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## Farm Bureau Opens First Meeting Here

The first Texas Farm Bureau Institute began here yesterday afternoon with registration in the lobby of the YMCA. Two hundred and fifty people have registered or have paid their fees, although final figures have not yet been compiled.

Marvin Carter, state organization director of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, will preside over today's session which opened at 8 in the YMCA. After a 15 minute singing program, M. C. Jaynes, chairman, Farm Organization and Cooperative Marketing of the A&M Extension Service, introduced the hosts of the Institute.

### West Gives History

Following the introduction, J. H. West, secretary-treasurer of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, gave the history of the organization. The next speaker on the program was R. G. Arnold, southern region organization director, who spoke on the growth and development of the Farm Bureau in the South.

Following Arnold's talk, classroom instruction was begun. The Institute will offer four basic subjects in the curriculum: philosophy and policies of the Farm Bureau, salesmanship, public speaking, and membership acquisition and maintenance.

### Panel Discussion

The highlight of the Institute will be the panel discussion on Friday afternoon, with the subject being "Farm Bureau and Government Agricultural Agency Relationship." Jaynes will be the moderator for the discussion.

Speakers who will take part in the discussion include D. W. Williamson, vice chancellor, A&M College System; C. N. Shepardson, dean of the School of Agriculture, A&M; and J. D. Prewitt, vice director Texas Extension Service.

Others to take part in the forum are J. Walter Hammond, president of the TFFB; Allan Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Roger Fleming, director of the Washington, D. C. office, AFBB; J. H. West; B. C. Lowery, State vocational education director; B. F. Vance, State PMA director; L. J. Capleman, state FFA director; S. J. Payne, chairman, State Soil Conservation Board; and Sterling Evans of the Farm Credit Administration.

### 175 Units

The Texas Farm Bureau Federation has 175 organized county units with a total membership of approximately 38,000. The American Farm Bureau Federation, of which the TFFB is a member, is made up of 43 state federations and one in Puerto Rico, and has an estimated 1,250,000 members.

The Institute will close with a banquet Friday night at which certificates will be awarded to those who complete the course. Hammond will be toastmaster and Kline will deliver an address.

## Wade Wins Prize At Local Theatre

Malcolm E. Wade, an A&M management engineering student, and Mrs. Wade were the surprised winners of \$175 Wednesday night. They won the money when their car license number, RT-4335, was drawn as the "lucky license" at the Skyway Drive-In Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade almost decided not to go to the Drive-In that night, but as he put it, "It's just one of those things a fellow falls into once in a lifetime, I guess."

Wade said that he has been going to A&M under Part VII of the GI Bill, but his eligibility recently ended. He stated that the prize money will enable him to extend his training here through the last term of summer school.

## Prairie View Receives Alexander Loan Fund

The M. J. Alexander Loan Fund has made \$100 available to Prairie View A&M to be used as scholarships for agricultural students, according to Dr. E. B. Evans, president.

## WEATHER

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday with scattered thundershowers in east portion; not much change in temperature; moderate to locally fresh southeast winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday with scattered showers and evening thundershowers from the Pecos Valley westward; not much change in temperature.

## Chanute Field Aggies Revive 'Reb' Customs

By BERT HUEBNER  
Chanute Field Batt Correspondent (AF)

This "off we go into the wild blue..." is pure propaganda—nothing else—it should go as follows: "you're in the Army now... Camp Hood was never like this."

This past weekend marked the midpoint of our stay here at Chanute Field. Oh, joy, joy. But on the other hand there are still three more weeks to go, or should I say "endure."

Every evening before Retreat a very interesting thing happens. We "Rebels" hold Advances, since a Southern army never retreats; it is only natural that the lowering of a Confederate flag while the Rebels sing Dixie should be called "Advance."

It is a very ceremonious occasion, with a bugler, roll call of Southern states, a pertinent communique telling of the Yankees' retreat, etc.

Last Saturday night the first of three scheduled dances was held for us. The lights were dim, the music was soft, the boots were shined, but only 30 girls. The next dance, which is scheduled for next Saturday should prove to be much better.

In many respects this is very similar to A&M. We get up about 6:30 a. m., walk about 15 miles per day, and then attend classes from 6 until 10 every night. In my outfit there are nine other Aggies, so about 15 minutes after the class starts I can look around me and see nine Aggies sacked out. I feel right at home.

## Veterans Advisors Here Thursday

A representative from the contact office and the insurance office of the Veterans' Administration regional office in Waco will be on the Campus Thursday to discuss problems of any kind with veterans, Taylor Wilkins, veterans advisor here, said today.

The representative will be in room 261 Bizell Hall from 9:30 Thursday morning to 3:30 in the afternoon, Wilkins said.

Wilkins urged that all veterans with subsistence or other problems see the representative regardless of previous action that has been taken.

