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Tuesday, June 27, 1950

The Town Meeting - A Democratic Institution . . .

There will be a meeting tonight which is important to all residents of College Station. The meeting, at which the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year will be submitted to the City Council, will be at 7:30 in the Council Room of the City Hall.

All too often such meetings in small towns have—if the weather's fair—a half dozen citizens in attendance. Often these are only the families of the councilmen.

But what usually happens several months later? Some citizen who didn't attend the meeting runs rampant with complaints of city administration expenditures. Yet he didn't feel the necessity of bringing his views before the Council at the meeting.

Tonight's meeting will be open to the public, as required by state law before a city budget can be passed. The citizens of College Station are given every chance to see their city government in operation, to praise their leaders if they like the method

of operation, to chastise them if they don't. We have no doubts that the councilmen and the mayor would welcome more interest in civic problems. Only with the cooperation and aid of the town's citizenry can they run the machinery of city government as smoothly as possible.

In past years, such meetings as tonight's have been strictly "cut-and-dried" affairs, with little or no local interest. Yet the meeting materially affects every tax-payer in the city.

The mayor and the councilmen receive no financial remuneration for their jobs. They are elected to them by you, the citizens. They are serving as well as they can to give you a better city, one of which you can be proud.

The town meeting is an outstanding feature of democratic government. Tonight is our meeting. If you have any ideas to present to College Station's leaders, now is the time.

Our Role in the Korean Conflict . . .

Campus opinion on the communist invasion of South Korea has thus far taken a "Let's wait and see what happens" attitude. In doing so, we apparently are following the trend of thought of many of the people of the United States. It is too early to forecast the possible results of the startling attack.

The announcement from Tokyo that the United States is sending munitions and materials to South Korean forces under air and sea escort is heartening news. Actually, we have no other course. Our country has committed itself in South Korea. Our position there is similar in many respects to the stand we have taken in Western Europe—to block further attempts by Soviet Russia to extend its sphere of influence.

Were we to abandon the Koreans, we would lose what little respect we have in the Far East as a result of our Chinese blunder and we would also lose the faith

of Europeans who have cast their lot with us.

Supplying the armed forces of a nation engaged in war is dangerous business. Especially is this true when we commit our ships, our planes and our men to insuring delivery of that equipment. But, if through our aid the South Koreans are able to beat off the attack of the invaders then the risk will be justified. If the South Koreans lose, we will have the satisfaction, but little else, of knowing we did what we were morally committed to do. Our path from that time of defeat, if it comes, is unforeseeable.

The earnest wish of all peoples is that this is not a dress rehearsal for World War III, as was the Spanish revolution. Or, even worse, that the shots fired on the 38th parallel were not the opening shots of a world conflict from which could emerge no victor.

Tragedy in the Air . . .

The tragic news that 58 persons perished aboard a Northwest Airlines passenger plane which crashed in Lake Michigan Sunday is saddening to the entire nation. Our hearts go out to the relatives and friends of those who lost their lives. Unless, by some increasingly remote chance, some survivors are found the accident can be recorded as America's worst air disaster.

It is impossible to find any moral to be drawn from this tragedy. The theory that the plane was struck by lightning leaves a room for recriminations. Some will

point to the crash as an example of the hazards inherent in air travel. There will be the usual number of people who will cry, "I told you so." But what these people fail to recognize is the amazing record for safety which the airlines of the United States have established. Accidents are bound to happen in any transportation system, be it on land, sea or air. Sunday's crash serves only to bring that thought to mind and to spur science and industry to new efforts to reduce the number of accidents per passenger mile to an absolute minimum.

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A new twist to the eternal problem of finding the "right" woman was turned up recently in Long Beach, California.

An escort bureau which thoughtfully provided, upon request and a fee payment, information on both lonely women and lonely men reported a burglary. The loot—the firm's entire file of 1,000 lonely women's names. The file included besides the names, addresses, telephone numbers, physical specifications, and income.

Should make a sizable "little black book."

From a court story in the Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Daily News: "Meanwhile the judge caught cold and was not on the bench Friday or Saturday."

From a U.P. dispatch, as it appeared in the Mesa (Ariz.) Daily Tribune: "... reduced pay of its employees under a history-making cost-of-living contract."

Maybe one half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives, but it isn't losing any sleep over the subject.

The Battalion

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Interpreting the News . . .

US Eyes on Korean War Developments

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AP Foreign Affairs Analyst.

American policy regarding developments in Korea apparently will depend heavily on what happens in the next 48 hours.

If the South Koreans are able to mobilize their defenses for a time, help will arrive.

