

SECOND BLAST ROCKS NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY

KEARNEY, N. J., Feb. 16 (AP)—A noon hour explosion in the sprawling Koppers coke plant yesterday rocked nearby communities and was felt in New York City across the Hudson river.

The blast, which occurred in a one-story chemical experimental building, injured two workmen. One was injured critically.

The impact of the explosion brought crowds from buildings into the street in Jersey City, a mile away. In Manhattan windows were shaken in office buildings.

Company officials said two partially-filled 2,000 gallon vats of liquid hydrogen cyanide exploded.

The two men injured were the only persons in the building at the time.

Damage was estimated by the company at \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Ten persons were killed at the plant last May in an explosion.

The Koppers explosion was the second blast in New Jersey today. Earlier, a large oil storage tank at the American Oil Co., at Carteret, was burned after gasoline in a tank truck exploded. No one was injured.

The Koppers Company manufactures coke and illuminating gas.

LOCAL ENTERTAINERS TO BE BARRED ON DALLAS STAGE

DALLAS, Feb. 16 (AP)—Local entertainers have been banned from the Majestic Theater stage here tonight while motion picture actors from Hollywood perform for the world premiere of "Bad Boy."

The ban was imposed by the American Guild of Variety Artists.

This notification was sent to Carl "Pappy" Dolsen, owner of Pappy's Showland, who is staging the presentation of personalities at the premiere.

The ban will be lifted immediately if the Hollywood actors, all members of the Screen Actors Guild, will join the AGVA.

Interstate Theater officials said the demand has been appealed to the national office of the AGVA.

The Hollywood stars, including Lloyd Nolan, Jane Wyatt, Stanley Clements, Martha Vickers and Jimmy Lyndon who appear in the film, were scheduled to arrive in Dallas this morning.

The night club entertainers belonging to AGVA were to be paid regular fees for their services. Premier of "Bad Boy" is to benefit Variety Clubs International and particularly the Dallas tent which supports boys ranch at Copperas Cove, Tex., locale of the picture.

HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVE VETERAN PENSION MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The House Veterans Committee yesterday approved a bill providing \$90 a month pensions for veterans of world wars 1 and 2 at the age of 65.

The committee's measure was a compromise of a proposal by chairman Rankin (D-Miss) to start \$60 a month pensions at the age of 60.

The bill also sets up pensions for non-service connected disabilities ranging from \$20 a month to \$90 for total disability, and \$120 when an attendant is required.

The Truman Administration previously had indicated it opposed the pension moves. Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., estimated that the cost would be around \$2,000,000,000 the first year and said costs would go up annually thereafter.

TEXAS CITY EXPLOSION BLAMED ON GAS LEAK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The Bureau of Mines today blamed a break in a high pressure pipe line for a Texas disaster last Oct. 18 that killed seven and injured 14.

It said a break in a three-inch line at Texas City probably loosed a cloud of gas which was ignited, causing the explosions and fire.

(The accident occurred almost a year and a half after a waterfront explosion killed at least 500 persons at Texas City in April 1947.)

"FRIENDLY CITY" HAS NEW TAXICAB STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16 (AP)—A taxicab strike on top of a five day walkout of subway, bus and trolley workers left Philadelphia's millions virtually without public transportation yesterday.

Scattered fist fights marked the start of the unexpected cab tie-up. Taxi union leaders had postponed a strike 54 hours until today. But rank and file drivers of Yellow Cab Company quit work anyway at midnight.

Complete paralysis of the city's transportation system was averted by the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroads which operated record numbers of shuttle trains from suburban areas.

WEATHER

East Texas — Partly cloudy north to cloudy south portion this afternoon, tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature. Moderate mostly northerly winds on coast.

Louisiana — Mostly cloudy, cooler extreme southeast portion this afternoon and tonight. Thursday partly cloudy. Moderate temperatures. Gentle to moderate northerly winds on the coast.

'Do You Know A&M?'



The Eyes Have It . . .

Observant Aggies Provide Opportunity To Win Prizes

By FRANK CUSHING

Hey, Aggie, are you pretty familiar with the campus you live on? Do you feel that you've spent enough time around this place to know every brick? You might be justified in your confidence, and then again you might be surprised at some of the architectural tidbits around A&M which you've never noticed.

Just to see how observant you are of your surroundings, the Battalion today is instituting a "So You Know A&M?" Contest. The rules are easy. All you have to furnish is some information and a small amount of your time to fill out the entrance form. The prizes involved should give you plenty of incentive.

