



## State Police Check Campus Car Thefts

Fingerprints are being checked against likely suspects in the recent automobile thefts on the campus, Fred Hickman, chief of campus security announced today. December 6, two student automobiles were stolen from student parking lots and a radio was stolen from another car while it was on the lot. All three cars were 1949 Fords.

One of the stolen cars, which belonged to Kenneth Shackelford Ag Ed. major from Montague, was found one half mile west of the college on Farm Highway 60 by campus police at 8 a. m. Dec. 6. Since it is known that the car was not at that spot at 1 a. m., the time of theft is narrowed somewhat Hickman said. The radio, rear view mirror, and other accessories were taken, but otherwise the automobile was unharmed. The car was taken from the Law Hall parking lot.

S. M. McCarthy, IE major from Weatherford, was the owner of the second stolen car which has not been recovered yet. McCarthy's Ford was parked near Dorm 12. A radio was stolen from R. R. Rohrer's Ford which was parked on the Dorm 14 parking lot. Rohrer reported the theft December 6 to the campus security office.

State Highway Police were called in on the cases to process the two cars which were taken

## Foreign State Grad Students Now Number 16

Twenty-six students from 13 foreign countries are now enrolled in the Graduate School at A&M, according to Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the Graduate School.

Three students are majoring in chemistry, agricultural economics and horticulture. Chemical engineering, physics, range and forestry, genetics and agronomy are next with two students each majoring in those fields.

The other fields with one student each includes agricultural engineering, civil engineering, biochemistry and nutrition, life management, animal husbandry, veterinary pathology and mechanical engineering.

Students from China are Ken Shou Fang, Er-Chen Foo, In-Wai Hui, Shao-Hung Su and Liang Tsai Wan; India, Konigapogu Joseph Devadanan, Vishram Prasad, Gajendra Nath Raut and Harbajam Singh; Canada, Bruce H. Levelton, James A. B. McArthur and Thomas MacKenzie Lothian. From Puerto Rico, Rivera Ovidio Gonzales, Eddie Ortiz and Osvaldo Villafane; Egypt, Ahmed Mostafa Abu Nsar and Ahmad Talaat El Wakeel, Australia, Raymond Milton Moore and Thomas N. Staack; Pakistan, Sheikh Iftekar Ahmad; Lebanon, Faud S. Khuri. From the Philippine Islands, Shubert Sh-Chien Liao; France, Pierre R. Mommessin; Peru, Orlando Olcese; Palestine, Samir A. Shadid, Iraq; Faud F. Toma.

## Draper Speaks To Turkeyman

George H. Draper, supervisor for the Texas Poultry Improvement Association, gave a lecture on the National Turkey Improvement Plan to the Turkey Management class under the direction of Ross Sherwood last Thursday.

According to Draper, the purpose of the plan is to afford protection from unscrupulous competition and enable purchasers to buy poultry with more confidence.

Its objectives are to improve production and market quality of turkeys through better breeding and to reduce losses from diseases.

In order to do this, Draper said, a breeding stage is set up of U. S. Approved, U. S. Certified, U. S. Register of Performance, and U. S. Register of Merit to help carry out the purpose and objectives of the plan. To get these classifications the breeding stock must meet requirements set up by the N. T. I. P.

A pullorum classification is also set up in order to assure turkey raisers of reduced losses from pullorum. It has three stages beginning at pullorum controlled, and progressing to pullorum passed, and then pullorum clean.

According to Draper, if every breeder would follow the plan as set forth by the state board, losses from disease would be reduced and the market quality improved.

## Early Rush For '51 SMU-ND Tilt

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 8 (AP)—Tom Ryan, hotel manager, answered a long distance call yesterday from Dallas, Texas.

The caller said she was Miss Louise Meyers and asked for a reservation on Oct. 12.

"Your'e a little late, don't you think—Oct. 12 has come and gone," Ryan suggested.

"Why, Honey, I thought you would know I meant in 1951," the caller replied.

"It's for the Notre Dame-SMU football game that day," She got the reservation.



The smiling ladies pictured above are all charter members of the newly formed Texas Aggiettes. Reading from left to right across the top of the "T" are Eddie Jean Heard, Judy Chapman, Jean Ray, and Tommie Jo Estes. From top to bottom on the stem of the "T" are Gloria Spinn, Mildred Faulkner, and Joy Hoherd. Forming the base, from left to right are Audrey Barnett and Shirley Beth Harrell. Not pictured are two regular members, Beverly Hinkle and Camille Blackburn, and two honorary members, Elizabeth Peters and Doris Marie King.

## That Texas Hospitality . . . Temple Girls Now 'Aggiettes' With 'Keydet' Dates as Goal

Let's take a little trip to Temple. Why? Well, I can give you 13 good reasons.

And all thirteen of the reasons can be summed up in one little phrase—The Texas Aggiettes.

