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## Speculation Varies Widely On Action of Board Friday

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Speculation is running wild among the citizens of Bryan and College Station as to what agreement, if any, will be reached about the current water supply question at Friday and Saturday's meeting of the A&M Board of Directors. The board's special water committee will present their solution to the problem and recommend to the directors that A&M procure its own water supply as outlined in a still secret report by Homer H. Hunter, Dallas consulting engineer. Possibly, it is speculated, the Bryan city commission will ask the board and the city of College Station to join Bryan in establishing an independent metropolitan water district. Such a dis-

trict, the speculators assert, would take over the wells and the city of Bryan and sell water pumping system now owned by wholesale to Bryan, College Station, and the College. The three agencies would then sell the water retail through their distributive systems, as is being done now. Other speculations, this time from disturbed citizens, were aggravated when it was reported that representatives of the College were contacting property owners "upstream" from the city of Bryan's water well field. This contacting is supposedly the attempts to either lease the water rights, or at least take options on those rights, in preparation for putting down

the College's own source of supply. Tracts in this immediate area belong to J. N. Dulaney, James Seigert, J. L. Burt, Louis Brandesky, M. Cahill Estate, Mrs. Dendy Cahill and John Kalinec. At least one of these parties is said to have been approached by two college representatives. The property owner, according to reports, indicated that he did not understand the details of the proposal very well, except that a dollar an acre was involved, with a promise of additional revenue based on gallonage produced.

Since 1940 A&M has been the biggest water consumer and customer of Bryan's eight wells drilled in Sparta sand north of the city. When the present contract was signed in 1940, Bryan was granted \$250,000 from the government to help drill the wells. Before the present contract was signed, A&M was furnished water from two wells near the present site of the College View Apartments. Containing a large amount of minerals and especially hydrogen sulfide, the water could not be used in college boilers or laundry plant.

"Everyone agreed it tasted pretty bad," said T. R. Spence, supervisor of Physical Plants. "But the water presently furnished to the college is very pure and contains only a small amount of minerals."

The water supply in Bryan last year was serious. Dry weather caused the sprinkling of lawns to be prohibited by a city ordinance for a short period of time. At the present time Bryan lacks sufficient supply for any large size industry.

## Architecture Students Return From Extensive Eastern Trip

The architecture seniors who left last month for an inspection tour of the north central and northeastern United States returned to A&M Saturday, according to Ernest Langford, head of the department. Twenty two students and one faculty member made the tour in a chartered bus.

## Clinic Handles 148 Crippled Children Here

One hundred and forty eight patients were examined by leading orthopedic and plastic surgeons at the fourth annual Crippled Children's Clinic held on the campus yesterday morning. Children from several counties in this area, some of whom had never been examined by a doctor before, attended the clinic. Examinations were conducted from 9 a. m. to about 1 p. m.

Examining doctors were Dr. Herbert E. Hippis, orthopedic surgeon from Waco; Dr. G. W. N. Eggers, orthopedic surgeon from Galveston; Dr. James Brandon, another orthopedic man from Galveston; Dr. T. G. Blecker, plastic surgeon from Galveston; and Dr. J. K. Torrens, neurologist from Galveston. James L. Tenny, director of the crippled children's agency of the state health department in Austin; Mrs. Francis Frazier, vocational rehabilitation division representative; L. O. Killion, adult physical restoration supervisor from Waco; and James Abernombie, rehabilitation counselor from College Station also attended the clinic.

Dan Russell, head of the Rural Sociology Department, was director of the clinic which was held by the Kiwanis Club in co-operation with the Shriners and local health and welfare agencies as well as volunteer workers. Lilly Ice Cream Company furnished free ice cream. Sanitary Dairies furnished free milk and the Coca Cola Bottling Company and Dr. Pepper Bottling Company furnished free soft drinks to the children and their parents.

They visited Little Rock, St. Louis, Chicago, Niagara Falls, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and areas in Michigan, Canada, and Indiana, Langford said.

In St. Louis, they inspected the American Stove Company's new sales office, which was designed by Harris Armstrong. The group also visited one of the modern homes Armstrong has designed.