## Steer Clear of Red Gathering . . .

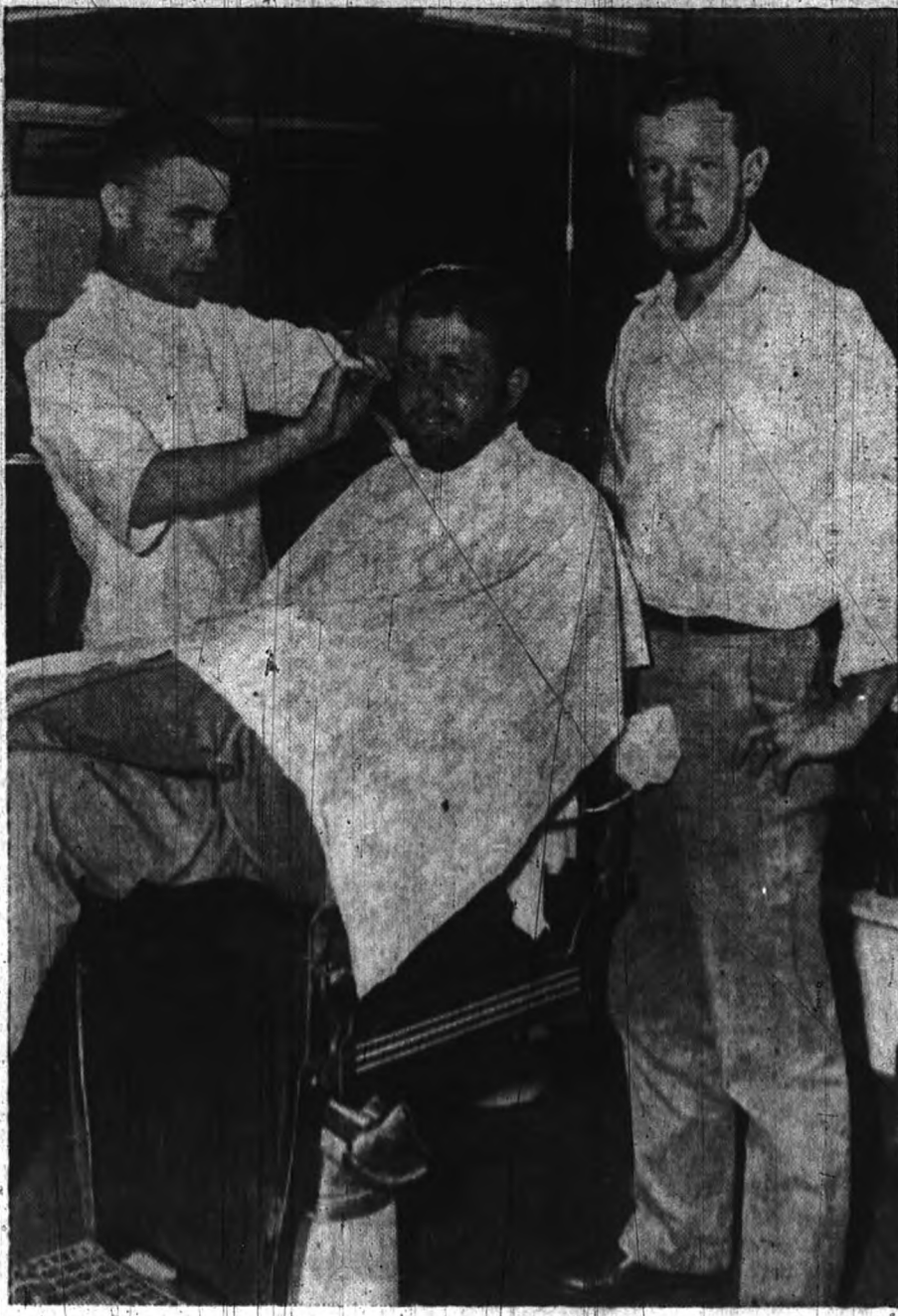
## Seeing the Sights of Rome Is Possible in One Morning

By ART HOWARD  
Battalion European Correspondent  
ROME, July 25—(SpI).—I never believed it possible to see most of historic Rome in one morning, but the A&M Architectural tour did it today. After a quick mail check at the American Express we saw the Colosseum, a large Communist gathering, the Roman Forum, temple ruins, the Arches of Constantine, Titus, and Septimus Severus, the Pantheon, and the Column of Trajan.

However, this was a quick overall tour and we will make a more complete study in the next three days. Last night we drove by the Vatican and saw St. Peter's Cathedral—which has the second largest dome in the world.

Communist Demonstration  
The Communist demonstration we saw was held in part of the Colosseum. There was a crowd of approximately 9,000 there to hear someone speak—we never found out who. Our bus has an "American Express" sign on it, and we were afraid to park near there.

