

## Bryan-College Station Phone Rate Agreement Reached

Officials of College Station and Bryan have finally reached an agreement with the Southwestern States Telephone Company in regard to the area's telephone rates. The rates will be raised beginning July 11, next Tuesday. An overall increase will give the company approximately \$36,000 per year more than the old rates. This increase, however, is \$20,000 less than the original request of the telephone company.

### Letters To Mayors

In a letter to Mayor Ernest Langford of College Station and Mayor Roland Dansby of Bryan, representatives of the company said the company had accepted the final proposal sent to them by the mayors.

## Holiday Deaths Over Expected Fatality Totals

The toll of violent deaths soared well above the 600 mark Tuesday night as the nation's four-day observance of independence neared a close.

The number already had gone far beyond advance expectations and the homeward highway crush of millions of travelers is yet to come.

This was the toll early Tuesday night:

- Total killed—780.
- Traffic Deaths—434.
- Drownings—154.
- Deaths from miscellaneous causes—192.
- Fireworks fatalities—none.

The National Safety Council had forecast that 385 would be killed in highway accidents in the 102 hour period from 6 p.m. local time Friday to Tuesday midnight.

People were being killed in activities associated with the holiday observance slightly faster than at a rate of one every ten minutes. Last year, only 296 were killed in traffic accidents during the three-day fourth of July observance.

On a four-day non-holiday week end last month, only 455 persons met violent death—270 traffic, 75 drownings and 110 fatalities from miscellaneous causes. The Associated Press made this survey to compare fatalities on a holiday and ordinary weekend.

The postwar record for holiday traffic fatalities was set during last year's three-day Labor week end—410.

The all time record was set in Christmas week 1936 when 761 met violent death—555 in traffic accidents.

## Soviet Union Demands Withdrawal from Korea

Moscow, July 5—(AP)—Moscow's newspapers gave their biggest headlines yesterday to demands for the unconditional withdrawal of American forces from Korea.

The statement of Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko declaring the United Nations should see to it that U. S. forces are expelled from Korea was accompanied by reports of mass meetings throughout the Soviet Union voicing similar opinions.

Among the dispatches were reports of meetings of military men at which speakers declared they would "fight for peace."

Mass Meetings  
Accounts of the mass meetings, in factories, institutes, clubs and other places, bore such headlines as "hands off Korea," "out with imperialists in Korea," "wreathful protest against American military intervention." Soviet people unanimously brand with shame criminal action of American government against Korean people.

The Gromyko statement, first broadcast last night from Moscow, declared the United States step by step is involving itself in "open war," has presented the United Nations with a fait accompli by intervening in Korea and is making that body an appendage of the U. S. State Department.

(The fact that it was left to Gromyko to state the Soviet position raised speculation that Andrei Vishinsky, the foreign minister, is not in Moscow. Vishinsky has not been in the news since May 15.)

Unobligation  
In his statement, Gromyko declared "the United Nations will only fulfill its obligation to maintain peace if the security council demands the unconditional cessation of American military intervention and the immediate withdrawal of the American Armed Forces from Korea."

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The company did not feel that these increases would be "sufficient for its purposes," according to the letter, signed by E. H. Utzman, district manager for Southwestern States.

Proposed rates will be accepted by the company for the time being, Utzman wrote, with a stipulation that the company "be privileged to file another application" in the future, in the event such rates were not sufficient.

Future Application  
The telephone company also told the officials that acceptance of the increased rates did not "prejudice any right to file a future application."

Utzman expressed the appreciation of the company for the fair attitude of the commissioners and councilmen of the two cities in their negotiations over the phone rates.

The application of the company for the rate increase was filed Feb. 13. Since that time, four conferences have been held with city officials.

Southwestern States also proposed increases to rural subscribers from both cities' exchanges.

New Rates  
New rates which have been accepted by the company and College

Station-Bryan officials are as follows:

Bryan and College Station—business phones: one party (wall phone) \$5.25 monthly, a \$1.25 increase; (desk phone) \$5.50, an increase of \$1.50; (handset) \$4.50, increase of \$1.35.

Two-party business phones: (wall) \$4.25, a 75¢ increase; (desk) \$4.50, an increase of \$1, (handset) \$4.50, increase of 85¢.

Extension business phones: (wall) \$1, a 50¢ increase; (desk) \$1.25, a 75¢ increase; and (handset) \$1.25, increase of 60¢.

Residential Increases  
For Bryan and College Station residences, the following phone increases will go into effect July 11:

One-party (wall) \$3, increase of 50¢ (desk) \$3.25, a 75¢ increase, and (handset) \$3.25, a 60¢ increase.

Two-party residential: (wall) \$2.25, a 25¢ increase; (desk) \$2.50, a 50¢ increase; (handset) \$2.50, an increase of 35¢.

