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Student Center Moves Offices From Bizzell

All offices of the Memorial Student Center have been moved from Bizzell Hall to the Center, according to J. Wayne Stark, director of the MSC.

These offices are now open, Stark said, although the rest of the Center will not be opened before September 1.

Offices of the director, assistant director, business manager, accounting, cashier, social director, and manager of guest rooms and reservations, will be located in the extreme west end of the building.

"Please use the first door from the sidewalk on Clark Street to enter the building," Stark said.

Offices of the purchasing agent, building superintendent, and warehouse will be located in the basement to these offices in on the south side of the building, using the ramp entrance to the basement.

W. A. Hill, manager of the guest rooms, is now taking reservations for guest rooms, short courses, and conferences, Stark said. Any other type of meeting will be taken care of at the beginning of the fall semester in September.

Telephone numbers for offices in the MSC are as follows:

Office of the Director, assistant director and business manager, accounting department, guest rooms and reservations, and social director, 4-1227; building superintendent, purchasing agent, and warehouse, 6-2631.

The Memorial Student Center is still operating the Cave and Cave Jr., Stark said. The Campus Corner was permanently closed Saturday. Closing rate of the Cave will be announced at a later date.

Money Donated For Ordering Silver Service

Orders for a silver buffet service to be used in the Memorial Student Center were placed June 29. Wayne Stark, director of the center said yesterday.

The money, totaling \$2,500, was given by the Mothers Clubs of San Angelo, San Antonio, Brazos County, and the classes of 1935, 1936, and 1950. The class of 1950 left \$1,500 of the total.

Silverplate is being bought from the International Silver Co. in "Cromwell" pattern. Stark noted that International is the same company that furnished silver for the Shamrock Hotel in Houston, and the world-famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and Rockefeller Center in New York City.

Items on order include punch bowls and cups, candelabra, coffee urns, chafing dishes, pastry trays, comports and an tea service. All silver will bear the A&M seal, and the name of the organization giving it.

Other Mothers' Clubs have asked to contribute toward the rest of the service. Five thousand dollars is needed to complete the set, Stark said.

The silver will be available for social functions in the Student Center given by students, ex-students, College employees, and local civic and social organizations.

English Professor Named Archivist

Professor D. B. Cofer, member of the English Department since 1910, has been named to the newly created post of archivist for the College, Dr. M. T. Harrington, president of the College, announced late yesterday.

Cofer will hold the title of Professor of English and Archivist, devoting part time to each position, beginning August 1.

The primary duty of the archivist will be to direct the collecting, cataloging, and preservation of historical records of the College, President Harrington said.

The work is being conducted as a joint project of the College and the Former Student's Association. The College will furnish housing and personnel for the work, while a gift from former student's of \$30,000 will be used to finance the project.

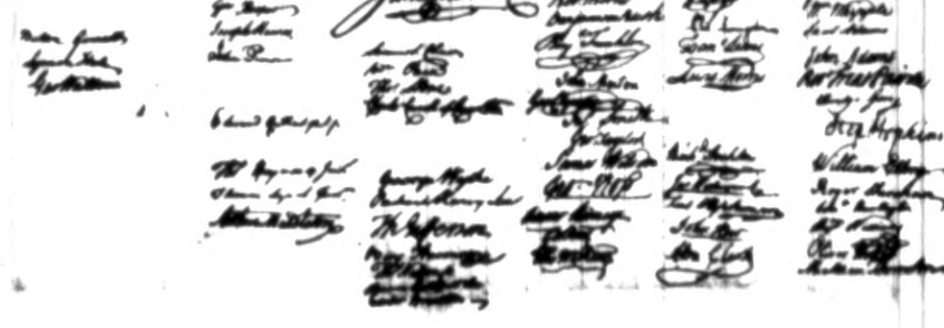
An office and repository for the archives to be established on the campus within the next few weeks, will be opened on August 1. Reels and documents of the early days of

Independence for 174 Years . . .

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

(Note: This block contains the full text of the Declaration of Independence, which is a dense and highly stylized document. It details the grievances of the colonies against the British crown and their decision to declare themselves independent states.)