Jim Goodrum, Don Jarvis, Hank Davis, and I climbed up some ruins behind the speaker and took pictures of the crowd. It might have been awkward to mingle there because there is much anti-American feeling.



That "Alaskan Look" is on its way out. Bob (center) and Dick Overly are getting their Alaskan grown beards removed by a north gate barber.

## Fail to Become 'Sourdoughs' . . .

## Overly Boys Hie Northward To Bask Under Alaskan Sun

By W. K. COLVILLE

While we A&M summer-unfortunates par-boiled in juices secreted by minds squeezing and cramping 4 1/2 months work into 6 weeks, the Overly brothers, Dick and Bob, and Jim, packed their tents and stole more or less silently northward to bask in the cooling rays of the Midnight Sun.

The trio returned a week ago from the Alaskan and Yukon areas with tales of mountains, malamutes, and moose as wild and woolly as the tangled beards sported on their respective faces.

Dick, an ME major and three-year letterman on the A&M football team, Jim, a BA major, and Bob, an ME major, packed grub, guns, and their father into an auto on June 7, and started Alaska way.

I was wandering around the Mitchell catacombs the other day and dropped in their room to get a second-hand taste of life in the Arctic social circle. The boys were engaged in unsparing travel-kinks in their face fur and I managed to untangle some highlights of the trip.

"We had a hell-raisin' time," Bob said, flicking a bit of foreign material from his burnt-orange beard. "Fishin', huntin', layin' around flat of our backs; there ain't nothin' like it."

The first leg of the trip was comparatively uneventful with visits to Pike's Peak, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Park, but the long trek up the rugged Alaskan Highway from Alberta, Canada, would make the Rover Boys feel like recluses.

I asked the brothers about the condition of the Alaskan Highway. "It's no Pennsylvania Turnpike," said Dick, "but it's pretty good for that territory. We got on the tail of a moose that was running down the highway. He couldn't get off because of the steep sides. Damn near ran 'im to death trying to get a shot with the camera."

They hunted and fished for most of their food on the way up, spending the night in sleeping bags. Sometimes when the weather was a little raw, they sardined themselves in the car, started the motor, and turned on the heater. This was a luxury seldom enjoyed with gas selling at about four-bits a gallon.

Black bear, caribou, and moose were the biggest game they came across. Bob told his special formula for hunting black bear. "You take a gun and a fifth when you go out huntin' bear. If you don't kill a bear, kill a fifth."

Only Few Mishaps  
We have had only a few minor mishaps thus far. Our group scatters so fast that Meador has instituted the Army method of counting-off, assigning everybody a number.

After a rest stop in the French Alps the motor of our bus was running, ready to leave, when the "count-off" showed one man to be absent. It turned out to be Marjorie Jaecard of Houston, who had been looking for a "bonfire decoration," as he put it.

One must be careful of gold bricks in this town. One member of our group almost bought a Parker "51" pen when I discovered that it was spelled Parker. After we left Rome, Florence and Venice will be our next stops.

## \$2,800,000 Service Insurance Dividend Will Go to Veterans

Washington, July 24—(AP)—A tremendous outpouring of dollars will sweeten the pockets of 16,000,000 World War II veterans early next year.

The dollars will come from a \$2,800,000,000 dividend built up by the National Service Life Insurance fund over the past nine years. The long-awaited application blanks for the G. I. life insurance refund will be handed out beginning August 29.

Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray Jr., said today the forms will be available on that date in every post office, every VA office and at veterans' service organizations.

Gray advised veterans to send in their applications filled out as completely as possible. "Then wait until the checks start out in January," he said.

200,000 Checks Per Day  
The checks being mailed out will reach a rate of 200,000 a day, five days per week.

The average check will be \$175 with veterans getting more or less depending upon age when they bought NSLI, number of months the insurance was kept in force, and total amount of insurance held. Every veteran who held some NSLI for at least three months will get a dividend if he applies for it.

It is highly probable that some veterans never will apply, either

because they don't want to or because they won't hear about the payments. The Veterans Administration has announced that it will do its best to see that dividend information is spread to all points in the country.

About 16,000,000 present and former policyholders and their dependents will share in the payments through the 20,000,000 policies issued from 1940 through 1947.

Eight Year Accumulation  
The money represents an eight-year accumulation of what, in effect, have been overpayments of premiums. The death rate has been lower than the standard table upon which the premium rate has been based.

In Dallas, Veterans Administra-

tion officials reported about 1,400,000 (M) premium record cards have been microfilmed in preparation for payment of dividends to Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi veterans.

The application blanks that veterans will receive next month are in three detachable parts. One part carries the instructions. Another portion contains blanks to be filled in by the veteran or his beneficiary. The third part is a post card which the VA will mail back to the veteran indicating the claim is being processed.

The application forms will be handed out at every post office, VA office and veterans' service centers.

