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Wild Broncs, Bulls To Storm Campus For Two-day Rodeo

BY BOB PRICE

Prancing hooves and jingling spurs descending on the Texas A&M campus Friday will herald the arrival of college rodeo stars from 14 colleges and universities to participate in the First Texas A&M Inter-Collegiate Rodeo. The A. H. pavilion will be the scene of the activities.

Top-flight college cow-pokes and cowgirls from all over the nation will vie for points that might well determine the national championship.

These saddle wise cow-waddies will be gunning for the valuable prizes that will go to the winners of the different events.

Listed among the prizes for this event is a custom made saddle slated to go to the best all around cowboy of the meet. The saddle was made at cost by the Fort Worth Saddle Shop and was donated by Robert Kleberg of the fabled King Ranch. Other prizes include: eight Western belt buckles, five hand-tooled belts, one bridle and rings, three Western shirts, one breast harness, several pair of "levi's" and \$25 in cash.

This rodeo is not confined solely to the members of the stronger sex. Cowgirls from Sul Ross State College, Oklahoma A&M and Texas A&I have signed entries in the wild cow milking contest.

The six-man male teams thus far entered hail from Arlington State College, West Texas State College, Colorado A&M, New Mexico A&M, University of New Mexico, Oklahoma A&M, Texas Tech, Sul Ross State College, Hardin Simmons University, Weatherford College, Baylor University, Texas University, Texas A&I and Texas A&M.

Men, well versed in these "cow-boy carryings on", will be on hand to judge the performance. Mamed Enos of Ft. Worth former Madison Square Garden bronc riding champ will handle part of the judging chores along with another Garden champ of years past, Jack Favor, bull-dogger from Arlington, Texas.

Pete McKenzie, who of Jasper, Texas, an old timer at announcing college rodeos will handle the description of the events.

In keeping with the high standards of the rodeo, all the animals used will be professional rodeo stock. The stock will come from the Double-S Rodeo Ranch as Kileen, Texas.

Among the stock on hand will be 20 Brahma bulls, 25 Brahma calves, 50 bucking horses and many ribbon roping and bull-dogging steers.

A parade at 2 p. m. Friday in downtown Bryan will mark the official opening of the rodeo.

Reserve tickets for any of the three performances are \$1.50. The general admission price will be \$1.20 and children's tickets are \$1.00.

Tickets are now on sale at the Campus Theater, College Station Shoe Repair, Animal Husbandry Department, Student Activities Office and Court's Shoe Repair in Bryan.

Jester Honored By Mexico Governors

Austin, Tex., Nov. 30—(AP)—Governors of several Mexican states will honor the memory of their old friend, the late Gov. Beauford H. Jester of Texas, at Corsicana Sunday.

They will lay a wreath on his grave in the cemetery at Jester's home town.

The Good Neighbor Commission announced that Govs. Raul Garate of Tamaulipas, Raul Lopez-Sanchez of Coahuila, Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto of Nuevo Leon have definitely said they would be there. Gov. Fernando Fong of Chihuahua may also be able to take part.

The Mexican governors will be guests Saturday night in Corsicana of John C. Calhoun, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee and close friend of the late governor.

Eighty Traffic Deaths Figured During Holiday

Austin, (AP)—Eighty unsuspecting Texas homes are in store for a saddened Yuletide this year, the Texas Department of Public Safety predicted.

That many persons are expected to lose their lives in Texas traffic accidents during the holiday period.

Here are the predictions of N. K. Woerner, chief of the department's statistical bureau, based on the period from 12:01 a. m. Dec. 23, 1949, through 11:59 p. m., Jan. 1, 1950:

- 80 persons will die in traffic accidents.
- 16 of them will be killed on Christmas Eve.
- 51 of them will be killed on rural highways.
- 29 of them will be killed in cities and towns.
- 20 of them will be pedestrians.
- 32 of them will be drivers.
- 25 of them will be passengers.
- 3 will be bicyclists.

Phone Group Constructs New Business Office

A new business office is now under construction in College Station for the Southwestern States Telephone Company, according to E. H. Utzman, district manager.

