

Ags Get Invitation For Starlight Ball

TSCW's Senior Class has invited Aggie Seniors to attend their Stardust Ball this Saturday, December 3.

president of the TSCW senior class. The Stardust Ball is a TSCW Senior Class function and amounts to a senior ball.

Miss Smart's letter of invitation stated that a date bureau would be set up for Aggies desiring dates for the ball.

Non-military seniors wanting dates are to contact Charles Kirkham, 4-F Purryer.

Byington reported that a few stag tickets would be available until time for the dance.

Overnight accommodations will be available, as they are each week end, on Friday and Saturday nights in one of the college guest homes for the charge of 75 cents per person each night.

The Stardust Ball opens TSCW's holiday season. The dance will last from 9 until 12; highlighting the occasion will be the presentation of class beauty nominees from each of the four classes.

Prior to the evening dance, the A&M Singing Cadets will present a concert in the TSCW auditorium.

Signing the invitation letter with Miss Smart were Misses Anita Carraway, vice president, Mary Evelyn Williams, secretary, and Emily Wood, treasurer.

Hatzenbuehler Elected RV's Exec Officer

Jim Hatzenbuehler, senior aeronautical engineering major from Dallas, was elected executive officer of the Ross Volunteers at the organization's last meeting before the holidays.

He filled the position formerly held by J. T. Dotson. Dotson a regimental commander and president of the Senior Court resigned because of other activities.

Other Ross Volunteer officers were elected last spring. They were Don McClure, commander; Herb Buetel, Ken Landrum, and King Egger, platoon leaders; and John L. Taylor, first sergeant.

McClure is a senior business major from Corpus Christi. Buetel, a senior from Dallas, and Landrum, a senior from Kingsville, are both pre-med majors.

Egger is a petroleum-mechanical engineering senior from Shreveport, Louisiana. A business major, Taylor is a senior from Big Springs.

Applications for membership in the RV's are now being accepted, McClure told The Battalion today. Both juniors and seniors may apply, he said. All men must have a 1.5 grade point ratio, a B average in military science, and exhibit a proficiency in drill.

Men wishing to apply for membership were asked by McClure to contact him.

The company has made arrangements to sell Christmas cards prior to the December vacation. Don Jarvis, who designed and sold campus scene cards last year, has designed the cards which the RV's will sell this year, McClure said.

Ags Asked to Consider Job In Iran Army

Would you like a trip abroad? Would you like to teach English to Iranian Army officers? Well, if you're a reserve officer with an "excellent scholastic standing" you may have the chance.

A letter sent to the college by the Iranian Embassy in Washington states the proposition.

The Iranian Army needs men with military training to teach English in its army establishments. Current legal restrictions prohibit retired army officers from being hired by foreign governments, but reserve officers can be hired.

Brig. Gen. M. Mazhari, military and air attache of the Iranian Embassy, asked in the letter to the college if there were any interested men at A&M or among A&M graduates.

Mazhari wrote, "We wonder whether among your alumni are some reserve officers of previous excellent scholastic standing who would like to take on an assignment with the Iranian Army to teach the English language in army establishments.

"The U. S. law prohibits the hiring of retired U. S. Army officers, but in peacetime it is possible to hire reserve personnel. If you have anyone in mind that you could recommend, we would appreciate it if you would ask them to write this office. A short biography of the applicant together with a photograph and request for compensation should accompany the first letter."

