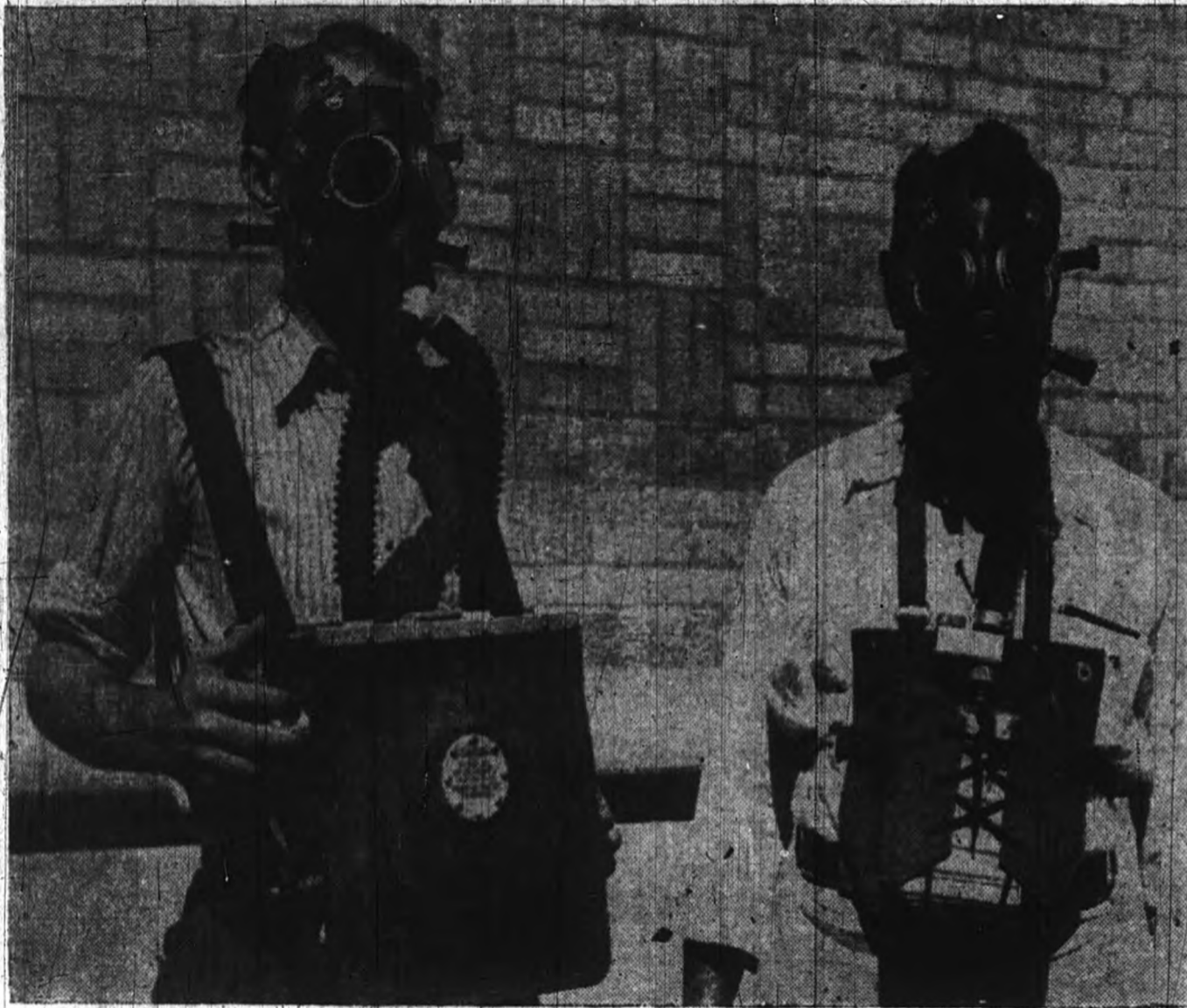


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Two firemen, here for the Firemen's Training School, demonstrate two types of gas masks. The mask on the left is an oxygen breathing apparatus, and the one on the right is an all-purpose mask. These masks will be demonstrated during the annual school, in progress this week.