The one-story modernistic brick and tile building will be located on land owned by W. S. Edmonds on Pacific Street west of the North Gate bus station. Foundation and the walls have been nearly completed, and the building should be ready for occupancy by January 1, Utzman said.

All records pertaining to College Station will be removed from the Bryan office and placed in the new office as soon as it is completed. Two clerks, trained in Bryan, will run the business of the College Station customers.

Strictly a business office, the new building is being constructed by W. D. Fitch.

DH Aggies Given Six Scholarships

Six students, majoring in dairy husbandry, were awarded Herman F. Heep scholarships Tuesday night, with a cash value of \$100 for first winner and \$50 for second place winner.

Winners in the senior class are James Patrick Canty, 4318 Newton, Dallas, first. He has a grade point ratio since entering college of 2.162. Last year his grade point ratio was 2.631. Second, Percy C. Burk, Trawick, second grade point ratio since entering college, 2.133; grade point ratio last year 2.478.

Junior class winners, Hilmer H. Schuelke, Lockhart, first, average grade point ratio since entering college, 2.708; grade point ratio last year, 2.694. Second, James Earl Thomas, Texarkana, average grade point ratio since entering college, 2.060; grade point ratio last year, 2.078.

Sophomore winners, Howard William Kruse, Brenham, first. Grade point ratio last year, 2.625.

The Heep awards are an annual affair. The donor is a widely known dairyman and oil man of Austin. The awards are granted on work of the previous year.

"I do not know what the future holds for dairying in 1955," D. W. Williams, vice-chancellor for agriculture, told the students, at the ceremonies in the Agricultural building. He said that progress had been made in all phases of agriculture, and that the graduate who goes out into the field of agriculture should bear in mind to strive for something better, something new that will mean better production and living.

Dr. I. W. Rupel, head of the Dairy Husbandry department presented the scholarships as E. D. Parnell of the department called out the names of the winners.



The A&M Crops Judging Team took fourth place in competition at Kansas City and fifth place in Chicago competition, Leo Mikaska, middle man in the picture, was high point man at the Chicago meet. Pictured left to right are Joe Walzel, Jack Williams, Leo Mikaska, Wilkie Kelling, and F. G. Collard.

Briefly Speaking . . .

Bathing Suits Trends Hint Barely of Things to Come

BY W. C. COLVILLE

Since the fig-leaf curse was first cast upon our noble but naughty ancestors, women have been trying to clothe themselves as modestly as possible and still appear respectable, or clothe themselves respectively and still appear nude.

Each year women's bathing suits have receded and shrunk like pools of water on hot pavement. Last year, with the advent of the French style and Bikini suit, it seemed as if the end was almost in sight.

At any rate, it was apparent. This gives rise to the question of just how far they will go, a question that can only be intelligently discussed during the numbing winter months, when the absence of those warm forms at swimming pools permits a somewhat passive point of view. During the summer, as the old adage goes, you can't see the bathing suits for the limbs, or something like that.

L. Pierre, noted French designer, is rumored to have conceived a suit for the coming summer that can be carried on a spool of thread.

Pierre explained in a recent interview.

"I take a spool of thread, drape it the way, that way. Viola! A bathing suit. But be pleasing to not go near water. If does! Foot! Water is only for dogs!"

Pierre's more conservative American model consists of two paper clips and an additional spool for a beach robe.

L. Pierre is also creator of the economical Decade Suit, a groched affair that can be unraveled as the styles progress. Pierre was offered a cool million by TU Frats for the exact position of the key thread. Pierre declined saying that his honor would not permit such an act.

"Hell no!" was the way he put it. But let us tear ourselves away

from the modern bathing suit for awhile, and briefly delve into their history.

The first bona fide bathing suit was worn by Guinivere Goatherde, first wife of King Arthur. It was a two piece creation consisting of shorts and (you'll pardon the expression) bra, constructed of cast iron.

Guinivere, after a short but glorious jaquette into the moat, was never heard from again. The local minstrel has it that Arthur was piqued at her for insisting on a square table in the castle, and had his tinsmith jam the escape hatch.

The next mode established was the knee-length skirt suit, originally designed to frighten little children into going to bed at night. This suit is sound evidence for the suspicion that bustles, frills, lace and fluff was all that Grandma had.

