

Silver Taps Are Held For Crash Victim

Silver Taps were observed on the campus last night for Robert L. Blazek, senior entomology student who was killed instantly Saturday when the plane he was piloting crashed at Wellborn, a community about seven miles from College Station.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in Bryan. Blazek, who would have been graduated Friday, was flying an AT-6, a biplane trainer. He had left Waco at 11:16 Saturday morning, taking off from Connally Air Force Base there. The crash occurred a round noon Saturday.

A reserve officer and Air Force veteran, he flew on weekends to maintain his skill as a pilot. He served officers are permitted to fly planes from the field.

Blazek's plane did not burn when he crashed. J. W. Williams, Wellborn grocer who witnessed the crash, said the plane gave no indication of engine trouble before the accident.

"The engine was still going when the plane hit the ground at a flat angle," Williams said. Williams summoned an ambulance from the Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan.

The crash occurred on the J. O. Alexander farm at the edge of the small community.

Reported Flying Low Other reports were that Blazek was flying low and that his landing gear was up when he crashed. The plane dug a deep hole in the ground, then bounced back, badly demolished. Blazek was badly cut up from the crash.

An inquest held by Justice of the Peace J. S. Boyder of Wellborn called the death accidental.

Boyder removed Blazek's personal possessions, as well as Air Force charts and plans, from the plane and carried them to his home for safekeeping. He later turned them over to Air Force officers.

Officers inspect Two air police arrived Saturday afternoon to guard the plane, while inspecting officers from Connally Air Force Base did not arrive until Saturday night.

Blazek had made plans to work for the U. S. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Control in Waco following his graduation.

He received his wings at Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz., in 1944. He had been flying from the Waco field since January under an Air Force pilot designed to keep residents ready to return to active duty in case of an emergency.

A board of officers from Connally Field will investigate the accident in an attempt to determine its cause.

Funeral Services in Bryan Funeral services were held at the Hillier Funeral Chapel in Bryan, with the Rev. J. F. Fowler of the Church of Christ in College Station officiating. Burial was in Bryan City Cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, one daughter, Lanette, of Steele, Mo., and two grandmothers, Mrs. W. C. Lovell of Gonzales, and Mrs. Lottie Blazek of Houston.

Members of Earle Graham Post No. 159, American Legion, paid full tribute to Blazek at the final rites.

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Ex, War Hero, To Be Honored By Dallas Vets

A graduate of 1942, killed in action near Kommerscheid, Germany, in November, 1944, will be honored by the American Veterans of World War II in Dallas next Tuesday night.

He is Lieut. Turney W. Leonard, Congressional Medal of Honor hero. While the Avets are dedicating Post No. 22 to Lieut. Leonard, his casket will be en route home from the European war theater.

Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist of the A&M System will give the dedicatory address and the presentation of the colors will be by the Crozier Technical High School ROTC Unit.

Nephew of Bell Lieut. Leonard is a nephew of T. W. Bell, member of the A&M System Board of Directors.

While at A&M, he was a distinguished student for seven semesters of the eight semesters and was a distinguished military student.

He trained at Camp Hood and landed on Omaha Beach with the 2nd Armored Division. Leonard was in a tank destroyer at the rear of an infantry force which began to break. He dismounted from his destroyer, reformed the infantry forces into an orderly withdrawal and remounted the destroyer seconds before it was hit by a high explosive shell which tore off his left arm.

With a tourniquet improvised from his belt, Leonard carried on, according to war records. Later he was removed to a first-aid bunker, where he died.

His war record was reviewed by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in a speech at A&M on April 21, 1946.

Memorial Day Finds Nation Still Grateful

Americans carry flowers and prayers to the graves of their dead today amid the long shadows of the cold war.

Small American flags fluttered beside hundreds of thousands of grass-grown mounds in national cemeteries here and abroad. Men and women in city and countryside took time off from their workday tasks to honor the memories of their loved ones.

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"Lead us to know that thou hast set us to be guardians of the priceless liberty and freedom enjoyed by our nation during the past century. Give us unity of purpose, so that individually and collectively we may strive to safeguard our nation's heritage."

President Truman planned to spend the day cruising on the Potomac. He arranged to have an army aide lay wreaths on the tomb of the unknown soldier and monuments to union and Confederate dead of the war between the states.

Government departments closed for the day, along with many banks and businesses.

Showers were forecast for virtually the entire eastern half of the country, with fair to partly cloudy weather anticipated in the west. Temperatures were expected to be about normal.

Commentator Picks Diamond Beauty

A beauty contest to select the A&M Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Sweetheart will be sponsored by Herman Gellob and George Charlton.

Winner of the contest will have two pictures of herself and a background write up included on a special page in the September Diamond Jubilee edition of the magazine. She will also be awarded a gift from the staff.

Agrees may turn in nominee pictures to Frank Manitta, Student Activities Office, anytime before July 1. Selection will be made shortly thereafter.

The usual head shot and also a figure shot, preferably in bathing suit, should be submitted. Names of girls, and owners of pictures names must be written on backs of pictures. Pictures may be picked up after the contest.

