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Of Current Cold Spell  
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## Cold Spell Hits 12 Degree Low; Thaw Forecast

A shivering low of 12 degrees above zero was recorded for the Bryan-College Station vicinity last night as the Canadian-born cold front entered its fourth day here.

Weather forecasts for this area have indicated no ice thaws can be expected until Saturday although clear skies with little or no precipitation are in sight.

Snow which pelted down on a heavy coating of ice did little to help traffic conditions which were already hampered by the slick ice. Rocks and sand were spread around traffic light stops at the North Gate by city workmen to aid motorists in starting and stopping.

At 10 a.m. today the thermometer read 16 degrees and indications were reported of colder weather before the spell snaps Friday or Saturday.

### Firemen Called

College Station firemen answered a call at 1 a.m. this morning at the home of Norman Burkhalter on the Eastwood Airport Road. Several hundreds of dollars damage was done to flooring and brick work around the fireplace in the home.

The floor had caught fire from underneath and was blazing near the fireplace when discovered by Burkhalter. Campus police and others were on the scene to help bring the small blaze under control.

Bryan Field Weather Station said this morning clear skies prevailed all the way to Amarillo giving good assurance that no more rain, sleet, or snow is in store for this area. High temperature recorded yesterday at the Main Station Farm was 23 degrees while the minimum yesterday was 19 degrees. Precipitation recorded for yesterday was .10 inches.

### Below Zero Elsewhere

Elsewhere, old Jack Frost continued to hold his firm grip on the weather conditions of Texas by sending another sheet of snow and sleet over all parts of the state.

Hours before dawn today, the temperature at cloudy Dalhart in the Panhandle dropped to five degrees below zero. Blowing snow at Amarillo gave way to fairish skies, ice crystals, and zero.

Snow, sleet, or freezing rain fell from Dalhart across the state deep into the already icy Lower Rio Grande Valley. The official forecast promised a little relief by Friday afternoon. Thursday shaped up as another frozen day with more snow or sleet. But the forecast held this promise: "Friday, not (See BIG FREEZE, Page 3)

## Rent Queries Voiced in BAFB Reactivation

Plans for reactivation of the Bryan Air Force Base for jet pilot training has brought several objections from Bryan people as to rises in rent, Rep. Olin Teague charged Bryan-College Stationites.

Rep. Teague told Mayor Roland Dansby of Bryan that unless immediate action was taken to curb the reported increase in rent rates in Bryan and College Station, he was sure the Air Force would see fit to alter a decision made recently to reactivate the Bryan base.

The appropriation to reactivate the base, vacated by the Air Force since 1945, was made along with that of several other Texas bases included in the \$337,000,000 to be spent by the Air Force in expanding its training centers throughout the United States.

Lester Kelly, manager of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce, said some efforts had been made to track down the complaint or complaints voiced to Rep. Teague and he believed the cases to be of no serious nature.

"All real estate agents and the real estate board don't anticipate any rise in rent prices due to the location of the base near Bryan," Kelly said.

"And if any such increases come about, we will certainly do everything to hold the prices back to a reasonable level for the Air Force officers and their families," he added.

