

State's Receive Tidelands Soon, Gossett Asserts

Washington, April 6—(AP)—Rep. Ed Gossett of Wichita Falls said yesterday he expected a bill giving states clear title to oil-rich tidelands would be approved by the House Judiciary Committee by April 20. The Texas belongs to the committee and is a sponsor of the measure. A subcommittee approved the bill Feb. 9.

Gossett said that basically the bill is the one advocated by the states. It gives them undisputed ownership of lands from the shoreline out of three-mile limit except in the case of Texas.

The Texas limit would be 10 1/2 miles off shore. When Texas joined the union, she had the understanding that the claim to this coastal strip be recognized.

A section of the measure provides for a division of revenues between the Federal government and the states on oil produced along the tidelands. The percentages of revenue each is to receive has not yet been decided. A committee aide said.

Another measure before congress would give full ownership of tidelands to the Federal Government, which also is seeking title to such lands in Supreme Court suits against Texas and Louisiana. Attorney General Price Daniel of Texas argued his state's case before the court last week.

As Gossett was commenting on this measure today, the Magnolia Petroleum Company announced its first off-shore oil discovery. The well is 25 miles off the Louisiana coast, and extends tidelands oil production to its farthest point out in the Gulf of Mexico.



Richard Badgett

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Badgett of Pershing Street. Richard is newspaper carrier for The Battalion. He delivers the paper in the Oakwood addition.

Courts Asked To Honor Army Insanity Rules

Austin, Tex., April 6—(AP)—The court of Criminal Appeals yesterday was asked to set up a new principal of law that would give an Army court martial finding of insanity the same force and effect as such a finding in a Texas court.

The request came in oral arguments in the appeal of Richard W. McGee from conviction and death sentence in the pistol-slaying of R. L. Austin of Lubbock, father of McGee's fiancée.

Austin was shot July 7, 1948, at the back door of his home two days after he had urged that his daughter and McGee wait until they finished school to get married, the court was told. McGee and his daughter were students at North Texas State Teachers College at Denton.

Col. E. A. Simpson, attorney for McGee, argued that an Army board had found McGee insane after he had been returned from overseas where he was with the air force. He said that McGee was drawing 100 per cent disability allowance from the Veterans Administration as an insane person and that his mother and sister and psychiatrists considered him insane.

Frank Barnes

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnes of Highland Street. Frank is carrier boy for The Battalion. His territory includes College Park.



Cofer Accepts Duty With Military District

Captain David B. Cofer, Jr., Coast Artillery-Reserve, has accepted a temporary tour of duty with the Texas Military District in Austin.

Cofer, a native of College Station and a '43 graduate of Texas A&M College, spent two years during the war with Coast Artillery units in the Panama Canal area. During the past year, he has been a student in the Law School at the University of Texas.

Cofer is a former Editor of The Battalion, having served in that capacity during the school year 1942-43.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Cofer of College Station.

Library Announces Easter Schedule

The library has announced the following schedule of open hours during the Easter holidays:

Thursday, Friday, and Monday—8 to 5.

Saturday 8 to 12 noon.

Sunday—closed all day.



Wanda Goodwin (left) and Jean Royder are two of the A&M Consolidated High School students who dyed five cases of eggs which were used in the annual College Station Recreation Council's Easter egg hunt, held Wednesday for the Children of College Station.

All Churches Plan Easter Services

The people of College Station will worship each in his own way during this, the holiest time of the year—Easter. Special services have been arranged by various denominations.

Jewish services will be held Friday night at 7:30 in the YMCA Chapel according to Mrs. J. J. Taubenhans. The Hillel Foundation meets on Wednesday nights in the YMCA.

A Sunrise Choral Communion service will be held at 6 a. m. at the St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel, according to O. G. Helvey, pastor. Holy Communion and sermon will be at 11.

"Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" is the subject of the Lenten-Sermon of the Christian Science Sunday morning at 11. They will meet in the Assembly Room of the YMCA, according to Philip Goode, chairman.

Services at St. Mary's Chapel will be conducted by Father Sylvester Fuchs, Friday evening at 7:30. Good Friday services will be held and mass on Sunday will be at 9 a. m.

Sunday school will be at 9:30 at the First Baptist Church of College Station, according to R. L. Brown, pastor. Morning worship will be at 10:50 and evening worship at 7:15.

James F. Fowler, pastor of the A&M Church of Christ, has chosen for his sermon topic Sunday morning "Delivered Up For Our Tresses, And Was Raised For Our Justification." The pastor will hold services in North Zulch on Sunday evening.

"The New Resurrection" is the sermon topic selected by Norman Anderson, pastor of the A&M Presbyterian Church, for his Sunday morning services. Sunrise services will be held at 6 a. m. on the church lawn and will be followed by a breakfast.