In Chicago, the students saw Frank L. Wright's "Robie House," one of the first in the country to have indirect lighting. They also inspected the Architecture Department at Illinois Tech.

After visiting some cities in Michigan, they traveled to Niagara Falls. From Niagara Falls, they went to Boston, making a swing up through Canada.

In Boston, the group had to sleep one night on cots set up for them in the bowling alleys in the basement of the YMCA. They had estimated that the trip from Niagara Falls would be made easily in one day, but forgot about the mountains. The 475 miles took over 19 hours.

Three days were spent in New York. The first two days, they toured the Museum of Modern Art and several examples of modern architecture. Saturday, April 30, they were free to sight-see.

On the return trip, the group visited cities in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas.

## Sophomores Plan Meeting Tonight

The Sophomore Class will meet in the Assembly Hall tonight at 7 to nominate class officers for next year, class president A. D. Martin announced today.

The field of candidates for the officers will be narrowed to three per office. A run-off election between these finalists will be held next week by written ballot at another sophomore class meeting.

## Methodists Honor June Graduates

Graduating seniors of the A&M Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation were honor guests at a supper at the church on Wednesday evening.

The supper and program was sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Group, the Methodist Students Group, and the W.S.C., with W. R. Horsley in charge of the program and J. E. Loupot in charge of the food.

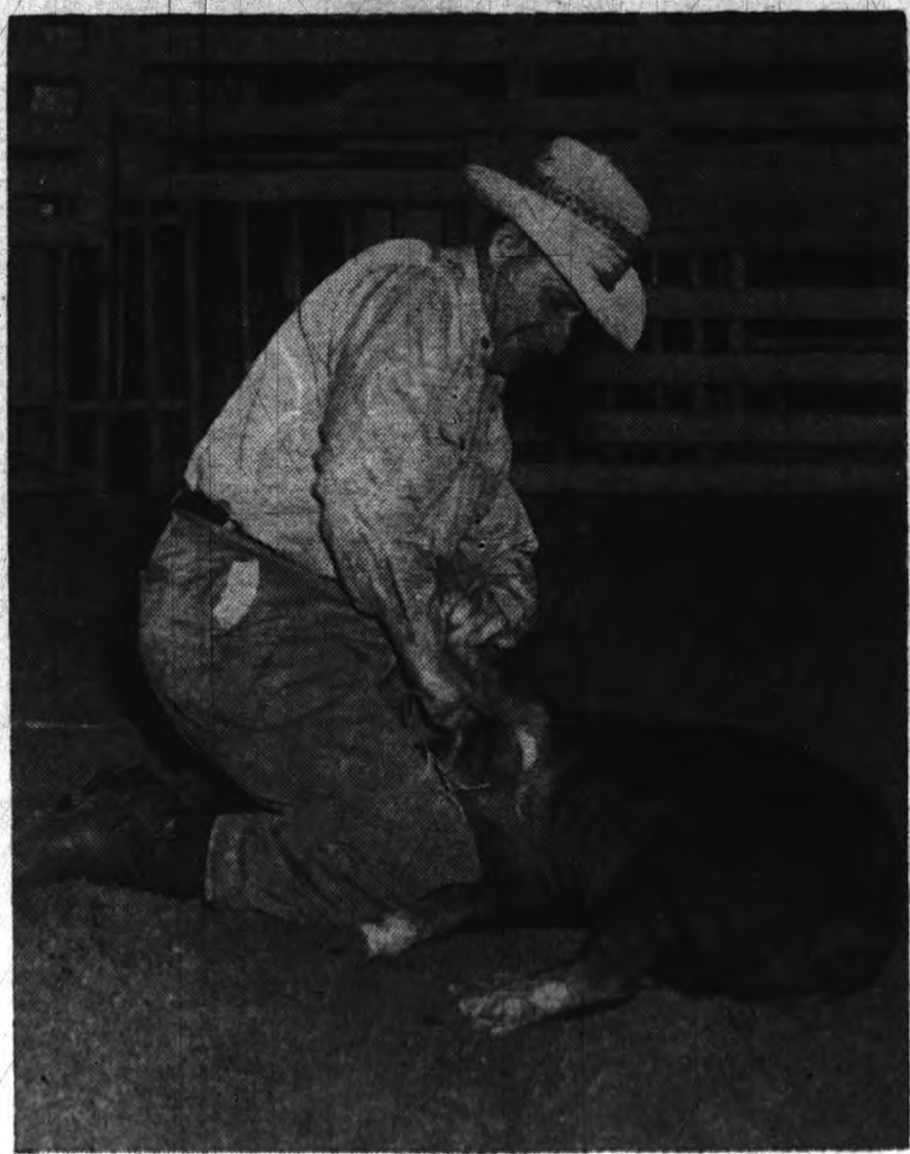
Fifty seniors were present and they were greeted by Rev. Ferris Baker and Dallas Belcher, who served as toastmaster. The address of the evening was given by Rev. Tom Dyal of the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan.