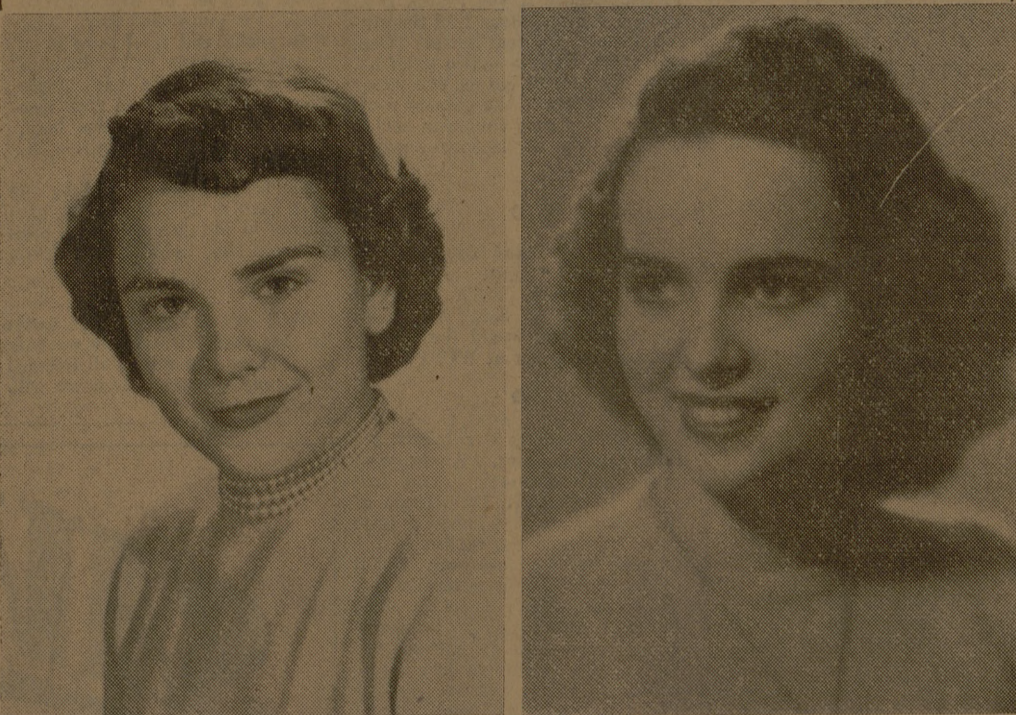
## Faculty for Dairy Conference Named

The conference faculty for Dairy Manufacturers' conference to be held here Feb. 14 and 15, has been named.

Pres. M. T. Harrington will deliver the welcoming address and will stress the 75th anniversary, now being observed by the college.

The faculty is composed of leading dairymen and men connected with the dairy industry from over the United States.

## Lucky Fish



Dallas is the home of Miss Jean Roberts, one of six finalists selected for Freshman Queen. The beauties will be presented Saturday night at the annual Freshman Ball to be held in Sbis.

Miss Ann Ashcraft, 5' 5" lovely from Sulphur Springs, is Joe Williamson's candidate for Freshman Queen. Miss Ashcraft is one of the six finalists to be presented at the Freshman Ball this Saturday night.

## Smokers Contest to Feature All Kinds of Nicotine Users

By ROGER COSLETT

Harken, all you slaves of the weed, to the glad tidings.

Not many weeks hence (to be exact Feb. 28, in the MSC Assembly Room) the leaf of paradise will send its soothing smoke curling skyward.

So dig out those briars, stokers and corneobs and exercise those lungs in the art of inhaling. Practice diligently on your cigarette rolling and smoke ring blowing

because these skills can bring you a host of prizes in this year's annual Battalion Pipe Smoking Contest.

The contest, which for the second time is being co-sponsored by the Memorial Student Center, swings into its fourth year of existence on the A&M campus. In past years it was held in the YMCA Chapel.

Phases of the contest will be similar to those of last year and will include large bowl, medium

bowl, small bowl, miniature bowl and metal bowl competition. There will be a section of the contest for the calabash and churchwarden types of pipe also.

The object in the pipe smoking contest will be to keep the pipe lit as long as possible.

There will be a special section set aside for professors and instructors only. Cigar smoking as well as pipe smoking will be included in the profs section.

An open section in the cigar smoking contest which will be open to other than profs. The person who smokes his cigar the longest will be declared the winner of the event.

Dukes and Bull Durham fans will get a chance to demonstrate their skill in the amateur division of the cigarette rolling contest. In the professional division of this contest the participants will be required to roll their own from a rougher cut tobacco. All those who have rolled their own will understand why rolling rough-cut takes professional skill.

