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The girls all join hands and "circle four" while their partners keep time in one of the Groves Friday night square dance sessions. Music is by records, dress is informal and, as the background indicates, the crowds have been large.

School Conference In Final Meeting

This afternoon marks the close of one of the most successful and productive School Administration and County Supervisors Conferences to be held here.

The conference ended on one of the most important issues of the day by having the Gilmer-Aikin Bill discussed in detail from the view point of Senator James Taylor of Kerens, Texas; Charles Tennyson, director of public relations, TSTA; Frank Jackson, chairman, Legislative Committee, TSTA; Henry Foster, president, Texas Association of School Administrators; and Charles Rogers, superintendent, Amarillo Public Schools.

These talks came under the heading of "New Educational Legislation," and according to Wilcox the above mentioned men are some of the best informed on the subjects.

Dr. Henry Hill presided this afternoon with an address on "Modern Teachers for Modern Schools." Dr. Hill is President of the Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee.

The conference was adjourned after Presidents Buckner and Robinson summarized this year's meeting.

Yesterday the conferences met in joint session and heard an address on "School House Planning for Practical Use" by Roscoe White, superintendent, Caddo Parish Public Schools, Shreveport. The talk was followed by a panel discussion in which experts on all phases of building and planning took part. The panel was presided over by Professor Ernest Langford, head of the A&M Department of Architecture, and included other members of that department.

Tuesday afternoon John Ben Shepperd, former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, spoke on "Ways and Means of Developing Leadership and Citizenship in Public School Students." Shepperd is one of the foremost speakers of the State, said Wilcox, and a leader in the educational fields.

Shepperd began by saying that education should develop in the individual the difference between right and wrong and not be so much concerned about where the individual goes after that as long as he thinks he is doing right.

Education is the most powerful mechanism we know of today, but we fear the atom bomb more," said Shepperd, in explaining that development of the brain would insure the future more than the developing of effective war

GROVE SCHEDULE
Wednesday, June 29 — Blaney and Walker, Magicians.
Thursday, June 30 — Free Movies
Friday, June 24 — Square Dance

WEATHER
EAST TEXAS — Partly cloudy a few widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers mostly in north and central portions this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperatures; moderate southeast and south winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS — Partly cloudy, a few widely scattered late afternoon or early evening thundershowers this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperatures.

A&M Gets \$4,407,532 College Appropriation

Architects Are Unwilling Guests in the Windy City

Chicago, Ill. June 25—(Special to The Battalion)—Congressman Olin "Tiger" Teague was the hero Friday when he saved the day for the A&M European tour.

The 18 students have been stranded since Monday, the original departure date. Asst. Professor Joe Meador called Teague long distance in Washington D.C., and the famed ex-infantryman fixed us up in less than two hours.

The story was like this. Our travel agents had contracted with Alaska Airlines for a charter trip to France for the entire group, at a rate much lower than the franchised airlines charged.

These lines complained to the Civil Aeronautics Authority, and it refused to give our plane a clearance, in spite of the fact that this flight had been approved in Washington two months ago.

Teague's string-pulling, plus telephone calls by Meador to two senators, broke the deadlock in two hours. This phase of the delay did not come up until Friday, because our plane did not come in from Hong-Kong (China) until Thursday. A typhoon had kept it grounded there.

Meanwhile, Alaska Airlines has been paying our hotel bills and giving us \$3 per day for food. Any form of entertainment here is very expensive (movies cost a dollar, so we have been playing bridge, forty-two, penny ante, and shuffle-board).

I am writing the story from the airport, and it appears as if we may get away at last. Monday morning we had our bags in the hotel lobby ready to go, and we were also alerted Wednesday after-

noon and Thursday morning. We are scheduled to spend the night in Gander, Newfoundland, before crossing the Atlantic tomorrow. Most of the students had become so weary of the delay—plus the cost of staying here—that we decided to demand a refund if the plane was delayed past this coming Monday. As it is, we have already lost five days of our projected stay in Paris.

Well, the call for the passengers has come at last.



Dr. Hilton A. Smith is the head of the Department of Pathology in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Complete 'Soldier' Rehearsal Tonight

Tonight the cast and the orchestra for the operetta, "The Chocolate Soldier," will rehearse together for the first time. The orchestra under the direction of Bill Turner has been practicing in the Music Hall on Monday nights. Members of the singing cast have been rehearsing in the Assembly Hall.

The group will practice in the Assembly Hall again Tuesday, July 5, before they have the dress rehearsal in the Grove on Wednesday. It is tentatively planned to present the operetta on both Thursday and Friday nights, July 7 and 8, Bill Turner said.

Unlike other Grove activities that are restricted to students, the operetta will be open to the public. Anyone interested in seeing the operetta should bring their own chairs because the seats in the Grove are reserved for students and their families, Turner added.

Austin, Texas, June 29th—(AP)—Texas A&M was voted \$4,407,532 by the state legislature yesterday as its share of a \$59,607,323 state college appropriation bill. All hospitals, state departments and courts also received appropriations in a companion bill.

