

The Last Word

Local Housewives Deplore Meat Tax

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GLANCE at the upper left hand side of this column will disclose that it is sporting a new kick-off line. There's a reason for this. For years upon end man has complained that women always have the last word. In most places, where women exist in equal quantities with the stronger sex, this is probably not so difficult. But in this Man's World, where there are approximately three males to every female, we have to keep plugging away to get in the last word.

So this is our chance—and yours—'cause we need your news items to keep this thing a going concern. Call 'em in to V. Castleberry at the Batt office. We'll be talking about lots of things from new babies to new jobs, from visitors to vacations. We'll also (because they're of primary interest to us) be talking a great deal about MEN. . . . So help us do a good job of it.

Over a cup of MSC coffee an afternoon recently we met charming Mrs. John (Annabelle) Bertrand, petite wife of John Bertrand of the Basic Division and exchanged stories about our children. Mrs. B. could outdo us four to one, though, 'cause she has a quartet of little Bertrands at her house. They are John Thomas, Diana Carroll, Karen Elizabeth and Janet May.

ON THE BRIDAL PATH. Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Barnes, '45, are living in Houston after their recent marriage in Jasper. Mrs. Barnes is the former Peggy Ann Smith, a graduate of Baylor University and a member of the BU sociology department. Bob attended Columbia and Tulane before coming to A&M where he received a degree in engineering. . . . Dorothy Inez Breeding and Aggie-ex Earle Davis were wed recently in Smithville. They are making their home in Yoakum. . . . A May 19 Dallas wedding will feature principals Bill Billington, '45, and Patsy Ruth Brandenburg. Patsy is a graduate of Arlington State College.

Women all over the country are up in arms over the possibility of taxing meat. In College Station the reaction to a recent suggestion by the House-Senate Economics Committee that meat is a luxury food and as such might be taxable was immediate and emphatic.

Mrs. Gloria Martin, student wife, said that "this simply is the last straw." She added that she doesn't feel affairs have reached such a state that meats should be taxed.

Mrs. Ray Oden said she hadn't studied the question fully, but she considers meat one of the necessities of life—not a luxury at all. Mrs. John O. Webb said "the proposal stinks. Any doctor will tell you that every person's diet should include meat. Before they start putting any food on the luxury list they should ask the medical profession whether it is a luxury, or not."

The proposal reminded one citizen of another time in history when the government tried to tax a food. "I'm not advocating the same step," she said, "but remember when all the tea was tossed into Boston harbor? I don't know what kind of a meat party we could have, but we might make it good if they went through with a luxury tax on meat—the very idea!"

Since a November article on the football players wives, several new brides have been added to the Aggie gridsters ranks, among them a pretty shy little brunette from Dallas, Jewell Hodge, wife of grid star Charlie Hodge. Jewell makes a lovely addition to the student-wife employees at the MSC coffee shop.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR . . . the "average" Mrs. Texas A&M College. Within the next two weeks, this column is open to your suggestions for a student wife who is just about the average—in age, background, looks; children, length of time married, and what have you. An earlier poll of student wives revealed that there is really no "typical wife," but among the attributes of the girl who will be chosen Mrs. Texas A&M College will be the following: she may have been married from a year to three years. She is the mother of at least one child. She had some college or specialized training before she came to A&M. She will be enthusiastic about her husband's studies and his future career and will have helped him in some way toward winning his degree, either by being an exceptional manager in the home and/or working outside the home. She may be employed now, or she may not be. She and her husband will have made college largely "by the fruit of their own labors," without too much outside help. She is the biggest boon to her husband's education. We want to find her to honor her with a story and picture in honor not only of her, but of the thousand and a few college wives who are in A&M now with their husbands, and those who have "pioneered the way" previously. Drop your suggestions to this columnist.

College friends are delighted to hear that the Tex. Thorntons, '50, have welcomed into their home young William Joseph Thornton, Jr. The youngster, who was born recently in Houston, weighed in at nine pounds. His papa was the veteran yell leader at Aggieland last year. His mom is the former Lois Wilson of College Station.