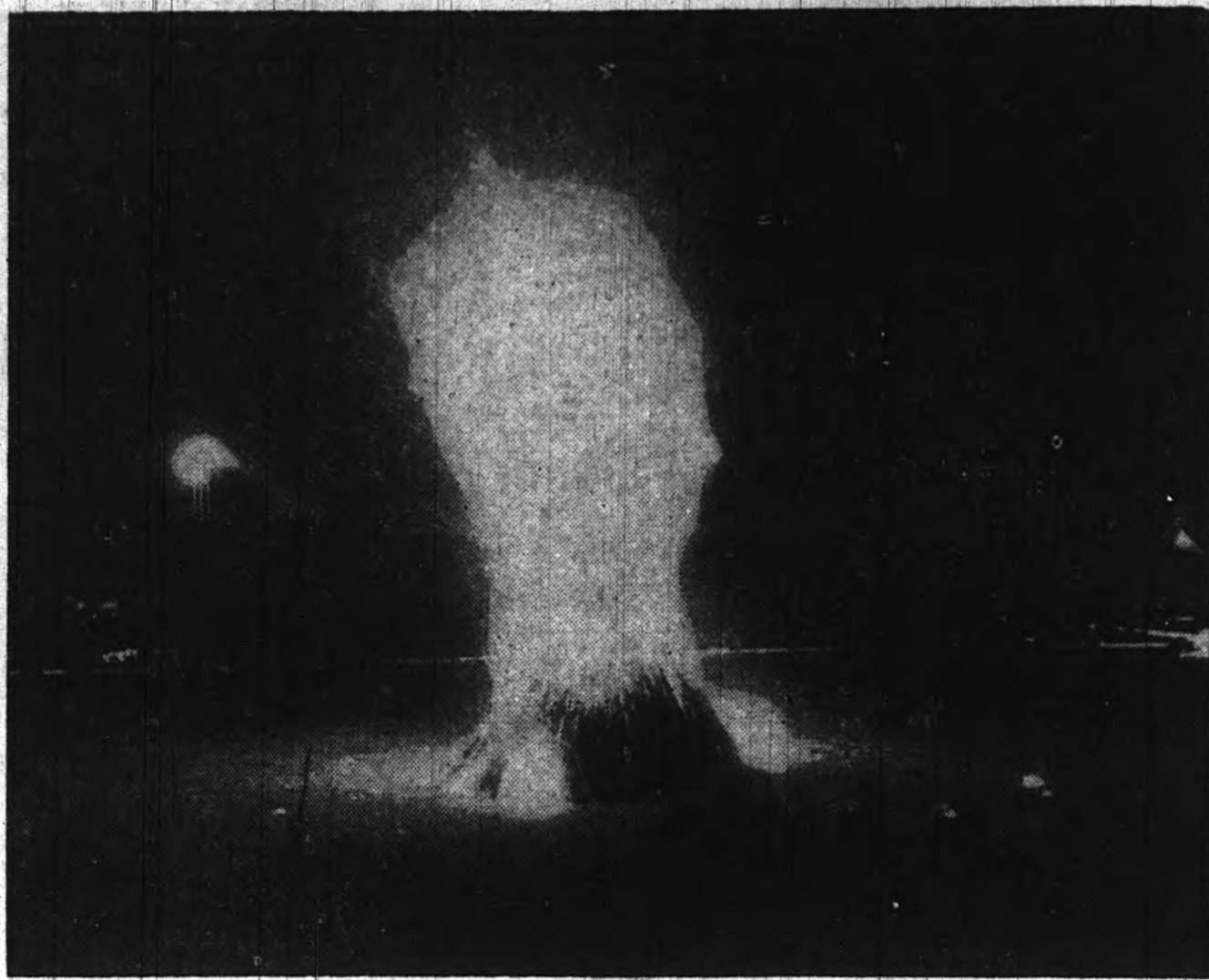
Men interested in applying for the position may apply directly to the Iranian Embassy, Washington, D. C.

John Ben Templeton Marries Dallas Girl

John Ben Templeton, Jr., senior civil engineering major, and Patsy Jo Williams of Dallas were married Friday evening in Dallas.

Best man was Doyle Avant of Laredo, and groomsmen were Sam Pate, Sweetwater; Don McClure, Corpus Christi; Fred Lunhow, Bill Benfer, Franklin Simmons, and Ace Jordan, Austin.

The newlyweds will live in College Station.



Whether this year's bonfire was the biggest yet, we don't know. But we do know that the blaze at the time this picture was made looked like the biggest one yet. That ball of "fire" at the right did not blow off the bonfire. It is the glow from the Kyle Field lights.

