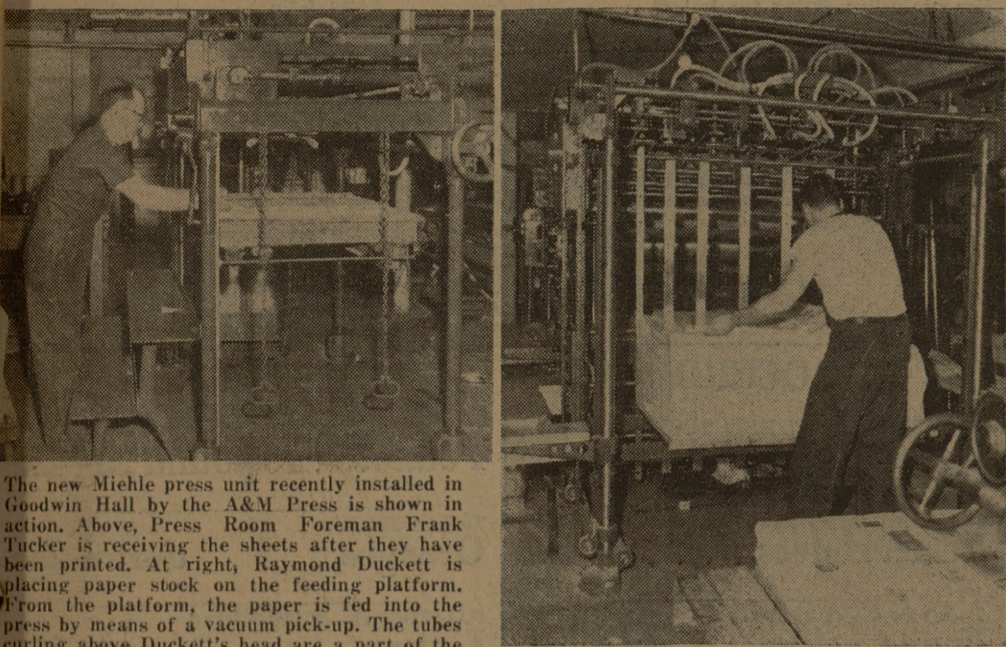


Miehle Press At Work



The new Miehle press unit recently installed in Goodwin Hall by the A&M Press is shown in action. Above, Press Room Foreman Frank Tucker is receiving the sheets after they have been printed. At right, Raymond Duckett is placing paper stock on the feeding platform. From the platform, the paper is fed into the press by means of a vacuum pick-up. The tubes curling above Duckett's head are a part of the vacuum system.

Korean Front Quiet; Patrols Resisted Little Speculation Over Possibility of Red Pull-Out Mounts

Tokyo, Jan. 25—(P)—Red-hunting Allied armored patrols probed the Central Korean warfront today amid mounting speculation that the quarry had quietly pulled out.

There was no enemy contact Wednesday night except for a minor patrol clash near Yonju, 40 miles southeast of the abandoned South Korean capital of Seoul.

A few Korean Reds were encountered in the same general area, north of Kumsong and Ichon. U. S. intelligence officers said the apparent absence of Red troops in force south of the Han River, which twists around Seoul, may mean the Chinese have made a large-scale withdrawal to the north.

There was speculation that the Chinese are awaiting political developments in the United Nations, meanwhile using Red Koreans to patrol the no-man's land into which U. N. patrols have been poking all week.

But Allied air power gave the Reds no rest far behind the lines. Warplanes plastered military targets throughout North Korea. The town of Chunchon was wrecked. More Russian-type planes were thrown into the air war with Yak fighters attacking American B-26s on night intruder missions Wednesday night. It was one of their few appearances in the Korean war. No damage was caused by the enemy planes.

A strong Allied patrol powered its way through slight enemy opposition to retake the town of Hoengsong, 10 miles north of the 38th parallel but withdrew shortly afterward.

American planes made a heavy air attack on the town Thursday, indicating the Reds had reoccupied former positions. Strongest Communist forces in the Hoengsong area at last reports were North Korean Reds.

College Station Man Places 3rd As Stock Judge

Walter Britten, College Station auctioneer, ranked third in the livestock judging contest held Tuesday at A&M. The contest was held in connection with A&M's first livestock judging conference.

