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Jester Vetoes New Eleemosynary Bill

Governor Beauford H. Jester yesterday vetoed from the eleemosynary appropriation bill items approved by the Legislature for the second year of the next fiscal biennium, according to an AP release.

The veto, which was enough to bring the State budget into temporary balance chopped \$17,561,821 from the eleemosynary appropriation bill.

Richardson Is Consolidated's Superintendent

L. S. Richardson, 30-year-old former high school principal, has been installed as superintendent of the Consolidated Independent School district here, replacing A. M. Whitis, who moved to Hamilton, Texas.

Richardson revealed, in one of his first official acts, the appointment of a new high school coach, a new junior high principal, a new junior high school coach, and a history teacher.

O. V. Chafin, assistant football coach and head basketball coach at Hearne, replaced Coach "Boots" Simmons, who is returning to A&M to do graduate work. In addition to his coaching duties at Consolidated, Chafin will teach chemistry, physics, and general science.

The new high school principal, replacing Richardson, is L. E. Boze, 32, a graduate of East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce, who is a veteran teacher with 11 years of experience.

Taylor Riedel, high school teacher of science and industrial arts, becomes Consolidated's first Junior High School principal. Construction of the new high school building made the junior high organization possible. It will be housed in the old high school building.

An informal open house under the direction of the Mothers and Dads Club will mark the opening of the new high school building late this summer.

Jim Bevan will have charge of Consolidated's first junior high athletic program and will also teach science in addition to his coaching duties.

Miss Charlene York of Ft. Worth, an honor graduate of Texas Wesleyan College, will teach history in the junior high school.

No Polio Reported On A&M Campus

No polio victims or symptoms of polio have been reported on the A&M campus this summer, and only two bedpatients have reported to the College Hospital since the last week, according to Ma Claghorn, chief nurse.

The sick call for the summer has been about average as compared to the long semesters, but bedpatients have been extremely few she said.

No Card to Punch . . .

"The Case of the Late Laminated ID Card," or "Through the Looking Glass," a futuristic tragedy in one disgusting episode by A. Dumbest Shtinks, A&M student and member of the local S. P. C. A. Preface:

I love animals. Aggies are animals. I love Aggies. (for explanation see English 210). That is why this story must be written . . . because Aggies are animals and must be treated with equal kindness . . . like Spot, but only more so. But I digress. Let me tell you what happened to me one dark night late in September, 1949. I, Shtinks, saw it.

"It was the night of September 27, and I was in my room. I know it was my room because the roaches were wearing my shorts. An individual materialized into the room who looked as if his life had been a perpetual final exam week.

"You look shot, pal," I said. "I should look shot," he breathed, floating over to me. "I'm a ghost. I've been dead for three days."

"That's tough," I said feelingly. "What happen?"

"Before I tell you, I need a good healthy slug of ectoplasm. Got any handy?"

"No, I whispered 'but try some of this. He did. I caught

him on the third bounce and held him in a chair until the first spasms had passed.

"Zooks!" he choked, "ectoplasm ain't got nothing over that stuff."

"Go on with your story," I said. "Well," he began, "I live in Big Lick, Texas. I started hitch-hiking on September 11 to come to school at A&M. It took me six days to get here. Caught a ride with a middle-aged conservative who was backing his Model T to a convention in Key West, Florida.

"I was broke when I hit the campus. My ravenous wallet had snapped a hole in the back of my pocket and disappeared. I didn't have enough identification to get me in a two-bit strip show."

"Why didn't you go to the mess-hall and eat?" I asked.

"I tried," he said, noisily scratching himself, "but the guard at the door asked me for my ID card. I told him I just wanted to eat . . . no beer. He laughed, casually firing a burst from the Thompson sub he carried. Dodging the tracers, I asked him where I could get an ID card. He told me the Registrar's Office. So, fool that I am, I went to the Administration building.

"On the way I passed students with ID cards around their necks . . . ID rings . . . ID belt buckles . . . ID shirts . . . neon ID's . . .

'Chocolate Soldier' To Open Two Night Run Tomorrow at 8

By LOUISE JONES

"The Chocolate Soldier," a comedy opera by Oscar Straus, will be presented tomorrow night and Friday night at 8 when the new bandshell in the Grove will house its first full-sized production, and Straus' best operetta. The three act play is a parody of George Bernard Shaw's satirical comedy, "Arms and the Man."



Bill Evans, a regular semester member of the Singing Cadets, will sing the role of Colonel Popoff in the Thursday and Friday night productions of "The Chocolate Soldier" in the Grove.

Brooks Aggies Get Rain And Cold Shoulder

By LAMAR WALKER
Brooks Field Batt Camp
Correspondent (AF)

Last week the Aggies' hopes of getting out of camp early nearly came true. For a while it looked as if the whole base was going to wash away any minute.

The weather service measured 10 inches of rain—but the Base has a very good drainage system so it was all in vain.

Most of the Aggies have found that some of the San Antonio "beauties" are not quite as hospitable and sociable as first rumored. For instance, the other night, Stan White, B Flight, and Ray Smythe, D Vet had dates with a pair of the "beauties."

After the girls had come to the Base to pick up Stan and Ray, and after they showed the girls a good time in one of the local night clubs, the boys had to catch a bus back out to the base because the girls claimed they had to be home early. After questioning eye witnesses who saw the dates (?), the girls actually did need their beauty rest.

A&M has definitely taken an early lead in all the intramural contests. We beat Texas Tech 12-1 in baseball. So far, A&M also leads the field in military proficiency.