The "So You Know A&M?" series will consist of some twenty-odd pictures, odd in view as well as numbers. The photos will be similar to the one of the weather vane in this issue. The subject may be a roof of a building, a lawn ornament, or a segment of a building's decorations. You

will swear that some of the items were snapped at the famous forty acres, but all things pictured are in, or on, Aggieiland.

A blank like the one on page four will be printed at the first of each week for your convenience. Just tear the form out and save it. As the pictures are carried throughout the week, write down in the designated space what you believe the subject is, and where it is located.

When you have completed your weekly blank, turn it in to the Battalion office at 201 Goodwin. The finished form must be in by noon Sunday of each week in order to make you eligible.

If you misplace your blank, you can make your own. However be certain that you have given the printing day of each picture you have named. Be sure that you submit your entry prior to the Sunday deadline.

The week's pictures will be correctly tagged on the following Monday. The process will be continued until the closing of the contest.

Although, there will be weekly winners announced, there will be no prizes awarded to them. The final winners will be determined according to the highest total of correct captions for the entire contest.

Prizes that have been donated by "The Cave" and "The Campus Corner" will be awarded to those individuals who can prove that they really do know A&M. The first prize, given to the most observant Aggie, will be an Evans "Boot Lighter." This boon to smokers consists of a standard Evans lighter skillfully worked into a silver-plated cowboy boot. The decorative boot is five inches tall and is affixed to a colorful, plastic platform.

A "Panda" camera, the latest product of the Anso Company will be given to the student who places second in the pictorial quiz. This nationally advertised 620mm camera is the conveniently small size of 2 1/4 inches square.

The third place winner will receive an Evans pocket lighter. The small edition of a flame thrower has a handsome seal of A&M attached.

To begin your bid for either the camera, "Boot" or pocket lighter take a long look at the photo of the weather vane. No doubt the cow poke attempting to stay with his activated horse looks familiar to you, but just exactly where is that wind indicator located? When you are sure you know, write it in Wednesday's space. Provided you've named the correct locale, you've gotten a good start toward a prize.

Some of the views taken by the cooperative cameramen will probably look like modern art to you, but don't be discouraged. With a slight strain upon your eye or memory you should be able to carry off first place honors.



MISS LOU PROTHRO, of Dallas, is one of this year's Vanity Fair selections.

BURMA FIGHTING CONTINUES

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 16 (AP)—Fighting continued Tuesday in the town of Insein, despite official reports of a retreat by Karen Rebels.

Alec Templeton to Present Early Show Here Monday

By BUDDY LUCE

Town Hall brings new hope to ticket seekers with the addition of a matinee performance for the Alec Templeton show February 21.

Before the addition of the matinee performance, Town Hall had been completely sold out for the season. Spike White, director of Student Activities, announced that 1724 tickets to the Alec Templeton show had been made available by the added matinee.

The matinee performance will be held at 3:30 Monday afternoon and will be a lighter type of program than the regular evening show. The tickets are available at the Student Activities Office now.

Templeton's pranks on the piano have been praised far and wide. The ease with which he jestfully

College Station Churches Plan Prayer Services, Singing, Talks

Services have been scheduled for 7:15 tonight in the Churches of College Station as the third day of Religious Emphasis ends. Speakers from all parts of nation are serving as guest speakers at the various services.

Services have been scheduled for the Lutheran, Christian,

Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Episcopal churches. Services have also been scheduled by the Church of Christ and the Hillel Foundation.

G. Willard Collins of Nashville, Tennessee, will speak at the Church of Christ on "The Power of Singing." Mr. Collins will point out that there is power in singing because this is God's way of praise; singing is one means of teaching; Christians teach sinners of the Bible through singing; and singing is a way of expressing thanks to God.

Senior Committee Sets New Regulations For Aggie Ring

By CHARLES KIRKHAM

"Any student who lacks not more than eight hours of having completed the number of hours required through the junior year of his curriculum and who has earned an equal number of grade points may purchase the A&M ring as soon as the Registrar's Office has officially posted all grades." This was the unanimous decision of the Senior Ring Committee yesterday.

All grades for the recently completed fall semester will be posted shortly after March 1, Registrar H. L. Heaton told the Committee. He also said that official postings of grades for the present semester would be made in mid-August.

After March 1, second semester juniors may order their Senior Rings but delivery will not be made until they have satisfied the requirements in the newly adopted rule.

The new rule means that a man whose major subject required 108 hours for senior classification could order his Senior Ring upon completion of 100 hours and 100 grade points. Delivery of his ring would be made upon its arrival at the Registrar's Office.

