

Bonfire Building Gets Underway As Turkey Day Nears

Work on the annual Thanksgiving bonfire, expected to be the biggest in the history of the college this year, is now in full swing. The big blaze will take place the night of Wednesday, November 23.

The center pole, according to Colonel Joe E. Davis, who is in charge of arrangements, is in one piece and is 65 feet high. It was brought to College Station yesterday afternoon.

Trucks Available
A. F. DeWorth of the Landscape Arts Department, said that department trucks will be available for work on the bonfire Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday to assist in bringing in wood.

Coffee for bonfire guards will be furnished by the messhall and is under the direction of R. F. Mitchell.

Working with and directly under Col. Davis are head yell leader Glenn Kothmann and senior yell leader Red Duke.

The Communications Committee, who will set up and maintain radio and telephone communication to thwart would-be firebugs, and to direct operations is composed of C. V. Schroeder, H. W. Beutel, and W. E. Ball.

B. L. Couch, S. H. Barnes, C. Jackson, W. R. Cornish, and J. A. Warmker were in charge of securing the center pole and will see to its erection.

Actual building of the bonfire is under the direction of D. R. Joseph, W. E. Richey, and W. J. Thornton, with wood-cutting details being directed by T. D. Word, D. A. Strother, J. E. Ernst, W. B. Richard, S. S. Clark, and E. N. C. C.

C. C. Ohlendorf and J. M. Oglesby are in charge of equipment and C. B. Modisett and S. P. Mistrot are in charge of transportation, Col. Davis said.

In charge of guard-duty assignments is W. W. Zimmerman, while E. Lukemeyer is in charge of reconnaissance.

Trucks and busses carrying the wood-cutting details leave the mess hall at one every afternoon, Davis said.

Kids and Canines Strut At Pet, Mutt Showing

BY DAVE COSLETT

The AH Pavilion went to the dogs last night—the dogs, cats, kids, cows, and horses that is. And many a young trainer today proudly sports a ribbon proclaiming his or her prowess as pet raiser extraordinary.

The event was the tenth Annual Dog and Pet Show of the A&M Consolidated School. Instigator was the Consolidated Mother's and Dad's Club.

Just short of 1,000 parents and other interested spectators watched 97 entrants primp and parade a menagerie of birds, beasts, and fowls ranging from white rats through pole-cats, turtles, cows, horses, and gold-fish.

The pint-sized contenders, representing only the first through eighth grade age-group, competed in 13 divisions.

Four youngsters garnered prizes for their trick selling efforts. Winner from the first grade was Mike Kirkpatrick; from the second and third grade, Mary Varvel; from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, Mary Francis Malik; and from the seventh and eighth grades, Bernice Vaughn. They all received a box of candy as a prize.

Youngsters were not the only winners of the night, though. Mrs. P. D. Gandy sauntered away from the pavilion with a gobble tucked neatly under her arm. She won the turkey as the door-prize.

Pet Parade
Premier event of the night was the parade of pets which got underway at 7 p. m. Children and animals formed a procession which completely encircled the large arena.

Two pet-owners tied for first place for their parade performance. They were Jimmy Fowler, leading a rabbit, and Mary Francis Malik, leading a Brahma calf.

Following the parade four A&M students, under the direction of "Nicky" Ponthieux, presented a tumbling and clown act which was well received by the crowd.

Judging of the pets came next. Three areas were set aside for this purpose. Two saw-dust rings, situated at opposite ends of the arena, were used to display dogs and larger animals. Pure bred prancers in the one as curbstone setters yelped in the other.

Smaller animals were judged on tables in the center of the arena. Susan Caudill's Duke, a collie,

copped top honors in the large, long-haired, pure bred dog division. A collie and a cocker took second. The former, Flora, was entered by Martha Terrell; the latter, Mike, by Kitt Spencer.

Third place winners were Gail Schieselman's Gordon Setter, Njckademac and Louise Thompson's English Setter, Copper.

Large, pure-bred, short haired champ was a bird dog named Sparty owned by Mob White. Second and third place winners were, respectively, Donne Cockran's Labrador Retriever, Bess, and Andy Pugh's bird-dog, Sport.

Pure-Bred and Small
In the pure-bred, small dog divisions, Daisy a Pekinese entered by Darnell Dewey nosed out a large field of long-haired entries. Second-placer was Frances Knapp's Shetland, a cocker. Miss Pok Chop, a cocker, and Pinkie, another cocker, tied for third place. Owners were Charles Tigner and Ann Elkins.

Whit Bell's Dachshund, Penny, nosed out first place in the short-haired division of this group. Number two entry was Conroy Pugh's fox terrier, Cutie. Sherry Martin's (See KIDS, Page 4)



These five graceful ladies form a portion of the Danish Gym team scheduled for a performance on the campus Dec. 4. The Denmark gymnasts are currently touring the United States giving tumbling demonstrations which include demonstrations of their native folk dances. There are 24 members on the team.