Laymen's Investment Course Begins on Campus Tomorrow

By BEE LANDRUM "The ABC's of Investment" is the theme of a course to be given in the Chemistry Lecture Room beginning Wednesday, November 30.

The course will consist of a series of lectures, given in three sessions at one week intervals. The lectures will be conducted by Merrill Lynch,

Pierce, Fenner & Beane, nationally-known stock brokerage firm.

These lectures will afford an opportunity for A&M students to learn some of the principles of the country's stock exchanges and some of the facts about their operation. No charge of any kind will be connected with the course.

T. W. Leland, head of the Business and Accounting Department, through which the course was arranged said that everyone interested is invited to attend the course.

Clear Understanding The course is designed to give a clear understanding of such questions as: what investments are; how they help make America secure; how intelligent investing and your standard of living are related; how invested money can earn interest and dividends; various kinds of investments; how to evaluate an investment; the functions of stock exchange and brokerage firms; and corporation vs. government financing.

Personnel from the Merrill Lynch will discuss these topics and answer questions concerning these and allied topics in the fields of investment and banking.

This course is one of a number of identical courses currently being given by the company throughout the country. Several of the courses have been given at different cities in Texas and were well attended by interested men and women. The course was given in

Houston this year during the month of May, in Bay City during June, and in Bryan during September.

Introduction Given Jack Wiggins, Jr., resident partner of the Merrill Lynch firm, will give an introduction to the course, Wednesday, explaining its purpose and outlining the different topics of the subject to be covered.

Following Wiggins' introduction, Henry F. Weghorst, sales manager will speak on the topic "Why Invest—Who Should Invest." He will discuss three objectives of investing.

Wiggins received his B. B. A. degree from Tulane University, New Orleans. He became branch manager of Merrill Lynch on January 1, 1933 and has been a partner since January 1, 1949.

Weghorst attended Blinn Memorial College, Brenham, Texas. For eight years he was in the banking business in Taylor. He has been with the Merrill Lynch firm since 1928.

First Speaker Charles J. Ritchie, account executive, will be first speaker at the second session on December 7, at 7:30 p. m. His subject is "Types of Securities." The second speaker for the evening will be David Hull, account executive. He will speak on the topic, "How to Read a Financial Report."

Ritchie was in the banking business in Helena, Arkansas and Houston from 1917 to 1930. Since 1930 he has been continuously with the present firm in Houston.

Hull received his B. S. degree (See INVESTMENT, Page 4)

Hollis Presents Third Talk In Graduate Series

Dr. Ernest V. Hollis, chief of college administration, Office of Education for the Federal Security Agency will present the third in the 1949-50 graduate lecture series on the campus.

The lecture has been scheduled by the Graduate School in the Physics Lecture Room at 8 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 1. Dr. Hollis will speak on the subject, "Potentialities and Pitfalls of Graduate Programs."

As field coordinator on the staff of the Commission of Teacher Education, Dr. Hollis conducted an exhaustive study of graduate programs, which was published in 1945 under the title "Toward Improving Ph. D. Programs." The report describes and analyzes activities and problems and offers suggestions designed to point the way toward improvement of doctorate programs, especially for teachers.

Dr. Hollis, who also serves as principle specialist in higher education is at the present time actively engaged in a study of education for the social sciences as director of study of social work education.

"His lecture will bring to us many valuable suggestions to guide us in the further development of our own Graduate School program," said Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the Graduate School. "These will be drawn from his long experience, wide contacts and critical study of the Graduate Educational Programs throughout the United States."

Dr. Hollis will be available at the college from 11 a. m. Wednesday until noon Thursday for faculty or staff appointments.

serve grand champion of the Brownwood Show.

Soon afterwards, his father's health became bad, and Jarvis, along with his brothers, had to assume the running of 2,200 acres of land. He adds that he feels that his previous 4-H work made his job much easier.