The University of Texas received \$8,765,160 and Texas Tech received \$3,754,230 as their share for the biennium.

This appropriation, together with other bills passed yesterday, put the state government \$17,000,000 (M) in the red.

What to do about it and how to raise between \$20,000,000 (M) and \$25,000,000 (M) more for State Hospital and college buildings remained today as the major job for the waning days of the 51st regular session.

Yesterday the House and Senate took just three hours and 30 minutes to approve record-breaking appropriations of \$131,829,856 (M) from the General Revenue Fund for major state services during the next two years.

Earlier, a \$5,000,000 (M) soil conservation bill was passed finally.

\$16,829,000 Over
The two actions together left a spread of \$16,829,000 (M) between the amount of money the comptroller has said the state has to spend during the next two years, and how much the Legislature has voted to spend.

The big money measures approved yesterday now go to the comptroller. He must say officially whether or not there is enough money on hand or in sight to pay for them.

If he can not certify any one of the bills, it would have to go back to the house of origin. To become law, it would have to be passed by a four-fifths vote of both House and Senate.

The bills could also be trimmed back to meet the comptroller's estimate of income. Or the comptroller could boost his estimate.

Rep. John McDonald of Palestine yesterday interrupted debate on the appropriations bills to ask House Speaker Burwood Manford in what order the measures would be certified. He wanted to know if it would be in the order passed "or just whatever order the comptroller sees fit."

Manford replied: "Whatever order he desires, I presume."

\$59,607,323 for Colleges
The last bill approved both by the House and Senate was the measure appropriating \$59,607,323 to state colleges. Both House and Senate took up and passed the judiciary bill first, the departmental bill second, and the elementary bill third. Actually, the soil conservation measure had priority from the standpoint of time.

Gov. Beauford H. Jester has said he would call a special session if this session does not provide state hospital buildings.



Tommy Butler will head the cast of the operetta "Chocolate Soldier" to be presented next week, July 7-8. He will play the part of Lieutenant Bumerli.

Barron, Butler To Head Comedy Cast

By COUNTESS JONES

Billie Jean Barron and Tommy Butler will head the cast of "The Chocolate Soldier," the Oscar Straus operetta, which will be presented in the Grove July 7.

Butler will play the title role and Mrs. Barron the part of Nadina, who becomes the chocolate soldier's sweetheart.

Lieutenant Bumerli, the brave, dashing soldier, who carries chocolate drops instead of bullets—hence the name chocolate soldier—meets his love-to-be when he taken refuge in her bedroom one night. The young man's timing was perfect. He arrived just after Nadina, her mother and cousin had wet bitter tears over the war-time lack of men.

Bumerli has been mistaken for an enemy spy and is fleeing the Bulgarian soldiers. Sympathetic and homesome Nadina hides him. Actually, he is just a non-combatant Swiss and nothing to get excited about but everyone does—particularly the women of the house.

As would be expected Bumerli and Nadina fall madly in love, Nadina jilts her fiance on their intended wedding day and ends up marrying Bumerli. It may be assured they live happily ever after.

Butler was a vice president of the Sophomore Class last year and a member of the varsity swimming team. Though he is a former member of the Singing Cadets and vocalist with the Aggeland Orchestra, this is his first appearance in an operetta at A&M.

At Waco High School he appeared in several operettas and school plays. He also sang with the A Cappella choir and was a member of a high school quartet that sang for special programs in Waco and the surrounding cities and towns.

In real life Mrs. Barron is a Tessie who married an Aggie, Joe R. Barron, class of '41. She is now new to A&M audiences as she played Yum Yum in the 1947 production of the Mikado, the last A&M operetta. She has sung in the last two Bryan Lion's Minstrel Shows and sings in the Bryan Methodist Church choir.

Last Easter she was guest soloist in the Bryan High School A Cappella choir's presentation of Brahms' "Requiem." She also sang the soprano obbligato in the "Inflammatus" from Stabat Mater at the Bryan Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

After her graduation from Bryan High School, where she was soloist with the A Cappella choir, she attended North Texas State College for two years before transferring to TSCW. At TSCW she studied with Dr. William E. Jones, head of the Music Department.

She was assistant director of the Modern Choir and a member of the Sweetheart Sextet, the choir's specialty group. The choir toured the state, singing at Army camps and hospitals. It was the only women's choir in the state to be decorated by General Behea at McCombes General Hospital, Temple.

Mrs. Barron was graduated from TSCW in 1946. Since then she has studied with Edward Bing of Houston. She teaches music in the Bryan schools and has taught private voice lessons in Bryan for the last three years.

Smith Named New Pathology Head

Dr. Hilton A. Smith has been named head of the Department of Pathology in the School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. I. B. Boughton, dean, announced today.

Dr. Smith received his DVM degree from Colorado State College in 1928 and his MS in Pathology in 1936 from the medical school, University of Michigan, and his PhD from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1949.

The new department head is abstractor of biological abstracts for several foreign journals, is charter member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, member of several honorary societies, and a consultant to the Surgeon General of the Army Institute of Pathology, Boughton said.