Assignments Made For Field Artillery

New assignments for the 352nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion have been announced by Major U. D. Butler, Battalion Commander.

The following officers took over the staff duties indicated, as of July 1: Major Robert N. Craig, Battalion Executive; Major F. W. Hensel, Jr., Adjutant; Captain Freddie A. Walters, S-3; Captain Billie N. Mitchell, Liaison Officer; and Lieutenant John S. Stiles, Jr., Assistant Adjutant.

Battery assignments indicated are: Lieutenant Ralph C. Hook, Jr., Headquarters Battery Commander; Captain John H. Mirphy, "A" Battery Commander; Lieutenant Guy Johnson, Jr., "B" Battery Commander; Lieutenant Emmett Trant, "C" Battery Commander.

Batteries "A" and "B" are in the College Station-Bryan area, and "C" Battery is in the Caldwell area.

An Editorial . . . Stop a Minute to Think It Over

Take a look above. There's a copy of the Declaration of Independence, a little piece of paper which symbolizes freedom to over 150 million Americans.

It was signed this day 174 years ago by a small group of men who wanted freedom and wanted it badly enough to risk their necks. Had the war been unsuccessful, they would have paid and paid dearly.

Today, as in 1776, American soldiers are fighting. But today's battle is not only to protect our freedom, but more materially that of a smaller, weaker, younger nation which we have pledged assistance.

Our battle now is against communism. It may take time, but we intend to win this battle just as we have won the others. Why have we fought almost one continual battle for these 174 years? Just what was it about that declaration that has kept it in existence so long?

It was a burning desire to be free men. We are still free men, ours is a much greater country than those men who signed the Declaration of Independence could have possibly realized.

Had it not been for that one small piece of paper and that small group of men in 1776, none of this would have been possible. Today the Declaration of Independence is one of America's most cherished documents.

And in another 174 years, we feel sure that it will still be cherished and America will still be "home of the free."

Boughton, Turk Attend Conference

Dr. R. D. Turk and Dr. I. B. Boughton have just returned from a four-day conference with the research scientists of the American Cyanamide Company.

Each of the faculty members from each school of Veterinary Medicine in the United States, Mexico, Cuba and Canada were the guests of the Company.

The purpose of the conference, which was held in New York, was to acquaint the veterinary personnel of the various Colleges with the facilities for the manufacture of antibiotics and drugs for human and veterinary medicine.

Young Directing Range Field Tour

Dr. V. A. Young, head of the Range and Forestry Department, is conducting a summer range management field tour for county agents and vocational agricultural teachers.

The tour left Stephenville June 24 and will end there July 10. Dr. Young is being assisted by Doctors O. E. Sperry and F. W. Gould.

Twenty county agents and six agricultural teachers are taking part in the tour. Their first stop was at the Somers Experiment Station, where class room discussions were held and field studies made.

Seven Named Cadet Officers

Dayton, Ohio—Special—A&M cadets were well-represented when cadet officer selections for the first week were announced here at the ROTC Air Installation summer camp at Wright-Patterson Field.

Among the students named were Simon White, group executive officer (major); Gordon Edgar, squadron commander (major); Bill Elmore, squadron executive (captain); Lou Caplan, flight commander (captain); Jack Wood, flight commander (captain); J. S. Lancaster, flight executive (1st lieutenant); and Frank Thurmond, flight executive (1st lieutenant).

The following men were named as non-commissioned officers: first sergeant, L. E. Finley, technical sergeant, John H. Burtschell, Cecil Inghart, Jay Springer, staff sergeant, Tommy Butler, Doyle Griffin, E. D. Brown, and G. A. Pratt.

Shivers Presents Bell To College Tomorrow

By LOUISE JONES

The Liberty Bell replica that toured Texas for six weeks during the Independence Bond Drive will be officially presented to the college tomorrow afternoon by Gov. Allan Shivers.

All classes will be dismissed from 1:45 to 5 p. m. to attend the presentation ceremonies in The Grove. The ceremonies will be held at 2.

The historic bell was selected as a symbol of the Saving Bond Drive by Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder. One bell was exhibited in each state and in the District of Columbia. Each state will receive its replica to become a permanent part of trophies of that state.

