

## Conference For Rural Churches Expecting 200

Over 200 people are expected to attend the Fifth Annual Texas Rural Church Conference to be held on the campus June 26 through June 30, according to Daniel Russell of the Rural Sociology Department, sponsor of the conference.

Purpose of the conference is to aid rural church workers of Texas in developing the rural church, Russell said. Meetings will be held in the Sibus Hall parlor.

Preachers and lay workers from rural communities throughout Texas will hear lectures by members of the A&M staff and by leaders in church work and in agriculture from many parts of the United States.

Among the speakers will be Dr. M. T. Harrington, president of the college; Dean C. N. Shepardson; Dr. A. D. Mattson, Augustana Theological Seminary of Rock Island, Ill.; Rev. Tom Foster, of Colfax; Dr. Claud Snyder, Evangelical and Reformed Church, St. Louis, Mo.; Bishop W. C. Martin, Methodist dist. church, Dallas; Dr. J. D. Hall, U. S. Office of Education.

Dr. Poul Waiser, Soil Conservation Service, Temple, Texas; Dr. J. H. Boles, Board of National Missions, Presbyterian Church; and Dr. D. W. Davis, director home missions, Southern Baptist Convention.

## Baptists Name Vacation Bible School Leaders

Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church at College Station will begin in June 17 at 8:30 a. m., according to the Reverend R. L. Brown. Leaders and children will meet Saturday morning for their preparation program.

The people will direct and help in the school. Principal will be Rev. Brown, secretary will be Mrs. R. L. Brown.

Mrs. Marion Pugh will be superintendent of the Beginning Department and her helpers will be Mrs. Odell Frazier, Mrs. Layton Graag, Mrs. Roy Hagler, Mrs. Evelyn Martin, Mrs. Leonard Mousner, Mrs. Wayne Todd, and Miss Myra Jackson.

Mrs. L. P. Dulaney will be superintendent of the Primary Department with help from Mrs. C. H. Randall, Mrs. J. E. Poore, Mrs. W. A. Sky Eagle, Mrs. E. L. Fisher, and Miss Catherine Gray.

Superintendent of the Junior Department is Mrs. I. L. Adams another helper will be Mrs. R. O. Berry, Mrs. Henry Fears, Mrs. P. D. Jones, Mrs. R. E. Shugs, and Mrs. J. D. Wheat.

Mrs. Guy Garner is the Intermediate Department superintendent and she will be assisted by Mrs. Louis Hanna, Mrs. Jack Harris, and Mrs. George Brown.

A cordial invitation is extended to all children and young people from 4 to 16 years of age to attend the school from 8:30 to 11 every morning from the church, Rev. Brown said.

## BSU Council Plans Party for Friday

The Baptist Student Union will have a social at seven p. m. Friday night at the Baptist Student Center, announced Harry Mack, enthusiastic vice-president of the BSU Council.

The event will be a get acquainted party featuring singing and games. Refreshments will be served after which there will be a short devotional.

Everyone is invited, said Mack.

## 'Hobo' Dance Set As Grove Feature

By B. F. ROLAND

Throw a press into your blue jeans! Straighten out your battered summer hat! Sew new patches on your denim shirt and get ready to put the big pot in the little one! The summer social season is about to begin and its biggest attraction, a "Hobo Dance," gets underway Saturday night at The Grove.

The headliner attraction is expected to break all previous attendance records at The Grove, according to the "has-been" sponsors of the shindig, James H. "Red" Duke and C. C. Munroe.

Duke is a retired yell leader and Munroe is one of the two living ex-editors of The Battalion on the campus.

The two came out of retirement in their luxurious Walton Arms apartment yesterday to formally accept responsibility for the dance production from Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities.

"We considered a bathing suit dance," Duke said, "but we didn't know how much cooperation we'd get from the women."

Munroe suggested a blanket party but Elms ruled that out because of the scarcity of blankets, Duke continued.

"We combed the country for the greatest same band available for the dance," the sponsors said, "and for a fantastic price we got the best—Bill Turner and his left-overs from the Aggeland Orchestra."

"It's the only Hobo Combo in the nation today," Elms said as

he congratulated the two on their choice.

There will be no charge for admission to The Grove, but students will be expected to show their student activities receipt. "Anyone with one of those hasn't any money anyway," the sponsors said.