Services will be held at 7 a. m. at the American Lutheran Church of College Station, according to Fred Mgebroff, pastor, the sermon topic for Sunday morning will be "More Of The Christ Of The Resurrection." There will be no services at 10:45 a. m.

Church school will be at 9:45 at the A&M Christian Church, followed by morning worship services at 11. The D. S. F. Supper Group meets at 5 p. m.

"Christ, Alive Forever More" is the sermon topic chosen by James F. Jackson, pastor of the A&M Methodist Church, for the Sunday morning services. Sunday school is at 9:30 and morning worship services at 11.



R. B. Halpin

Halpin was re-elected Ward II councilman in the city election held April 4. This is his second term as representative of the Second Ward.

R. B. Halpin Wins Post As Ward II Councilman

By CURTIS EDWARDS

R. B. Halpin was named councilman of Ward II by the College Station City Council without the run-off mentioned erroneously in The Battalion yesterday.

The election returns were reviewed and made official in the meeting which also included the taking of the oath of office by each newly elected officer.

Large Ward II Vote

The hottest contested race of the election was for Ward II councilman. More votes were cast for Ward II this year than ever before in its history.

Official returns from the second ward found incumbent councilman, R. B. Halpin, leading his nearest rival, C. J. Keese, by one vote—36 to 35. Candidates Billie Mitchell and L. G. Berryman received 15 and 14 votes, respectively.

It was rumored that a run-off election would be held—but this was proved unnecessary by the council upon interpreting the law which read—"the city council shall immediately open the returns from each ward, casting up the votes of the wards, and the persons receiving the highest number of votes for the respective offices shall be declared elected."

to his major post; J. A. Orr re-elected councilman of Ward I; E. Ames re-elected to the Ward III council position; and C. J. Gorzycki renamed corporation court recorder.

W. H. Freiberger, College Station barber, received 11 votes to Ames 16 in the Ward II councilman race.

Several write-in votes were counted in the election. Those receiving these votes were Joe Motherall who received 10 votes for mayor. J. C. Gaines received one withdrawal as a candidate early in the running, Homer Adams received two votes for Ward I councilman.

Oaths Administered

Mayor Langford administered the oaths of office to the newly re-elected councilman who then elected J. A. Orr as mayor pro-tem. Serving in this capacity, Orr gave the oath of office to Langford.

Further business of the meeting included the appointing of N. M. McGinnis to continue in his position as city secretary for another two years. Under the new law this office has been changed from an elective position to an appointive office. Appointing is done by the mayor with the approval of the council.

The first official meeting of this year's council will be held Monday night April 10, at the city hall, according to Langford.

On April 14, the College Station and Bryan city councils will hold a joint meeting for the purpose of opening bids on the newly proposed sewer line. The telephone situation will also be discussed at this time.

Langford Mayor

Official results of the election show Ernest Langford returned



E. E. Ames

Operator of the local bus station who was elected councilman from Ward III.



J. A. Orr

Who was unopposed for re-election as councilman from Ward I in a Tuesday's municipal election.

Engineers Plan Annual Contest

The Annual Engineering Contest will be held on Saturday April 29 at the Annex and at Anchor Hall on the campus. The 16-year-old contest is sponsored by the Engineering Drawing Department.

The original date of the contest was set as May 6, but it was changed later according to B. F. K. Mullins of the Engineering Drawing Department.

Those eligible to enter the four-hour contest are usually recommended by their instructors and having an A, or B- in one of the drafting courses.

The contest last year had four classes of Engineering Drawing work in which 85 students entered. The contest this year will have four classes open. They are: a freehand sketch of a machine part, a working drawing, a freehand lettering sheet and a practical descriptive drawing problem.

Entries will be judged by a committee and prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places in the four classes. The prizes are being donated by the Eugene Deitzgen Company, the Post Company and the College Exchange store.

The prizes will be awarded at a ceremony at the annex, at which time a speaker from a Dallas Engineering firm will address the group.

Racing With the Moon Sees Disc, Chases Same, Only Venus, Such a Shame

Austin, Texas, April 6—(AP)—Bergstrom Air Force Base officials sent a jet plane in pursuit of an unidentified object today and later decided it must have been the Planet Venus.

The field's public information office reported that a "bright, unidentified object appeared over Austin about 12:45 p. m. today."

Base operations sent a T-33 Thunderjet trainer plane in pursuit. Maj. G. W. Alexander, 27th Fighter Escort Group operations officer, and First Lieut. Wendell Oldham, 524th Fighter Escort Squadron, flew the plane.

The public information officer said the pilots reported as follows:

They located the object and followed it from Austin to San Antonio, climbing to an altitude of 40,000 feet. The only change in appearance of the object was increased brightness as the Army plane climbed above the haze of low altitude.

The object did not seem to vary in size. It did not seem to be an aircraft or any flying machine.