## AH Seminar Hears Elder on Breeding

Henry Elder, secretary-manager of the Texas Hereford Association, spoke to the members of the animal husbandry seminar class Monday night.

Elder stated that the purpose of the Texas Hereford Association is to promote the breed, to assist members in buying and selling, and to sponsor activities that are beneficial to the breed and breeders in Texas.

Elder said that the chief purpose of the purebred breeder is to produce sires that will improve our commercial cattle herds.



Dean of Men W. L. Penberthy affectionately manhandles an uncooperative pig at the Little Southwestern Livestock Show Saturday night. Dean Penberthy was the only college dean who accepted Dean of Agriculture C. N. Shephardson's challenge to meet him in a pig roping contest. Dean Penberthy out-walked and out-roped Dean Shephardson and, by dint of superior knot work, won the contest.

## Rent Decontrol Bill Is Hit By State Legion Commander

AUSTIN, Tex., May 10 (AP)—The rent decontrol bill was hit yesterday by the state American Legion commander as "back-door legislation."

Following House passage on second reading of the bill to abolish rent control in Texas, Legion commander Bill McCraw demanded a public hearing before the measure is acted on further.

"Back-door legislation at the close of a legislative session is not new to Texas. The American Legion hopes to prevent this or any other vital measure being grafted through the current session until the general public has had an opportunity to express itself," McCraw said in a prepared statement issued from state headquarters here.

House Vote  
The House vote on the bill was 98 to 30. An attempt to suspend rules so the measure could be voted on for final passage failed, delaying further action at least until Friday—probably longer.

An effort by Rep. Otis Lee to halt floor debate of the bill by Rep. Carlton Moore of Houston on a point of order was overruled by the acting speaker, Rep. Jerry Stockard. Lee said the bill had not been given a public hearing before it was reported from the State Affairs Committee.

Stockard said previous rulings had sustained a committee's right to act on bills without holding public hearing. McCraw said Moore's measure "may or may not be the finest bill in the world, but if it is passed without a public hearing, it will arouse suspicions in everybody, especially veterans."

Vital Matter  
"Any matter so vital as housing should be given due and thoughtful consideration, and not be blitzed through," McCraw's statement continued. "Many, nearly a million, Texas men and women have fought in

two world wars for the principles of democracy. The action of the House in passing so important a piece of legislation without a hearing would certainly shake the confidence of those who elected its members.

"The American Legion feels that veterans have been badly mistreated in regard to housing. This feeling is not alleviated when a measure passes concerning housing and the public is not allowed to express itself."

## Range Class Will Have 2-Day Trip

The graduate class in plant and range ecology, Range and Forestry 609, will make a two-day field trip May 14 and 15 to study range conditions throughout most of the vegetated regions of the state.

Dr. H. F. Heady, of the Department of Range and Forestry will be in charge of the class on the trip.

The group of 11 students will visit the Soil Conservation Service Grass Nursery at San Antonio. They will observe range conditions and grazing practices in the Edwards Plateau, Rio Grande Plain, and the Coastal Plain.

