standing custom of date-snatching, greatly enhanced by the sardine-like atmosphere, led to the appearance of an eagerly searching look on the face of many cadets.

The only casualties of the night

were a few males who were lost in the long trek to and from the men's lounge. Numerous men warned their buddies to stock provisions before attempting the trip.

Considerable color was added to the dance by the presence of numerous photographers, most of them from Life Magazine. Flash bulbs popped constantly and several cadet dates got the genuine thrill of being photographed standing beside a full-fledged general.

The constant band-stand audience and lines of autograph seekers ate into the already insufficient dance floor making genuine tripping of the light fantastic not only dangerous but nearly impossible.

Even the generous supply of chairs and tables was not ample enough to fill the needs of the already foot-sore Aggies, fresh from a full afternoon of military formalities and picture posing.

The simple but attractive decorations for the affair were highlighted by a giant American flag directly behind the band stand and directly across from a spot-lighted Confederate banner.

One Aggie had this one sentence summation of the ball; "Tepid but terrific."