As a result of this extra work, Putter was forced to continue his 4-H work on a reduced scale. He substituted other activities for the demonstrations he was forced to drop. He still took on active interest in his work with registered stock.

Jarvis has been president of his local and county 4-H club three times, twice president of the district organization, and has won three trips to state 4-H Round-Up and many other judging and showmanship awards. He was also active in school and community affairs.

When asked about the value of 4-H work, Putter said, "I think 4-H has helped me develop proper attitudes and personality. It can do the same for every boy and girl who is interested in our nation's welfare and in keeping it democratic and the world's leader in agriculture."

Fisherman's Luck Hamburg—(EP)—"Fishing permitted only with rod and signature of the mayor," says a sign on a small lake near Hamburg.

Championship at Stake . . . College Cowboys to Clash At Inter-Collegiate Rodeo

BY DAVE COSLETT Range-wise lads and lassies from throughout the nation descend on Aggeland this coming Friday and Saturday for the First Texas A&M Inter-Collegiate Rodeo.

The affair, the first inter-school rodeo ever held here, will consist of three performances held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2.

Top college cowboys from 14 colleges and universities are expected to be on hand. Scene of action will be the AH Pavilion.

Fifteen member teams of the National Inter-Collegiate Rodeo Association are already entered and more teams are expected to take part.

Signed up so far are teams from Colorado A&M, University of New Mexico, Sul Ross State College, Texas Tech, Baylor, Texas, Texas A&I, Oklahoma A&M, New Mexico A&M, Hardin Simmons, West Texas State College, Stephen F. Austin, Arlington State College, and Weatherford College.

Girls Teams Entered Accompanying some of the six man teams will be female practitioners of cattle-country arts. Sul Ross has already entered an eight-member girls team in the cowgirls cow milking event.

The rodeo, the final meet this year for NIRA rodeo teams, should offer plenty of action, since it

could well decide the first national champion of the recently formed organization.

Present leader in the title race is Sul Ross of Alpine who has amassed the greatest number of points at NIRA rodeos held at the various member colleges in the past year. A&M is running a close second.

Aggie NIRA President Charlie Rankin, a member of the six-man A&M team, is currently president of the national organization. Other men on the Aggie team are Bubba Day, Bo Damuth, Charlie Wampler, Wallie Cardwell, and Bill Hogg.

More local competition at the meet will be provided by a pig scramble in which a ten-member team from each of the corps regiments will vie for merchandise prizes.

Teams from three of the regions will chase a greased porker Friday night, the remaining three teams will compete Saturday afternoon, and the winning aggregation from each of these clashes will have a go for grand prize at the final performance Saturday night.

The NIRA saddle-busters will match skills in a number of events including saddle bronc riding, steer roping, bull-dogging, calf roping, bare-back riding, bull riding, and girl's cow milking.

Saddle is Prize The college cowboys will have

New Building Voted For Business Department

The Department of Business and Accounting will move into a building of its own soon as a result of action taken at Wednesday's meeting of the board of directors on the campus.

The board, in approving a \$9 million expansion program for the college, authorized an expenditure of \$100,000 for remodeling Francis

Hall to accommodate the growing department of business and accounting.

Francis Hall, now used by the veterinary medicine and agronomy classes, will be remodeled and enlarged by the addition of a new wing.

The board also appropriated \$371,627 for furnishings and equip-

ment for the Memorial Student Center. An additional \$20,000 was appropriated for R. D. Harrell, Inc., who will decorate the new building.

The Harrell firm planned the decorations in the Shamrock Hotel in Houston, the Baylor Student Union Building in Waco, and in the Oklahoma University student union.

Abbott Named Dean

Dr. John Paul Abbott, serving as administrative head of the Bryan Field Annex, was named dean of the School of Arts and Sciences by the board.

Dr. Abbott, a native of Tennessee, was graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1935 and took his Ph. D. at Iowa State in 1939. He has also done graduate work at Tulane and the University of Wisconsin. He has been a member of the faculty at A&M since 1926.