Col. Raymond Rudell, deputy commanding officer at Bergstrom, said University of Texas authorities had figured the object to be a plane, possibly Venus.

Air base officials said the object did not register on Radar equipment.

April 10 Limit On Awards

Deadline for submitting applications for undergraduate scholarships to be awarded this spring is Monday, April 10.

"Students who expect to be considered for one of these awards should file applications immediately with the Secretary, Faculty Scholarship Committee, Office of the Registrar, R. G. Bryman, assistant to the registrar, said today.

The awards to be made are the Krueger Award for \$500, the Jesse H. Jones Reward for Achievement for \$333, the Albert Banta Award for \$300, the Lullie Hughey Lane Scholarship Award for \$200, the W. S. Mosher Memorial Scholarship Award for \$200, the Fort Worth A&M Mothers' Club Award for \$200, and the Brazos County A&M Club Award for \$100.

Forms to be used in applying for one of these scholarships may be secured in the Registrars' Office.

Detroit Artery Transplant OK

Detroit, April 6—(AP)—A 57-year-old Detroit man was alive and "doing well" today following a delicate operation in which two surgeons transplanted into his chest a six-inch long segment of a dead man's main heart artery.

Officials at Henry Ford Hospital announced that the patient was "doing very well" following the rare and dramatic operation that "undoubtedly saved his life."

The patient, whose name was not given, was admitted to the hospital with an advanced thoracic aneurism, a condition in which the walls of the main artery (aorta) were diseased and giving way before direct pressure from the heart.

Doctors said if the patient's ballooning artery, which already was distended to the size of a small grapefruit, had burst death would have followed immediately.

The rare operation, performed by Dr. Conrad Lam of the Ford Hospital staff and his assistant, Dr. H. T. Aram, was not the first of its kind. But it may herald new advances in vascular surgery (operations on blood vessels).

Campus Study Club Shown New Styles

A fashion program entitled, "Is The Skirt Dragging In Texas?", was presented at the Tuesday afternoon meeting of the Campus Study Club by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Braley.

Mr. Braley related the process of manufacturing garments in his talk, which was followed by a fashion show with clothes and accessories furnished by Beverly Braley. Mrs. Braley was the narrator and soft background music set the mood for the showing. Cotton forming a huge cotton mott standing about seven feet high was the background of the stage where fifteen models showed thirty different styles.

Those modeling the fashions were Mesdames W. E. Farrar, Charles Tigner, W. D. Fitch, Ben Ferguson, Carl Landis, T. W. Leland, Otis Miller, J. T. L. McNew, Edward Madeley, S. A. Lynch, A. L. Parrack, John V. Rodde, John Perry, Tom Stewart, and Leroy Downey.

Battle of the Bulging Baskets

600 Find Eggs in Patranella Hunt

By DEAN REED
Batt. Easter Egg Editor

Hundreds of College Station boys and girls were lined up yesterday afternoon, eagerly awaiting the starting whistle for the second annual Luke Patranella Memorial Easter Egg Hunt.

While C. G. "Spike" White went in search of the misplaced whistle, an over-anxious young lad thrust his fingers to his teeth, emitted a long, high and shrill whistle, and—the race was on!

The Battalion's official Easter Egg-Editor found himself in an extremely dangerous position, with hundreds and seemingly thousands of little people swarming at him from every angle. All eyes were concentrated on the grassed area behind the Gilchrist home, where no blade of grass was left unturned the egg hunters. The remainder of the hunt was witnessed by the Egg Editor from limb number two of the nearest available tree.

History behind it

There's an interesting story behind this year's Easter Egg Hunt, now sponsored by the College Station Recreation Council. For about 10 years, a local merchant—Luke Patranella—personally sponsored the city's largest Easter parade, one strictly for kids.

And then a sad note was struck in the hearts of many—Luke Patranella died suddenly of a heart attack while in Mexico.

This man had such a large and faithful collection of friends that, instead of sending flowers for the funeral, enough money was gathered to construct a Luke Patranella Memorial Slab at A&M Consolidated, now enjoyed daily by young tennis players.

Several years and several Easgers passed without an egg hunt. Then last year the Recreation Council took up where Luke had left off and dedicated the hunt to him.

1800 Eggs

Yesterday's hunt wasn't lacking in children's nor in eggs. About 600 of the former and 1,800 of the latter combed for a colorful and interesting sight. A record number of prizes were awarded this year by local merchants.

Eighteen yellow eggs were clearly "Prize Eggs." Almost as many children streaked up to Mrs. Luke Patranella to receive their rewards—certificates entitling them to gifts from the contributing merchants of the area.

Top Worker

There was one person mainly responsible for the success of the 1950 hunt. She is modest, little Mrs. Don Lindsay, chairman of the Recreation Council's committee for the annual Easter affair.