But Korea is not a military objective for which the U. S. would conduct a liberation action. If the Reds sweep over it, as they now threaten, that will be that. The traditional "dagger pointed at the heart of Japan" which now means America's Pacific defenses—will be in the hands of the Communists.

The United States was quick to realize that the risks of unilateral action against Communist invaders was not worth the candle. She hurriedly obtained a certificate of legality from the United Nations.

U. S. Obligated

The U. N. had sponsored withdrawal of American occupation forces and the establishment of the South Korean government. Since the U. S. was prime mover in all this, its obligation is also very clear. What its ability may be is not so clear.

The United Nations finds itself today in much the same position as the League of Nations when Mussolini invaded Ethiopia. The western powers were dead against it. But Ethiopia was not a spot over which they could risk a war. They backed and filled, made some half-hearted gestures, and the dictators confirmed the experience of Japan in Manchuria in 1931—that the democracies would not or could not back their principles with real strength. The Spanish civil war, with its international participation, and World War II, followed quickly.

If the U. S., having promised and encouraged but done very little, loses southern Korea now, the lesson will be taken to heart in every country now dependent on American support.

Situation Different

The situation in Korea is different from China. The south Koreans really want to fight, and army morale is high, considering what they have. In China nobody wanted to fight except the Communists and a few generals.

The U. S. assumed responsibility for preparing the south Korean army, but implementation was half-hearted. We supplied fight arms. But an informed estimate is that the south Korean army can keep up consistent fire

only for two or three days. That's why ammunition is being rushed.

If seemingly reliable information reaching me is correct, this is the result of a deliberate attitude on the part of U. S. authorities, instigated by fear that if the south Koreans were too well armed they might initiate trouble themselves, and based on miscalculation of the initial punching ability of the northerners.

Many Possibilities

The possibilities inherent in the situation are manifold. Should the U. S., acting as agent for the U. N., try to stop the fighting by force if, as expected, the cease fire order is ignored?

What else can be done? Certainly, if the theory of halting aggression in its first stages is to be maintained, the U. S. can't take a weak attitude.

But the initiative is largely out of the hands of the democracies. If they move in with physical aid for South Korea, then they must be prepared to meet the force of Russia if she chooses to throw it in.

Does the west get into a position where Russia can make or refuse to issue at will, or does it remain in a position short of direct war risk, but losing Korea?

Militarily, Korea is not worth the price of a major war. Politically, the decision has not been made. The effect on the morale of other borderline countries is still being weighed against the cost.

Cardwell to Work For Grain Company

Walter W. Cardwell Jr., Class of '43, has joined Archer Grain Company, Inc. of Houston as head of the newly formed seed and fertilizer department. The company announced he will be available as consultant engineer on pasture improvement and soil conservation work in addition to his organization and management duties. Cardwell has been professor at the University of Houston's animal husbandry and pasture division of their agriculture department. He graduated from A&M in 1943 and went into the armed forces until 1946 when he was discharged.

The department headed by Cardwell will serve the Archer Grain Company as wholesale and retail distributors for the Houston area.

Bible Verse

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the FATHER, and with HIS SON JESUS CHRIST." 1 John 1:3.



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Bill Carson - News

New Grants-in-Aid Accepted By Board Total Over \$50,000

The Board of Directors of the A&M System, meeting here in regular quarterly session Saturday, accepted 20 cash grants-in-aid totaling \$50,397.

In addition, the board approved acceptance of 15 gifts and loans to the System of various facilities and items of equipment.

Largest cash grant approved by the board was \$15,000 from Matheson Chemical Corporation, Baltimore, Md., to aid in developing research programs in soil physics. Of the total, \$3,000 may be reserved to pay a portion of the salary of the soil physicist in charge over a three-year period.

The United Gas Pipe Line Company, Shreveport, La., gave to the Agricultural Extension Service \$4,400 to further the 4-H Club junior leadership training program in Texas. The grant will be in the form of awards to 4-H Club boys and girls who exhibit ability and interest in becoming junior 4-H Club leaders.

Ag Experiment Station

Other grants to be Agricultural Experiment Station which were accepted include:

Texas Federation of Cooperatives, Dallas, \$2,000 to the Agricultural Experiment Station to aid the project on "An Organizational and Economic Analysis of Agricultural Marketing Cooperatives of Texas."

National Cottonseed Products Association, Memphis, Tenn., \$450 for research by the Entomology Department on insects affecting sunflowers as a prospective oilseed crop for Texas.

