

- Late Wire Briefs -

Detroit, Feb. 23—(AP)—The Ford Motor Company will halt some of its Detroit area production operations Friday and Saturday of this week because of the coal situation, the Company announced late Wednesday.

Galveston, Feb. 23—(AP)—Bids will be opened Feb. 23 on a contract to extend the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway Feeder Channel to the landlocked south Texas cities of Harlingen, Rio Hondo and San Benito.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 23—(AP)—President Truman delivered a stinging denunciation of Communism Wednesday as an armed threat and "a modern tyranny far worse than that of any ancient empire."

If force is necessary, he said, we stand ready to use force to combat the "deadly attack" of those who would destroy freedom.

Describing his message as a "straight from the shoulder" talk on U. S. Foreign policy, Mr. Truman left no doubt his remarks were aimed directly at Russia and her satellites.

San Antonio, Feb. 23—(AP)—In its first annual livestock exposition, San Antonio Wednesday set three new world's price records and established a 100-year trophy to be presented to the grand champion steer each year for the next century.

The first was set when Milroy Schneider, 16-year-old Seguin 4-H boy, was paid \$8 a pound for his 225-pound grand champion Barrow. Schneider sold his pig to Joske's of Texas, a local department store, for \$1,800.

The second record was set when Robert Pape of Fredericksburg received \$3,379 for his champion fat lamb, Richard Frederick, the auction chairman, personally bid the \$3,100, which shatters a record set when the Houston's show's grand champion brought \$2,600.

New York, Feb. 23—(AP)—A Navy officer says flying saucers were seen over the White Sands, N. M., proving grounds for guided missiles last year and he thinks the discs are space ships from another planet.

The officer, commander Robert B. McLaughlin, writes in the March issue of True Magazine that saucers were seen at White Sands in April, May and June, 1949.

On one occasion, he said, two small saucers chased a Navy rocket. The Air Force has called discs hoaxes or misunderstandings of natural phenomena.

However, McLaughlin, identified by the magazine as a naval ordnance and guided missile expert, wrote in his article: "I am convinced that they are space ships from another planet, operated by animate, intelligent beings."

Weekend Parking Now Legal in Streets, Lots

Students may now park their cars on College streets and in employees lots from Saturday afternoon at 1 until 2 a. m. Monday.

This over-the-weekend parking privilege was granted in a letter from the office of the Dean of Students received yesterday by The Battalion and several student and faculty officials.

The change in the ruling was made by adding the phrase "except Saturday night" to the current regulations, published on page 27 of the College Regulations.

The corrected regulation now reads as follows: "Students may park their vehicles on College streets and in employee lots after 5 p. m. on Monday through Fridays, Saturday afternoons, and all day Sundays. Cars must not be parked in places other than their assigned parking areas after 2 a. m. each night, except Saturday night."

The change was made at the request of the Student Senate Traffic Committee, Assistant Dean of Students Bennie A. Zinn said, primarily for the benefit of students in Mitchell, Leggett, and other dormitories located some distance from their parking areas.

Fewer Tickets
It will enable them to park in front of their dorms without getting tickets early Sunday morning.

AFS Ballots Due by March 1 In Council Race

Ballots for the election of council members for the Association of Former Students must be completed and returned to the association postmarked not later than 5 p. m. March 1, according to J. Sayers Farmer, chairman of the nominating committee.

Any ballots received after that time cannot be counted according to the by-laws of the association.

The nominating committee, headed by President Louis A. Hartung, '29, of San Antonio, met on the campus January 21, and nominated 82 men for the council.

Every former student whose name is on the list of the association has been mailed an official ballot, said Farmer.

In an official announcement, Hartung urged every former student to vote in the election.

Hervey, McQuillen Visit Corpus Exes

J. B. "Dick" Hervey, executive secretary of the Former Students Association and E. E. McQuillen of the A&M Development Association were guests at the meeting of the Corpus Christi A&M Club Tuesday.

Hervey has been giving reports on the activities of the Association of Former Students to A&M Clubs in various Texas towns.

During the month of February he has talked before Aggie-Exes in Waco, Dallas, Burnet and Corpus Christi.

Church Women Observe World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be observed by the College Station Council of Church Women in a service at the Presbyterian Church, Friday morning at 10, according to Mrs. F. L. Thomas, chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee.

Mrs. O. G. Helvey will lead the services which are for all denominations.

The College Station Council of Church Women is a chapter of a world wide organization that began in 1887 when women of individual prayer groups of different faiths joined together for a day of prayer.

In 1919 the women of Canada joined the groups in prayer and by 1927 so many requests to participate had come from other countries that the first Friday of Lent was formally declared the World Day of Prayer.

On this special day, these councils of church women try to tackle local problems and make the church a positive influence in the community.

