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## Gen. G. F. Moore, Past Commandant Here, Found Dead

Maj. Gen. George F. Moore, former commandant of A&M and namesake of the Moore Award, was found dead Friday night on a mountain road near Burlingame, Cal., a bullet through his head.

The Texas-born general, who graduated from A&M in 1908, had lived in Burlingame since his retirement from the Army in August. The 62-year-old general had spent over 40 years in the Army.

An automatic pistol and a note to his wife lay near the hand of the general. Police refused to disclose the contents of the note. Coroner William Crosby, however, said the soldier expressed fear of losing his mind. General Moore had spent three years in Japanese prison camps during the war.

After the fall of Corregidor, he was imprisoned, along with his superior, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright. While in the Japanese prison camps, they suffered many indignities at the hands of their captors.

General Moore was awarded the distinguished service cross by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, just before the latter abandoned Corregidor for Australia.

After serving as Commandant of A&M from 1937 through 1940, he was transferred to Hawaii. En route, however, his orders were changed, sending him instead to

Corregidor. In November, 1942, while he was imprisoned, he was awarded the distinguished service medal. He was liberated from the Manchuria prisoner of war camp, and came home in 1945.

Awarded Ph. D. That year he was awarded a Ph. D. at A&M, and shortly thereafter was honored here with foundation of the Moore Award, annually presented to the outstanding unit of the Cadet Corps.

The Battalion, in an editorial in 1940 prior to his departure from A&M, called the general, "the most outstanding and most-loved commandant in the history of A&M."

Born in Austin, he entered A&M in 1904, calling Enid his home. While here, however, his family moved to Fort Worth. For a year after his graduation, he worked in the Fort Worth city engineer's office.

Was Football Tackle In his senior year of college, General Moore was a tackle on the football team.

After his liberation, he later took over other commands, including the Hawaiian Artillery Command, Army forces in the Middle Pacific, and his final one, the Philippine-Ryukyu Command.

Funeral services are set today at the Golden Gate Cemetery in Burlingame.

## Oklahoma A&M Places First In Annual Intercollegiate Rodeo

A hard riding team from Oklahoma A&M College took first place in the first annual Intercollegiate Rodeo held in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion December 2nd and 3rd. The Aggies from Oklahoma massed a total of 359 points.

Close behind was the Sul Ross College team that totaled 325 points. Harley May paced his Sul



If roping calves could talk, this one would probably be saying something like "We'll all be killed". Our photographer caught him just as one of the roping contestants in Saturday night's intercollegiate rodeo flipped him into the air preparatory to bashing him down and wrapping him up.

Ross team and earned the title of All Around Cowboy. May was high man in the two-day show with 240 points to his credit.

The team from New Mexico A&M placed third with a total of 260 points to his credit.

The New Mexico Aggies were pacing the field at the half way mark with 105 points, but the second place team, the Oklahoma Aggies, overtook them to win the

show. The first Intercollegiate Rodeo was attended by fourteen colleges in the Southwest area. Three performances, one Friday night, a Saturday matinee and the final show Saturday, were held in A. H. Pavilion here.

The number of points of the other colleges entered were as follows: Texas Tech, 180 points; University of New Mexico, 167 points; Colorado A&M, 135 points; Arlington State College, 112 points; Texas A&I College, 95 points; West Texas State Teachers College, 87 points; Texas A&M College, 50 points, and Hardin-Simmons University, 40 points.

Roper Second Buddy Reger, Oklahoma A&M College cowboy, was second in the All-Around standings with 194.5 points. Harry Hopson of New Mexico A&M was third with 155 points, closely followed by Kit Pettigrew of Texas Tech with 150 points.

The show produced one serious injury and several minor injuries. Fred (Bud) Halsell, a Texas Tech student, was most seriously injured when his hand got caught in a rope after he was thrown from a bull. The fiercely bucking and twisting animal trampled Halsell, lacerated his ear and, partly severed it. He received numerous bruises and abrasions. A waiting ambulance rushed Halsell to the hospital where attending doctors grafted the ear back on. His father in Fort Worth was notified and arrived Saturday evening.

In the final performance Saturday night, which proved to be the showdown producing the champions, the audience was treated to a fine exhibition of riding and roping.

Record Broken L. T. Walker of Colorado A&M thrilled the crowd with a record breaking performance in the bulldogging event. He got his tough-necked steer down in 5.9 seconds. His show average was 7.8 seconds, which proved to be the best. Dick Barrett, Oklahoma A&M cowboy was second best Saturday night with 6.9 seconds.

