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Six Sweetheart Finalists Named

Six finalists in the competition for Junior Class Sweetheart were announced late last night by Bob Chapman, selection committee chairman.

Appearing in the run-off at the Junior Prom Saturday night will be Gayle MacKie, Ruth Ann Tipton, Mary Ann Pruitt, June Peevey, Charlene Thurman, and Lennie Garrard.

Lucky escorts will be, respectively, Robert Bynes, Russell Smith, Jr., George Grupe, C. L. Ray, Bob Dobbins, and John Tapley.

Each of the girls was notified of her selection by wire last night. The preliminary judging was done by a student committee, headed by Chapman.



Mary Ann Pruitt

Five Alarms Keep City Firemen Busy

Fires, spread quickly by strong breezes, threatened College Station at least three times yesterday. None caused extensive damage.

Two trucks answered the first call shortly after 1 p.m. Firemen found a grass fire spreading rapidly on the Ed Hrdlicka property just off the old highway. Flames menaced residences and other buildings surrounding the large tract of land.

A second call about fifteen minutes later brought a third truck to battle the wide-spread blaze. Light damage was inflicted to a barn owned by Hrdlicka and woodpiles and boxes in the yards of surrounding residences. Some homes were scorched lightly by the flames.

Only reported interior fire was at the home of Dorothy

Russians Claim Germans Plan New Aggression

Paris, Feb. 7—(AP)—Russia declared in a note released by the French Foreign Office yesterday that the most aggressive elements of Hitlerite militarism again are raising their heads and demanded that German militarization hold the top spot in the proposed four-power foreign ministers meeting.

Despite the strong wording, the Russians left the door open for the introduction of other subjects, as desired by the Western powers, if a conference is held.

Similar notes were sent to the United States and Britain.

The four powers have been exchanging views since Nov. 3, when Russia first proposed that the four powers discuss the disarmament of Germany.

The three Western powers replied Dec. 22 that a conference limited to Germany would be "inadequate and unreal." They proposed a preliminary conference to decide on an agenda that would take in the main problems responsible for present "international tensions throughout the world."

Russia's reply, delivered to the western envoys in Moscow Monday, appeared to move slightly in the direction of breaking down differences over the scope and procedure of the projected meeting. But it was evident some fine legal points remained to be threshed out.

ASA Gets New Unit Insignia

Collar insignias will be going to the Signal Corps unit, wholesale, this week in Dorm 8. Lieut. Col. Leonard F. Walker, for there may be a "mass brass" senior ASA instructor, presented sale from the Army Security Agency—the Security company with its new

Railway Death Toll Reaches 75

In New Jersey; 500 Injured

Allied Tanks Crush Reds Near Seoul

Tokyo, Feb. 7—(AP)—Twin allied tank forces joined today on the southern approaches to Seoul and killed hundreds of rear-guard Red troops in a vice of steel.

The allied columns pushed their extreme western Korea front line forward 2½ miles in bitter fighting.

Gains as high as four miles were made against reforming Chinese Reds who have retreated 5½ miles in the face of the two-weeks limited offensive of the U.N.

The two raider tank columns smashed through minefields and rear-guard roadblocks for their linkup at 4:45 p.m.

(1:45 a.m., CST) Wednesday 7½ miles southwest of Seoul. Hundreds of enemy troops were trapped and slain.

Allied warplanes and artillery piled up the Red toll.

The heavy allied pounding—mounting with intensity each day—had cracked the main Communist defense line south of Seoul. New Red defense lines were being set up just south of the frozen Han River. Planks were strung across the ice in places to enable the Chinese to rush tanks, troops and supplies to their hard-hit 50th Army.

Reds Pull Back

Allied units captured a well-defended hill two miles northwest of the deserted village of Anyang. With loss of their stronghold, the Reds were forced to pull back toward the Han.

The weather was growing so warm that doughboys shed their parkas. If it gets much warmer the Reds south of the Han will have a thawed-out river at their back. That would hamper a retreat. All bridges across the river are down.

One allied tank force led by Capt. Kenneth Fisher, Johnston, Pa., found a big force of the Chinese 50th Army behind anti-tank minefields around Mt. Choggye, 5½ miles south of the Han.

Chinese flee

Chinese squads of Chinese who were to detonate mines fled as the allied tanks rumbled up. American soldiers detonated the mines and the tank task force rolled through. Its blazing guns caught the Reds on hillsides and in their foxholes.

The allied gain in the west came simultaneously with a big breakthrough by a South Korean force (See UN GAINS, Page 4)

Admiral Decker Speaks Tonight

Admiral Benton W. Decker, who retired from naval service in June 1950, will give some of the Japanese thoughts and opinions in his talk entitled "Japan, the Far East and the Occupation" tonight in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The Admiral, former commander of the American Naval Base at Yokosuka, Japan will speak from practical knowledge about some of the differences between American and Japanese customs.

The former naval base commander is the first of five speakers scheduled to address the Administration 405, Great Issues class. Dr. S. R. Gammon, head of the History Department and chairman of the committee on great issues has announced the program is not

only for the 405 class but for the general public. There will be no admission, he added.

Yokosuka, located a few miles from Tokyo, was once the number one Japanese naval base. In the four years that Admiral Decker commanded the base, he developed it into the keystone of our navy in the Far East, Dr. Gammon said.

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All students of the college will vote Thursday night to select a European country from which a foreign student will be brought to the A & M Campus.

Sponsored by the Student Senate,

the Campus Chest Drive this year

will attempt to furnish money for two scholarships—the Twelfth Man Scholarship and the new foreign student scholarship.

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set in order that the student body can select the homeland of the scholarship winner.

Three countries will appear on the preferential ballot: They are Germany, Austria, and Norway, with a blank left for any write-in nominations the voter may have.

Conducting the election are members of the Senate's election committee, aided by the various dorm and area representatives to the Senate.

Refreshments planned are punch

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Result of the vote will probably

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Reserve Training Set for August

Three Organized Reserve Units from this area will go to Fort Hood

for summer field training Aug. 5-18, Capt. M. B. Findlay, ORU instructor announced this morning.

The Department of the Army has made it mandatory that members of Reserve units attend summer field training with units ordered to camp. Attendance is no longer optional with the individual reservist.

Summer training camps will be held for local units as follows:

352nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Headquarters Battery, "C" Battery and Service Battery.

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Junior Sweetheart Nominees



Gayle MacKie



Ruth Ann Tipton

Now on Newsstands

Latest 'Engineer' Has B-36 Feature

By ANDY ANDERSON

The A&M Engineer is off the press and will be distributed to subscribers immediately.

Put out by the engineering departments, the magazine features in its January issue, "Probing the Mysteries of the Salt Dome." The article is in connection with research done at A&M by two men in the Geology Department, Travis J. Parker and A. N. McDowell.

They undertook to find out about factors that determine the nature and origin of these large subsurface features. Some of the theories advanced on this subject are as follows:

By investigating these theories, these men have done much toward helping the petroleum industry understand some of the mysteries behind finding oil and other petroleum products in the video field.

Still others, include "Steel Strand," a relatively new building product, "Health and Industry," discussion of science and the working life, "Economic Aspects of Well Spacing," and a controversial article entitled "Deference of Engineers From the Draft—Yes or No."

Dr. J. D. Lindsay, head of the Chemical Engineering Department, explains his department for those students who might be interested in this field.

There is, as usual, the humorous side to the magazine in "The Book Worm," jokes that might be read and enjoyed by engineers and others not in engineering.