## NOVIET SCORES IN DEATHLION

MONCOW — (AP)—An Estonian village boy, Heino Lipp, has made a great showing in the deathlion. Now a student at Tartu University, he registered last year 7,780 points in the deathlion.

According to Soviet sports writers, this is the best record "turned in anywhere in the past 12 years." Individual records are encouraged in the USSR, but of course are not the main thing. The primary objective here is mass sport.

## Adriance Conducts Date Investigation

Dr. Guy W. Adriance, head of the Horticulture Department, and Dr. Walter Reuther, sub-tropical fruit investigator for USDA, Orlando, Florida, have returned from a survey of date plantings in the Winter Haven, Laredo, and Weslaco areas.

Date plantings studied by the investigators were made over a period of 25 years. Five varieties of dates—Amir Haj, Halawi, Hayami, Zahidi, and Majul—were found to be doing favorably well in the Winter Haven and Laredo areas, Dr. Adriance said. Generally, however, tests in the Rio Grande Valley have not been successful.

For the next three or four years cooperative commercial plantings in the Winter Haven and Laredo areas will be expanded to provide off-shoots for more plantings in these areas. No large scale industry is contemplated to develop in Texas.

Most of the date plantings at Weslaco are to be removed leaving only a small portion of the better varieties for continued study in ripening by quick freezing initiated by G. H. Godfrey and J. S. Morris of Weslaco.

## Oil Supply Sufficient, Says Standard Oil Man

### Hillsboroites Escape Old Aggie Custom

Life for visitors to A&M has its ups and downs, and officials from Hillsboro Junior College are no exceptions.

The registrar and the track coach from the junior institution were visiting A&M this past weekend and they brought with them several large trophies.

Both the officials and the trophies were quartered in dormitory five. The men were in one room and the trophies in the next.

Several ex-students of HJC now attending A&M heard of the visitors and decided to welcome them in true Aggie style. They borrowed a pass key to the dormitory and in the still of the night attempted to introduce the junior men to the unique experience of being "drowned out."

Unfortunately, the well meaning Aggies got the wrong room, missed the coach and the registrar, and succeeded only in drowning out the trophies.

We wonder what the visiting schoolmen thought when they found their trophies floundering in water the next morning?

### Register Thursday For Summer Term

Schedules are now available in the Registrar's Office for about 2000 students who are expected to register Thursday for summer school, according to H. L. Heaton, registrar.

Classes will be officially suspended Thursday afternoon from 1 to 5 p. m. for registration, Heaton said.

Registration cards will be released according to the following schedule:

- 1 to 2—All whose surnames begin with L, M, N, O, P, Q, R.
- 2 to 3—All whose surnames begin with E, F, G, H, I, J, K.
- 3 to 4—All whose surnames begin with A, B, C, D.
- 4 to 5—All whose surnames begin with S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.

New students and old returning students will register on June 6 in the morning.

### Drawing Meeting Proves Successful

The first Engineering Drawing Conference has ended, and general chairman J. C. McGuire said that it was a successful one. Plans were discussed to hold another meeting next year and to make this an annual affair.

Thursday night Sbia Hall was the scene of a banquet for conference members.

Reconvening Friday morning, discussions were held on "Technical Drafting Courses, Aeronometric Projection for Industrial Drawings, and The Engineering Graduate's Attitude Toward Drafting."

After conclusion of the talks, conference members made a general tour of the campus and visited classes.

The world has an estimated 72 billion barrels of oil to draw on exclusive of the reserve controlled by Russia, according to John Suman, vice-president and director of Standard Oil of New Jersey.

### Armored Force Officer Will Address ROA

The basic training policies of the Army will be the subject of a talk Thursday night when Major Charles E. Rousek, Jr., speaks before a combined meeting of the Brazos County Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association and other reservist units in this area.

Major Rousek, who is the executive officer of the 82nd Reconnaissance Battalion of the 2nd Armored Division stationed at Camp Hood, was invited to address the ROA by Captain Grady Elms, president of the local chapter.