It seems that in the town of Temple, only some 90 miles distant, the Aggie Spirit has really taken root. And I'll guarantee that it's probably the prettiest bunch of Aggie Spirit you have seen in quite some time.

But let's start at the beginning. Last September, when all of us trooped in various forms or reluctance back to this beauty spot of the Brazos Bottom, two Temple residents came to Aggeland, too. It was their first trip, and they were rather pleased, to say the least.

One of them expressed it this way, "We were at Aggeland for the Villanova game and came home so elated over the Aggie Spirit that we could talk about nothing else for days."

The speaker, not one to go at things lightly, continued, "We soon realized that we couldn't go to A&M every week-end (as much as we'd like to!) so we decided to do something to build up Aggie interest in Temple."

And they did. To fully appreciate the significance of that decision, you should know the person who made it. She's a lively little brown-eyed brunette who stands 5' 4 1/2", answers to the name of "Jodie", and loves to dance, date Aggies and come to A&M.

The other member of the duet, Mary Mangham, adds pretty strongly to the argument, too. This 5' 4", long-haired, brunette responds to the name of "Clarence" and loves dancing.

The two girls found their solution in the formation of the Texas Aggiettes, a club composed entirely of Temple girls who "show a definite interest in Texas A&M College."

Their first step was to contact the president of the Temple A&M Mothers' Club who proved to be in hearty agreement with the ideas put forth by the girls.

With the aid of the Temple A&M Mother's Club, they then proceeded to carefully select members

from what they considered Temple's "cream of the crop."

And thus it was that the Texas Aggiettes were born with a charter membership of 13 girls. Jody, who goes by the more formal Jo Ann at Temple Junior College, was elected president and Mary was chosen vice-president.

A carefully drawn-up constitution was then submitted to the Mother's Club and approved. The preamble of this form reads as follows:

"We, the members of the Texas Aggiettes, are hereby organized for the purpose of furthering Aggie interest in Temple and of supporting the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at all times. We also advocate good wholesome entertainment for girls and boys and we will do our best to keep Temple ranked tops, morally and physically, in the opinion of the Aggies."

## Curtain Rises on 'RUR' In Guion Tonight at 8

BY ROGER COSLETT  
Karl Capes's "R. U. R." will be presented to the public tonight, at 8 p. m. by an Aggie Player cast in Guion Hall.

Tonight's performance will be the first of two; the final performance to be presented tomorrow night. Admission is twenty-five cents, and tickets are now on sale at the Student Activities office.

Those who fail to obtain their tickets before curtain time may purchase them at the door. Playing time is about two hours, and will involve for the first time

## Knobe to Speak On Metzger Gun Collection

The Metzger gun collection will be discussed by Harry C. Knobe, private gun collector from Houston, Thursday, December 15, at 7:30 p. m., in the Chemistry lecture room, according to Lt. Col. Frank R. Swoger of the military department.

Knobe assisted Carl Metzger in obtaining and cataloging the 600 gun collection which is now here at A&M. Manager of his own firm in Houston, he is considered the best informed living authority on the Metzger collection.

Selected pieces from the collection will be the subject matter for the discussion which will be free to all interested persons, students or otherwise.

Besides having assisted Metzger in making the collection, Knobe possesses a vast knowledge and extensive background of old weapons from which to draw his subject matter. Among his specialties are weapons famous in Texas history, Indian fights, frontier days and Texas independence battles, Swoger said.

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"We are very fortunate in having the collection located here and the talk to be given by Knobe will be a fine opportunity for the students to become better informed on the history and background of a future feature of the A&M campus," Swoger said.

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## Invitations Curb Extended for Poll

The deadline for ordering Jan. graduation announcements has been extended to Dec. 13 as a result of the poll to determine whether or not commencement exercises should be held, Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities, announced today.

Results of the poll will not be known until this weekend, Elms said. Many students have delayed ordering pending a decision as to whether exercises will be held and the additional two days have been added for this purpose, according to Elms.

Orders are taken at the Student Activities Office, Room 209, Goodwin Hall, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. all week days, Elms concluded.

## Free Feed Finds Clubmen Seeking Ag Subscriptions

Last year, victor of the campaign was the Landscape Art Club. Subscription blanks may be obtained by entrants at the Agriculturist office, or those in the back of the current issue may be used. The contest will close January 15.

This uninspired poetry just about sums up Jim Park's latest maneuver for boosting circulation of the Agriculturist, which he edits. The boys were whoopin' it up on the second floor of Goodwin and came up with a contest, which should bear much interest for each of the thirteen clubs under the School of Agriculture.

This contest, now in its second week, has each of the club members competing for subscriptions to the Agriculturist, A&M's reply to Farm and Ranch, selling now at 45¢ each.

Presently the Agronomy Society is leading the field, with the Ag Engineers second. The winning group will be awarded a barbecue, courtesy of the Agriculturist.

"There are no strings attached, no methods barred," Park said when asked rules of order for the campaign-contest. "The contest is open to all paid-up members of these clubs," he added. The contest is an annual one.