In the Bare-back riding event, John Wilson, Kit Pettigrew, Joe Reppetto, Gene Duke, Bill Chism, Charlie Rankin, Jim Bell, Jim

Coquat, Bubba Day and Buddy Reger lasted the required 8 seconds. Matt Syler from Texas A&M was slightly injured when he was thrown into the wall.

In the funniest event of the night the pig scramble, the Fourth regiment won out over the Second. The slippery porkers put up a game chase and succeeded in making a lot of noise, but the Aggies wound up on top every time. However after the event some spectators were wondering who had the most grease on them; the pigs, or the contestants.

Brahmas Rough Snorting Brahmas bulls were the toughest customers in the arena. Although the bulls were non-paying customers, they were more than "gate crushers", they were bone crushers. From the moment they left the chutes until they were returned to the pens they dominated the spectators attention.

In the Girl's Cow Milking event, Jo Gregory of Sul Ross State College was first Saturday night with a time of 12.1 seconds. Roxie Keeter, also of Sul Ross, was second with 13.9 seconds.

The Brahms bull riders had a tough time as usual Saturday night; however, a few were able to last the bouncing eight seconds. These stout riders were Roy Russell of Oklahoma A&M, Forrest Burnham of Texas Tech and Bill Dismuke, University of New Mexico.

Final tallies in the events were announced at the end of the show along with the all-around awards. In the bareback riding event, Harley May of Sul Ross and M. J. Coyle of New Mexico A&M tied with 35 points each. Buddy Reger Oklahoma A&M was third with 20 points, and Harry Hopson of New Mexico A&M fourth with 10 points.

Top Ropers D. D. Falin amassed 40 points to take top honors in the calf roping. Harley May was second; Harry Hopson, third; and

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General George F. Moore, former commandant at A&M College was found dead from a gun-shot wound Friday night. He was Commandant here from 1937 to 1940 and was assigned to Corregidor during the war.

## Council Turns Down Request For More Christmas Holidays

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

There is very little chance for an extension of Christmas holidays, the executive committee of the Academic Council told the Student Senate's holiday committee Friday afternoon.

According to L. E. Carroll, chairman of the senate committee, his group went before the executive committee and presented their plea for a Christmas extension on the basis that students with distant homes would hardly get home before Christmas and that there would be little Christmas shopping time for any students.

Request Rejected

The faculty group rejected the request, Carroll said, giving as their reason the many plans already made by the school based on the holiday schedule as it now stands, including several inspection trips planned over the Christmas holidays.

The entire semester class schedule is drawn up and approved much in advance of the semester, the committee said, based on the Southern Regional Crediting Association's recommendation for an 18 week semester. The schedule for next semester has already been drawn up and approved, the committee said.

After their first request for an extension to December 17 was denied, Carroll said, his group asked the executive committee for a shorter extension to the 20. This, too, was rejected, he added. His committee is submitting a written recommendation to the executive committee for the extension to the 17 for next year's calendar, Carroll added.

Other Schedules

For comparison of A&M's holiday status with other SWC schools, here is a list of semester schedules from Dean Harrington's office:

TCU—Opening date, Sept. 12; classes Sept. 16; end of semester, Jan. 28; Christmas holidays, Dec. 17 to Jan. 2.

Rice—Opens Sept. 16; classes start Sept. 19; end of semester, Feb. 2; Christmas holidays, Dec. 17 to Jan. 3.

University of Texas—Opening date, Sept. 14; classes start, Sept. 21; end of semester, Jan. 31; Christmas holidays, Dec. 22 to Jan. 4.

University of Houston—Opening date, Sept. 9; classes start, Sept. 19; end of semester, Jan. 30; Christmas holidays, Dec. 17 to Jan. 2.

By C. C. MUNROE

A full account of the reasons behind the relatively short Christmas holidays was given The Battalion this morning by Dr. M. T. Harrington, dean of the college.

Student requests for a short vacation actually had very little to do with scheduling the holidays from Dec. 22 at 5 p.m. until Jan. 3 at 8 a.m., Dean Harrington said.

It was necessary to schedule the holidays as it is now, he said, so that A&M could fulfill the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges which state that every member school must have at least 18 weeks of classes.

"Since the present school term began Sept. 19," he continued, "and since A&M has several official holidays, such as corps trips, which are not normally observed by other schools, it was necessary to set the Christmas vacation at the time for which it is now scheduled."