After the knee-length burlap went out, things started looking up, and we come again to the question . . . just how far will they go . . . and why don't they.

IE Students Visit In Houston Plants

Twenty-eight Aggies, composed of graduating seniors, and juniors studying modern industries in the Industrial Education Department, and two faculty advisors are now visiting several industries and inspecting industrial schools programs in Houston.

The group is visiting the Star Engraving Company, Cameron Iron Works, Brockstein's Display Equipment Company, Wessendorf, Nels Machinery Supply Company, and several industrial teaching programs.

Glenn Fletcher, director of Industrial Arts and Vocational Education in the Houston public schools developed the itinerary for the group.

Poultry Judging Team To Compete at Chicago

The A&M poultry judging team will participate in the national intercollegiate poultry judging contest to be held in Chicago November 29 and 30. E. D. Parnell is coach of the team.

The team is composed of Bobbie Mayfield of Dayton, Delvin Barrett of Bellville, Grady Scroggins of Bowie, and Bill Doran of College Station.

Lay Investment Course Starts At 7:30 Tonight

Network Wins Award With WTAW Sketch

The Texas Quality Network has been awarded the National Safety Council's Public Interest Award for Exceptional Service to Farm Safety for the second consecutive year. D. A. (Andy) Adam, Extension radio editor, wired from the National Radio Farm Directors' meeting in Chicago.

The Texas Farm and Home radio program, originating at 6 o'clock every morning except Sunday from Station WTAW, was responsible for this award, he said. Farm safety "spot announcements" and specialists' information on farm and home safety, with a special feature program during Farm Safety Week, July 23-20, had a prominent place on the daily farm and home radio broadcast.

The feature program was given by E. C. Martin, assistant state agent, Extension Service, and chairman of the Texas Farm Safety Council, Gladys Martin, acting state home demonstration agent and vice-director for women, with 4-H club members and extension agents from Refugio county. The 4-H activities in Refugio won the state award in the farm safety contest for 1949.

This is the fifth year the National Safety Council has presented awards for the best regional network coverage in the year-round division of the annual farm safety radio contest.

AIME Meets On Campus Dec. 8

The annual joint meeting of the Texas Sections of the AIME will be held on the campus from 8 a. m. Dec. 8, until 5 p. m. Dec. 9, announced Lucian Morgan, assistant director of the placement office today.

Registration will begin at 8 a. m. Dec. 8, in the YMCA lobby and will be concluded at 12 noon, he said. A registration fee of \$2.00 will be assessed member and \$3.00 for non-members.

Those desiring rooms may secure them at time of registration for a charge of \$1.00 per person per night. The college will furnish all linens. Rooms will be provided in Ramps I, J, and K of Walton Hall.

An attendance of 150 is expected in addition to students.

There will be a dinner at 7 p. m. Dev. 8, in Sbiaa Mess Hall. Tickets are \$2.00 per person and may be purchased at time of registration, Mr. Morgan said.

First of a series of six talks on investments will be given tonight at 7:30 in the Chemistry Lecture Room by Jack Wiggins Jr., Houston partner of the investment firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane. The talks are the "Merrill Lynch Investment Course", designed to aid everyone in understanding principles and practices of investing.

The talks will be given on three successive Wednesday evenings by members of the firm, and will cover the subject of investing by persons who have small, medium, or large amounts to invest. They will also afford an opportunity for A&M students and residents of the Bryan-College Station area to learn about the operations of the nation's stock and commodity exchanges. No charge is made for the course, which has been given in Houston, Bay City and Bryan during the past year.



Mrs. W. L. Penberthy is chairman of the seal sale drive of the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association.

Similar courses are being offered over the country by Merrill Lynch in an effort to answer such questions as: what investments are; how they help make America secure; how intelligent investing and one's standard of living are related; how invested money earns interest and dividends; what the various kinds of investments are; how to evaluate an investment; the functions of stock and commodity exchange and brokerage firms; and corporation versus government financing of industry.

The Business Society, Department of Business and Accounting, and Merrill Lynch are jointly sponsoring the course on the campus.

Tonight's Lectures

Introduction by Wiggins, who will outline the course, explaining its purposes and defining several of the terms later speakers will use. He will also tell something of the operation of the stock and bond exchanges.