Fat Gobblers Face Doom At Week-end Turkey Shoot

By JOHN TAPLEY

An old pioneer custom will be rejuvenated on Kyle Field, Sunday afternoon when the rifle team sponsors an old-fashioned Turkey Shoot.

The shoot is to raise funds to send the rifle team on shoulder to shoulder matches. Shooting starts at 2 p. m.

The gobblers will be placed in boxes with only their heads and necks showing. The rest of the bird will be protected by a metal plate and a sand bag. Contestants will win a turkey by killing it, or drawing blood.

Prices will be 25 cents a shot, or five shots for a dollar. The gobblers are large, ranging in size from 15 to 30 pounds.

Two positions, the standing and the kneeling, will be legal. Position will be optional. The guns will not have slings on them and contestants cannot use their own shootin' irons.

The rifles used will be .22 cal. with long rifle ammunition. They will have open sights.

The guns will be zeroed in for 65 yards. Daniel Boone's who shoot a bird will have to go home. The prizes will be stretched out to one per lucky person.

Local merchants are donating the targets for the afternoon. So far about 25 turkeys have been received, and if necessary more will be obtained.

The donors include Holick's Book Shop, Subik Tailors, Mendel and Hornak, College Station Shoe Shop, Charlie's Food Market, Loupot's, Smith Cleaners, H. A. Miller Appliances, A&M Grill, Shafer's Book Store, Varner's Jewelers, Aggie Cleaners, Aggie Land Studio, A&M Photo Shop, Campus Cleaners and Smitty's Grill.

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City Police Add Third Officer

College Station's two man police force was increased to three when City Manager Raymond Rogers reported the hiring of Curtis E. Bullock of Sherman, formerly of College Station, who will report for work here within 10 days.

Bullock, 35, a finger-print expert and identification officer with the Sherman police department, will start a fingerprint file on a small scale immediately after assuming his new duties here.

After serving three years in the Army military police, Bullock was radio car patrolman and night dispatcher at Sherman during the last four years. He is married, has a three year old son and has many relatives in Brazos county, Rogers said.

The city council authorized a second patrolman at College Station about a month ago. The position has been filled by C. M. Berry, formerly with Campus Security at A&M College. Lee Norwood is the city's police chief.

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Mediating School Brawls Not Healthy, Allsup Finds

Keith Allsup has learned the hard way that it isn't healthy to intervene in high school brawls. He's wearing bandages covering one nine-stitch gash on his head and a measly four-stitch cut on his chin.

Allsup, president of the Student Senate and acting in the role of peace mediator, saw that several Reagan High school boys were preparing to throw a lonely Lamar boy near one of Houston's drives-in following the Reagan-Lamar football game this past Friday night. Walking over to the disputants with a bottle in his hand, Allsup found them cold to his suggestions that they not molest the Lamar boy.

Seizing his bottle, one Reagan boy landed several blows on Allsup before the police, who happened to be just across the street, came to break-up the fight. Had the police not been so close to the scene, Allsup speculates that he would probably still be in Houston, either pushing up daisies or taking blood transfusions.

Asked if he had a statement, Allsup replied, "Just say that I was innocent and have learned my lesson—leave squabbling groups alone. And if you are going over to investigate, for goodness' sake don't carry a coke bottle with you."

Bleacher Tickets For A&M-Texas

A limited number of bleacher tickets for the Thanksgiving Day game will be available to students only for parents and friends, and will go on sale Thursday at 1 p. m., according to Howard Nelson of the Athletic Department.

Tickets will be limited to two per student, and will cost \$3.60 each. Students must present ID card at the time of purchase. The tickets will be on sale at a booth set up outside the department office at Kyle Field.

Lewis Union Pays Million Plus Fine
Washington, Nov. 16 (AP)—John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers yesterday paid \$1,420,000 in contempt fines—their penalty for failing to obey a court order to end a 1948 coal strike.

Welly Hopkins, general counsel to the union, made the payment to Harry M. Hull, clerk of the U. S. District Court.

Hopkins remarked that the fine is "probably the biggest ever paid by a defendant in the federal courts—certainly the biggest ever paid by a labor union."

On last Monday, the supreme court declined to hear an appeal by Lewis and the union from the fines imposed by Judge T. Alan Goldsborough.

Inside Competition
As editor of the Enterprise, Akers competes with an afternoon newspaper which is owned by the same company which publishes the Enterprise. He explained, however, that actually there is more competition between these two Beaumont newspapers than between many other newspapers which are separately owned and published in other cities.