Four-party: (wall) \$1.75, an increase of 25¢; (desk) \$2, increase of 50¢; (handset) \$2, increase of 35¢.

Extension residential: (wall) 50¢, no increase; (desk) 75¢, a 25¢ increase; (handset) 75¢, an increase of 10¢.

## Congressman Defends Korean Defense Plans

The future of the free world is at stake today, Congressman Olin E. Teague said in a newsletter to The Battalion today. Teague is a member of the House of Representatives from the Sixth Congressional District of Texas, which includes Brazos and seven other counties.

"We have an opportunity to stop the Russians today without general war," Teague said, "but if we fail to make the most of this chance, then at some future time we will have to try to stop them if we are to preserve and maintain our American way of life."

Presidential Order  
Teague's letter told of the message to Congress from the President, in which Truman told of his ordering action to be taken to "prevent further aggression in the Far East."

Besides ordering sea and air support for the Korean Government forces, the President ordered the strengthening of U. S. forces in the Philippines and additional military assistance to the French forces in Indo-China.

The President emphasized, Teague said, that this action was to carry out the directive of the Security Council of the United Nations which had called upon the invading forces to cease hostilities.

"Korea is highly strategic militarily from the standpoint of both Russia and Japan," Teague said. "In area it is a third the size of Texas, but with more than four times as many people."

Russia and Japan fought two wars in the past over control of Korea, with Japan winning the 1904-05 war. In 1910 Japan annexed the Korean peninsula and it remained that way until the close of World War II.

"In 1943, the United States, China and Great Britain pledged at the Cairo Conference that Korea would become independent. Russia later subscribed to this pledge at Potsdam," Teague pointed out. However, at the Yalta conference in 1945, a secret agreement was reported to have been made for Russia to capture North Korea to the 38th parallel when she entered the Japanese war."

Russians Stayed  
"The United States was to occupy the southern part," Teague said. "The military occupation was to be temporary with a free democratic government being established as soon as possible. We withdrew our 80,000 troops, but not so with Russia."

Russia refused to allow North Korea to hold a free election or join in any sort of united government. Instead a puppet government in the North was set up, Teague said, asserting control over the South as well.

"A free election conducted by the United Nations created the Southern Republic and it claimed jurisdiction over the North where the Russians would not permit an election," Teague said.

In the meantime the United Nations tried to end this stalemate and a UN Commission was sent to Korea to get the facts, he said. The commission was stopped at the 38th parallel and was not allowed inside the Russian domination portion.

Despite Possible War . . .

## Usual Speeches, Fireworks, Weather Prevail for Fourth

By The Associated Press

America celebrated the long ago birth of its own freedom on a somber note yesterday while U. S. troops fought on foreign soil to save the independence of Communist-invaded South Korea.

President Truman set the mood of serious reflection on the dangers to world peace as he passed the day quietly in his temporary residence at Blair House.

Mr. Truman had no engagements scheduled and was reported keeping in close touch with developments in the Korean war crisis.

Advisor Speaks  
Speaking on the Washington monument grounds, John Foster Dulles said the American fight in Korea is in the true "spirit of '76."

Dulles, Republican adviser to the State Department, warned that America faces heavy tasks in its struggle with Communism. The country, he said, may have to cut down on its "economic indulgence" to help non-communist nations.

Echoes of the far Pacific struggle reached into the Pentagon, and other key federal agencies where thousands of government workers gave up the Fourth of July holiday to work.

## Governor Shivers Presents Liberty Bell Replica To College In Grove Ceremony

By DEAN REED

One of the largest afternoon crowds of the summer watched Governor Allan Shivers present Texas' replica of the Liberty Bell to the college this afternoon. This short ceremony, held at The Grove, began at 2 p. m.

Receiving the bell in behalf of the college was Dr. M. T. Harrington, president of the college. Dr. Harrington announced the tentative plans of the Liberty Bell committee to place the replica in the rotunda of the Academic Building.

Bracewell Emcees

Master of ceremonies for the presentation ceremonies was State Senator Searcy Bracewell of Houston, an A&M graduate of the Class of '38.

Gov. Shivers arrived at Easterwood Field by plane this morning at 11. He had come from Pecos,

where he spoke yesterday. The governor was accompanied by his executive assistant, Garland Smith, a former newspaperman of Caldwell.

Sun Not Helpful

Although the ceremony was held in mid-afternoon, the sweltering heat failed to keep the crowd away. Many of the audience expressed their appreciation of the short program planned by the committee in view of the Brazos county weather.

After arriving on the noon train from Dallas, Nathan Adams, state director for the Independence Bond Drive and a Dallas banker, presented the bell to Governor Shivers at the ceremony. Accepting the bell in behalf of the state, the governor then presented it to Dr. Harrington.