Tomorrow is payday and for most of the troops, it means a "two line affair." One line to get the pay and another line to pay off your debts. Everyone has been eagerly anticipating this weekend because of the extra holiday for the Fourth and mostly because it will mark the mid-point of our stay here at camp.

All in all, most of the boys are having a wonderful paid vacation and only two of them have said they would rather be home than here.

College Gets Bell Phone Exchange

College Station will soon boast of a telephone business of its own, D. T. Strickland, executive vice-president of the Southwestern States Telephone Company, told the College Station telephone committee last week. It will be located at one of the several campus gates and will retain three of the four service men now in town, he said.

Strickland and other company executives met at the College Station City Hall to discuss plans with a citizen's telephone committee. He will meet with the committee every 60 days to check on progress being made.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, which handles toll calls from this area, has given the Bryan-College Station exchange six more lines, Strickland said. Thirty more trunks are being added between Bryan and College Station, and two more toll positions are being added to the long distance board.

Strickland repeated a previous promise to have telephones for all applicants at College Station by November 1.

YMCA Sponsoring Wrapper Campaign

The YMCA Cabinet is sponsoring a drive in this area to collect Soap Wrappers, according to Fred Millsap, drive chairman.

For each two soap wrappers, the manufacturers of Swan soap will send one bar of soap to CARE to be distributed free in Europe.

Places at which wrappers may be left for the drive are the Cottage Cash Grocery, Fussell's Grocery, South Side Grocery, Charlie's Grocery and the YMCA, Millsap said.

GROVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 6—No dance because of "Chocolate Soldier" rehearsal.
Thursday, July 7—"Chocolate Soldier."
Friday, July 8—"Chocolate Soldier."
Saturday, July 9—Dance, Aggie Combo.

Bill Turner, director of the Singing Cadets, and George Dillavon, Aggie Players Director, have directed the cast of 29 which features Mrs. Billy Jean Barron of Bryan as Nadina, Tommy Butler of Waco as Lieutenant Bumerli, and Herbert Beadle of College Station as Alexius.

Supporting Cast
Other important characters are Gloria Martin, Mascha; Ermyne (Dolly) Moss, Aurelia; Bill Evans, Colonel Popoff; Joe Glass, Masakroff; Duane Evans, Stephan, and Pat Shiehagen, Katinka.

The story of "The Chocolate Soldier" follows the adventures of Lt. Bumerli, a young and very wealthy Swiss officer, who carries chocolate drops instead of bullets.

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Massacroff will be portrayed by Joe Glass in the two presentations of "The Chocolate Soldier" in the Grove Thursday and Friday nights.

No Speeches . . .

Twentieth Annual Fireman's School Largest in History

July 10 marks the opening of the 20th annual Firemen's Training School under the auspices of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas, announced H. R. Brayton, director of the Firemen's Training School, here.

This year's course will be celebrated as the 20th anniversary of the school, and promises to be the largest yet, said Brayton. The first course, in 1929, was attended by 176 men from 96 Texas cities, but this session will train around 600 men from 300 cities. There will also be men from cities all over the country.

In addition, the armed forces are sending representatives from 4th Army Area, nearby Air Force bases and the Naval Base at Corpus Christi.

Industrial firms have also taken a great interest in the course, and safety engineers will be sent from carbon black plants, oil companies, plastic companies and steel plants.

Instruction will be divided into various phases, added Brayton. There is to be basic and advanced firemen's courses, fire department instructors courses, fire marshals and city inspectors courses and fire prevention personnel instruction.

There will also be a Red Cross course on "Instructing First Aid."

A wide assortment of teaching techniques and equipment will be used in the school. All types and sizes of modern fire hoses and nozzles, and their specialized uses will be explained.

Gas masks, hooks and ladder arrangements, and respiration systems will be among the most useful equipment. Life size models of skeletons and the arterial systems of the body will be used in the respiration lectures.

An anticipated high point in the actual practice sessions will be a contest in which a large ball is suspended by a wire and two squads of hosemen try to drive it, with water pressure from spray nozzles, over a line. This damped form of a tug of war teaches the firemen how to better manipulate the spray equipment, Brayton said.

This firemen's short course is conceded to be the best organized in the country, said Brayton, and the instructors are the best men available for such work.

One outstanding feature about this session is that there will be no speeches. The instruction is to be all practice as this is considered the best way to conduct the course in the short time allowed for it.

At the end of the course there will be written examinations which, if passed, will help that representative's city by lowering the fire insurance rates by 3%. This has saved the policy holders \$1,000,000 since the first course in 1929, Brayton concluded.

Marsters Joins Landscape Staff

Leland G. Marsters has joined the staff of the Landscape Art Department as superintendent of grounds. His work includes the care and maintenance of the landscape art greenhouses.

A native of Kingsville, Marsters received a BS degree in history from Texas A&I and a BS degree in Landscape Art, with a major in floriculture, from Texas A&M.

Before coming to the Landscape Art Department, Marsters was employed by the Southern Floral Company of Houston.

"Nightly Prayer Service in 'Y'"
Inter-denominational prayer services will be held in the YMCA on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights at 9:30. They began July 5.

Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, the services will be conducted in the Mothers' Club Lounge by George Rice, EE major from Texon.

WEATHER
EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy; a few scattered thundershowers in extreme north portion this afternoon and in northeast portion and near the upper coast Thursday; partly cloudy to night; not much change in temperatures; moderate to occasionally fresh southerly winds on the coast.
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