A special offering is another important part of World Day of Prayer. The money collected goes into six special projects, three at home and three overseas.

The significant feature of the three in the United States is the fact that with out the financing from World Day of Prayer groups, they could not continue, for they have no other substantial source of support.

The ministry to migrant farm labor in this country is one of the projects supported by the prayer groups. It now operates in twenty-three states providing religious, recreational, educational, and counseling services for some 2,500,000 people to whom home is where crops are ripe. Two-thirds of its operating budget comes each year from World Day of Prayer offerings.

The other two objects of World Day of Prayer, giving in the mission field and the religious education work with Indians in government schools and special literacy undertakings on the Navajo Reservation; and a venture to guide Negro ministers and women leaders toward church-centered community development in plantation sections of the South.

In foreign missions, the beneficiaries of the American offerings are eight Christian colleges for women in the Orient, Christian literature for women and children overseas, and foreign students in America.

The tasks of administering the World Day of Prayer falls to the office of the United Council of Church Women in New York. Each year the program for the service is written out a year in advance.

Further diversity is given to the all Tiesse program by vocal and instrumental solos, trios, and duets. Miss Loyce Miles of Atlanta, Ga., will act as mistress of ceremonies.

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Future Aggies Get Scholarships

Buenos Aires, Feb. 23—(AP)—Four scholarships for Argentine students to attend the Texas A&M College were presented to President Peron yesterday by 15 members of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Tomorrow they will go to Santiago, Chile.

Seniors Set Etiquette Talks, Clothing Show

A series of lectures and demonstrations on etiquette and social customs will be sponsored by the Senior Class in March, Bobby Byington, class president, said last night.

Preliminary plans for the series were outlined at a class meeting in the YMCA Chapel.

A new feature of the etiquette course this year will be a special showing of the latest trends in men's clothing, Byington said.

"Foley's in Houston has offered to put on a show for us that will include everything from a Tux to a T-Shirt," he said. "They even said they would include some professional models to give us an idea of what the women are wearing."

The models will team with a group of about ten Aggies to put on the show, Byington said.

The Foley's men's clothing show will be in Guion Hall during the latter part of March.

Two Phases
The lecture and demonstration series will be divided into two phases. The first, together with the men's clothing show, will be open to all students and student wives. The second phase will consist of ten minute lectures given

by seniors in the military science classes.

Six topics will be discussed in the first phase by three lecturers. Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. R. M. Slywood, and Wendell Horsley, director of the Placement Office, will deliver the six lectures open to the public. They will speak on (1) Behavior, the Key to Success, (2) Proper Introductions, (3) Visiting the Home, (4) What Makes a Well-come Dinner Guest, (5) Interviews for the Job You Want, and (6) Consideration of Others.

The need for a course in social customs and etiquette was explained to the Senior Class last night by Horsley. The Placement Office director also helped Byington make arrangements with Foley's.

Duchess Selection
All seniors who wish to make nominations for Senior Class duchess to the Cotton Ball must submit pictures of their nominees to a selection committee, the class decided.

Several alternate proposals for selecting a class duchess were advanced, but a vote showed the members in favor of the picture submitting plan.

The members of the selection committee will be announced this week, Byington said.

Class Gift
The class voted to add a maximum of one dollar to the list of invitations to the Senior Ring Dance to raise money for the class gift.

Byington said every effort would be made to keep the addition as low as possible, and in no case would it exceed the one dollar maximum.

A request by the class for permission to sell photographic coupons in the dormitories was turned down, Byington reported. Money for the coupons was to have been added to the class gift fund.

Suggestions for raising the money in some other way were solicited at the meeting. The addition to the invitation price was then offered and approved.

Boat File
Plans for assisting Seniors in selling their boots, boot pants, and other uniforms were announced by Byington.

A set of index card files will be established in the Cadet Guard Room in the near future. Seniors wishing to sell any item of their uniform at the end of the school year may list these articles by size in the appropriate files.