An assistant county agricultural agent, Dave G. Tiller of Palestine, took top honors in the contest.

Placing first in judging of beef cattle, Tiller tied for first place in swine judging to rank first in the entire contest.

R. P. Marshall, agricultural representative of the Tennessee Iron and Coal Company, Marlin, tied for second place in beef cattle judging and ranked second in the entire contest.

Harold Franke, county agent at Corsicana, ranked fourth in the entire contest. Deaddocked with Marshall in the beef cattle division was Findley Brewster, Aberdeen-Angus breeder of Temple.

Final Talks On Price, Wage Control Called

British Suffer Flu Epidemic Hits Millions Over Europe

London, Jan. 25—(P)—Millions in Europe are sneezing and running temperatures and some thousands—mostly the feeble and aged—have died in an influenza epidemic which appears to be reaching its peak in a number of countries.

The United Kingdom seems to be hardest hit by the highly infectious disease, which sweeps through communities with startling suddenness, laying low a large proportion of the population.

In some continental countries—namely Belgium, Germany, Denmark and Sweden—the illness appears to be waning. But it is flaring up in Czechoslovakia and Poland and is reaching epidemic proportions in Spain.

In many regions of Britain schools are closed, theaters are empty, and transportation and industry have faltered. Health officials fear the disease may spread and that it may sweep into the populous southern half of England which has, unaccountably, been relatively free of influenza.

The "influenza belt" in Britain extends from Tyneside on the northeast coast, where the disease is believed to have made its entry from Norway, to Merseyside on the west coast, including the city of Liverpool.

Almost universally, hospitals are overcrowded and doctors are overworked. Sufferers are being told to go to bed and cure themselves with remedies offered by drug stores.

Public health officials everywhere are emphasizing that it has been a mild form of the disease, despite so many cases. Robust persons usually have a few days of aches and raging fever, then recover.

In Britain, Scandinavia and Spain, the virus responsible has been identified definitely as being of the "A" type. But it is an "A" with peculiarities of its own which scientists call "A Prime."

Not much progress has been made in combatting the disease with vaccines. In most continental countries it is not even being attempted. But the development of a suitable vaccine is the most urgent project at Mill Hill, London district known as the influenza research center of the world.

Enlistments Freeze Puts Boys in Class

Denton, Tex., Jan. 25—(P)—Difficulty in joining the armed forces is bringing many male students back to North Texas State College.

Three to six boys a day of the 251 who quit school to enter service are returning because of freezes on volunteer enlistments, the registrar said Wednesday.

Orders Seen Soon; Living Cost At Peak

Washington, Jan. 25—(P)—The government's cost of living index was reported at a new peak today and the Economic Stabilization Agency's top trio called final parleys on the imminent price and wage freeze.

The twin orders may come late today but more probably on Friday—depending on the outcome of today's conferences between E.S.A. Administrator Eric Johnston and his price and wage chiefs.

Well-placed officials predicted prices would be pegged at Jan. 25 levels and paychecks at current wage rates—but with leeway for some workers to do considerably more bargaining.

The Bureau of Labor statistics reported that its cost of living index hit a peak on Dec. 15, when it stood at 178.4 per cent of the 1935-39 average. The Dec. 15 index was 1.6 per cent higher than that of Nov. 15.

A climb of 6.5 per cent in consumers' prices occurred during 1950 up to mid-December, all but 1.6 per cent of it after the beginning of the Korean conflict. Higher prices were reported for all the major groups of items which make up the budget of the moderate income family.

The rise between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15 was led by a 2.8 per cent advance in food prices. That was the greatest move in the

Budget Plans Call for Cut In A&M Money

Two budget recommendations to the Senate yesterday call for cuts in the A&M appropriation for the coming biennium.

The recommendation by the Legislative Budget board recommended a total budget of \$13,723,005 for the entire system which is a cut in excess of \$300,000.

The Board of Control recommended a total of \$13,315,846. The Legislative budget's recommendation will probably carry more influence than will the Board of Control's.

Under the Legislative board's recommendation the main college would receive a cut of \$710,899. This recommendation was made on the prospects of a decline in enrollment.

The Legislative board proposed a slight increase for the Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station.

The Senate will conduct hearings on the budget during the next ten days and the President of the Senate has expressed the hope that final action on the revenue bill for higher education will be taken within the next 60 days.