Extra Graduation Invitations

A limited number of extra graduation invitations are still available at the Student Activities Office, Grady Elms, assistant director of student activities, said this morning.

Graduating seniors desiring to purchase the invitations may get them at the office, second floor of Goodwin Hall, Elms said.

Senior Calendar

June 1—Saturday—Oath of office for cadets receiving commissions, 8 a.m., Assembly Hall.
June 2—Baccalaureate and commissioning exercises, and commissioning ceremony, and Final Ball.
June 3—Final Review.
Miscellaneous—Graduating seniors who want their Aggiland mailed to them next Fall should stop by the Student Activities Office, second floor Goodwin Hall, before they leave school and leave their address and 25 cents to cover mailing charges.



C. Munroe, right, presents President and Mrs. F. C. Bolton with a pair of silver candelabra at the testimonial dinner honoring the couple Saturday night in Shiba Hall. Munroe, retiring co-editor of The Battalion, presented the candelabra as a gift from the student body of the college. The banquet, honoring President Bolton for his 41 years of service to the college, was attended by several hundred faculty and staff members, together with friends of the president from over the state.

'If I Had It to Do, I Would Do It All Over Again' - Bolton

Texas A&M and hundreds of men associated with it paid tribute to its retiring president and his wife Saturday night in Shiba Hall.

More than 600 persons attended a testimonial banquet given in honor of President and Mrs. Frank C. Bolton. President Bolton will complete 41 years of service to the college when he retires this year.

Words of appreciation and gifts were showered upon the Boltons from the members of the A&M System, industry, the former students, the president's associates, the present student body and the Senior Class.

H. C. Dillingham, '22, professor of electrical engineering, was toastmaster for the banquet. He introduced Rev. Norman Anderson, pastor of the A&M Presbyterian Church, who delivered the invocation.

The honor guests, many of whom had come hundreds of miles to attend the testimonial banquet were introduced before the dinner was served.

Speakers Pay Tribute Gibb Gilchrist, chairman of the Texas A&M College System, was the first speaker. Thanking President Bolton for his service to the college, Gilchrist recalled many of the advances made by the college which were attributable to the retiring president.

J. B. Thomas, '11, president of the Texas Electric Service Company, Fort Worth, spoke on behalf of industry. He told of Dr. Bolton's contributions to industrial progress both by serving as a consultant on important projects and by training thousands of youths in the methods of industry.

W. W. Lynch, '22, president of the Texas Power and Light Company, Dallas, was one of two speakers for the Association of Former Students. He and Louis A. Hartung, '29, of San Antonio, recalled their past associations with President Bolton.

Freezer Given The two former students presented the Boltons with an eight cubic foot deep freeze as a token of their appreciation. The freezer, wrapped in colorful silk ribbon, was rolled into the banquet hall for the presentation.

A special certificate of appreciation was awarded to President Bolton from his associates in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. W. R. Ray, Houston engineer, presented the certificate to President Bolton on behalf of the Houston chapter of the AIEE.

President Bolton was one of the charter members of the chapter. Dean M. E. Harrington and C. W. Crawford, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, thanked President Bolton on behalf of his associates at the college. At the conclusion of their talks, a large, console type York air conditioner was moved into the banquet room and presented to the Boltons on behalf of the college staff.

C. C. Munroe, retiring co-editor of The Battalion, spoke for the student body. He presented the Boltons with a pair of sterling silver candelabra as a token of the students' appreciation.

Carraway Is Elected President of Exes

Incumbents for the top two offices are Louis A. Hartung, '29, president for the past year, and Carraway, who was last year's vice-president.

Association bylaws call for the vice president to be automatically elevated to the position of president, with approval of the Council.

Holdovers on the executive board are Roy J. Chappell, Class of '41, Tyler; W. T. Doherty, Class of '21, Houston; and Norman E. Buescher, Class of '22, McAllen.

Members of the board whose terms have expired are James W. Aston, Class of '33, Dallas; F. W. H. Wehner, Class of '35, Big Spring; and W. N. Petting, Class of '27, Shreveport.

District Vice-Presidents Eleven district vice-presidents were also elected at the annual meeting of the Council. They are: District 1—J. Harold Dunn, '25, Amarillo; District 2—Dan Ruggel, '11, El Paso; District 3—A. C. Bassett, '39, Odessa; District 4—L. R. Bloodworth, '32, Wichita Falls; District 5—J. C. Francis, Jr., '29, Longview; District 6—A. L. Sebasta, '32, Marlin; District 7—Ben F. Norman, Jr., '29, Freepport.

District 8—Walter L. Pfluger, '24, Eden; District 9—George H. Fletcher, '36, Hartlingen; Louisiana district—A. H. Weyland, '19, Shreveport, out-of-state representative—Paul J. Washburn, '25, New York City.

Loan Fund Trustees Three members of the Association were elected Student Loan Fund trustees. They were A. F. Mitchell, '39, Corsicana; S. C. Evans, '21, Houston; Clyde L. Murph, '20, Wichita Falls. All three were incumbents.

Two representatives were chosen to the Development Fund Board for three-year terms. They are Wolford Cain, '13, Dallas; J. D. Kirvin, '16, Waxahatchie; and J. P. Hamblen, '27, Houston (ex-officio). Hamblen and Cain were re-elected to their positions.

