

Local Unit Commanding Officer Discusses Air Reserve Program

The recently activated air reserve unit for the Bryan-College Station area, Flight A of the 9807th Volunteer Air Reserve Training Squadron, met Monday night at College Station. Before the reorganization of the Air Force Reserve, Flight A was the 305th Composite Squadron.

Major Marvin J. Birdwell of Bryan, is commanding officer of the local unit, urged a larger attendance at the meetings in order that the unit might secure full benefit from the new reserve program.

Attending the meeting to help with the organization of the new unit were Col. Olin Bell, of the Humble Oil and Refining Company. Bell is also commanding officer of the Air Reserve group which includes the 9807th Squadron. Lt. Slater from Twelfth Air Force Headquarters in San Antonio, liaison officer for the various reserve units in the group, was also present.

Col. Bell discussed the aims of the new reserve program, and emphasized the fact there is now a definite program for air reservists. If attendance is adequate, he said, training flights within the unit may be set up for instruction and training in the individual reservist's specialty.

Lt. Slater explained that his job is to maintain a close contact between the reserve units and the regular Air Force, and said that he will attend at least one of the local unit's meetings each month in order to accomplish this purpose.

He explained the point system by which a reservist may accumulate points toward promotion and retirement. A minimum of thirty points, he said, are necessary per year to retain assignment in the volunteer reserve, and a minimum of fifty points per year are needed

to count the year toward retirement. Points are given for attendance and participation at unit meetings, and for completion of extension courses offered by the Air Force in the form of corresponding courses.

Lt. Slater stressed the need for more airmen, as well as officers, in the local unit in order to carry out the program successfully.

Ellis Countymen Meet Thursday

A re-organizational meeting of the Ellis County A&M Club will be held Thursday night after y'all practice in Room 307 of the Academic Building, acting secretary Bob Gammon said today.

The club was disbanded last year, Gammon said, but the chapter has been reaffirmed by Student Activities office and now must be reaffirmed by the club.

All students, either married or single, from any part of Ellis County are invited to the meeting, he concluded.

Nice Old Lady Knits, Reads Picks Pockets, Burglarizes

BERKELEY Calif., Oct. 12 — (AP)—There's a sweet-faced little old lady in jail here who brags about crime the way most women her age talk of sewing or knitting.

She was booked as Mrs. Frances Worthington, 73, wanted at Lansing, Kans., for violation of parole from the Kansas State Industrial farm for women.

Closing a well-thumbed Bible yesterday, she reminisced to reporters: about her full and active life.

"You know, my dear, I'm one of the most accomplished pickpockets in the world. In forty years I have taken close to half a million dollars.

"It's been a wonderful life," she sighed. "Travel and fun. The police are all such gentlemen and my Bible comforts me."

Mrs. Worthington was plucked off a train here and "invited" to spend 60 days in the Berkeley jail.

Police Inspector E. F. Parker said the grandmotherly woman had



A local rider in the sky parts company with his steer at the 1948 Aggie Rodeo in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion. This year's rodeo opens Friday night of a two night run.

Lt. Blackburn Sent To Serve in Japan

First Lt. Thomas W. Blackburn Jr., former student at A&M, recently arrived at Yokota Air Force Base to continue his tour of duty in Japan, according to a public information office release from Yokota Air Force Base.

Lt. Blackburn, 26 year old son of Col. T. W. Blackburn of the 81st Fighter Wing at Kirkland AFB, was stationed with the 6403rd personnel Section at Zama, Japan at the time of his transfer.

A war veteran of Po Valley, North Appennines, Rhineland and the aerial offense of the Balkans, Lt. Blackburn entered the military service in October 1942 after graduating from the Riverside High School in California in 1941 and attending A&M in 1941-42. He left A&M to enter Officers Candidate School. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in June 1943 and his present grade in May of '44.

Aggie AH Student Has Own Ranches

Rudolfo Perdomo, animal husbandry student from Central America, has his post-graduate work all cut out for him, helping manage 30,000 acres in Central America.

Perdomo and his brother own three ranches near Guatemala city, two for beef cattle and one for dairy cattle.

Perdomo, born in Guatemala, entered Allen Academy to learn the English language in 1946. In July he took a six-weeks English course offered here especially for Latin-American students. That fall he officially entered A&M.

Urbanization Called Reagent Of Agriculture

"The principal factor affecting the agricultural economy of Texas are the industrialization of agricultural occupations and the movement of large portions of the rural population to cities in search of more lucrative employment with these industries," said C. N. Sheppardson, Dean of Agriculture, at the Texas Nutrition Conference Thursday afternoon.

Mechanization of farming methods and new knowledge of how to improve and increase grass crops were also brought out by Sheppardson as important factors influencing Texas' agricultural economy.

"A good example of a farm occupation which has been commercialized is the fluid milk industry," said Sheppardson. He remarked that some 20 years ago the average dairy herd consisted of about six cows and that outside of larger cities there was no dairy distribution. "Today one finds herds with as many as 200 cows, and rural milk distribution is greatly improved."

"Mechanization in cotton production is increasing daily in importance," Sheppardson said. "When the cotton picker is perfected, it will give the large operator a decided advantage over the man operating on a small basis who cannot afford one."

An interesting point brought out by Sheppardson in his talk, was that "A good example of a farm occupation which has been commercialized is the fluid milk industry, even though most farming enterprises are being run on a commercialized basis, the size of farms, on an average, have not changed. This can be accounted for by the increased number of part time farmers and by the fact that full time farm operators have enlarged their facilities," he said.