Followers of legislative government will probably recall that the sending of the higher education appropriation bill to the legislature so early in the session represents quite a departure from recent years. For the past two sessions, the higher education bill has been passed in the last days of the session. In both cases they were passed only after compromise measures had been worked out to veto other money bills so the state would not be operating in the red.

At the last session the public school system and the junior colleges received appropriations before any consideration was made of the needs for higher education.

'All Quiet' Nets \$80 For March of Dimes

Over 80 dollars was collected for the local March of Dimes campaign at last week's showing of "All Quiet on the Western Front," according to George Charlton, secretary-treasurer of the A&M Film Society.

This film showing was the kickoff of student participation in the annual March of Dimes campaign. The movie had two showings, and approximately 320 persons were on hand to do their part in the campaign and also see what has been called "a classic in film making."

The money was presented yesterday to H. T. Blackhurst, county chairman of the March of Dimes campaign.

Kiwanis Told 'Trigger' Men Could Change Weather State

The only thing man can do about the weather is to "trigger" it.

Anyway, that is what W. D. Scoates, Research Engineer, Texas Engineering Experiment Station told Kiwanis members at their noon luncheon Tuesday. He spoke on "Meteorology for the Layman."

He explained that to "trigger" meant to find a weather condition all but complete and set off the final action necessary to complete the cycle. Sprinkling rain clouds with dry ice to start precipitation was such a "trigger" action, Scoates said.

Scoates pointed out that with very little trouble, a United States weather force of "Trigger" men might bury Russia in winter snows. Conditions would have to be favorable, of course.

E. B. Middleton, Department of Chemistry and Frederick D. Meyers, Department of Engineering Drawing, were introduced as new Kiwanis members.

Main speakers for next week's program will be Arthur Stewart of the School of Business Administration and member of the Brazos County Bar Association, who will discuss the subject, "Rights, Obligations, and Duties of Citizenship."

Panel Leaders For Who's Who Selection Set

W. D. "Pusher" Barnes and Jos Fuller have been appointed chairmen of the Who's Who at Texas A&M selection committee of the Student Life Committee, Dr. Ralph Steen said today.

Persons wanting to nominate a military student for the honor may see Barnes in 1-118. Names of other nominees may be given to Fuller at the MSC main desk. Nominations are also being accepted in the Student Activities office.

Nominees must have a grade point ratio of 1.50 or better, and must be of junior or senior standing. Leadership, character and service are the criteria upon which the selection will be made.

Names of those elected to Who's Who will probably be made public in April.

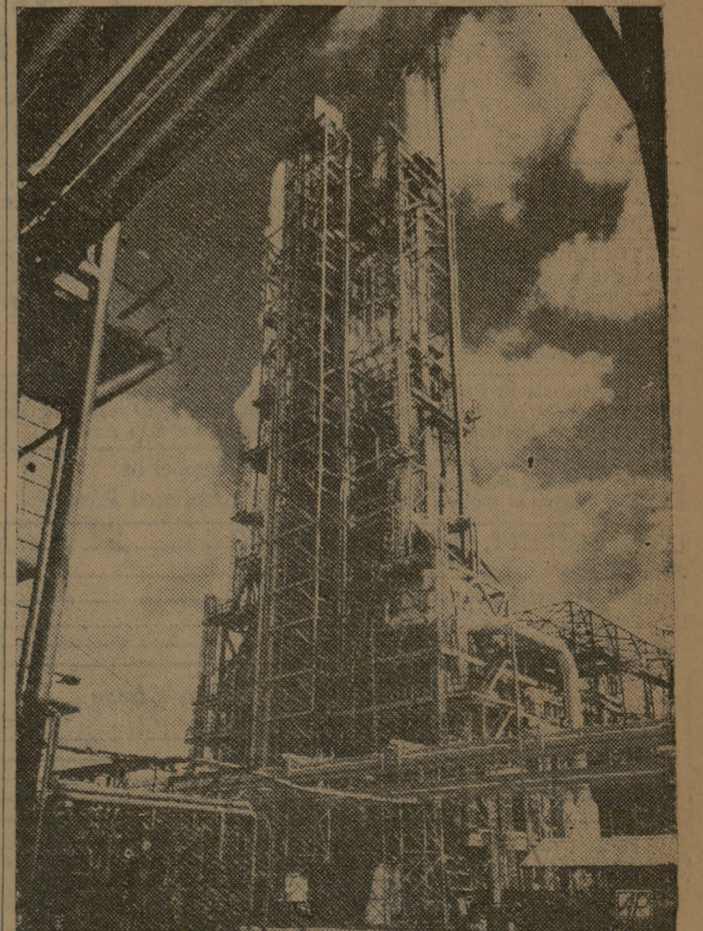
The number of students chosen for the honor is always one percent of the Junior-Senior enrollment. (See PANEL, Page 6)