Firemen to Stress Oil Fire Fighting

"Special developments in fighting gasoline and oil fires are being displayed and studied at the 20th annual Firemen's Training School," said H. R. Brayton, director of the school. The school has the largest attendance since it was started in 1929, with 548 registered students, 95 instructors and 15 visitors.

Registration Begins in Sbis Hall Monday at 8

Registration for the second semester of summer school will be held at Sbis Hall Monday, July 18, beginning at 8 a. m., H. L. Heaton, registrar, announced today.

The entire proceedings will take place in Sbis. This includes payment of fees, housing assignments, and issuance of book requisitions to veterans.

Students will register alphabetically according to the following schedule:

8:00 to 9:00—All whose surnames begin with E, F, G, H, I, J, K.
9:00 to 10:00—All whose surnames begin with A, B, C, D.
10:00 to 11:00—All whose surnames begin with S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.
11:00 to 12:00—All whose surnames begin with L, N, O, P, Q, R.

The same procedure as has been followed in the past will be used this time, said Heaton. Those students who do not pay their fees before hand may do so at Sbis before registering. Assignment cards must be obtained before beginning to register, and after the card is signed by the dean of the students school it must be handed in at the registrar's desk in the Sbis Hall annex.

Thompson Will Be At 4-H Club Camp

Uel D. Thompson, assistant extension animal husbandman, A&M, has been granted authorization to attend the Dallam county 4-H club camp which will be held near Eagle Nest, New Mexico from July 21-28, according to an announcement made by Extension Director G. G. Gibson.

Thompson will have a part on the camp program and he also plans to work in several Panhandle counties while in that section of the state.

"These visitors," said Brayton, "have come from all parts of the country to attend this school. One visitor, Leopold Castillo, is from Caracas, Venezuela, and is the safety engineer for the Venezuelan government. Another visitor, Safety Engineer W. M. Welch of the National Firemen's Association, comes from New York City."

New Pumps

Two new pumps have been obtained for the school, Brayton said. A new type pumper truck with a 3-stage pump has been obtained from the General Detroit Company. This pump operates on both high and low pressure. The other pumper truck, manufactured by the Bean Company, is similar to the crash trucks and will operate on as much as 8,000 lbs. pressure.

Other new fire fighting equipment which has been developed within the past two years is being used by the school. Such equipment as the dry powder extinguishers, the liquid foam extinguishers, and the wetting agents are being used. The wetting agents are an organic compound which, when mixed with water, breaks the surface tension of the water, allowing it to seep into the center of such objects as cotton bales.

Chemical Extinguishers

"Methods which have been in use throughout the country are also taught," said Brayton. The Carbon dioxide extinguishers, the carbon tetrachloride extinguishers, the soda and acid extinguishers, and even the 5-gallon pump cans are being used.

According to Brayton, this school is being run differently from most schools of this type. The students will receive 30 hours of actual drill and 8 hours of assemblies and lectures. Ten walkie-talkies are being used in the field. A monitor radio, tuned to the frequency used by the walkie-talkies, is situated in Bizzell Hall. All accidents will be picked up by the monitor and ambulance service will be dispatched to the scene.

No Red Cross Class

"Although Harris Burton of the Midwest Branch of the American National Red Cross is here to teach a first-aid class, it has been cancelled," Brayton stated. "There was no demand for the class this year."

The third oldest school of its kind in the United States, it is held under the auspices of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association. Upon completion of the course, written examinations will be given, which, if passed, will help that representatives' city by lowering the fire insurance rates by as much as 3 percent.

Zucker Sisters Piano Team Appears Tonight



Blanche and Florence Zucker, duo pianists, will present a program of classical and popular music in the Grove tonight at 8:15. The program was previously scheduled for tomorrow night, but was changed because of final exams.

Blanche and Florence Zucker, young duo-pianists, will give a concert of classical and popular selections in the Grove tonight at 8:15.

Their previously announced appearance has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday, C. G. White, director of Student Activities, said yesterday.