Included also in the general contest will be smoke ring blowing, corn cob smoking and special prizes to persons entering the best pipe collection.

Prizes will include tobacco, pipes, cigarette and pipe lighters and cigarettes. Prizes last year totaled upwards of \$150.

The contest will be open to men, women and students connected with the college. An entry blank will appear in The Battalion soon.

Yes, women are eligible to enter and, if enough do enter, a special section will be set aside for them. So come on you nicotine slaves—get ready. By the way, anyone got a cigarette—and a match?

## Architects Await Fun at ASABAB

By HPLAR NAMROG

Maybe you've had reason to wonder what is to be the most current doing (or undoing) within the caste of people who occupy the upper regions of the Academic Building.

Yes, we mean the Architects. Stop any Architect or disappointed civil engineer and let him extoll the wonders and phenomena which will be yours to behold and enjoy at the annual ASABAB Friday night at 8 p.m. in Sbis.

Sure, your next question is what the \$/8/2 is ASABAB? Grab your nearest pencil and paper and jot this down so that it may be tattooed on your forearm, lest you sin again.

The Architecture Society's Annual Beaux Art Ball is the name of the event that will occur, take place, or just plain happen tomorrow night here on our campus and if you feel like the ultimate in down-to-earth fun, then you would not miss ASABAB.

Each year there is a theme upon which the plans, costumes, and decorations are based and this year ASABAB is evolving around "Heaven 'n' Hell."

Look at that title and you can tell that ASABAB is not fit for man nor beast, but is solely for architects.

Sure, you can come out even though you're not an architect, just so long as you can rake up the \$1.50 stag or drag, but be sure that you are well acquainted with at least two regular members or anything might and possibly will happen.

Music will be furnished by a combo of North Texas students who have recently played with Ray McKinley's orchestra.

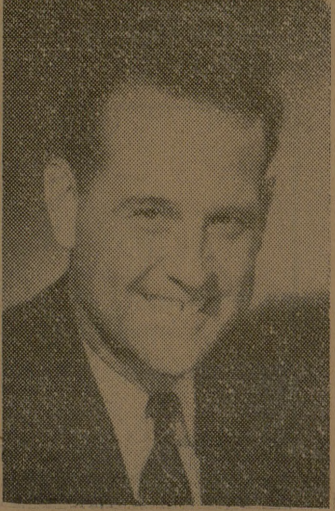
After ASABAB is over and done with Friday night and all you have is fond memories and wishful hope that you will be around for another year of such refinement the Architects' Wives Club is throwing,

## Beaumont Club Offers Scholarship

The Beaumont Farm and Ranch Club is making available a \$250 scholarship to a junior or senior in the school of agriculture, according to Dean of Agriculture Charles N. Shephardson.

The scholarship is available to a student from the five-county area of Hardin, Jefferson, Chambers, Liberty and Orange.

Application blanks are available in Dean Shephardson's office. They must be filled in and filed by Saturday. The award will be made on the basis of scholastic record and financial need.



Dr. William Elliott

Feb. 12-16 Inclusive

## Dr. William M. Elliott, Jr. Is Principal RE Speaker

By CURTIS EDWARDS

Dr. William M. Elliott, Jr., author, speaker and pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church of Dallas, will be the principal speaker each morning of Religious Emphasis Week on the A&M Campus, Feb. 12-16, inclusive.

Twelve other specialists of varied backgrounds will be brought in by the YMCA and the college to conduct forums from 4 to 5:30 each afternoon and discussions each night in the dormitory lounges, says Gordon Gay, associate secretary of the YMCA.

Classes will be dismissed for Dr. Elliott's morning services according to the following schedule: 10 to 11 on Monday and Tuesday, 11 to 12 on Wednesday and Thursday, and at 9 on Friday morning.