1,000 Die When Volcano Erupts

Sydney, Jan. 25—(P)—The bodies of 1,000 natives, caught in a rain of white hot ashes when Mt. Lamington in New Guinea erupted, were found on the scorched slopes Wednesday.

The bodies of 11 of the 34 or 35 missing white persons also were found. Officials said most of the estimated 4,000 casualties were deaths.

One of the first government officials to reach the area reported: "It is like being on another planet. Layer of pumice ash covered everything and the haze of steam and smoke issuing from Mt. Lamington made the whole thing a nightmare."



The modified air-lift Thermofor Catalytic cracking units (above) are in operation at the Beaumont refinery of the Magnolia Petroleum Company. They increase by 50 per cent the refinery's output capacity for high quality gasoline.

Prints 33" by 46" Sheet . . . New Press Is Only One Of Its Kind, Size in Texas

By JOHN WHITMORE
Old Ben Franklin would probably jump out of his grave if he could see the new \$28,000 Miehle high-speed press recently installed in the A&M College Print Shop.

Sold as the only one of its kind and size in Texas, printing a sheet of paper 33 inches by 46 inches, it serves to indicate the progressive spirit of the A&M Press.

Capable of running 2,800 pieces through in an hour, it is a far cry from the old hand fed Kelly platen press that was the forerunner of the print shop. But besides the mechanical side of the print shop's advancement, there has been a steady increase in the quantity and quality of professional and student work put out.

The one annual bulletin which the college-owned printing establishment was charged to print in 1914 is lost in the complexity of today's operations.

Perhaps the most impressive of the work put out by the shop is the student newspaper, The Battalion. This daily newspaper puts the facilities of the shop to a test each day.

In addition to printing the newspaper, the A&M Press prints five student edited and written magazines. They range from the typical college humor magazine, The Commentator, to the professional publication, The Southwestern Veterinarian.

These magazines will now be printed on the new high speed press which will be capable of keeping up with the increasing

demands of student publications.

Added to the speed advantages of the new press is an extremely accurate method of "registering in colors," or printing two colors. With this refinement the magazines will have another boost in their flexibility.

But this array of publications and technical skill plus the latest in machinery has not always been the case.

The A&M Press was founded by an act of the Board of Directors of the College in 1914. A need was felt for the annual college bulletin to be printed on the campus.

With a small appropriation from the board, the college bought a small used hand press and a few cases of hand set type. With this, was born one of the largest college presses in the State.

During this period of the college's life there were few courses taught besides technical agriculture and mechanical art. With the limitation of courses offered by the college, it was not necessary to publish a large annual school catalogue. The job did not take so long to do as the Board of Directors had anticipated. The Press started to take in other work.

This arrangement worked out so well the Board authorized the purchase of more equipment. It was not long before the small room in the basement of the Academic Building proved inadequate.

The Press moved "lock stock and barrel" into the Mechanical Engineering shops. This move came in 1920.

Again the Board of Directors saw fit to advance more money to the print shop. Two new fast flatbed presses were added to the inventory. A short time later the gem of printing was purchased—the model five Linotype machine.

By this time the A&M Press was a paying proposition. It was no (See NEW PRESS, Page 6)

Among Aggie Architects . . .

Judgment Day Near For Sheep, Goats

Judgment day is in store for the architects of A&M College. Friday, Feb. 2 is the day. Some will go to Heaven. Others won't.

The reason is the annual ball of the A&M Architecture Society—a reason for blowing out the candles in their fourth stoop Academic Building sanctuary. The theme this year for ASABAB goes to extremes being "Heaven and Hell." The dance will last from 8 to 12 p. m.

Admission will be \$1.50. Each member may bring a guest and his date. Guests will be expected to pay the same admission as members.