## Robots Not Metal

The "R. U. R." robots are not made of metal as is the robot "Willie" who has been seen roaming the campus the past few weeks. They are Rossum's Universal Robots and are more or less human.

The scene of the play is a far away island sometime in the future. The plot revolves around the manufacture of the "R. U. R." Robot and an attempt to make robots more human. In the process of being humanized, the robots revolt against the human race and threaten to destroy it.

"R. U. R." marks the ninth Aggie Player production for the Bryan Little Theater, has had considerable experience in acting, directing, writing and radio work since receiving her B. S. degree from the University of Tennessee. She will play the part of Helena Glory.

Karl Wyler too, is a man of considerable experience. The "C" Troop C. O. has done radio work

in the Aggie Player's history, the use of more than one set. New lighting effects will also be in use.

Supporting Ostner and Wyler will be George Willman, a graduate student in education and economics, from La Grange, as Alquist; Chuck Benschelter, a graduate student from Millersville State Teachers College, Pa., Dr. Gall; Vernon Berry, a sophomore from Lufkin, as Babry; Gordon Milne as Hallemeier; Elmore Torn as Busman, and Countess Jones as Nana.

Milne is a professor of floriculture here at A&M. "R. U. R." is Torn's first stage appearance. Countess Jones on the other hand is a veteran of "Our Town" and "Chocolate Soldier." Countess is an Ex-Tessie and past publicity director for the Aggie Players.

Human Robots  
Human robots are played by Cay Sullivan, wife and mother; David Leavitt, architecture major from San Antonio; Arthur R. Hengst, business major from Midland; Martin Schrank, ag education major from Hamilton, and John Laufenberg, of Port Arthur.

Laufenberg will portray the robot leader "Radius." John is a past president of the Aggie Players and has appeared in several productions.

Aggie Player president Lindell James, and KORA disc jockey Wanda Naylor will play the part of Primus and Helena respectively. Primus and Helena are the first two robots to acquire human feelings.

Darwin Hodges is technical director for the play while C. T. Stevens is the present publicity director.

## Vernon Young Chosen to Edit Forester's Book

Dr. Vernon A. Young of the Range and Forestry Department, was recently appointed chairman of a committee to prepare and edit information on management of forest lands for the Foresters' Field Manual to be published during 1950. He was appointed by the Society of American Foresters.

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## Phone Service Knocked Out

The entire college telephone system went out of operation at 9 last night when an underground power line short circuited and burned through a telephone company conduit.

The burned phone conduit is one of the main lines serving the college and the surrounding community.

Clubmen from the Southwestern States Telephone Company were rushed to the scene and worked through the night repairing the damage. The conduit, which houses between 500 and 600 lines, was completely destroyed at the burned section. When the line was uncovered it was reported to be nothing but a charred mass of melted lead and wires.

Phone service should be restored sometime this evening barring any further damage. E. H. Utzman, division manager of the Southwestern States Telephone Company, said at press time this morning.

## Wives Club Sets Party At Y Saturday Night

The Veterans Wives' Bridge Club plans a couples' party at 8 p. m. Saturday in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

All members are invited to attend, Mrs. A. J. Trolinger, reporter of the club, said. Fifty cents per couple will be charged.

## ASCE Listens To Billig Talk

Kirk Billig, consulting engineer for the Portland Cement Company, was the main speaker Tuesday at the regular meeting of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Billig, who is currently on a three-months tour of the United States, discussed construction of a new type of concrete building.

He was introduced to the ASCE members by Wayne Dallow, senior civil engineering major from Huntsville.

Billig, who has served as a consulting engineer for building projects on three continents, explained the method of constructing an inverted Canterbury curve concrete shell building.

The structure, when complete, will withstand winds of up to 125 miles per hour.

Actual construction costs for the new type building are very low, Billig pointed out. This, combined with the speed of construction and the usefulness of this type of structure make it ideal for low cost, general purpose building, he continued.

Willy Bohlmann, president of the student chapter of the ASCE, said that Billig is considered one of the outstanding consulting engineers in the world. He has served as an engineering professor in several European universities, Bohlmann said, and is an authority on concrete construction.

## Reports on Poultry Experiments Given

An experiment conducted by the Poultry Husbandry Department has proven that high efficiency ration, consisting mainly of Texas Milo, outranks standard egg mash, according to Dr. J. H. Quisenberry, head of the department and director of the experiment.

In the experiment, two sets of White Leghorn pullets, full blood sisters, were used. They were housed in laying batteries and reared like treatment except for the different laying mash.

During the year-long experiment, and increase was noted in egg production, body weight and income over feed cost, and less feed was consumed when using the high efficiency ration, Dr. Quisenberry concluded.

## Gam Girl Sets Record

Hollywood, (AP)—Betty Grable is up to her first million and a half—in cheescake.

Her studio yesterday mailed out the 1,500,000th copy of the famous Grable—in-a-bathing suit photograph.