

Mayor, Council Solve Problems Facing City

By JOEL AUSTIN

Like many other cities of comparable size, College Station is incorporated as a council-manager type government. Meeting the second Monday of every month, the council is headed by Mayor Ernest Langford who doubles as mayor of College Station and head of the Agriculture Department at the college.

Assisting Langford, who has been mayor since 1942, are six councilmen, J. A. Orr, E. E. Ames, G. W. Black, R. B. Halpin, W. H. Badgett, and W. D. Fitch.

Meeting the many common problems which confront most city governing bodies, the local council deals with its problems in open meetings for all to hear.

"Open to All People"

"The proceedings of this council are open to all people and will continue to be that way as long as this council exists," Mayor Langford said recently.

summer, the council has added several blocks within the city's limits,

set up plans for investigating a city-operated electric system, negotiated with officials of the telephone company concerning proposed increases in telephone rates, and other similar plans and problems which confront city leaders.

A great deal of interest was shown throughout the city in elections of these city officials during the spring. In a close tabulation, R. B. Halpin won by the narrow margin of one vote.

Orr Is Mayor Pro-Tem

Orr, who serves as mayor pro-tem, teaches in the Civil Engineering Department at the College. Orr was unopposed for re-election as councilman from Ward I in the municipal election last spring.

Operator of the local bus station and a radio-appliance store, Ames was also re-elected to the council last spring from Ward III. Halpin, who works with the Agricultural Experiment Service through the Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department, balloted enough votes in the last election to return to the council as Ward II representative.

Badgett, assistant to the manager of Physical Plants of the A&M System; Black, proprietor of Black's Pharmacy; and Fitch still have another year to serve before their terms expire.

Here Since 1930

Connected with A&M and the city of College Station since 1930, Nestor M. McGinnis serves as secretary for the city. He is always present at council meetings and situated in his usual chair to the left of the mayor.

Other city officials are C. J. Gorzycki, recorder of the Corpora-

tion Court; J. Wheeler Barger, city attorney; Fred J. Benson, city engineer, and Dr. J. E. Marsh, city health officer.

A&M Graduate

Raymond L. Rogers, A&M graduate and long-time resident of College Station, is employed as city manager. As is customary for most city managers, Rogers' duties involve managing of the city's business as well as carrying out and enforcing ordinances and plans passed on to him from the council.

Other city employees are Ran Boswell, assistant city secretary and tax collector; Lee Norwood, city marshal; Curtis Bullock, patrolman; L. P. Dulaney, utility superintendent; and Mrs. Florence Nealey, Mrs. Vivian Ince, and Mrs. Robbie Crum, secretaries.



Attend a meeting of the City Council almost any month, and it will be a rare session if several interested citizens don't appear to watch the proceedings. Mayor Ernest Langford, left, who has headed the city government for eight years, is just as interested in the citizens, whether they come to praise or to chastize.

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Writers Will Meet Here in October

The annual meeting of the Texas Writers' Conference will be held in the Memorial Student Center on Oct. 13-15, according to David Read, president of the Conference and publisher of the *Silsbee Bee*.

Working on the program arrangements for the writers' meeting is P. L. "Pinky" Downs, assistant to the Director of Information for the A&M System. Program chairman is Bill Durham of Fort Worth.

The conference, according to Read, is made up of country editors, agricultural writers of daily papers, editors and writers of farm magazines, radio farm program directors, and any other writers interested in "knowing more about that basic industry—agriculture."

Chicago—(AP)—Mrs. Rose Hart heard the buzz of a bee in her apartment. She shooed it to a window and removed the screen to let it get out. But she lost her balance and fell 18 feet to a sidewalk. She suffered slight back injuries.

Man Loses Auto, Wife Hid Same

Atlanta—(AP)—A slightly tipsy man telephoned Captain Jimmy Brown at police headquarters and reported his car missing.

"What's the license number?" asked the captain. "And the model and make?"

"Well, the gent hiccupped, it's a late model car and I don't remember the license plate number. I mean I'll have to look for it. I'll call you back."

Minutes later a woman called the captain.

"My husband just phoned you about a stolen car," she said softly.

"Yes ma'am," Brown answered politely, "you have the license number?"

"No," she whispered, "I hid the car and don't want him to find it."