Through the efforts of Gibb Gilchrist, chancellor of the A&M System, Dr. M. T. Harrington, president of the college, and groups of former students, Gov. Shivers announced last week that the bell for Texas would be presented to A&M.

Engraved on a plaque at the base of the bell is "Dedicated to

You... A Free Citizen in a Free Land." The engraved message states that the bell was a symbol of the drive.

In explaining the reasons for presenting the replica to A&M, Gov. Shivers said, "In addition to the interest that has been shown there by ex-students and officials, A&M will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year with a record of having contributed some 14,000 men and officials in the last world war, thousands of others in earlier conflicts and many thousands of fine citizens and leaders in civilian life."

The bell will be brought to A&M from Dallas, where the savings bond drive ends today, on a truck, complete with military escort. The reproduction will be displayed during the ceremony, then will be placed as a temporary site.

Nathan Adams, state director for the bond drive and Dallas banker, will arrive in College Station by train tomorrow morning in order to participate in the ceremony. Master of ceremonies for the post-Independence Day occasion will be

Searcy Bracewell, state senator from Houston and a 1938 graduate of A&M.

Bracewell will introduce Adams, who will present the bell to the governor.

Gov. Shivers, after accepting the bell in behalf of the state, will then in turn present it to Dr. Harrington. Dr. Harrington will accept the bell for A&M.

The governor and his party will arrive at Easterwood Field tomorrow morning. With him will be Garland Smith, his executive assistant and a former Caldwell newspaperman. The party will be guests of Dr. Harrington and will tour the campus with him before the ceremonies.

Members of the committee planning the program for tomorrow are R. Henderson Shuffler, C. W. Crawford, J. B. "Dick" Harvey, Howard Badgett, Col. H. L. Bonner, and Dr. Ralph Steen.

Appropriate decorations for the Grove presentation are under the supervision of Col. Bonner.

The original Liberty Bell which now hangs in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, was cracked in 1835. It rang out and first proclaimed the independence of the colonies in 1776. Replicas of the bell being used in the bond drive were all made in the village of Anney, France, near the Swiss border.

Residents and manufacturers of Anney guaranteed exact reproduction of the bell in tone and quality. Even the crack on the original bell has been simulated on the replicas.

Metal for the bronze bells was donated by American copper companies. Ford Motor Company donated trucks to carry the bells during the bond drive.

The original idea for obtaining the bell came from Dr. Frank C. Bolton, president emeritus of the college, according to Chancellor Gilchrist.

Gilchrist wrote the governor early in May, in behalf of Dr. Bolton. Later he and Dr. Harrington traveled to Austin to make the request personally.

Shuffler, Harvey, and County Judge A. S. Ware were appointed as a committee to make arrangements for the bell. Ware is chairman of the county's committee for the bond drive.

Transportation Set As System Project

The Texas Institute of Transportation, combining the facilities of the statewide A&M System for studies of problems of all types of transportation, is being organized here. Creation of the Institute was authorized by the Board of Directors of the System at a recent meeting.

Principal factor in creation of the Institute at this time was designation by the State Highway Department of Texas of the system as "the state agency to do highway research for and on behalf of the State of Texas and the State Highway Department."

A&M To Lead
Leadership in the organization will come from the college and the Engineering Experiment Station, with other parts of the system making special research facilities available as needed.

The college has pioneered in the development of modern transportation systems in Texas, offering its first highway courses as early as 1890, and furnishing much of the leadership for the state's highway development. It has also done much work in the fields of rail and air transportation.

The Engineering Experiment Station has devoted a large share of its research to transportation.

VA Representative
To Meet With Vets

A representative from the Veterans Administration regional office in Waco will be on the campus Thursday to talk with veteran students pertaining to VA affairs, according to Taylor Wilkins, veterans' advisor for the college.

The representative will be in room 260, Bizzell Hall, from 10 a. m. till 2 p. m.

Veterans who have any problems pertaining to VA affairs are requested by Wilkins to contact the representative, regardless of any previous action taken.

pioneering in the study of Texas highway problems and in recent years supporting major aircraft studies, particularly in the Personal Aircraft Research Center at the college airport.