Prior to his assignment at Camp Hood, Major Rousek served overseas for 61 months. During this period he served in the 102nd Mechanized Cavalry, the 38th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, the 9th Infantry Division, and the 11th Constabulary Regiment.

Major Rousek took part in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhine and Ardennes, and Central Europe Campaigns. Originally from Orange, New Jersey, Major Rousek enlisted in that state's national guard in 1935. He was commissioned in 1940, and promoted to the rank of captain when he was called to active duty in 1941.

He holds the Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Belgian Croix de Guerre, and the British Distinguished Service Order.

The meeting on Thursday will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the Petroleum Engineering Lecture Room, Elms announced. Points for active duty credit will be given.

### Ag Engineers Hear Implement Head

E. F. Roberts, class of '26 and presently sales manager of the John Deere Plow Company Division in Dallas, addressed the Agricultural Engineering Society at a regular meeting last Tuesday evening.

Following the address, a motion picture on the operation of the latest types of farm machinery was shown to the students. Other John Deere representatives were present at the meeting with J. R. Krason, territory sales manager and M. Broadus of the sales promotion department.

The Agricultural Engineering society nominated officers for next year. Balloting was carried on during the week in the office of Fred Jones, department head. Plans for a barbecue and picnic to be held at the next meeting were also made.

Suman gave a prepared speech to the Great Issues Class and interested faculty and their wives last night. He conducted a question and answer session this morning for the Issues Class.

Accompanying Suman to A&M were three employees of Humble Oil Company. According to Howard W. Barlow, dean of the Engineering School, the three represented Suman's "cheering" section. They were W. N. Finnigan, assistant to the president of Humble Oil; D. B. Harris, treasurer and vice president of Humble Oil and Class of '09 at A&M; and J. R. Lattimer, public relations man for Humble Oil. Lattimer, a member of the Class of '44, was editor of the A&M Engineer Magazine in 1947, the year he graduated.

Suman briefly described the history of oil since the first well was drilled 90 years ago. He mentioned alcohol, plastics, and synthetic rubber as some of the by-products of oil.

He said that the primary purpose of American oil companies was to provide petroleum products for a peaceful world. The Marshall Plan calls for a huge quota of oil for the European countries.

Oil Fields  
He mentioned the Caribbean area, Canada, East Indies, Middle East, and the west coast of the United States as producing or potential fields. "Through up-to-date methods," he said, "the oil companies are now able to recover three or four times as much oil by new methods. Science has also made it possible to produce twice as much power as formerly with the same amount of oil. Couple this with an increase in the amount of work which can be done, and the United States and the world has enough oil for many generations.

"I don't believe the present known supply of oil will justify the development of synthetic oil from coal and shale. It is apparent that there is enough potential energy for the world's need in the foreseeable future. Possibly atomic and solar energy may eventually be harnessed to supply more power."

Must Educate  
He emphasized that the United States cannot stop supplying the world with oil. "We must carry our oil-producing techniques to (See OIL SUPPLY, Page 6)

### Nevill to Address Business Society

Ivan H. Nevill, chief purchasing agent for the Gerson Iron Works of Houston, will speak to the Business Society tonight at 7:30 in the Club of the YMCA, according to Bill Potts, reporter of the society.

Nevill's talk will be on "Purchasing Policies and Ethics." A member of the Purchasing Agents Association of Houston, Nevill holds a position on the Association's Educational Committee.

Also on the agenda of the meeting is a discussion of plans for the Society's party to be held this month and all members are urged to attend. Potts added.



The General George F. Moore trophy is being awarded to an Army Security Agency at the annual Mother's Day Review held on the main drill field Sunday morning. Dean of Men W. L. Penberthy holds the plaque

which will go to the outfit commanded by Cadet Captain John M. Wallace, senior agricultural engineering major from Corsicans. President F. C. Bolton and Lt. Colonel W. A. Becker are shown on the right.



Miss Ethyl Crossbottoms, very closely accompanied by yell leader Red Duke, was one of the highlights of the 1948 Aggie Follies. Joining a parade of beauties, Miss Crossbottoms was the object of much speculation as she gracefully evorted on the ramp which was laid down through the audience.