

Authorization Asked For Airways Expansion

Washington, May 15.—A group of South Texans today asked the Civil Aeronautics Board to authorize Trans-Texas Airways to expand service in that area.

John B. Connally of Austin, Tex., attorney for Trans-Texas, told the board the proposed expansion ought to save the government \$8,000 monthly in air mail pay because of increased traffic.

Attorneys for Braniff Airways and Eastern Airlines contended the additional traffic on Trans-Texas would reduce business on their lines.

The hearing before the board is on an examiner's recommendation that Trans-Texas be authorized to provide service from Mission-McAllen-Edinburg (Moore Field) to Alice, Corpus Christi, Beeville and San Antonio.

The examiner's report recommended denial of the line's application to operate service from La-

redo to Alice, Corpus Christi and Beeville.

Fred Pool, manager of the Alice Chamber of Commerce of Commerce, testified a great community of interest exists among the South Texas cities involved.

Dr. E. E. Miller, representing the city of Beeville, said residents of the smaller South Texas towns make frequent business trips to San Antonio and Houston and that the proposed service would save them a lot of time.

Frank E. Williamson, representing the city Corpus Christi and its chamber of commerce, urged the proposed service be started immediately.

Other witnesses testifying for Trans-Texas Airways were Vincent J. Lucia, Houston; Harold Vagthorn, San Antonio; G. F. Dorn, Mission; James R. Sloan, Harlingen; Arvie Elliott, Victoria.

Trans-Texas' present operating permit expired last Saturday. It has been given authority to continue service until the board reaches a decision on its application to expand operations.

Members of the board, after adjourning the hearing, declined to predict when a decision will be reached.

Vet Regulation Announced For Course Change

New regulations governing requirements for a change of course by veterans receiving educational benefits have been received in the Veteran's Advisor's Office, according to Taylor Wilkins, veteran advisor.

In case a veteran's request for a change of course or additional education or training has not been acted upon, and on any request hereafter received, the veteran will be advised that any course which is in a different general field cannot be approved unless he submits proof that he needs the course.

If the proof submitted by the veteran is adequate, the Registration Officer is authorized to approve the change, but if deemed inadequate, the veteran may request advice and guidance before final determination is made, Wilkins said.

Where a veteran's training has been interrupted due to the unavailability of the veteran must furnish evidence to establish that such failure was not due to his own misconduct, negligence, or lack of application.

In accordance with existing policies, the VA will continue to authorize an initial change in a veteran's objective upon receipt of the Dean's recommendation, provided everything else is in order. Requests for course changes should be made on VA Form 7-1905e, which is available at the Dean's office. For any other information, the VA office should be contacted, said Wilkins.

Hill Named Texas European Delegate

Edward Hill, second year agriculture student from Garland, has been selected Texas representative to make a study tour of agriculture in Europe this summer.

He is one of 38 students from different states in the nation who are going to make the trip.

Hill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clodius Hill of Garland. He has taken 110 award ribbons in livestock and farm work, won national 4-H club honors in 1947 and 1948, served as president of the Dallas 4-H club and is now chairman of the 4-H group at A&M.

While a student at A&M, he has been a distinguished student. He will sail for Europe June 11.

Exes' Directory Ready for Seniors

The Directory of Former Students is available now to all degree aspirants in Room 104 Administration Building, Lon B. Locke, assistant secretary of the Former Students Association, has announced.

Approximately 400 of the 1,100 students who expect to receive June degrees have obtained their directories, Locke said.

The directory contains alphabetical and geographical listing of all former students with addresses and occupations.

THE BATTALION

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A. D. Martin, Jr., corps sergeant major, accepts a citation cord from Col. George Smith, Military Affairs Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce. Martin was named the outstanding junior in the Corps of Cadets. Dick Elliot, left, received a similar citation for being the outstanding junior in the Artillery Regiment. Flanking Martin is Herbert G. Mills, named outstanding junior in the corps troops and Dore K. Keelan, outstanding Air Group junior. Other cadets receiving citation cords as outstanding regimental juniors were Wilman D. Barnes, Infantry; Landon D. Wythe, Composite; and G. W. Mayben, Sixth Regiment.

King's English Mixed-Up In British Motoring Talk

New York.—Got a cubby locker in your double-deck?

That's not drop-talk. It's the King's English—automotive variety—and to an Englishman it would mean have you a give compartment in your convertible.