Beneficiaries of deceased veterans who carried the insurance will be eligible for dividends.

800,000 Texans Eligible  
Dallas VA officials estimated about 800,000 Texans will have the right to ask for dividends.

It doesn't matter greatly if the veteran does not know the number of his insurance policy, Gray said. "The application can readily be identified by service number, rank and the exact time used during service," he explained.

"It will not be necessary to write to us about the insurance number or about the status of the application."

"Veterans who do write in will only delay their own payment, because it will delay the production line."

President Truman has ordered that payment of the special dividend be completed before next June 30.



Doraine Renard and her partner Ellis Lucas will present their program of "Costumed Cameos of Famous Musicals" in The Grove Wednesday evening.

## Doraine and Ellis to Present Performance Here Wednesday

Soprano Doraine Renard and Tenor Ellis Lucas will present the last show of the Summer entertainment series in The Grove Wednesday evening at 8.

Their show, entitled "Costumed Cameos of Famous Musicals," presents a complete lyrical story of various musicals.

The pair are already known here because of their summer performance last year. As a rule, entertainers are not re-signed for shows in successive years, but the summer entertainment committee of the Student Senate asked for them again because of their popularity. The pair will appear at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday, according to C. G. White, director of student activities.

### No Admission Charge

Yellow fee slips will be the only admission charge for students and members of the college staff. Others who wish to see the performance must bring their own chairs, White said.

Wherever their duo presentations of the light opera classics have appeared, the two singers have won the acclaim of audiences and critics alike, said White.

Last year the pair appeared on Town Hall in New York City. The praise of Edward Johnson, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Association, brought the duo an offer to appear in concert at the Cleveland Public Auditorium. There, they sang before an audience of 10,000, White said.

### New Thought Needed

Lucas and Miss Renard met during the summer after their graduation from college and after a brief courtship were married. Their unique presentation of cameos of famous musicals created that summer resulted from their realization that success in the musical world demanded new thought.

Musical from such shows as "Student Prince," "Naughty Marietta," "Sweethearts," "Showboat," "Vagabond King," and "Rio Rita" has been used in their presentations.

At their performance here last year, the two sang parts from "Student Prince," and "Annie Get Your Gun."

Doraine and Ellis were the first classical artists to be sent overseas to entertain servicemen during the last war. Prior to and during the invasion of the European continent, the two were doing their show in England. They sang for allied armies all the way from Dutch Guiana to Iceland, White said.

## Lynn Sparks Is First in Bryan Beauty Contest

Lynn Sparks of College of College Station and Marjorie Kelley of Hearne were judged first place and runner-up in Bryan's Junior Chamber of Commerce beauty contest held at Bomber Baseball Field in Bryan Saturday night.

"Miss Brazos Valley of 1949" is the title that went to Miss Sparks as winner of the contest. She will represent the Brazos Valley area in the "Miss Texas" contest in Port Arthur August 5.

Third in the contest was Tidge Rattan of College Station. She was the smallest entry in the contest, measuring only five feet one inch tall.

Lynn was chosen first in the contest from a field of thirteen candidates. She was presented the winners trophy and a bouquet of flowers by Bonnie Bland of Orange who was "Miss Texas of 1948."

Second place Marjorie Kelley, a Hearne high school graduate, received a great applause at each one of her entrances. She was at a disadvantage however because she had not appeared on the "Talent 'Tea" held in Bryan earlier in the afternoon for the candidates.

At the tea, Lynn impressed the judges with a dramatic skit, piano playing, and singing.

Doris Turek and Jeanine Brown of Bryan, past winners in the contest, served as hostesses to this year's contestants.

Miss Sparks was sponsored in the contest by A. M. Waldrop and Co. of Bryan and College Station.

## GROVE SCHEDULE

Monday, July 25—Bingo.  
Tuesday, July 26—Free Movie.

## Redecoration Job Planned for Guion

The interior of Guion Hall will have a new face by the time students return for the fall semester. Tom Puddy, manager of Guion Hall, estimated the paint job would cost around \$4,000.

H. R. Covington is in charge of the painting and has six painters doing the job. The new colors on the interior are green, gold, old rose, purple and buff. Three coats of paint were put on the walls. Covington said the painting job would take about five weeks.

Puddy is also having all the drapes renovated.

## Robertson to Get Doctor's Degree

G. L. Robertson, instructor of animal husbandry at A&M, left Tuesday for the University of Wisconsin where he will work on his doctor's degree in animal breeding. J. C. Miller, head of the animal husbandry department, announced today.

Robertson secured his B. S. Degree at L. S. U. and his M. S. degree here. He joined the animal husbandry department at A&M in the fall of 1946 and now has been granted a year's leave of absence to work on his doctorate.



Dale F. Lepper will become acting head of A&M's new Oceanography Department in the Fall. At present he is oceanographer with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at La Jolla, California.