The program that the girls will present is evidence of the breadth and versatility of their training, White said. They will begin with Bach's "Fugue in G Minor," Schubert's "Fantasia in F Minor," and "Largo al Factotum" from the "Barber of Seville" by Rossini. During the second part of their program they will play "The Lark" by Glinka and "Waltz" by the Russian composer Shostakovich, who also wrote "Fiddle Faddle," and their own arrangements of "Night and Day," "Jump Boogie," and a "Gershwin Portfolio."

Start Career

The sisters, born only a year and a half apart in Brooklyn, are following a career they began as children. Although they seemed interested in the piano, their talent might have remained undeveloped had it not been for an elderly European musician. He heard the youngsters playing a toy piano one day as he passed their window and decided to investigate. The result was the beginning of their formal piano study as scholarship students with the musician, according to White.

Proving apt pupils, Blanche and Florence soon entered the New York College of Music where their interests expanded. Blanche began intense cello study while Florence studied voice with a Metropolitan Opera singer. However the girls were still unaware of their future career as a team, said White.

Florence took two years of pre-medical work at Hunter College while Blanche won a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to New York University. The Zuckerers agree that this was the most trying time of their lives, that they "put in years under the strain that comes of not knowing what we were of what we were going to be."

Piano Chosen

The force of the piano proved strongest. As the young women began to experiment on their own with the two-piano medium they decided it would become their career, White continued.

During the war the sisters made a rigorous tour of the country playing at the Stage Door Canteen, veterans' hospitals, and service camps. Their enthusiastic audiences numbered 10,000 at many concerts, he said.

People not having yellow fee slips must bring their own chairs, White said.

Summer Storage Room in Dorm 16

A baggage storage room for students not attending the second summer term is being set up in the Gun Room of Dormitory 16 by the Agronomy Society.

It will be open Friday afternoon, July 15, from 1 p. m. until 5 p. m. Lamps will be stored at 40¢ each and all other baggage will be stored at 40¢ per piece for containers not exceeding two cubic feet in volume (footlocker size). Other pieces will be stored at proportionate rates.

Bicycles will be stored for one dollar each and all baggage will be stored at student's own risk with storage charges to be paid at time of storing.

The announcement was made by Assistant Dean of Men, Bennie Zinn, who added that all revenue received from the storage room will be placed in the Agronomy Society's treasury.

Revival Services At Baptist Church

Revival services at the Cottonwood Baptist Church will be held from July 17 to July 24, Robert J. Hughes, Bible teacher of the church, announced. Hughes will be assisted by Al Johnston, veteran history major from Mexico, who will be in charge of the transportation and visitation at the revival.

Hughes, a veterinary medicine senior from Dickinson, is in charge of the singing and Johnston is to work with the youth.

Two services will be held daily, one at 11 a. m. and another at 8:30 p. m.

GROVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 13—Piano Concert, Zucker Sisters.
Thursday, July 14—Free movie.
Friday, July 15—Square Dance.
Saturday, July 16—Nothing scheduled between summer terms.

AH Students Study Lufkin Fields, Cattle

Eighteen members of the Animal Husbandry 406 class and their instructors, W. M. Warren and J. K. Riggs, visited the Agricultural Station at Lufkin last Saturday. The trip was made to study the pasture improvement experiments and the cross-breeding experiments between the Brahman and Hereford breeds of cattle.

At the station, W. C. Knapp, station superintendent, stated that the best combination found thus far for this region is $\frac{1}{4}$ Brahman and $\frac{3}{4}$ Hereford, but tests are now being run on $\frac{1}{2}$ Brahman and $\frac{1}{2}$ Hereford in an attempt to develop cattle that will efficiently produce a high quality and grade of beef carcass.

The cattle are weighed once each month and extensive records are kept of their gain or loss of weight, as well as their weight at different ages. It has been determined that the cattle at the Lufkin Station reach their peak of weight at seven years of age, weighing 1300 pounds or slightly more for the Brahman-Hereford crossbred cows. The peak weight for the grade Hereford cows is usually two or three hundred pounds less.

The part Brahman cow loses more weight during the winter than the grade Hereford, but the crossbred cow will gain more rapidly in the spring of the year and be in much better condition in a relatively short while. The crossbred cows make a much better mother than the straight Hereford cow. Some of these cows must be milked while their calves are small to prevent their udders from spoiling.