The author of three books of sermons, Dr. Elliott has a vast educational and practical background. His education is highlighted by degrees received in the following order: B. A., Park College, Mo. 1925; B. D., Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Kentucky, 1928; Ph. D., University of Edinburgh, Scotland, 1938; D. D. (honorary), Davidson College, North Carolina, 1937; L. H. D., Park College, 1949.

Dr. Elliott's ministerial career consists of instructing homiletics and church history of the Presbyterian Seminary in 1929-30, and pastorates in Presbyterian churches of Knoxville, Tenn. and Atlanta, Georgia. He came to the Highland Park church in 1944.

Under the sponsorship of the Federal council of churches Dr.

## Ag Cagers Throttle TU Five 32-29 to Set SWC Cage Race in 3-Way Tie

By RALPH E. GORMAN  
Sports News Editor

Coach John Floyd's cagers turned the tables on Coach Jack Gray's Longhorns last night in DeWare Field House, defeating them 32-29 to set up a three-way tie for Southwest Conference cage honors.

It was ball control at its best and the

Aggies exhibited a defense stronger than Dewey's at Manila to deny the TU cagers their expected victory and knock them from their perch as an unbeaten conference team.

Buddy Davis, A&M's 6' 8" top contender for all-Conference center was virtually the star of the game as he dropped three field goals through the net and counted five for five in the free-throw division.

## Aggieland to Play At Sophomore Ball

The Aggieland Orchestra will be on the bandstand in the MSC when the annual Sophomore Ball begins at 8:30 p. m., Sat., Feb. 17.

Headlining the entertainment for

the evening will be the presentation of the Sophomore Class Sweetheart. Four young lovelies will be selected from the pictures turned in to Joe Blanchette, class treasurer and chairman of the sweetheart selection committee, and the final selection will not be made public until the dance.

## Mothers March Against Polio Is Postponed

The Mother's March On Polio, scheduled to be one of the final efforts in attaining the 1951 March of Dimes campaign goal of \$9,500, was stopped short by the weather last night, as impending snow and ice kept the volunteers in their homes.

Bob Cain, publicity chairman for the Brazos County dimes drive, said this morning plans were being made to reschedule the campaign for early next week.

The January 31 deadline has been extended, he pointed out, and therefore ample time will be allowed to finish collecting money that is still out as well as holding the Mother's march.

The county-wide house-to-house canvass was to be held between the hours of 7 and 8 p.m. last night and will probably be at the same time when a new date is set.

The hundreds of workers who volunteered to cover every part of the county, will stop at the places where a porch light is burning—signal of a willing donor.

People living in College View have been asked by college authorities to not place any kind of light on their home due to the fire hazard, but workers in that area will be on the lookout for old shoes, ties, or other symbols, placed on the doors.

Cain also said the fund was lagging by a large margin. He asked that residents of Brazos County consider the matter fully and give freely when the workers come around.

The new date for the Mother's march will be announced soon, he added.

"There is still plenty of time to submit entries for the sweetheart selection and those caring to do so may turn in photos to me in room 10, room 304, or to the city editors desk in The Battalion office, second floor Goodwin Hall," Blanchette added.

Three pictures should be turned in—one of the girl in formal attire, one dressed in sports apparel, and one head shot. Pictures should be black and white if possible but colored photos will be accepted. The deadline for submitting entrants is Feb. 10.

Tickets will go on sale Feb. 11 in all dorms. Dick Young, chairman of the ticket sales committee, said that each dorm, including the non-corps dorms, has a representative to sell tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The decorations committee, headed by Gene Steed, class student senate representative, met with Miss Ann Hilliard, social and educational director of the MSC, and preparations were discussed concerning the decoration of the MSC ballroom and banquet room. The starlight terrace will be opened to the dancers providing the weather is clear.

Other committees include the program committee headed by O. C. Putter Jarvis, class president; guest committee headed by Pat LeBlanc, class secretary; refreshment committee headed by James Upmore, class parliamentarian and publicity committee headed by Allen Pengelly, class social secretary.