Second speaker for the night will be Henry F. Weghorst, sales manager of the Houston Office. His topic will be "Why Invest—Who Should Invest." He will also state three objectives of investing.

Wiggins is a graduate of Tulane University in New Orleans. He has been with the firm since 1927, receiving a promotion to Branch Manager in 1928. He became a partner of the firm in January of 1948.

Weghorst attended Blinn College in Brenham, then entered the banking business in Taylor, where he remained for eight years. Since 1928, he has been associated with Merrill Lynch.

December 7 Lectures

Charles J. Ritchie, account executive, will deliver the first talk of the second session at 7:30 p. m. in the Chemistry Lecture Room. His topic will be "Types of Securities."

Second speaker for the evening will be David Hull, account executive, who will speak on "How to Read a Financial Report."

Ritchie was in the banking business in Helena, Arkansas, and Houston. He was graduated in Business Administration from Stanford University in 1947. He attended the Merrill Lynch Training School for six months in 1947, and at present is also instructing at the University of Houston in Corporation Finance and Investments.

Final Session

Last session of the course will begin at 7:30 in the Chemistry Lecture Room and will feature two speakers and a movie by the New York Exchange. Lewis E. Brazelton, Commodity Department Manager in Houston, will first discuss "The Commodities Markets." Charles D. Pearce Jr. will speak on "Municipal Bonds." Following the talks, "Money at Work" will be shown, with the introduction given by Cyrus T. Johnson, account executive.

Brazelton attended the University of Texas for three years. He then was associated with the Houston Packing Co. as salesman and sales manager for 14 years. He has been with Merrill Lynch since May, 1946.

Pearce, an account executive, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and attended Jefferson School of Law for one year. He served in the army in the first and second World Wars, in between which times he was in the securities business. He became associated with Merrill Lynch in September, 1944.

Johnson attended the Merrill Lynch Training School in 1917. Prior to his association with Merrill Lynch, he spent three years in the manufacturing business in St. Paul, Minn., and was district traffic manager of Northwest Airlines Co. in St. Paul for six years.

All the lectures are scheduled to last approximately one hour and a half. Anyone interested in hearing the talks is invited by T. W. Leland, head of the Business and Accounting Department; Wesley W. Wilson, president of the Business Society and Jack Wiggins, of Merrill Lynch.

Four New Wells To Be Drilled At Annex Area

Four new water wells for the College will be drilled in the Bryan Field area within the next few months, reported T. R. Spence, of the Department of Physical Plants, today.

Wells are to be drilled northeast and northwest of Bryan Field by Layne-Texas Wells of Houston. A 50,000 gallon reservoir will be built in the field for collection purposes and to hold water at the pump station, built to pump water to the main reservoir at the College.

A 2,000,000 gallon reservoir will be built at the College at the distribution plant, he added. A high pressure pump station will be constructed here to pump the water into the distribution system.

Eight miles of water main will be required to carry the water from the Bryan Field reservoir to the main reservoir at the college.

Exploratory work is being carried on to locate the best sources of highest quality water. The sixth test well has been started at the Bryan Field area. Thus far, water found has not been of the quality desired.

Work on the project is going on now and, it is estimated, will be completed in June or July.

A&M Prof Given Publication Award

Professor P. G. Murdock of the Department of Chemical Engineering was honored by the South Texas section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at its annual technical session in Galveston recently. He was recipient of the "Publication Award" which was initiated this year as an annual award given to the member who during the previous year published the best paper in a technical journal.

From the 300 members, 16 papers were submitted for consideration. A committee of six studied the papers and judged them on the following points: originality of treatment of the subject; clarity and completeness of presentation; and usefulness to the profession.

Subject of Dr. Murdock's paper was "Multicomponent Distillation." It appeared in the November, 1948 issue of Chemical Engineering Process, the official journal of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Since this initial publication on the subject, three additional papers have been prepared which expand the work further.

The Texas Engineering Experiment Station has supported the work of Professor Murdock, and reprints of the prize-winning paper were issued as No. 3 of the Station's Reprint Series of publications.