"Texas A&M is especially deserving of this consideration," Gov. Shivers said when he first an-

nounced that the college would receive the bell. "In addition to the interest that has been shown by students and officials of the college, A&M will celebrate its 75th Anniversary next year with a record of having contributed some 14,000 men and officials in the last war, thousands of others in earlier conflicts, and many thousands of fine citizens and leaders in civilian life," he said.

Flags Displayed

Flags of the United States, Texas, and of A&M's Corps of Cadets decorated The Grove for the ceremony. A large post flag hung at the rear of the bandshell, while the corps flags were massed on one side.

On the right side of the shell, the United States and Texas flags were displayed, flanked by a color guard. Palms decorated the front of the slab and the stage.

All decorations for the presentation ceremony were handled through the committee in charge of the program, with Col. H. E. Boatner, commandant of the college, making the arrangements.

Others on the committee besides Col. Boatner were R. Henderson Shuttler, director of information for the A&M System; Howard Badgett of the Office of Physical Plants; J. B. "Dick" Hervey, executive secretary of the Association of Former Students; C. W. Crawford, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department; and Dr. Ralph Steen, professor of history.

One of 49 Bells

The bell is one of 49 which toured the United States during the six-weeks Independence Bond Drive which ended yesterday. The bell was brought from Dallas, where the Texas tour ended, by truck.

Each state and the District of Columbia will be presented with a replica of the Liberty Bell. The governor of the states will decide upon a permanent and suitable location for the bell.

Should the bell committee go through with its plans to place the replica in the rotunda of the Academic Building, the trophy case which now occupies the center spot there would be moved, President Harrington said yesterday.

Trophies To MSC

The trophies will probably go to the trophy room of the Memorial Student Center, he said, while the case itself would be moved to the lobby of the library. All plans now made by the committee are tentative and any location decided upon at this date is temporary, he emphasized.

"We hope that someday, perhaps, a bell tower might be constructed on the campus where we could place the Liberty Bell replica and still allow it to be seen by visitors," President Harrington said.

College Professor Receives Award  
Roy W. Snyder, professor of animal husbandry, was honored at a recent banquet by the National Meat and Livestock Board at their annual meeting in Chicago.

At the banquet, held in honor of 11 college meats men who have completed 26 years of service in meats work, Snyder was awarded a carving set in token of his service.

## American Troops In Korean Conflict

Tokyo, Wednesday, July 5—(AP)—American troops went into action today on a South Korean warfront aflame with a Communist offensive that flanked the vast Seoul-Inchon-Suwon triangle.

The Americans made their entry into the fighting with an artillery barrage against North Korean tank-led thrust, presumably south of Suwon. General MacArthur's headquarters confirmed Suwon's fall today.

Han River Crossed

His communique also disclosed an estimated three to four Red divisions had plunged across the Han River south of Red-held Seoul and were taking part in an "enveloping" movement against the Seoul-Inchon-Suwon triangle which embraces more than 200 square miles.

Inchon, the port city for Seoul on the West Coast, was not mentioned in the communique. The North Korean high command asserted over the Seoul radio that it fell to the Reds yesterday. An authoritative American source at advanced U. S. headquarters in Korea said it was "highly probably" the Reds had occupied the port and city.

It was advanced headquarters that announced the first contact of the American troops with the Reds. Associated Press correspondent O. H. P. King said the barrage came in the rain at 11 a. m. (8 p. m. E. S. T., Tuesday).

Weather Unfavorable

The weather was curtailing American air support. It was conceded at advance headquarters that this might influence the outcome of the engagement.

The weather was bad at times yesterday, too, but a U. S. Far East Air Forces communique said American and Australian planes flew 162 sorties—and for the first time were unchallenged by North Korean fighter planes.

The Americans, equipped with the newest artillery and anti-tank weapons, were rushed to the front to check just such an attack as the one that gave them their baptism of Korean fire.

Weak Defenses

King said the Reds apparently hurried their advance in an attempt to hit the sagging South Korean defense line before the Americans could reinforce it. A headquarters spokesman told King he was confident the North-

## Sidney E. Loveless Rites Held Today

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. today for Sidney Ervin Loveless, father of Sidney L. Loveless of College Station, in Waco where he died at 6:30 p. m. Monday.

His body will be brought to the College Station cemetery, where interment will be made at 3 p. m. following a short graveside service.

Born August 8, 1888, Loveless was a native of Mississippi, but spent most of his life farming in the central Texas area.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Effie Chunn Loveless; four daughters, Mrs. Ray Cooper and Mrs. Earl Cleveland, both of Waco, Mrs. Joe McLain of Beaumont, and Mrs. Eloise Lampi of Butte, Montana; and one son, Sidney L. Loveless of College Station.

## At the Grove Tonight

Skating and Juke Box Dancing. Skates may be rented.



The main dining room of Sbis Hall is getting a face lifting. Workers are replastering and painting the walls. The dance floor is being sanded and refinished.