Dancers were asked to wear their oldest clothes—the more "hoboes" the better.

"We have cash prizes, too," Duke and Munroe reported.

"We're giving a prize to the worst dressed woman and one to the worst dressed man. A special award will be given to anyone managing to look worse than the best dressed member of the orchestra," the sponsors continued.

The two warned the winners not to expect too much in the way of prizes, however. "Elms was in his usual mood with the Student Activities money, so we're lucky to have a dance at all," they said after leaving Goodwin Hall.

They assured their fellow hoboes that prizes would be on hand. "We've already gotten the money," they said.

The feature attraction of the weekend will begin at 8 p. m. if the orchestra can be located by that time, Duke and Munroe promised.



Drake and Marche will be the first of two professional troupes brought to The Grove this summer as a part of the Summer Entertainment Series. A piano and dance-duo, they will appear here Monday night, sponsored by Student Activities. Students will be admitted to the program upon presentation of their Student Activities fee slip.

## Piano-Dance Team Here Monday Night

June 19 will mark the arrival of Drake and Marche, popular piano and dance-duo. This will be the first of two professional troupes to appear at The Grove this summer.

Possibly unique to many, their combination of piano renditions and intermittent dance routines should interest the most "musical" ear. Their repertoire is carefully chosen to include both popular and classical numbers, thus satisfying the followers of both classes.

Khatchaturian ("Sabre Dance") and Rachmaninoff ("Second Piano Concerto") are represented in the classical division, while Gershwin ("Rhapsody in Blue") and Hoagy Carmichael ("Stardust") appear in the popular field.

The highlight of the show is their modern and classic impression of Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto." Arranged by Ted Drake, it has been their "show-stopper" continually. "Introducerly bell-like chords change suddenly to modern harmonies leading into a delightful beguine tempo.

Simultaneously, Miss Marche introduces the dance interpretation and is joined by Drake. As the dance develops to an emotional peak, Drake and Marche return to the two keyboards for a contrasting piano interlude of the well-known theme of the Concert's first movement.

Their novel interpretations have successfully combined themes and styles of wholly different classical and modern composers into one of perfect expression.

Drake studied the piano twelve years at the Toronto Conservatory of Music in pursuing his ambition of concert pianist. His summers were spent aboard a Lake Superior excursion boat where he was

pianist in a solo orchestra.

At the same time, Carla Marche was attending dance classes at the studio of Nicholas Tsoukalak, brilliant ballet-master from Athens, Greece.

From his native Canada, Drake came to Chicago in search of a partner, and it was here that he met Miss Marche and was struck with her natural grace and style. The two started working on their first routine that very afternoon.

Their careers were momentarily interrupted when Drake received his "greetings" and was shipped to the Philippines. It was while Drake was away that Carla was invited to appear as premiere ballerina with the San Antonio Opera Company.

When the two were reunited they spent many months on a combination of their two arts and lightful and artist program in which we see them today.

Drake and Marche promise variety and originality in a fresh program, and above all else, a freshness of personality to captivate their audience.

## German-Polish Boundary Aids To Hold Reds

(AP) — The East German Polish agreement on the Oder-Neisse boundary may not be a permanent settlement—the allies contend it isn't—but it helps to solidify another boundary, that of Russian penetration into western Europe.

Russian disregard for German feelings is beginning to look like a trend, and perhaps an abandonment of hope for any German support of the Kremlin's expansionist aims.

Moscow recently announced that all German war prisoners had been returned home, meaning that the Germans could expect no further word of a number variously estimated by the allies at nearly half a million, and by the Germans at nearly three times that.

East Germans were also notified that they would be required to continue reparations payments for 15 years.

## 'Miss Brazos Valley' Contest Has College Station Entrant

By FRED WALKER

Saturday night at Sport's Park in Bryan will produce a triple feature of the first variety: a beauty contest (Miss Brazos Valley), a baby contest, and the presentation of a 1950 Nash.

Highlight of the evening will be the selection of "Miss Brazos Valley" from a group of young women who possess not only beauty, but also talent. The winner will be awarded a prize of \$100 and a trip to New Braunfels with expenses to compete for the title of Miss Texas of 1950. This event will start at 8 p. m.