Eugene B. Darby, '25, of Pharr, was named representative to the Athletic Council, holdover member of the council is T. F. Smith, '21, of Houston. The term of C. L. Babcock, '20, of Beaumont, has expired.

J. B. "Dick" Hervey, executive secretary of the Association, was reappointed by the executive board, Barlow, said this morning.

Dr. J. H. Binney Fatally Injured In Car Accident

Dr. J. H. Binney, 54, professor of mathematics and the first mayor of College Station, was fatally injured in an automobile accident at 11:20 a.m. yesterday. The collision occurred at the intersection of Coulter Drive and Highway 6 in Bryan.

Dr. Binney suffered head injuries and died at 1:40 p.m. in the Bryan Hospital. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Susanna, 13, a student at Lamar Junior High School.

At the time of the crash, Dr. Binney was crossing the highway from the east side of Coulter Drive, when his car collided with one driven by Alfred Leroy Hooper, 60, of Houston which was going north on Highway 6.

Hooper is in the Bryan Hospital undergoing treatment for broken ribs and minor injuries.

The left side of the 1948 Plymouth driven by Dr. Binney was crushed in at the center door post. The steering wheel was bent but not broken.

The front of the late model Dodge driven by Hooper was completely smashed in, the motor pushed back, the glasses shattered, and the steering wheel broken and slaved back.

Came to A&M in 1925 Dr. Binney came to A&M and joined the Mathematics Department in 1925. He was graduated from Sam Houston State Teachers College of Huntsville in 1924. He received his Master of Arts degree in Mathematics from the University of Texas in 1925, and his Doctor of Philosophy in mathematics from Rice in 1933.

He was born in Willis Montgomery county, Alabama on July 22, 1895.

He was president of the Bryan Rotary Club in 1939-40, a member of the American Mathematical Society and the Brazos County Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Deacon of Church The mathematician was a member of the First Baptist Church, a deacon of the church at his death, and one-time superintendent of the Sunday School.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Hillier Funeral Home, are still incomplete pending the arrival of relatives.

The Binney family lives at 204 Puryear Drive in College Hill, College Station.

Hooper is employed in the claims department of the Texas Pipeline Company of Houston. His address is listed as 40 Oakdale, Houston.

National Guard Enters Strike In Tennessee

Morristown, Tenn., May 30. (AP)—Three hundred Tennessee National Guardsmen with field gear and live ammunition moved into Morristown yesterday to put down violent disorders stemming from a strike at the American Enka Corporation's rayon plant.

Gov. Gordon Browning authorized use of the militia on the urgent plea of Hamblen County Sheriff Robert Medlin. The sheriff told the governor he needed help quickly following recurrence of outbreaks which erupted last week in the nine-week old strike.

Things got out of hand for his force and 50 assisting state highway patrolmen, Medlin reported, with the overturning of tax cars, loads of workers this morning as the workers approached a picket line before the plant. The occupants rioted the cars and proceeded into the plant.

Braslaw Receives Interfaith Award

Norman Braslaw of Galveston, junior physics student, has been named by the Faculty Interfaith committee to receive the Rubin Henry Cohen Hillier interfaith fellowship award.

Braslaw, sergeant in H. Air Force, is an officer of the Hillier Foundation and a member of the Interfaith Council and the Religious Emphasis Week committee.

He recently was elected vice president of the Physics Society and is a member of the Collegiate Academy of Science. With a distinguished student record, he was chosen for the Phi Eta Sigma honor society in his freshman year.

The fellowship is sponsored by the Ethel Brith National Hillier Foundations.

Miss Darnell Is Honored at Tea

Miss Mary Margaret Darnell, bride-to-be of Don Hanks, was honored Saturday afternoon with a tea given by Mrs. C. C. Hodges at her home on Brookside Drive in North Oakwood.

The guest list included relatives and close friends of the honoree. They were Miss Darnell's mother, Mrs. A. L. Darnell; Mrs. George E. Van Ethen of San Francisco; Mrs. Frank Haines of Liberty; Mrs. D. R. Cofer, Mrs. Davis Grant, Mrs. Arch Baker, Jr., Mrs. V. C. Batterson, Miss Grace Beth Middleton, Miss Virginia Lee and Miss Betty Ballerstedt.

Funeral Held For Mrs. J. T. Painter

Funeral services for Mrs. J. T. Painter were held yesterday in Waxahatchie at the Saxon-Bose-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Painter, 63, passed away Sunday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith of 600 Park Place.

Mrs. Painter had resided with her daughter and family for the past five months.

New Tau Beta Pi's Pick-Up Certificate

Members of the Tau Beta Pi, who were initiated April 12, may pick up their certificates of membership in the office of the dean of engineering Friday, Dean Howard H. Barlow, said this morning.



President and Mrs. F. C. Bolton, right, are congratulated by a host of friends after the testimonial dinner honoring the pair Saturday night in Shiba Hall. Many sincere words omitted from the speaker's stand at the dinner, honoring the president, who will step down from his office June 3 after serving the college 41 years.