"I am sure it is too late to consider a change in our present school schedule," Dean Harrington said, "because the teachers have already planned their class work so that the required material may be presented in the time now available to them."

Change Possible Next Year The holiday schedule for the school term 1950-1951 has also been planned, the dean said. It is similar to this year's schedule. "However," he continued, "I believe the Academic Council would be glad to consider altering it if another satisfactory schedule could be arranged that would meet all the requirements of the Southern Association and the Texas Association of Colleges."

Dean Harrington suggested that the Student Senate consider the problem of holiday schedules and, if it could evolve another workable plan for the next school year, it should submit its recommendations to the Academic Council.

Another reason for the relatively short Christmas holidays was given by Dean Harrington. A&M's opening date was several days later than all the other major colleges and universities in Texas. The exception was TSCW, which opened Sept. 19. A&M opened Sept. 17.

The University of Texas, which opened Sept. 14, three days before A&M, will get out for the Christmas the same day as A&M but will have an extra day since the University students do not have to report until Jan. 4.

The University semester ends three days later than A&M's. Rice, which opened Sept. 15, will not end its semester until Feb. 2, five days after the end of the A&M semester.

shorter holidays, which was reported at Student Senate meeting, could be explained easily, the dean said. Last year, at the end of the fall semester, many students blamed their poor term grades on the long holidays which came up just before finals. These students, the dean reported, said they believed they would have done better if the vacation had not been so long.

However, Dean Harrington said, the question of fulfilling all the requirements of the Southern Association and the Texas Association was the prime reason for scheduling the holidays as they are at present.

Another less important but essential reason why it would be too late to alter the Christmas vacation schedule this year was given by Dean Harrington.

He said that senior horticulture students have made all arrangements to make a two week inspection trip of the Rio Grande Valley agriculture area. This is scheduled for the period from Dec. 17 to 22.

Off-Duty Prof. . . .

## Dictionary Is Forgotten; Footlights Can Change All

By ROGER COSLETT

The lights are dimmed, the audience hushed, the curtain goes up, and the play is on. The audience settles back in their seats in anticipation of an evening of relaxation, the majority of watchers knowing or caring very little about the hours of rehearsing that went into what is about to unfold.

Whether it is a Big Broadway production or a Community Player sketch, the sweat, the tears, and the hopes of the cast ride with the curtain as it rises.

A cast includes more than just actors and actresses. A cast is made up of technicians, property managers, publicity men, directors and countless others.

These people are people just like you and I. Some are a little more emotional, perhaps even a little more human and understanding than the average person.

A trip over to the Aggie Players' "R. U. R." set would prove this point to you. You would find a company commander, (of bloody "C" troop), housewives, radio announcers, secretaries, students, and even professors, acting, directing or lending a helping hand.

Believe it or not there actually are professors that are human. If you don't believe me come over to rehearsal and see for yourself. One would hardly expect a stern English prof—since they seem to have dictionaries for hearts, and can't seem to comprehend anything that is not grammatically correct—to be human. (I have no fears as you can see they won't be able to

## Gibb Gilchrist Suggested As Atomic Head

Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor of A&M, has been suggested as a nominee for chairmanship of the Atomic Energy Commission recently vacated by David E. Lilienthal.

Harry Hines urged President Truman in a letter Saturday to make the nomination. Hines is a former Texas Highway Commissioner.

According to Hines in his letter, Gilchrist is the "one man who can straighten out your (Truman's) atomic troubles, and come very near to keeping them that way."

Gilchrist, however, says "I don't know a thing about it. Furthermore, I like it here."

The chancellor went on to say that he doesn't know what prompted Hines to write the letter to Truman. "I haven't been in contact with Hines for the past ten years," Gilchrist added.

understand this).

The director of the Aggie Players' is a English prof, and he, contrary to what you might believe, is human.

He answers to the name of George J. Dillavou and has been an instructor of English at A&M since the Fall of 1946. Dillavou took over the directorship of the Aggie Players along with his teaching duties.

His first production was "The Male Animal." Since then he has directed "A Murder Has Been Arranged", "Pure As The Driven Snow", "Hedda Gabler", "Our Town", "The Plays The Thing", "Ghosts", "Chocolate Soldier", and at present, "R. U. R."

Dillavou, a native of Billings, Montana, received his B. A. in French at the University of Illinois. His interest in theatrical work began in high school, where he was active on the stage, carried through college, and resulted in his receiving a M. S. degree in Drama from Columbia University in 1948.