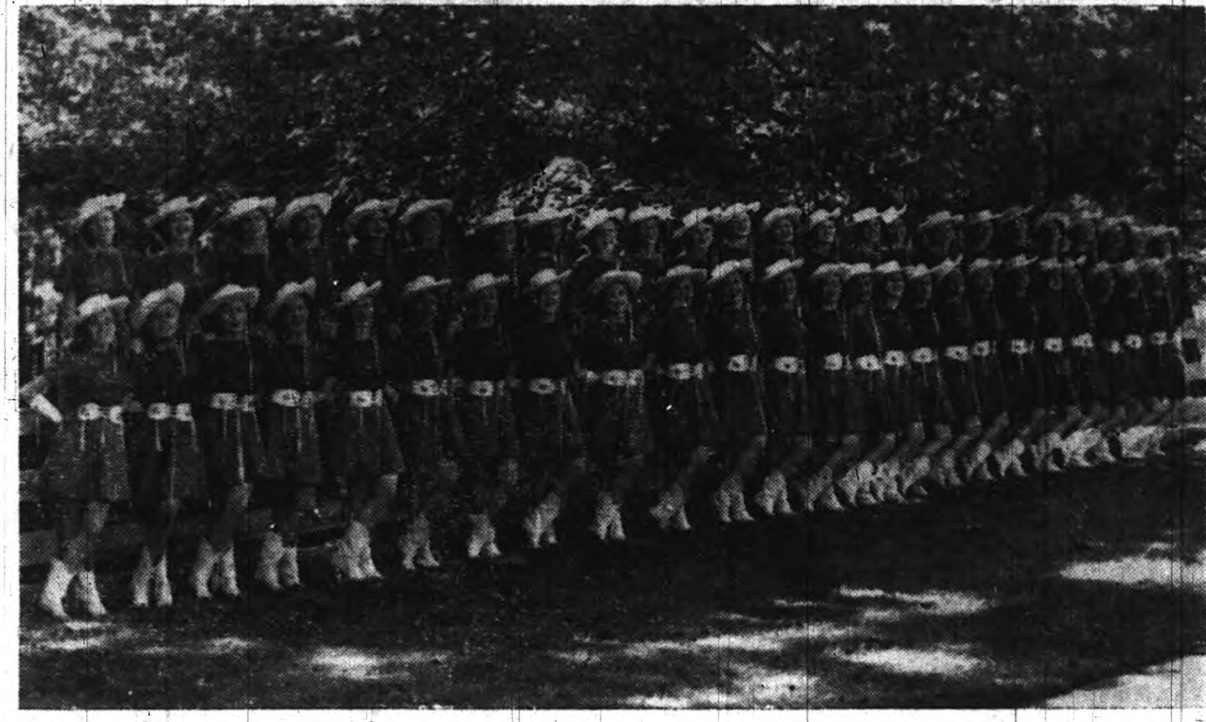
Junior who wish to buy any of the articles can then consult the files for the names of men having uniforms and boots for sale.

A system of filing the cards will be used to eliminate duplication, Byington said after the meeting.

CC Picks Duchess
Miss Nancy Naylor has been chosen the Bryan Chamber of Commerce duchess for the Cotton Ball and Pageant to be held here April 28. The announcement came from N. L. Kelley Jr., secretary-manager of the Chamber.

No Dean's Team Here?
Loretto, Pa.—(AP)—Both Dimm and Smart made the Dean's honor list for the first semester at St. Francis College today.

Honor students include Leo Dumm and Leo Smart.



This is the Rangereette Line, the fifty-girl marching group that makes up the column formations of the Kilgore Junior College Rangereettes. They will appear, along with the Kilgore band, on Kyle Field, March 4, for Sports Day.

Sis Struts Her Stuff . . .

Forty-five golden voices of the TSCW modern choir will grace Guion Hall Saturday at 7:15 p. m. The choir is under the direction of Dr. William E. Jones, professor of music at the Denton school. Admission to the program is thirty cents.

Some of the finest talent at TSCW goes to make up the choir. Variety is the keynote of the program which is designed to appeal to all music lovers. Everything from classics to modern music is included.

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Forty-five Tessies to Sing In Guion Concert Saturday

By JOHN TAPLEY

Dr. Jones has adapted the choir to trends of the time by developing an idea unique in this area in combining technical

features of radio, movies, and speech arts with the music.

Stress is placed upon development of the individual rather than the group. Traditional choir robes have been discarded in favor of modern evening gowns in an effort to stress the individual personality and induce an atmosphere of personal freedom on the part of each singer.

Members of the choir are selected for their vocal and music ability. In addition to their spring concert tour and other performances, the choir has gained a large radio audience through concerts over the air.

Joint sessions of the Texas legislature have heard the choir, and so have high schools all over the state.

Dr. Jones, the director, is known throughout the state as a director and lecturer. He was four times president of the Texas Association of Music Schools and twice president of the Texas Music Teachers Association.

MUSIC presented by the choir is chosen for general audiences of the Southwest.

From Their Perch in the Loft . . .

Competition, Companionship, Coffee Help Mold Future Aggie Architects

By ROGER COSLETT

A ray of light steals forth into the darkness, its source a window in the loft of a building hidden in shadow and standing like a towering giant on guard over the sleeping night.

A shadow flicks across in front of the light and a cry of despair sends its shrill note echoing into the stillness of the night. A murder? No. Not even a mystery. It's just another architecture student bewailing his fate from his perch in the Academic Building.