The schedule showing required number of hours and grade points to order and receive Senior Rings will appear in tomorrow's Battalion.

Students who have ordered rings and can qualify under the new system may receive their rings from the Registrar's Office immediately. All students qualifying under the new system but who have not ordered may order immediately. Men in the second semester of their junior year whose qualification for receiving their ring depends on the official posting of grades March 1 may order immediately and then receive their ring in time for the Senior Ring Dance to be held April 22.

The Registrar's Office announced that Senior Ring orders were mailed to the company manufacturing the ring only on the first day of each month. One month is generally required for the ring to be made and sent to the Registrar's Office.

"If there is sufficient demand on the part of the estimated 700 students graduating next January to hold a Senior Ring Dance during the fall semester, (the office of) Student Activities will do its best to give them a dance" stated W. L. Penberthy, Dean of Men. This statement was based upon an estimate by John Zinn of the Registrar's Office made yesterday. Zinn estimated 1000 men would graduate in June, 500 in August, and 700 next January.

"This decision of the Ring committee does not in any way affect the College's classification of a Senior. Our decision applies only to the ring," said E. E. McQuillen, committee chairman. The College classification system was used by the ring committee as a basis for issuing the Senior Ring before the new system was adopted yesterday. Completion of three reasonably successful scholastic years at Texas A&M adequately qualified a man to receive his Senior Ring, the committee felt.

In effect, the Committee tossed out the deficiency requirements and the method of figuring the grade-point ratio on the total number of hours the student has signed up for during his enrollment at A&M. Under the former system there were several men on the campus who have over 130 hours but cannot receive their rings. Now under the liberalized system, these men will be able to receive their ring upon request at the Registrar's Office.

The Ring Committee voted to require full payment for the ring when it is ordered. This regulation will not effect many students.

Other business included the Committee's re-statement of its policy regarding lost rings. Men who lose their senior ring and desire to order another must present a signed affidavit to the ring committee. This affidavit must testify that his ring has been lost.

Members of the Committee present were A. D. Martin, president of the Sophomore Class, Doyle Avant, president of the Junior Class, Don Kasper, president of the Senior Class, Roy Blanton, social secretary of the Senior Class, and Charles Kirkham, President of the Student Senate. Other members present were E. E. McQuillen Chairman, Dick Hervey, W. L. Penberthy, R. G. Perryman, and H. L. Heaton.

Corps Donates \$1,924.05 To March of Dimes

The A&M Cadet Corp presented \$1,924.05 to the March of Dimes today. The money was contributed by corps members Saturday night at the Military Ball.

The money was contributed in conformance with a resolution initiated by George Edwards and passed by the Senior Class that the money which would have been spent on corsages for dates be contributed to the March of Dimes.

A check for the amount was presented to Mrs. R. W. Stanford, chairman of the Brazos County March of Dimes, at the First National Bank today on behalf of the class by Edwards, Murry Cox, and Charles Glass.

The amount to be contributed by each student was \$2 Edwards said. When asked how the five cents got in the pot, Edwards said that they were trying to figure that one out themselves.

Masons of College, Bryan Plan Dinner

Sul Ross Masonic Lodge, No. 1300, and Brazos Union Masonic Lodge, No. 129, of Bryan will hold a joint banquet to honor George Washington's birthday Wednesday February 23, in Sbis Hall.

Principal speaker at the banquet will be James W. McClendon, past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Masonic delegations from neighboring lodges will also attend the banquet, according to C. K. Leighton, Deputy Grand Master of the 29th Masonic District of Texas.

Aggie Players Begin Casting Modern Drama

For the first time in several seasons the Aggie Players will produce a modern, sophisticated comedy, George Dillavou, director of the Players, said today.

Period costume plays have predominated the Players' productions in the past.

The play is "The Play's The Thing." Dillavou saw it on Broadway while attending Columbia University last summer. This play is one which I think will appeal to every Aggie on the campus, he said.

The play has just recently been released for amateur production and the Players will be one of the first college groups to produce it, Dillavou added.

Try-outs for parts in the play will be held in the Assembly Hall Thursday and Friday from 4:30 to 6 and from 7 to 8 each evening. Dillavou said that those who thought they lacked talent should not hesitate from trying out for a part. "I will try to teach you," he said. Student's wives and the townspeople as well as veterans and Corps members are eligible to try for parts.

Information concerning the play may be obtained from J. Howard Davis in Hart Hall or John W. Laufenberg in Dorm 12.

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The College Station Christian Church will have as speakers Dr. Carter Boren and Dr. Woodrow Wassam from the University of Houston. Dr. Wassam will preach tonight at the YMCA, and Tommy Butler will lead the singing.