Contracts Let

Contracts were let with four Texas architectural firms to handle parts of the huge new building program. Herbert Voelcker and Associates of Houston, Tatum and Quade of Dallas, Norton and Mayfield of Bryan, and Wyatt C. Hedrick of Fort Worth were the firms awarded.

A member of each firm will serve on an architects' council with the architects of the college and the system, and with the head of the college Architecture Department.

Voelcker will plan the new college administration building. This structure, which will occupy 6,000 square feet of floor space, will be devoted entirely to college administration. The present administration building will then serve as the center of the A&M System instead of serving in its present dual status as a college and a system building.

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How Much Wood Was There? Slide Rule Boys Know All

It took 36 senior engineering cadets to answer the big question last week—"How much wood is in the bonfire?"

The cadets, all of whom are in Major V. C. Williams military science class, went all out to calculate the volume of the wood used in building the bonfire, its weight, and the number of man hours required to build the bonfire from start to finish.

The class estimated the wood weighed about 50 pounds per cubic foot and that 30 per cent of the bonfire was void space. Using these figures, each man arrived at an answer for each of the three unknowns. Averages were taken of all answers.

The results showed that 34,350 man hours were required to stack 615 tons or 37,750 cubic feet of wood into its final bonfire position.

One cadet carried his calculations further. He estimated that one man would have to labor by himself for nine years and ten months to build a similar pile. Any rainy days would have extended the working time.

The engineering military science class wasn't the only curious group on the campus who did something about determining the amount

of wood in the bonfire. The board of directors were interested. Members were making guesses as to the number of cords in the pile when they were eating dinner in Duncan Hall Wednesday noon.

Needing an answer, Doyle Avant, cadet colonel, was called in to provide the necessary information. Avant turned to Herb Mills, corps staff math specialist, for the answer. After extensive calculations, Mills reported the bonfire contained approximately 352 cords of wood.

With the East Texas price of wood at \$12 a cord, the investment in wood alone for the fire exceeded \$4,200.

Members of the engineer military science class, which figured the amount of wood in the bonfire included Walter Bachus, Carral Blair, Willie Bohman, Roland Russell, B. P. Chamlee, Bob Crosse, Joe Durenhoefter, Steve Dunkleberg, Allan Eubank, James Fennell, Allen Landry, Joe Maddox, Bill McMillin, Marvin Mueller, Bill Manson.

Phil Parker, Alex Pegues, Ted Pitzer, Tom Reynolds, Tilman Riewi, Bob Schero, Leonard Schwab, Bruce Thompson, Bob White, G. B. Whisenhunt, and Tim Word.



There was more than one A&M team on the field at last Thursday's game. The 1909 Aggie team lined up on the field at the half and presented a plaque to the college in honor of the

late Charles B. Moran, A&M coach from 1909 to 1914. The plaque bears the famous words uttered by Moran when he first came to the campus, "I didn't come here to lose."

ACS Meeting Will Feature Talk on Tracer

Speaking on the subject, "Isotopic Tracers in Research," Dr. Robert J. Speer, principal chemist of the Texas Research Foundation, will address the A&M Section of the American Chemical Society tonight, November 29, in the Chemistry Lecture Room.

Dr. Speer is a native Texan, born in Denton, and took his undergraduate training at North Texas State Teachers College. He obtained his graduate work leading to both master's and doctor's degrees while attending Texas University in the fields of pharmaceutical and medicinal chemistry.

Speer worked as a research chemist for the General Aniline and Film Corporation of New Jersey, then served as Director of Research at Southland Paper Mills, Inc. He also did work at the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge during and following the war period.

In his present capacity of Principal Chemist of the TRF, Speer's interests have been devoted to the preparation of isotopically labeled organic molecules and to the investigation of the synthesis and properties of organic compounds of titanium.

There will be an informal dinner in honor of the speaker for section members and their wives at 6:30 p. m. at the Aggeland Inn.