Former Student Council Meets September 17

The governing body of A&M's ex-student body, the council of the Association of Former Students, will hold its annual fall meeting on the campus September 17, according to Louis A. Hartung, '29, president of the association.

This date, chosen at a meeting of the executive board June 18 and 19 at College Station, coincides with the date of the opening game of the 1949-50 football season.

At the board meeting, Hartung welcomed the new district vice presidents as members of the board, and outlined the general duties of these new officers of the association. A round table discussion on the means by which these vice presidents can be of the most use to their areas was held.

Other business brought up was the proposed move of the Campus Cleaners, investment propositions, financial reports, and an increase in the advertising rates of The Texas Aggie to meet rising production costs.

Progress of the 1949 Development Fund was reported by James B. Hervey, '42, executive secretary of the organization. He stated that the fund was already above the total for last year and probably will break all existing records in the history of the fund at A&M.

Hervey added that the older eastern schools of New England were watching A&M's progress in this field with a great deal of interest, and it was becoming apparent that A&M will equal or lead many of those schools in the solidarity of its former student participation in the Development Fund.

Aborigines Below the Knees . . .

This Trio Beats The Heat With The Feet Incomplete

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

You say you've heard about the "Little Below the Knee" Club that protested the New Look? Well, just stick around awhile, Buster, and check the "Little Bit of Skin Free" Club which is protesting, in its own novel way, the College Station heat and the clothing conventions which aggravate it.

The President and first and second vice-presidents of this very exclusive, and slightly eccentric, organization are W. K. Colville, Pat Patterson, and Joe Walpman, three simmering summer students.

The requirements for the LBSF are very simple. No fees, no dues to pay, no boring meetings to attend. All you gotta do is yin around the campus in your bare feet.

This protestation of the discomforts of modern civilization burst into the open last Wednesday when the mercury was flirting with the 100 mark and the local beverage barbers were doing a land office business. Colville was sitting in his room in Mitchell, reading Shakespeare's lines about "Oh, that this but too solid flesh would melt away," and watching his perspiration making a liar out of the immortal Bard.

Suddenly the top of his thermometer cracked and it erupted a stream of colored alcohol across the room. A visiting Petroleum

major in the room, idly dreaming about the second million he was going to make wildcating, screamed, "It's a Gusher!" and went roaring down the stairs to haggie with the Housing Office for mineral rights.

Colville, a calm man under any conditions, threw down the "Tragedy of Macbeth," ignored the lads from down the hall who had come in with some ice and a bottle of soda and were eyeing the alcohol.

"I give up!" shouted Colville, kicking his pull-on shoes down the hall; "these leathers have got to go!"

"Well, if that's the way you feel about it!" snorted the two business majors who had been reading his magazines in the corner, as they went off down the hall in a huff.

That night at supper, Colville voiced his sentiments to his two confederates.

"I'm right with you in divorcing myself of this uncomfortable footwear," said Walpman, raising his right boot with the half sole on the half-sole, under the next table.

"I'm shore agreein, cause I never owned no shoe no way," ejaculated Patterson, expertly spearing his roast beef as it stamped off the plate.

The next day the three hardy lads were padding barefoot about

the campus. In the Sbis cafeteria, two liberal arts students were trying the pan fried steak.

"I don't wish to appear overly suspicious, old fellow," sniffed the first grade-pointer, "but this fillet bears a definite resemblance to a portion of cast-off footwear."

"I concur in your hypothesis, Cuthbert," said the other distinguished student, "I wasn't going to mention it, but my cutlet has buckles on it!"

Outside the hardy trio was soliciting support in their revolt against shoe leather. As the movement snowballed, reactions came from all over the campus.

In Ross Hall, Lieutenant Spiffingham Wellrest, who was bucking for captain, voiced his opinion.

"If these Washington politicians out our appropriations one more time, the entire corps will probably go shoeless!" he snorted.

"But we'll be ready," he said, triumphantly, "at Federal inspection we'll have the best shined toe nails in this Army area!"

Oh! Navy Loubucket, a prominent North Gate merchant, was found sobbing in his place of business.

"Come into this store, mah friend!" Navy managed to blurt out between sobs, "cause it may not be here long." He wiped his eyes with an Aggie pennant.

"All those lovely senior boots! All they need to do now is to put an embargo on watermelons!"

His pitiable sobs could still be heard as the reporter walked away from the gate.

In the housing office, veteran's housing manager U. W. Crow was found pointedly ignoring a tattered veteran, who was kneeling on bended knee in front of the counter, pleading for an apartment in College View.

"Personally, I'm glad to see this movement," said Crow, putting up his "No Vacancy" sign, now when these people come in here kicking about the apartments I give them, they won't leave such scars." He limped off in search of his liniment bottle.

At the reporter started back up to his typewriter, he met the three instigators, sneaking down the stairs with hack saws under their coats.

"Where ya goin'?" prodded the reporter, hopefully.

"Well, the movements goin' pretty good" smiled Colville, "but we need a little more impetus. What we need now is some prominent and respected person on the campus to set the pace."

"We're going over now," he said, tightening the blade of his hack saw, "to see what Sully Ross thinks about taking his shoes off!"