Mrs. Lindsay had plenty of help, with every bit of it well utilized. The hunt was divided, with three main areas marked off for the pre-school children, the first and second graders, and those in the third and fourth grades.

Controlling the pre-school area and seeing that everybody was happy were Nita Smith, Ann Wing, Betty McDowell, Mrs. Pete Smith, and one-half of Girl Scout Troop 15.

Watching the first and second graders were Mrs. Raymond Rogers, Mrs. E. C. Klipple, Mrs. Patranella and Troop 14.

In the third and fourth grade area were Mrs. Tillie Boehme, Hazel Prewitt, Gladys Bishop, Mrs. L. F. Walker, and the other half of Troop 15.

Here's a behind-the-scenes group responsible for drying the nearly 3,000 multicolored eggs: Mrs. J. R. Couch, Mrs. I. G. Adams, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. Andy Solis, Elizabeth Wilson, Marjorie Draper, and Mrs. Lindsay.

Prize Winners

Among the boys and girls discovering the valued "prize eggs" were the following group:

Manuel Martinez (prize donated by Pruitt's Fabric Shop); Sherry Smith (Black's Pharmacy); Ronnie Perkins (Henry A. Miller Hardware Company); John Webb (Lipscomb Pharmacy); Jimbo Bevens (Charlie's Food Market); and Diana Jean Delaney, (College Hills Beauty Shop).

Others were Dee Smith (AggieLand Studio); Gloria Jenkins (Aggie Radio and Appliance); Larry Thurmond (Louis Mals Grocery); Andy Adams (College Food Store);

Newcomers Hear Female Attorney

Texas is one of six states in the United States with community property laws," Mrs. Mudgett, Bryman attorney, told Newcomers club meeting Wednesday afternoon at the YMCA.

A few other legal points upon which Mrs. Mudgett enlightened her audience were:

Texas does not grant alimony to divorcees. Abandonment for a period of ten years is considered permanent. Common law marriages are recognized as legal. Girls who marry before the age of 21 attain full majority except for the right to vote.

Under the community property law, Mrs. Mudgett said the law gives the wife one half of all property acquired during the marriage, although the husband retains full control and may sell any or all of it with the exception of the homestead.

Preceding the program Mrs. Lester Blank, was elected president of the organization. Serving with her next year will be Mrs. A. B. Currie, vice-president, and Mrs. Clinton S. Walker, Secretary-treasurer.

'Take a Break'

As usual around this time of year, the wheels of education grind slowly to a stop. Students and prof alike anticipate Easter holidays and taper off on their efforts.

Not so on the second floor of Goodwin Hall where The Battalion office is located. At midnight last night a skeleton crew was pulling Associated Press copy from the teletype to substitute for non-existent campus news.

Just as the final touches were being put on today's paper, someone in the crew looked up from a littered desk and called, "Say, did anyone write a 'Take a Break' today?"

Nobody had. The paper's other column, "Lapkin' Back" hadn't been written either.

One editor dashed to the files, whipped out a "Lapkin' Back" and then racked his mind for a "Take a Break" item.

The mind was event blander than usual.

All of a sudden lights flashed, wheels turned, and an idea was born. Attacking his typewriter keys he wrote what you have just read. At the end of his copy he added these few words.

"A Happy Easter to all of you from all of us. You have as good a time as we hope to have, and we'll be with you again in Wednesday's issue."

Dallas A&M Club Plans Easter Picnic

A picnic in Dallas on Easter Sunday, April 9, was planned by the Dallas A&M Club at a meeting Wednesday night. It will be held at Flag Pole Hill, White Rock Lake, at 2:00 in the afternoon, and the Dallas A&M Exes will be invited.

Each club member will bring food and drink sufficient for himself and his party.

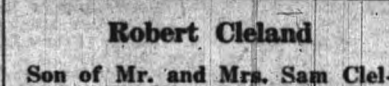
For Colored Children

This afternoon another Easter Egg hunt will take place, but this time for the colored children of Lincoln School. Also sponsored by the Recreation Council, today's hunt features prizes from Southside Grocery, Madeley Pharmacy, AggieLand Pharmacy, Shaffer's Book Store, and the AggieLand Studio.

One little lady seemed to hit the jackpot at yesterday's Egg Hunt—she collected a prize egg, several others, plus a terrapin.

Children were still looking late yesterday afternoon, among them "Spike" White, who immediately thrust his eyes groundward when he heard that someone had found a golf ball.

Yesterday noon, after complaining at long length about his assignment, the Easter Egg Editor finally accepted his fate and trudged to the battleground. But, a few hours later, he too, had seen eggs-finding urge and could be seen walking alone, subconsciously searching for—naturally, Easter eggs!



Robert Cleland

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cleland of Fidelity. Robert is a Battalion carrier. His territory includes the North side Area and Cooner Street.