In the light of day this lofty perch would present a different picture entirely. Crowded onto this fourth floor haven for the idealist are scant accommodations for a department that has an enrollment of over 400 students. And this figure excludes landscape design and industrial education majors.

The Department of Architecture which was started in the early 1900's as a part of the Engineering Department on the top floor of the old Administration Building, has an eleven-man staff.

Ernest Langford, who has headed the department for the past 25 years, has watched it grow from an humble beginning into a department that can hold its own with any on the campus.

Second oldest employee of the department is Miss Willie Belle Johnson, a "mother" and source of inspiration to many of the department's students for the past 17 years.

She is justly proud of her position as head librarian over the department's 3,500 volume library, which has been praised as one of the finest and most complete for its size in the state.

A favorite with all students and exes, she was able, with the help of these thoughtful students, to start her own little staff kitchen in one of the library store rooms. This kitchen which furnishes the staff with hot coffee, got its start about ten years ago when some students supplied it with electrical appliances and brought with them ingredients for making coffee.

The friendly and likeable Miss Johnson has developed a keen interest and knowledge of architecture and its students. She believes that architectural students have a course that provides them with the best background possible while in college.

Speaking of her students, she says, "The boys do a lot of hard work and if they are good they are usually very good; if not, they are usually indifferent."

The Bryan born and raised Miss Johnson receives from the students an unlimited supply of gifts ranging from flowers to apples. She is

an almost unlimited source of departmental information.

As unique as Miss Johnson is likeable are the students who major in this field. Originality and inspiration are a necessity to be a good architect. As Thomas A. Bullock, a '49 grad now instructing in the department, puts it, "Inspiration can overcome lack of artistic talent and acts as a stimulant to hidden talent."

Bullock gives the solution to the late lights that beam forth into the night from the architect's roost when he explained that architecture demands continuous competition between students.

And you don't have to be crazy to like this continued competition. Jane Renhofer, the department secretary, is assuring when she speaks of the congeniality and high intelligence level of the department's students.

In her year of employment with the department she has developed an enthralling interest in contemporary architecture.

To obtain a degree in architecture a student is required to spend five years in study and work at least three months in a regular architect's office for field experience. The field that awaits the architect in large and opportunities for the talented graduate are abundant.

Of these graduates a great

many remain in Texas and the few that do migrate, according to Miss Johnson, are good wherever they go. Some graduates go into industrial design, some into city planning. A few go to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for further study.

It is not "all work and no play" for the undergraduate though. Each year they sponsor their Architectural Society's Annual Heaux Arts Ball (well known as the AS-ABAB Ball).

Here again they vie with each other to see who can conceive the most original costume. This year's theme was based on the recent mid-century issue of Life Magazine.

In past years ASABAB featured themes such as the gay nineties, Aztec cities, military scenes, and band dances.

The originality of the architects doesn't end with their AS-ABAB. Each year they design their own Christmas cards and hold design competitions among themselves.

The A&M architecture department is sponsored as a Junior Chapter of the Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Since it requires the sponsorship of a large city to become a member of this association the only other schools in the state so honored are the University of Texas and Rice.



Aviation Cadet Fred L. Wattinger, former A&M student, receives instruction in radio from Lt. A. H. Goering at Connally Air Base, Waco. Wattinger is a member of Class 50B at the base.

Land Program Funds Run Low

Bascom Giles, chairman of the Veterans Land Board Tuesday issued an "informal memorandum" to the 51st Legislature calling attention to the necessity of expanding the \$25,000,000 Veterans Land Program at the next regular session.

With a short time the office will have received a sufficient number of applications to fully obligate the total \$25,000,000 originally authorized by the constitutional amendment, Giles said.

Approximately 5,000 veterans will have been taken care of with many times that number desiring to participate in the program, he added.

Giles said the office, with its limited personnel, is processing an average of 10 applications a

Texan One Of Coal Crisis' Key Figures

By TEX EASLEY

Washington, Feb. 23—(AP)—A quiet-spoken little Texan has been one of the key figures in the coal crisis, although his name seldom gets in the papers.

A native of Gonzales and a former Texas state senator, Welly Hopkins is chief counsel for the United Mine Workers and talks at John L. Lewis' side in suits with mine owners and government mediators.

Now in his forties, Hopkins came to Washington in 1936 as an attorney with the Justice Department. His performance in handling the government's case in the Harlan County, Ky., coal field troubles a year later led the UMW to hire him as the union's top lawyer.

He lives in a colonial home in nearby Alexandria, Va., not far from the 150-year-old, two-story white frame house owned by his big boss.

Wrist Watch Found On Football Field

A man's wrist watch was found on the scrimmage football field last Saturday during the Maroon and White scrimmage.

The person to whom this watch belongs is requested to contact Stiteler's Office in order to identify and claim the watch.