Engineer Scholarship Awarded ME Senior

Uvalde Stoermer, mechanical engineering senior, has been awarded a scholarship for his senior year. The Texas Foundries Inc., Lufkin, selects an outstanding engineering student each year, whose prime interest is foundry work for the scholarship.

Stoermer, due to be graduated in June, is chairman of the student chapter of the American Foundrymen's Society, one of seven in the United States.

Twenty Years Ago This Week The Great Depression Began

By WILLIAM D. HORGAN

New York, Oct. 26—(AP)—Twenty years ago this week the stock market crashed in a tragic ending to an era of prosperity.

The Coolidge bull market died a violent death that shocked and stunned this nation and financial capitals throughout the world. There is no standard by which

to measure the selling panic which crept into Wall Street in cat-like silence and ripped the financial district wide open.

Described in generalities, the market value of the nation's productive machinery plunged in a matter of minutes, by billions of dollars. The decline lasted for three long heart-breaking years. In human terms the losses could

be measured in dollars and cents: in the bankruptcy record, the destruction of lifetime savings, in foreclosed mortgages, in pawn shop tickets. It could be measured, too, in the deliberate, haggard faces of the poor; in dead dreams, in the pathetic bewilderment of little people and big people all over the country.

The prelude to panic was enough to lull the most astute financial men. Government and business leaders painted the future in rosy colors.

There were a few people who disagreed, but they were viewed with suspicion.

People begged, borrowed and stole money to buy stocks. The total of brokers' loans, a figure which indicates the amount of stock bought on credit, soared to an astronomical figure.

Stock prices advanced until many were simply absurd in relation to the ability of a given company to earn money and pay dividends.

The week which ended October 19, 1929, was a bad week for the market—but not too bad.

Then next week panic struck. The bottom literally dropped out of the market. The ticker tape, pounding out oblivion for spectators all over the world, ran hours behind the market's close in order to catch up with an avalanche of transactions. Nearly 13,000,000 shares of stock changed hands.

The city's big bankers got together, finally emerged with an announcement which certainly seemed a masterpiece of understatement. They found, it seems, "a little distress selling."

The market rallied for a while but on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 28 and 29, the climax was reached. Stocks of the country's leading industries collapsed. Sales on "black Tuesday" totaled more than 16,000,000 shares.

That was the day the insiders, the big money men, the millionaires, saw their fortunes melt away. The little fellows had already been sold out. The big fellows lasted a few days longer.

US Civil Service Commission To Give Vacancy Examinations

The Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for filling vacancies of several types in the Federal Service.

Examinations are being given for the positions of office machine operators (including adding, addressing, bookkeeping, billing, calculating, card punch, graphotype duplicating photostat, blueprint, offset, tabulating equipment and machines) and miscellaneous office appliances. Entrance salaries range from \$2,086 to \$5,232 per year.

The Civil Service advises that there is still a need for applicants to fill vacancies in the positions of Appraiser and Construction Analyst at entrance salaries ranging from \$3,727.20 to \$5,232 per annum. Unfilled applicants are urged to file for these examinations.

Employment for these positions will be with various federal agencies in Texas.

Examinations are announced for translator, boiler fireman, and patent advisor positions in Washington, D. C. and vicinity.

To qualify for the translator positions, which pay from \$2,724 to \$8,509 a year, all applicants must pass a written general test in English. Eligible competitors in this test who apply for the French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish languages will be given a written test in translating as soon there after as is practicable. In addition to passing the written test, applicants for all positions, paying from \$3,727 to \$8,509 a year must have had experience in general non-technical translation or in supervision of translation work.

The boiler fireman jobs pay from \$2,152 to \$2,573 a year. No written test will be given, but applicants must have had from six to 18 months experience in firing

stationary steam boilers or locomotive boilers. For the higher paying jobs, experience must have been acquired on boilers operating at 15 gauge pressure or higher.

Age limits for these positions, 18 to 62 years, will be waived for veterans.

Applications for the Translator examination must be received in the commission's Washington office not later than November 15; applications for the Boiler Fireman examination not later than November 8, 1949.

Application forms for all positions and other information may be obtained from the Regional Director, 14th U. S. Civil Service Region, 210 South Marwood Street, Dallas 1, Texas; or from Roger W. Jackson at the College Station Post Office.

Fort Worth Club Elects Officers

The Ft. Worth A&M Club has elected its officers for the 1949-50 school year.

Joe Simpson, senior animal husbandry major, was elected president. Simpson, a captain on the battalion staff, is in "D" Company Infantry.

Others elected are Tommy Brookman, vice-president, senior business major; Wallace Hooper, secretary, junior chemical engineering major; Bill Thompson, treasurer, junior chemical engineering major; Jim Magruder, social secretary, junior education major; Jimmy Woodall, reporter, senior animal husbandry major, and Paul Hendrix, sergeant-at-arms, freshman geology major.

Woodall urged all students from Ft. Worth and vicinity to attend the meetings.

Johnson Co. Group Chooses Officers

Election of officers will be the main event at the Johnson County meeting Thursday night, according to Monte Swazell, contact man for the club.

The club will meet in Room 227, Academic Building, beginning at 7:30 p.m., according to Swazell. Plans for a party will also be discussed, he said.

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