Observers Tell Of Tragic Air Crash

BY WILLIAM C. BARNARD

Dallas, Nov. 30—(AP)—"The plane trembled and shook and I knew we were in real trouble and then bang—"

That was the description Ernest Ohnell, Jr., Scarsdale, N. Y., gave to the American Airlines crash which killed 28 persons here today. Ohnell was one of 17 survivors.

He said he escaped through an emergency door seconds after the plane exploded. Ohnell was not injured, but was suffering considerably from shock.

He gave this description of what happened:

"The plane was in good shape when it left New York and Washington," he said. "Twenty minutes before the accident we were cruising along very comfortably.

"Then passengers were alerted that something was wrong with the number four outboard engine and that we would change planes at Dallas for the trip to Mexico City.

"Over Love Field we came in for a landing. One engine was out. I thought we were on the ground, but we really weren't. Suddenly the plane trembled and shook. The engines roared as though the pilot were trying to take it off again and I had decided not to land.

"I felt we were in trouble. Then bang—we hit. "We hit a hangar (Dallas

Aviation School) and then there was the explosion. I was sitting in the back end of the plane.

"There was terrific confusion. I finally got my seat belt unfastened. It had held. I looked around at the emergency door and a man was opening it. He went out and then two other people went out, and so did I.

"Flames were billowing up from the right wing on the other side of the plane. Just as I got through another man came through the door and got stuck in it. I pulled him out.

"I don't know how many of the people who got out that door were hurt. I guess all of them were.

"When I got out the door and got the other man through the door, I stepped out on the wing. I ran down the wing and jumped off to the ground. Then I ran to a residence nearby and telephoned my wife in Scarsdale to tell her that I was all right."

Ohnell has made a complete statement to the Civil Aeronautics authorities. He said he feels very weak but his nerves are smoothing out a bit. He said he will never forget that moment of the explosion—the fire coming up outside his window and the agony of trying to unfasten that seat belt to free himself.

"I feel more than thankful," he told reporters. "Much more than thankful."

He was trembling as he spoke.

BY TIM PARKER

Dallas, Nov. 30—(AP)—As each burdened group staggered by, the man in blue uniform, weeping unashamedly, asked:

"How many?"

Dirt-stained firemen would look up and say, "one" or "two."

The uniformed man was an American Airline representative who carried a notebook on which he was keeping count. Each body carried by was a short black pencilled line in his notebook.

The bodies were laid out on a canvas tarpaulin under burned and hanging utility lines. But they had to be re-arranged as still more victims were hauled out an hour and a half after the crash.

The rescuers running short of stretchers put the limp remains above the muddy ground as they wove back and forth between the wreckage and tarpaulin.

Flames still licked around the one-story galvanized building into which the larger part of the plane crashed.

There was quick, orderly movement—no panic now—as the last of the bodies was removed while sister ships of the DC-6 passed overhead.

Police Sergeant D. J. Cameron, who arrived at the scene five minutes after the crash, said: "There were several people dashing around. There was one woman with a baby. She was hugging the baby. She was crying and the baby was crying."

Sgt. Cameron said the pilot and

the co-pilot "got-out."

He said, "I don't know how many got out all together. We were pulling them out of there pretty fast."

A cavalcade of ambulances was admitted on the scene about 7:10 a. m. (CST) to take away the bodies piled on the tarpaulin.

Only 200 feet away were barracks in which 180 GI aviation students were sleeping.

They apparently were unaware of their close escape. One in shirt sleeves at the door asked "What happened?"

Firemen used grappling hooks and axes to tear apart the mixture of plane and buildings. Charred Airmail was heaped on a tarpaulin near the bodies.

Highway Patrolman J. W. Gallagher had his microphone in his hand and was just reporting to his dispatcher.

"I saw it happen. I yelled '419, 419.' That's the call for the fire department. Then I told the dispatcher I wanted ambulances and lots of ambulances.

"Just before it happened I heard the engine sputtering, sort of back firing. Then there was the explosion which sent flames a hundred feet in the air. But after that I was too busy calling for firemen and ambulances to see what happened.

Bits of torn wood and tin marked the airliner's destructive path through the Dallas Aviation School building across the street and into the smaller galvanized iron buildings.