Gilchrist Comments

Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist, a nationally recognized authority in the field of transportation, in commenting on the new Institute, said today: "A great need exists for training young men in transportation of various kinds. This includes not only studies of the vehicles in which property or persons move, but of the track or medium on which they move or the air through which they travel. It also includes the economy of transportation; the study of packaging, equipment and handling and everything to do with the movement from place to place of persons or things."

"The Texas Institute of Transportation will give opportunity for young men to pursue graduate studies in transportation and at the same time to work on research projects in this field, broadening their knowledge and enhancing their opportunities for training."

Deals With All Firms

"To highway research will be devoted a considerable portion of our early activities, but the Institute will deal with all firms of transportation, as needed. Such an Institute has long been needed, and A&M is peculiarly in a position to provide it."

A number of transportation research studies now under way for the Engineering Experiment Station, together with the new highway research program, will form the nucleus of the Institute's work.

The organization will be able to undertake studies in any phase of transportation and to receive and expend funds provided by transportation agencies for the development of facts in the public interest.

Antique Collection Keeps Memory of Guatemalan Days

By BILL MEBANE

A former dean at A&M has in his Bryan home a collection of antiques and furnishings from Guatemala that have varied and interesting histories.

He is Dean E. J. Kyle, former dean of the School of Agriculture and a recent ambassador to Guatemala. Dean and Mrs. Kyle have the collection at their home, 117 West 34th St. in Bryan.

Guatemala Ambassador

After being associated with the college in various capacities for 42 years, Dean Kyle was appointed to the Guatemalan position in 1945 by the late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He and Mrs. Kyle had always been interested in antiques, and while in Guatemala for three years, saw a chance to collect them. Their Guatemalan friends helped, and also many old families would sell their cherished antiques handed down from generation to generation.

Many times Mrs. Kyle had to look long and hard to find a particular article she wanted.

Their home is decorated with the collection, modernistic furniture fitting in with the old-fashioned style. On top of the one of

two matching French cabinets is a hand-made silver plate with a Mayan border inscribed in Spanish with the following words: "To His Excellency, Dr. Edwin J. Kyle, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatic Person from the United States of America."

Beneath this inscription are signatures of all foreign ministers and ambassadors in Guatemala at that time, in recognition of his service as ambassador. It was presented to Kyle upon his departure in 1948.

Some of the largest items the Kyles have are silver trays, plates, and silverware. Included is a silver center piece for the table and a cake knife over 100 years old. Filling a fireplace is a large bowl and pitcher, silver-plated upon copper, and once belonging to Jose Maria Reina Bairros, president of Guatemala from 1895 to 1898.

There is a note inside the pitcher that says Bairros was killed by an Englishman.

200-year Old Dresser

On one side of the living room is a marble-topped French mirror and dresser over 200 years old. A Chinese chest in the hall is made of teakwood and inlaid with soapstone.

A twelfth-century stirrup sits on the floor and two fourteenth-century

Spanish stirrups hang from a wall. Hanging from the ceiling of the dining room is a chandelier from Czechoslovakia. The polished glass shades sparkling gems of light over the whole room.

In addition to the antiques, the Kyles brought back with them souvenirs and Guatemalan belongings. Carved dolls, depicting the different costumes of the Guatemalans, are kept in a case.

Kyle Receives Honor

Last February, Dr. Kyle was presented the Order of Quetzal, highest order medal given in Guatemala. He is the only American to receive it, and could not accept it until he had been discharged from the State Department.

Hanging on a wall is a banner with the Guatemalan flag in the upper left and the American flag in the lower right corner. Inscribed on the banner is in Spanish are the words "The President of Guatemala to His Excellency Mr. Kyle." The stars of the United States flag are also of silver, as is part of the plumage of the quetzal on the Guatemalan flag.

The Kyles have pleasant memories of their sojourn in Guatemala and cherish their antiques and furnishings as a reminder of their life there.



E. J. Kyle
Former Dean of Agriculture at the college, where he served in various capacities for 42 years, E. J. Kyle of Bryan is the owner of a large collection of antiques and souvenirs obtained in Guatemala.

At the Grove Tonight

8 p.m.—Free Movie, "Intruder in the Dust," with Claude Jarman.