The superintendent also stressed that the cattle were no better than their pastures and that their pastures were no better quality than their cattle. This emphasizes the fact that the improvement of the cattle depends upon the pasture improvement.

The station is also running experiments on various combinations of grasses, legumes, and fertilizers which will most economically provide for a greater number of animal units per acre. The slogan of the farm is "a cow and a calf to an acre and a half."

TES Members To Attend Conference

Three extension service staff members will leave today for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to attend a conference dealing with future plans for tractor maintenance training clinics. The conference will be held tomorrow.

Representatives from the extension service staffs of several southern states and officials of the Stanolind Oil & Gas Company, sponsors of the tractor maintenance program for 4-H boys, will attend.

The Texas Extension Service representatives, according to director G. G. Gibson will be J. D. Prewitt, vice director and state agent, W. L. Ulich, agricultural engineer and A. H. Kracher Jr., assistant state 4-H club leader. They will return to Texas July 15.

Porter Who Found Jester Interviewed

By HERMAN C. GOLLOB
Battalion Houston Correspondent

Editor's note: When Herman Gollob, The Battalion's Houston Correspondent received news of Governor Jester's death, he rushed to the home of the porter who discovered the governor's body for this exclusive interview.

Houston, July 11: Lower number 5 on Southern Pacific's Austin-Houston train number 42 is empty today.

Late last night, soon after boarding the Southern Pacific in Austin, Beauford Jester, governor of the largest and most productive state in the union, slipped between the crisp, clean sheets of Lower 5, lay back and shut his eyes and listened to the sharp metallic click of the wheels as they rolled swiftly and smoothly down the expanse of track towards Houston and "confidential business."

But somewhere between Houston and Austin the Angel of Death flagged "Number 42" and called for its important passenger—the Governor was needed elsewhere.

Pullman porter Charlie Jimerson of Houston, 66 year old veteran of 37 years service with the Pullman company, was the last person to see the Governor alive, and the first to see him dead.

Seated in the epic and span parlor of his neat, whitewashed bungalow, a home which spoke of "humble thrift and homely cares," Charlie was visibly affected by the death of the Governor. During his year and a half on the Austin-Houston run, Charlie attended Governor Jester each time the chief executive of Texas traveled on Train 42.

In a voice that was low, heavy, restrained, Charlie recalled, "The Governor made one last trip before this one. He was with his wife, and he had lower 5 then, too, and his wife had lower 6."

Here Charlie's wife broke in. Small, plump, with her sparse grey hair piled loosely on top of her head, she was acutely aware of the seriousness of the occasion: "Charlie used to tell me he loved the governor, and I'd tell him he was just sayin' that cause the governor rode in his car. But Charlie would just shake his head, and get mad, and then tell me that the governor alius had a nice thing to say to everybody and that he'd say it kind of quiet like. Charlie cried terrible hard up to only a little piece before you came." Her voice was high, soft, and she spoke with genuine feeling, measuring each word carefully before uttering it.

Charlie wiped his bald pate, which was glistening with sweat, and falteringly recounted his story of finding the governor dead.

"The Governor got on just a little before midnight. I'd made up his berth, and he went right to bed. He left a call for me to get him up at 7:30. This morning I went to his berth and shook the curtain, and I called that it was time for him to get up.

"I didn't hear him move, so I Miss Fowler Joins Library Staff
Miss J'Nell Fowler has been appointed as reader's advisor in the Cushing Library System, Paul S. Ballance, librarian, announced today.

Spits Way to Fame . . .

A Visiting Fireman's Tale, Or, Hangfire's Hot Demise

By W. K. COLVILLE

Visiting fireman—one of America's greatest institutions. When apple pie, hot dogs, cone island on Sundays, craps, and other noteworthy Americanisms have ceased to exist, firemen will still visit. Communism, Socialism, and Capitalism will soon go to the bottom of the heap, and Visiting Fireman will arise to take its long awaited place. May they never run out of places to visit.

When one speaks of firemen, visiting or otherwise, the name of Hangfire Lucifer must not be omitted. He was the staunchest fire-fighter of the all, the Casey Jones of the fire-fighting profession.