Entries to date are as follows: Betty Potter of College Station; Gwen Graham, Lou Ann Smith, Billie June Holick, and Wanda Naylor of Bryan; the Hendricks sisters, Juanita and Dorothy (both previous beauty winners of the Hearne Alfalfa Festival); and Gwyn Wilson of Cameron.

Last year's winner, Lynn Sparks

## Students, Gay Back From YMCA Camp

Six A&M students and Gordon Gay, assistant secretary of the YMCA, recently returned from the Southwest Regional YMCA and YMCA encampment held at Camp Klassen, Okla., June 2-9.

Approximately 110 students from Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas were on hand for the leadership training conference for college students.

Those attending from A&M were King Egger, petroleum and mechanical engineering major from Shreveport, La.; Curtis Edwards, range management major from Houston; C. L. Ray, business and accounting major; Charles Beagle, chemical engineering major from Port Arthur; and Richard Driver, liberal arts major for the entire encampment. C. L. Ray was elected to the area council.

of College Station, has been attending Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. for the past year.

Judges for the contest will be Dean and Mrs. E. J. Kyle of College Station, Miss Key Cordeman and two associates from Houston School of Modeling, Miss Yalita Leissner, (Miss Texas of 1949), and an unpaid representative from Foley's of Houston.

The business and Professional Women's Club will present an informal tea, between 4 and 5 p. m., for all beauty contestants and judges.

One hundred healthy infants have already been entered in the baby contest which starts at 7 p. m.

"Entries should run to 200 or better," said John Stiles, chairman of the committee.

Stiles also asked to have all contestants for the baby contest present at the park by 6:30 p. m.

The contest will be divided into four age groups and loving care will be given to the male and female winners of each group.

New entries will be taken until Friday and may be placed

## Replica Arrives in July Mrs. Hilliard Named to MSC

By LOUISE JONES

By DEAN REED

Plans are moving ahead for the opening of Memorial Student Center with the appointment of Mrs. Ann Hilliard as Assistant Director—Social and Educational. J. Wayne Stark, director of the Student Center, said Mrs. Hilliard will assume her duties immediately.

Mrs. Hilliard's office will be centrally located in the Student Union in what is to be called the front office. From her office just off the main lounge, she will organize and advise the activity program of the Memorial Student Center.

To Have Large Staff To help her with her large job, Mrs. Hilliard will have a staff comprised of the committee heads of the various activities in the building. Art, Craft, Dance, Music, Camera, and Games are a few of the committees to be supervised by Mrs. Hilliard. Other committees will be organized later.

Mrs. Hilliard's office will handle reservations for meeting rooms in the building, Stark said. This means that club presidents on campus should apply to her for permission to use the Student Center's meeting rooms, he added.

Mrs. Hilliard has been especially well prepared to take her position in the Student Center. She came to College Station in 1941 as secretary in the Placement Office.

Headed Annex Center As director of the Student Center at the Annex in 1946, she offered top-notch organizational ability to the students in planning recreational and social functions. Two during her stay at the Annex Student Center, Mrs. Hilliard found she was often being sought for advice on ever-present love problems and homesickness.

Mrs. Hilliard has spent her summers working in the student activities office here.

Received Batt Award She received one of the Battalion awards for '47-'48. She received the award for planning the Annex recreational programs in an "outstanding manner."

This spring Mrs. Hilliard traveled to Swampscott, Mass., where she attended the National Convention of the Association of Student Unions.

Mrs. Hilliard is looking forward eagerly to her new job. "It's wonderful," she said. She hopes to be in her offices sometime this summer so that she can get things underway before the Student Center opens.

A&M will receive Texas' replica of the Liberty Bell shortly after July 4, Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor of the A&M System, said yesterday.

The replica is one of 49 now being exhibited in every state and the District of Columbia, as part of the 1950 Independence Bond Drive. The bond drive will end July 4 and the bell will be turned over to the college shortly thereafter, Gilchrist said.

### Shivers Okays Request

Governor Allan Shivers told Gilchrist and M. T. Harrington, president of the college, that the bell would be presented to A&M Governor Shivers made the statement in Austin on May 22 when the college officials were conferring with him there.

Gilchrist had written Governor Shivers earlier in May, in behalf of President Emeritus Frank C. Bolton, asking that the college be considered as a permanent home for the replica.