Although he has a crowded schedule it doesn't keep him from his social life, for his social life is directing. Dillavou has been sold on the friendliness of Texans and says that he has met more people worth knowing here at A&M than any place he has been.

## Daughters of the Range . . .

### Levis, Boots Old Story To Collegiate Cow Girls

By DAVE COSLETT

Let there be no doubt that the lassies who this week-end shared the rodeo arena with all the collegiate cowboys are really at home on the range. I can personally vouch for three of them.

A trio of boot-clad cow-girls made a special trip to The Batt offices last Friday morning to prove

that there was nothing at all "drug-store" about them. The three ladies, part of the Sul Ross representation to the A&M Inter-Collegiate Rodeo, are full-fledged members of the National Inter-Collegiate Rodeo Association.

One of them, Evelyn Bruce, has been with this business of rodeoing for three years. A Santa Anna girl, she is the present publicity director of the NIRA. She lives on the out-skirts of that West Texas town, but spends considerable time on a ranch owned by her family.

Her interests, other than rodeoing, include Journalism and English. She began her college career at John Tarleton studying to be a newspaper woman, but switched to English after going on to Sul Ross, since that school did not offer journalism studies.

Evelyn's a rather active girl in school activities, too. She belongs to the Pioneer Club, Sachers' (a Sul Ross literary society), the Bar-S-R Bar Rodeo Association and the Kappa Delta Pi. This is her last year in college.

Another senior of the Trio, Jackie Hayter, has been rodeoing since last year. A Ft. Stockton co-ed, she's majoring in elementary education, and some day plans to teach a bunch of young cow-boys.

She was raised on her family ranch near Ft. Stockton and is well versed in range-land procedures. At Sul Ross, she belongs to the Pioneer Club, Sachers' and the Bar-S-R-Bar Rodeo Association.

The youngest levi-wearing lass put four years of rodeo experience to work for her over the week-end to win the wild-cow milking honors.

Jo Gregory by name, this lady is a sophomore physical education major at Sul Ross and calls a ranch near Colorado City, Texas, home. At school, she belongs to Sachers', is vice-president of an association known as the W. S. A., and is a member of the Bar-S-R-Bar Rodeo Association.

In addition to the wild cow milking in which they participated here, the female cowpokes take spins at barrel racing, flag racing, goat tying and stake racing. They would like to include a few of the rougher rodeo events in their curriculum, but the powers that be say "no." Stuff like that, they say, would be unladylike—even for genuine cowgirls.

## Inspectors Arrive At A&M Tomorrow

The Federal informal inspection team will arrive here tomorrow for their annual inspection. Col. Oscar B. Abbott, Chief of the Texas Military District, said today.

The inspection team is under the command of Col. Paul B. Malone, staff officer of the TMD. Col. Malone will be accompanied by Lt. Colonel Ray L. Inzer and Walter

J. Browns of the TMD and four officers from the Fourth Army headquarters.

Capt. Albert W. Stockall, Organized Reserve Corps instructor for the Bryan area, will join the team when they arrive.

The inspecting team will inspect military science classrooms, the drill Wednesday and the other activities of the Military Science Department. All of these inspections will be carried out informally, Col. Abbott said.

The Military Property Custodian and Military Science Department at Ross Hall will be inspected. Wednesday afternoon the officers will attend the regimental review. The motor pool and other military units will be inspected, along with the relations between the MS department and the school officials.

The purpose of this annual inspection is to bring to the attention of the PMS&T's deficiencies found in order that they may be corrected and a more efficient unit result. Col. Abbott said.

Col. Malone, head of the team, is a West Point graduate and has been with the training officer for the Organized Reserve Corps in Texas since April of 1949.

## Quiz Busters First Class To Be Consoled by Prizes

something in the nature of a booby prize to A&M's low pointer each week.

Names of persons entering will not be made public. In fact, this is one contest for which you will probably wish you weren't eligible. And Herb seems sure that no one will want to win.

He, too, thinks that the misfortune of making the grade is bad enough so he figures that you might as well make something—of an otherwise hopeless set-up.

An idle suggestion—don't be greedy and try to win too many of the prizes or you might not be able to enter another contest. The affair is limited to presently enrolled students of A&M.

Herb Shaffer, still puzzling over the question of whether the chicken or the egg came first, has now come up with a new contest. He is going to give a prize to the person that registers the lowest test grade for each week.

The price will be one of consolation to make the unlucky winner feel better in his time of sorrow. The contest is not being held to encourage bad grades (perish the thought). But rather to award



Col. Paul B. Malone