National Cottonseed Products Association, Dallas, \$375 to aid completion of cottonseed meal studies by the Animal Husbandry Department.

General Chemicals Division, Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation, New York, \$500 for renewal of a grant in support of research on control of cotton insects.

Agricultural Chemicals Division, American Cyanamid Company, New York, \$200 to be applied to the 1950 rice fertilization studies at Substation No. 4, Beaumont.

Turf Assistantships

Goldthwaite's Texas Toro Company, Fort Worth, \$540 to support two undergraduates research assistantships in the Agronomy Department to be known as turf assistantships.

Research Corporation, William Waterman Fund, New York, \$3,400 to support studies in displacement separation of lipids in the Biochemistry and Nutrition Department.

F. R. Squibb & Sons, New York, \$2,750 for therapeutic testing of trifloryl in treatment of anaplasmosis in cattle by the Veterinary

Medicine Department. Agricultural Research Department, Freeport Sulphur Company, New Orleans, La., \$1,000 for renewal of a grant for investigations of sulphur dust mixtures of other dusts in control of cotton insects by the Entomology Department.

American Cyanamid Company, New York, \$1,600 for assistance in studies on defoliation of cotton as an aid to mechanical harvesting and the reduction of trash in the harvested cotton by the Lubbock and Temple Substations.

Hercules Power Company, Wilmington, Del., \$3,677 to aid studies of the effects of certain insecticides on dairy cattle and the milk they produce by the Dairy Husbandry and Biochemistry and Nutrition Departments.

Merck & Company, Rahway, N. J., \$3,900 to be used for investigations of the value of chemical compounds in prevention and treatment of Enterohepatitis (blackhead) and Hexamitiasis of turkeys. Merck & Company also is providing equipment, labor and turkeys valued at more than \$7,500.

\$3,500 to P. H.

Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Company, Des Moines, Ia., \$3,500 for additional support of a study of the genetic and physiological significance of the red blood cell antigens of chickens and turkeys by the Poultry Husbandry Department.

National Dairy Council, Chicago, renewal of a \$3,000 grant to support research on the metabolism and deposition of polyunsaturated fatty acids from animal and plant sources by the Biochemistry and Nutrition Department.

Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, Bryan, \$600 for support of research on chiton insect control by the Entomology Department.

The following grants were approved for Prairie View A&M: General Education Board, \$1,500 for a workshop for high school principals and a workshop in library science to be held this summer.

W. M. Adkinson, Minneapolis, \$5 for the Engineering Scholarship Fund.

American Cancer Society, Texas Division, \$900 as the second and final part of funds to sponsor the cancer program at Prairie View.

Gifts to College

Gifts to A&M included four alternating current inverters for the Electrical Engineering Department from the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Dallas, and two transformers from the Western Electric Company, New York.

The following gifts and loans were approved for the Agricultural Experiment Station:

Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau, Inc., Shreveport, three tons of nitrate of soda.

Central Power and Light Company, Corpus Christi, housing space with light, temperature and humidity controls for speeding up investigations on white rust and other diseases of spinach in the company's Crystal City plant.

Lower Neches Valley Authority, installation of concrete checks and gates, valued at \$2,000, in the irrigation system of the rice-pasture experiment station east of China.

Dick Scurllock, county commissioner, Jefferson County, installation of a culvert at the rice-pasture station.

Brahman Bulls Given

Wilbourn S. Gibbs of Huntsville, E. W. Boyd of Devers, J. Afton Burke of Corsicana and Grover Moore of Bay City, loan of one Brahman bull each for use in the beef cattle improvement program at the Bluebonnet Farm, McGregor.

Dr. P. A. Ingvason, Mesilla Park, N. M., loan of a pellet machine to make feed pellets at the soil conservation investigations station, Brownfield.

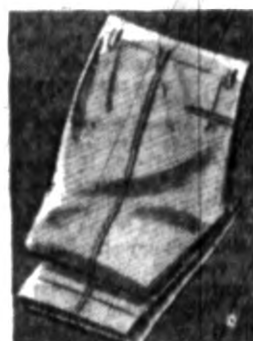
A. B. Farquhar Company, Dallas, loan of a two-row combination planter and fertilizer distributor for use at the Main Station Farm, College Station.

Multi-purpose Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Miss., loan of a multi-purpose disk harrow for experimental use at the Main Station Farm.

National Research Development Laboratories, Los Angeles, loan of an electronic inflammation detector to detect inflammation in the udder of cows to determine mastitis infection.

Perry Company, Waco, gift of a motorcycle two-row stalk cutter to be used at Bluebonnet Farm.

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