A Ford Motor Company representative at its exhibit of British-built Ford products in the British Automobile and Motor Cycle Show here came up with a glossary translating English automotive terms into the American counterparts.

Houston Chronicle Features Bagley

Sunday's magazine section of the Houston Chronicle, carried a two-page, illustrated article on John B. Bagley of College Station.

The article, by special writer E. London, told of Bagley's spun yarn factory which is housed in an old garage. Output of Bagley's backyard factory is used in hand-made articles such as rugs, afghans, sweaters, gloves and other hand-knitted apparel.

Seventy-two year old Bagley, according to the article, spends approximately 25 hours per week in the manufacturing process and the rest of his time is devoted to selling his goods.

A former instructor of textile engineering at A&M College, Bagley retired several years ago after teaching since 1905.

Modernized Cattle Rustling Major Oklahoma Problem

By SAUL FELDMAN

Oklahoma City.—There's a lot of cattle rustling going on these days, rustlers, but the thieves rustling strays from the herd isn't riding' horns and nary a one gets strung up to the nearest oak.

Now, these modern rustlers are mechanized, and are causing more trouble than the old style over-did in the rustling, too, rustling days portrayed in western movies.

The rustling problem in Oklahoma has become acute as beef continues to bring high prices on the market. It's a comparatively safe and easy type of crime, and the returns are good.

Rustling has become so widespread that crossed farmers are threatening to take up arms and form vigilante committees to patrol county roads.

Carl Cannon, band inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, estimated more than 800 persons are engaged in the cattle stealing business in Oklahoma.

There's no accurate estimate of the amount of cattle stolen but Jake Sims, chief of the Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation, believes losses run into hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

Modern rustlers usually work in pairs, using a truck or semi-trailer. They strike swiftly at night,

driving up to a pasture or farm yard where they load the cattle.

With modern highways, they can be 300 miles away from the scene of the theft by morning.

Disposing of the cattle is almost as simple. Each of the 77 Oklahoma counties has at least one community cattle sale each week. The rustlers deliver their stolen cattle to a commission man for sale.

It isn't unusual for a rustler to make off with a dozen head during a night. With an average head bringing from \$150 to \$200. That's good night's work.

A few are trucked out of the state. However, a federal law against the movement of stolen cattle across state lines has stopped much of this.

Cannon says that one rustler finally was tracked down after he evaded the law several years by working with a prominent rancher. He swapped his stolen cattle to the rancher for other beef animals.

"This rancher would run the stolen cattle into the blackjacks and so on ever thought of looking there," Cannon explained. "The rancher took a loss, but he didn't risk getting caught selling stolen stock."

Cannon, a cow puncher all his life, believes tightening economic conditions are causing the sudden upsurge in rustling. What's the solution to this mod-

ern rustling? The association is fighting rustlers through its 95 inspectors who are stationed throughout the southwest to check brands.

"We can usually track down stolen cattle if they are branded and appear at a market, but most farmers and ranchers don't take the trouble to brand their stock," Cannon said.

While the big ranches brand and also ear clip their cattle, they still suffer large losses. Rustlers take the yearlings which still are to be branded as well as marked cattle.

Cannon recalls a woman rustler who was an evangelist. She would show up at a Texas stock market with a dozen head at a time to explain "these were given to me by my good brethren."

She was caught when one of her cattle had a brand that didn't belong to a "brethren."

In an effort to aid county law enforcement officers, O. K. Bivins of the Oklahoma Crime Bureau has issued a partial list of 169 known and suspected cattle rustlers operating in the state.

Bivins points out it is useless to attempt to trace rustlers through tire tracks, or to set up road blocks.

There are so many moving cattle to market at night it would be practically impossible to stop them.



One member of the A&M Tumbling Team exhibits muscle coordination as well as a good sense of timing and balance in a skit entitled "Muscle Rhapsody," one of many in last Saturday night's Aggie Follies in 1950.

Teachers Group Slates Meeting

The College Classroom Teacher's Association will meet Friday at 7:30 p. m. to consider a proposed constitution for the local chapter. The meeting will be held in the assembly room of the YMCA.

John J. Sperry, local chairman, will present a report from the delegates to the state conference which was held in Huntsville, April 15 and 16. Members will be asked to submit nominations for officers for the academic year 1950-51.

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A U.S. Air Force interviewing team will be here to talk with college men between the ages of 20 and 26½.

DATE: May 22 thru 26th
TIME: 10 to 5 p.m., and 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lobby of YMCA



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