"We have entirely separate news staffs and editorial staffs; in fact, there is no connection between the two papers other than the ownership and the same print shop," he said.

Newspaper's policies should be shaped, he said, so that all sides of the news should be presented, with an equal amount of space and prominence devoted to them. An editor can not be too careful in complying with this policy, he emphasized.

News Obstacles
There are many obstacles in the presentation of true and unbiased news, Akers pointed out. He listed four of the principal ones.

Probably the greatest obstacle in presenting the news in an unbiased and honest way is personal error. Every one errs, Akers said, but these errors in the newspaper business will be minimized with experience. Careful thinking is the only method of reducing costly errors, he said.

Three other obstacles also enter the picture. Foremost among these, Akers said, is the common misbelief that advertisers dictate the policies of a newspaper. Actually the more advertisers and advertising a paper has, the freer it is from pressure.

"This is why a newspaper without advertising would probably be more biased than any paper with a sufficient amount financially supporting the paper," he said. "If a paper had no advertising, the financial support would be coming from an individual or a group, whose own ideas and policies would be instilled in the newspapers."

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Remember, Nina (nee Nina Clock) hopped into a taxi, but Father Time won't. Of course, Chipper was the first child, though his arrival was not as dramatically heralded as that of his sister, Clivia.

For several years, we didn't seem to have a marriage in this phase of the fourth estate. Then it apparently became a fad.

In rapid order, Joe Palooka, Corky (another Gasoline Alley gentleman), and Smilin' Jack Martin took the step. Jack has been the latest recruit, though this wasn't his first trip to the altar. We hope this will not be a rest period between romances, with the wedding ties becoming slip knots.

Newspaper Ethics Boosted by Editor

Primary aim of the newspaperman is to give an honest and accurate report of the news, said Robert W. Akers, editor of the Beaumont Enterprise. Akers spoke last night to a group of approximately 50 journalism students in the YMCA Assembly Room.

While reporting the news fairly and in an unbiased manner, a newspaper still must often interpret the news, he said. This may be done in columns, features, and on the editorial page. Also, room should be made available for any comments or criticisms of the paper and its policies, as in a letters column, said Akers.

Akers, who began his work on The Enterprise in 1928 as a reporter on the courthouse run, became city editor that year. In 1932 he advanced to managing editor, and in 1942 entered the army as a captain in the 70th Infantry Division.

Political affairs and personal friendships should never enter the news columns, said Akers.

Special Problems
Newspapers are usually confronted with several special problems also, he said. Among these are monopolies—he used his own position as an illustration—whereby one newspaper or one company operates alone in a city; public records—just how far should a newsman go in printing them, and competition in radio and television fields.

Akers was invited to speak at the meeting under the auspices of the Journalism Department in one of a series of reports designed especially for the students.

C. C. Munroe, co-editor of The Battalion, introduced Akers.

Drums? Drums? I have lots of drums. So says Louis Bellson, trap artist with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra. The "Sentimental Gentleman" will invade Aggie Land next Wednesday with his musical aggregation to play for the annual Bonfire Dance preceding the Turkey Day football game.

Banquet Held On Corps Trip
One of the many events that took place during the Houston corps trip festivities was a joint dinner held by the Student Association of Rice and A&M in the banquet room of the College Inn, Saturday night after the game.

Ben Harmon, president of the Rice Students Association presided. Rice was also represented by Carolyn Douglas, Maydelle Exley, Jackie Meyer, Tom Eubank, Ann Irving, Tommy Adkins, Paula Meredith, Jack Cooper, Larry Westkemper, and Maxie Lehmann.

Representing A & M were Keith Allsup, president of the Student Senate, and Bill Parvo.

The dinner was a gesture by

Engineers Bore Holes Through Iron Curtain
Salonica, Greece (AP)—American radio engineers are working round the clock here on a 50,000-watt Voice of America transmitter which is to start boring holes in the iron curtain by the end of the year.

Government Of Student Center Now Planned

Provisions for the establishment of a Memorial Student Center Council which would be charged with operation and organization of the Center's activities were made yesterday by the Academic Council.

The council has appointed a Memorial Student Center Board to govern generally the activities of the council.

The board consists of four members of the college staff. They are M. T. Harrington, dean of arts and sciences and acting dean of the college, whose term will expire in 1950; Ernest Langford, 1951; J. R. Bertrand, 1952; F. J. Bensen, 1953.

Ex-officio member and chairman of the board is W. L. Fenberthy, dean of students. No appointive member who has served more than two years of a term is eligible for re-appointment until the expiration of at least one year, according to the report released by the Academic Council.

"I have hopes," said Wayne Stark, director of the Center, "that this board will meet soon to appoint the council which will operate the activities of the center."

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