The governor replied that A&M would be considered. Three weeks later he confirmed the gift.

### Bolton Initiated Movement

"Actually it was Dr. Bolton's idea that we ask for the bell," Gilchrist said. "I acted upon Dr. Bolton's was unavailable yesterday for comment.

No decision has been reached as to where the bell will be placed once it is turned over to the college, President Harrington said. Several ideas are under consideration, although no definite plans have been made, he said.

### Appropriate Location

"The replica will, however, be placed in a suitable and appropriate position on the campus," President Harrington said. "We are very fortunate in receiving it, since it will be the only one of its type in the state," he added.

The bell is an exact replica of the original Liberty Bell, located in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa.

"It is the exact size of the original and, also, has the same tone and appearance," said County Judge A. S. Ware. Judge Ware is chairman of the bond drive for Brazos County.

### Cast In France

The forty-nine bells were brought to the United States from France, Judge Ware said. They were cast in that country near the Swiss border by a family of bell-casters, he said. The family has been casting famous bells for several decades, and the trade has been passed down from generation to generation, according to Judge Ware.

Each state and the District of Columbia will receive one of the replicas. The governor of each state has been asked to select a suitable home for the bells.

### Exhibited Here

Texas' replica was exhibited in Bryan, at the corner of 25th and Main on June 1, and was brought to College Station several days later, Judge Ware said. The bell was shown here in front of the College Station Bank.

An official announcement that the bell was to be presented the college was delayed, Chancellor Gilchrist said, since the announcement was expected to come from the Governor's office.

### Warren at Field Artillery Camp

Professor William M. Warren of the Animal Husbandry Department is on temporary active duty with the Marine Reserve at Camp Joseph H. Pendleton in Oceanside, California.

Lt. Warren will undergo reserve training for two weeks in the Officers Advanced Field Artillery Course.

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## R. L. Amsler Dies in Houston Unconscious from Accident

Robert L. "Bobby" Amsler, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Amsler of Hempstead, died in the Houston Methodist Hospital Tuesday from injuries received in an automobile accident May 1.

Amsler majored in agricultural economics and was a member of "I" Flight while in school here.

He never regained consciousness after suffering a brain concussion and skull fracture when the car in which he was riding struck a culvert between Sealy and Hempstead.

The accident was believed to have been caused by the lights of another car blinding the driver of the car in which Amsler was riding.

Immediately after the wreck doctors held no hope for Bobby but a few hours later they said his chances of complete recovery were good. Still later they gave him a 50-50 chance of recovery.

Three other persons were riding in the car but Amsler was the only one to receive serious injury.

No information was available on funeral arrangements for the former cadet.

Silver taps will not be held, according to the office of the dean of men.



Fred Walker

Walker, a special student at A&M this summer, was recently appointed amusements editor of The Battalion. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker, Sr. of College Station. Walker has been attending the University of Missouri for the past one and one-half years, where he was a pre-journalism student.

## Local Poetry Club Selects Officers

Mrs. F. L. Thomas was elected president of the Bryan-College Station Poetry Society Monday night at the regular June meeting of the group.

The meeting took place at the home of Mrs. M. C. Jaynes of Bryan. Mrs. Thomas was elected president of the society to fill the office vacated by Mrs. Clara Carson who moved from Bryan recently.

The guest critic at the Monday night meeting was Dr. S. E. Asbury of College Station. He discussed the familiar style of poetry.

Dr. Asbury chose "He Lives for the Moment" by Miss Betty Jo Ross, "Country Snow Scene" by Jessie Merle Franklin, and "The Fossil" by Jerry Reeves, as his first, second, and third choices of the poems submitted to him.

The poems chosen by popular vote were "The Red Bud Re-Named" by Mrs. McNeill Drumright of Bryan, as first choice. Second and third selections went "County Snow Scene" and "A Prayer," both by Jessie Merle Franklin.

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Yell leaders aren't the only ones who can say "We're building." But, in this case, it's re-building. Building "B" of the "Shacks" may still show signs of its fire January 11, but after long months the eight-room frame building is again taking its alphabetical place with the rest of "Boontown."

## At the Grove Tonight

8 p. m. "The Red Danube" with Walter Pidgeon and Peter Lawford. Students will be admitted upon presentation of their Student Activities fee slip.