After the dance is over, architects, their dates, and guests will go to the Brazos County Club, where dancing, music, sandwiches, and coffee will await them.

Concerning costumes to be worn to the affair, Jack Stansbury, president of the society, says, "they can be heavenly or they can look like hell." Stansbury's state-

ment has the Batt photographer in an uncontrollable state of anxiety. —Decorations will be unconventional and downright authentic. Dante Alighieri and Beatrice are technical advisors.

Entering the doorway of Sbisaa, architects and their dates will pass through a dark, cave-like tunnel representing "Hell." Coming out of the structure, they will meet "Heaven," a giant white tree strung with angels and clouds.

The centerpiece will be a six foot high statue of an angel resting her dainty hand comfortingly on the gruesome, grotesque head of the devil.

Around the walls will be hung eight-foot high representations of scenes from Dante's "Inferno." Pat Patterson, architect student and commanding officer of an armored-cavalry outfit, will handle the artistic brush on these. From the ceiling, hundreds of stars, angels, and harps will dangle. Cellophane strips set on fans with vari-colored lights shining through will supply flame effects on the walls.

Providing music from Dixieland to bop and romantic ballads will be the North Texas combo of eight members, some of whom have been associated with Ray McKinley's band.

ASABAB is one of the oldest club or organization dances at A&M, having been started in 1922. At that time, only three dances were held on the campus—the Ross Volunteering, the Camp Volunteers, and the Final Ball.

When the architects club was first formed, an annual banquet was held, and in 1922, a small informal dance followed. Both banquet and dance were in the main room of the department office. Each year after that the dance more and more overshadowed the banquet.

In 1925, the "motif" plan began with an all-Egyptian dance. The room was decorated in the style of Cleopatra's time and costumes followed the dress of that period.

In succeeding years, the decorations and costumes for the ball became almost the chief source of interest among the architecture students. A Southern garden, a Greek temple, an Aztec city, a barnyard, and a "gay nineties" set have been used at various times.

Campus Will Appear To Be Coed . . .

Spring Will Bring Heavy Social Calendar To A&M

By VIVIAN CASTLEBERRY

There has been some talk in educational circles in Texas recently about making A&M coeducational.

From a practical standpoint, it would be well during the Spring semester if girls were allowed to "join up." As things stand, hotels, tourist courts and friend's homes may expect a landslide business from the feminine component, for Aggies must have dancing partners. And dances will be plentiful during the Spring semester.

The Architects will get things underway on February 2 with their annual ball. Scheduled for the MSC the dance will feature a "Heaven and Hell" theme.

On Saturday night, February 3, the freshmen will have their night when they gather in the MSC for their Freshman Prom. Complete with a queen who will reign over the class and numerous queens who will be the individual dates of the boys, the Class of '54 is planning on an evening long-to-be-remembered.

February 23 the nicotine-fiends will take over. On that date the annual pipe-smoking contest will

be held in the MSC Assembly room. Literally, entrants will "put that in their pipe and smoke it," as they compete for prizes in the various smoking departments. In previous years this contest has been one of the most enthusiastically received occasions of the year.

If the morning of March 3 finds the campus overrun with youngsters, there will be cause for great rejoicing, because that is the date set for "Operation High School" and the more high school students who visit the campus the more successful will be the idea.

Operation High School is a year-long event planned to bring outstanding high school seniors from all over Texas to the campus to acquaint them with A&M.

March 9-10 weekend should be one of the biggest of the school year. On Friday night the Engineers will stash away their slipsticks and journey over to the MSC for their annual ball.

Saturday night will find the brass polished to its shiniest, uniforms creased to their tightest, gold and black braids and no braids at all flanked by lovelies at their

Staff Members Pass CPA Test

Two instructors and one graduating assistant of accounting in the Department of Business Administration have been notified by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy that they have passed the November 1950 examination given by the board and will be issued certified public accountant certificates.

These three men, R. P. Wood, E. C. Cass and C. W. Harrell, bring the number of CPA's who are instructors or assistant instructors at Texas A&M to eight.

There are nine fulltime instructors in the accounting department, seven of whom are CPA's. Harrell is the only assistant instructor who has received this award.

Wood received his bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State College and his master's from A&M. Cass received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from A&M. Harrell received his bachelor's degree here and at the present is working toward his master's degree.