The Hillel Foundation will have as principal speaker Rabbi David Leskowitz Jr., of Shreveport, La. He is slated to talk at the Annex tonight on "Jewish Legacy in Religion, Culture, and Contribution to Civilization."

Dr. Reavis of the Baptist Church will speak at one cadet company prayer meeting in Dormitory 7, Room 415 after regular services tonight. His regular sermon is entitled, "Why I am a Christian." Dr. Trussell will lead the singing.

Rev. S. T. Eggie will preach on "Sacrifice of the Mass" at St. Mary's Chapel tonight.

The Episcopal church has Bishop Quinn as guest speaker. He will hold Confirmation Services Thursday night in the local church.

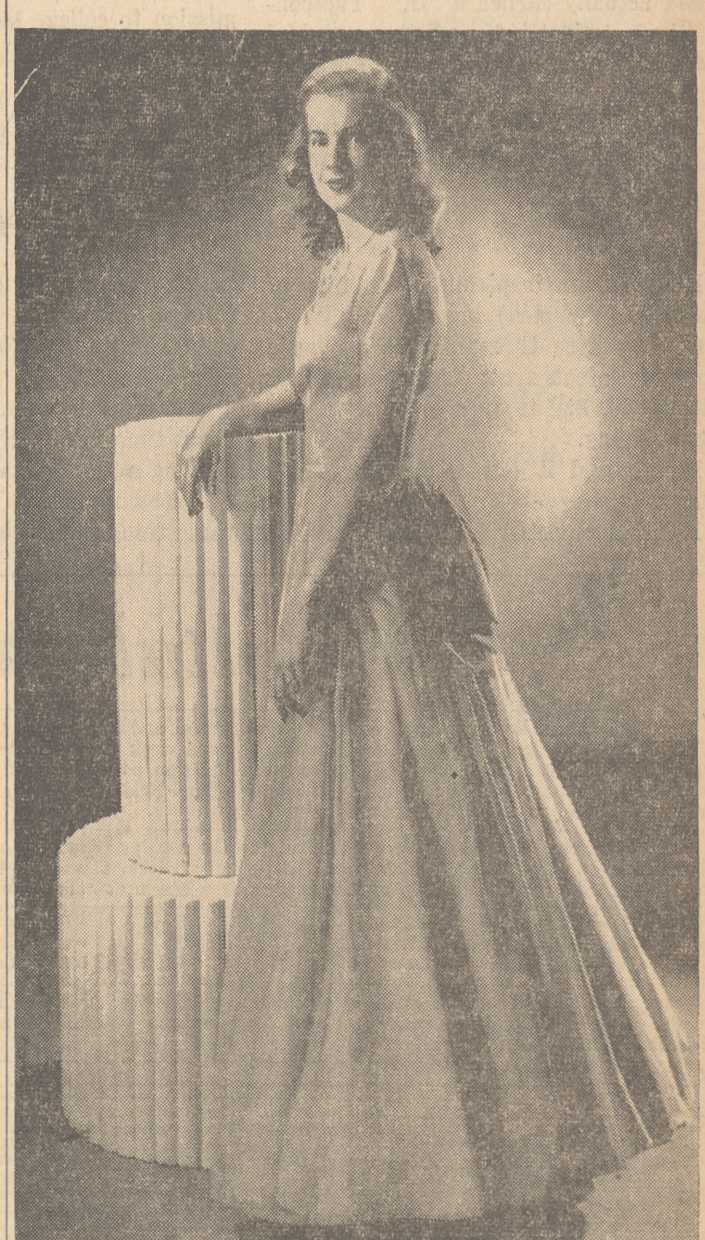
Rev. C. A. Jackson is the principal speaker for the Methodist Church. His topic is "The Song of Love." An all church banquet is slated for 6:15 p. m. All Aggies are invited as guests of the church. Donald Jarvis is leading the singing for the week.

Saddle-Sirloiners Set Date for Ball

The Cattleman's Ball will be held in Sbis Hall on Saturday, March 19 from 8 p. m. until midnight. Carl Griffing, dance committee chairman, announced Tuesday.

Jesse James and All the Boys will furnish music for the ball, which is sponsored annually by the Saddle and Sirloin Club. The old west bar, one of the feature attractions of the dance, will be stocked with soft drinks.

Men are invited to wear western style clothes, while the ladies may wear anything from full-length old fashioned dresses to fancy rodeo clothes, Griffing said.



MISS MARGARET MALITZ, a sophomore from SMU, is one of the Vanity Fair favorites.