Growing A&M Consolidated Expects Record Enrollment

By BETTY ANN POTTER

Enrollment in A&M Consolidated High School is increasing proportionately to College Station's population growth. Enrollment gained 10 percent last year and is expected to increase 11 percent more this coming year, according to Les Richardson, superintendent of schools.

"There are more children enrolled in the first grade now than there were in the entire high school last year," Richardson said.

The number of students is gradually climbing in the white school, while the enrollment in the negro high school remains about the same, he pointed out.

Began With College

College Station has had a high school since the establishment of A&M College. The first classes were held in a small, one-room shack near Guion Hall's present location. Later the high school was moved to what is now Pfeiffer

Oceanography

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Department of a department and started the machinery that led to the present organization.

Limited to Grades, Seniors Today work in oceanography at A&M is limited to graduate and senior levels. Courses offered cover four basic purposes. They are:

- Provision for a survey of the field of oceanography.
- Furnishing of a minor for graduate students working toward degrees in biology, chemistry, physics, geology, mathematics, engineering, and related courses.
- To lead a master's degree in oceanography.

Dr. Leipper, who has contributed more to placing the department on firm ground than any other man, was graduated from Wittenburg College in Ohio and received his master's degree from Ohio State University.

Working Toward Doctorate Last year he received his Ph.D. from UCLA, and during the past summer he has worked toward a doctorate in oceanography at Scripps Institute.

"We are expecting some 50 students to participate in the full-scale program beginning Sept. 18," Dr. Leipper said. The complete curriculum includes chemical, geological, physical, meteorological, and biological oceanography.

The department will maintain a staff of four instructors, including Dr. Leipper. One instructor will handle each curriculum, with physical and meteorological oceanography combined.

Hall. Elementary-level classes were taught in the building which now houses the YMCA. In 1940 the school was moved to its present location, south of the college campus.

The buildings were in separate units, arranged according to the grades in the new school. The first grade was housed in the first building in which they studied.

The high school was nearby and resembled the elementary school in architecture, but not in floor design. In one complete unit, the high school was a music room a shop, attached by a "breeze-way." The gymnasium was built behind the high school, with the football stadium placed to the rear to the gym.

For Faculty's Children

The Consolidated School System began as a school primarily for the sons and daughters of the college's staff and faculty. In 1930 other districts began to join the system and the consolidation of the school began.

The 1950 graduating class was small with but 20 graduates. The average number of graduates yearly has been 33. Graduation exercises have traditionally been held in Guion Hall on the campus.

Assisting superintendent Richardson with high school affairs is Principal L. E. Boze. W. T. Riedel is principal of the junior high school. Riedel was, for two years, a science teacher in the high school.

Principal of the elementary school is Mrs. Rowena Kresswell. W. A. Tarrow is principal of Lincoln High School, the negro school. Thirty-one teachers are employed in the white school. Thirty-one teachers are employed in the white school, 12 at Lincoln.

School Board Members

Members of the school board are Dr. Charles LaMotte, president; C. A. Bonnen, vice-president; Ernest Redman, secretary; C. B. Godbey, E. A. Brown, Ross Bond, and Mit Williams.

Williams, Brown and Redman are ex-students of Consolidated.

In 1949 the new high school building was completed, and was officially opened Aug. 25 of that year.

Richardson was named superintendent in 1949 as school affairs became large enough to warrant the office. He has been with the school since 1946.

'Don't Yell Timber at Me'

Dallas—(AP)—The City of Dallas wants to cut down a pecan tree to make way for an alley in the Oak Cliff section.

But as for those plans — Mrs. John Ernest August Hubert, a peppery 58-year-old Yankee from Illinois declares: "that tree is going to stand."

"It's a fine thing," she said today, "when a Yankee has to fight a Texas city council to preserve the official state tree."

That very same tree has been involved in proceedings before the city council for two years. Residents in the neighborhood want an alley behind their homes. City engineers say the tree has to come down to make way for the alley. It has to go, they said.

"I ordered them off my property," said Mrs. Hubert, "and I told them that it looked like what plants and trees the ice doesn't ruin, the city does."

Many of the younger neighborhood residents pass the house shouting "timber!" Mrs. Hubert said, "but they don't discourage me."

Austin, Tex.—(AP)—Sam B. Culpepper of Hooks has become a new member of the field service staff of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Culpepper has been superintendent at Hooks. He is a graduate of Howard Payne and Baylor University and formerly was a deputy state school superintendent.

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