It was Lucifer who first discovered that water repelled fire. After years of research it came to him one day in a fit of genius. He was three years old at the time, and on a camping spree at Lake Water, a state resort constructed by clogging up Houston's storm-sewerage system with discarded Dallas newspapers.

Hangfire dove to the bottom with the intent of smoking a channel cat out of his lair. For the better portion of three hours and two lungs, Hangfire tried in vain to strike a match. Then it hit him! He rose clammy to the surface, gargled a watery interpretation of "Eureka," and declared to the world, and a few disinterested

spectators, that "you can fight fire with water, yet!" From then on, Hangfire's entire life was devoted to fighting fire.

But before I go on, let me touch briefly on the background of Hangfire Lucifer, before his momentous discovery.

Hangfire Lucifer was born in the back of a Conestoga wagon fleeing pell-mell before a prairie fire. Missfire, Hangfire's courageous but firm father took Mrs. Lucifer out of the traces for the appropriate length of time. Hangfire often joked about this.

"Damn fire nearly caught us," he would laugh.

His birth was Hangfire's foundation for hatred of blazes of any sort, but the psychological effect on Hangy's mind caused by the death of both his parents probably had more to do with it than anything.

When he was two and a half, his parents had a slight tiff over who was going to get the tail of the chicken that Hangy had stolen from a neighborhood hatchery. Things led to things, and came the dawn, Hangfire seconded for both his parents and watched them cremate themselves in a duel with roman candles. From then on, little Hangy had a longing for fire to his very form.

Orphaned at a tender age, Hangy lived in a discarded napkin holder on the other side of the tracks. He earned his livelihood by sitting in front of the local beer joint, (appropriately named, "The Beer Joint") spitting on smoldering cigarette butts. On his more liquid days, he spat on cigar butts.

The citizens were amazed at his accuracy. They came from all over town to flip their butts at his feet, and listened with appreciative ears at the following sizzle. When Hangfire was ankle-deep in cigarette butts, he gathered them up in a croker-sack (an article indispensable to Southerners) and sold them to the local Fortunate Strike factory.

Then one day fortune smiled. It was a day of festivity. Herds of visiting firemen were in town. They were having the usual fireman races, and were all lined up to race to a blazing Zippo planted on the outskirts of town. A bell sounded, the trucks left the starting post, and all but one truck rushed to "The Beer Joint." The truck that put out the blaze was from Ronson, Texas.

After a few stints, the firemen stood around watching little Hangfire. After a few more, they adopted him as their own, gave him three dollars a week and all the cigarettes he could spit on, and named him one of the crew's Dalmatian, Fireplug.

Thereafter, whenever there was a fire in town, Hangfire could be seen astride Fireplug, dashing

madly after the trucks with shouts of, "Save some for me!"

When Hangfire reached manhood, his pay was raised to four dollars, and he was allowed to ride on one of the trucks. His joy knew no bounds. In memory of the occasion and the extravagant increase in wage, Hangfire journeyed to Greece and spit down the Vesuvius crater. From then on he went to bigger and braver deeds.

Who, but Hangfire Lucifer, put out the Chicago and San Francisco fires, singlehanded? The London disaster might have had a different ending if Hangfire had been around at the time.

"Damn cow," he used to say. These and many more intrepid acts of fire-fighting are owed to Lucifer. He was the greatest of them all, but alas, like all men of exceptional genius, he died before his time.

He was found one morning, burned crisp in his own room, his arm frozen in the act of pouring a glass of water over himself.

Oh, ironic fate. Hangfire had a habit of reading ray novels in bed, and smoking long black cheroots. He forgot himself. Either the novel had been too racy, or the cheroot too long. Hangfire burned himself into the nether regions.

Let us bow our heads and sing the first and third verses of "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

Corn, Wheat Forecast

WASHINGTON, July 12—(AP)—The Agriculture Department today forecast this year's corn crop at 3,530,185,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 1,188,890,000 bushels on the basis of July 1 conditions.

What's Cooking

PETROLEUM WIVES CLUB, July 14, with Mrs. Rita Alexander, C-16-X, College View.