## AF Contracts Now Available

Air Force ROTC administration and logistics contracts unavailable at registration earlier this week are now available for qualified juniors and for qualified seniors under a special plan, Col. E. W. Napier, PAS&T, announced this morning.

Authorization for the new contracts was received by wire from Fourteenth Air Force Headquarters this morning.

All seniors, veteran and non-veteran, who meet all qualifications, may be placed under contract for the remainder of their academic work, attend summer camp after graduation, and receive reserve commissions, Col. Napier added.

Contracts for juniors are being given under the regular conditions as before, he said.

Juniors and Seniors interested in further information or in making application may see Maj. A. B. Currie in room 19, Ross Hall.

## Weather Changes Picture Schedule

Club pictures scheduled to be taken today and tomorrow for Aggieland '51 will be taken at the same time and same place on Thursday and Friday of next week, Roy Nance, Aggieland editor announced this morning.

Scheduled for Feb. 8:  
5:05 Amarillo Club  
5:20 Fort Worth Club  
5:30 Business Society  
Scheduled for Feb. 9:  
5:20 Beaumont A&M Club

But that wasn't all that the big cager did during the evening for he cleaned the backboards again and again with circus catches to chalk up 13 rebounds to his credit while at the same time covering TU's No. 3 Scoring Ace Joe Ed Falk like a blanket of snow to hold him to six small points.

And while doing all this Davis, who heretofore has hit the personal foul column three to five times in each game, was guilty of only one error throughout the evening.

All-conference guard Jewel McDowell was a star in his own rights, as was Bobby Farmer, John DeWitt, and Marvin Martin. McDowell picked up nine points for the evening's work and scored from all the areas of the court.

Farmer a Hunch  
Before the game A&M Cage Mentor Floyd said that he was starting Farmer, who is usually a substitute, on a hunch—and he is known that over 4000 howling and cheering fans agreed that the "hunch" paid off.

And these same fans who had braved mid winter snow to jam DeWare Field House to its capacity were thankful for that hunch and the beautiful play at the hands of the Cadets.

Long Time Since . . .  
For it's been longer than most people around here can remember (our apology to the seven and eight year men) since the Maroon clad cagers emerged victorious over the Orange and White team from Austin. For the records, the last time that it happened was Feb. 6, 1946, when the Aggies downed the 'Horns 50-44 in the same surroundings.

The game last night was but ten seconds old when Davis counted for the Cadets with a fast breaking crisp shot, followed a minute later by Falk's field goal to tie the score in the opening stages of the game.

The Aggies led again when McDowell made good on his only free throw opportunity for the evening, and the lead changed when Don Klein meshed the net for a TU score.

Both teams sea-sawed over the court for the next five minutes, utmost, each waiting for the other team to make the blunder that would spell a score for their own quintet.

DeWitt Shines  
A&M's DeWitt, who played an alert forward post throughout the game, saw the first miscue and broke through the offense to steal the basketball and charge down the court uncontested to set the Cadets in the lead, 6-5.

Gray's cagers gained a two point margin again, only to lose it again when the College Station quintet moved into the victor's circle on Davis' charity shot and the score was 9-8, a lead that was never relinquished.

Ags Lead At Halftime  
Then McDowell scored twice, once from 25 feet out on a set shot, Martin tallied on a field goal and Davis got another gift toss to lead the Longhorns 16-11 at halftime, as Frank Womack and George (See DAVIS, Page 5)

## French Named To Defense Committee

Dr. C. Clement French, dean of the college, has been named to the Southern Regional Defense Programs Committee of the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education.

Purposes of the committee are to gain information on ways in which colleges and universities in the South may best serve the defense effort and inform institutions in the South of procedure in such matters and the types of services needed.

The committee plans to have at least part time representation in Washington for liaison with government agencies. It will let the government agencies know of the facilities available in the South and will inform the institutions of the services needed by the government.