Newly weds include the John Q. Adams, Jr. who are now living in Austin. Mrs. Adams is the former Suzanne Selemcan, a graduate of Frances Schimer, Mount Carroll, Ill. and a former student at SMU. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Walne, Jr., '49, were married Saturday in Dallas. She is the former Frances Fair. The couple will be at home in Hobbs, New Mexico, when they return from a wedding trip to New Orleans.

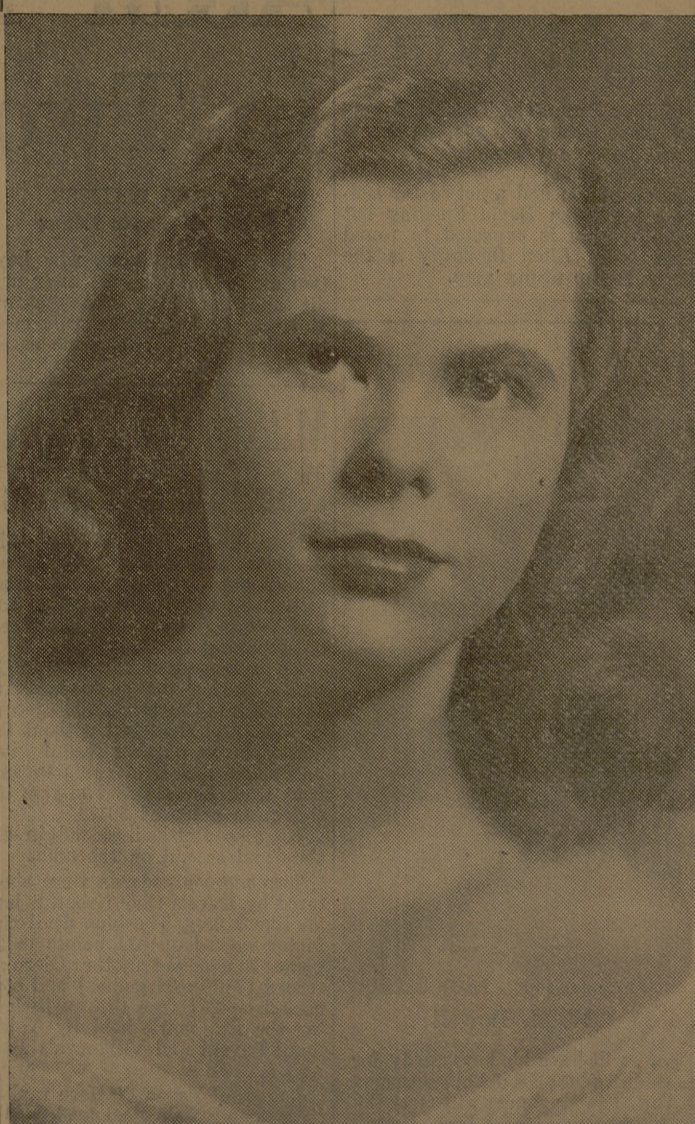
A new engagement diamond belongs to Barbara Kirkesy. James Edwin Kirkland, '49, is the bestower. The couple will be wed on April 25 in Dallas. Barbara is a former SMU coed. . . . A charming new addition to the married set will be Gail Skelton, of Houston, who will be wed in June to James Goodrum, architecture student. Gail is a graduate of Southwestern University at Georgetown. She will join Jim here in September for his final year in A&M.

Planners of the Aggie Rodeo were consulting the Weather Man with unusual interest as this went to press. Last fall during the rodeo, freezing weather cut the attendance. On Thursday the rains were hanging around, apparently just waiting for a good opportunity (like the initial rodeo performance) to drench the earth. . . . Crowds for the big event were gathering in spite of cloudy skies. Cowgirls in full western regalia were checking in at the MSC.

Our hat is certainly off to the student wives who take any job that comes along in order to help their husbands through school. Over at the MSC coffee shop, among the girls who bring that cup of coffee and doughnuts are student wives Frances Rodgers, Juanita Willis, Erma Mayben and Virginia Hendricks. If they are a bit tardy sometimes with taking or bringing your order (they seldom are), hold back the hasty judgment of inefficiency; those girls' husbands have the same chemistry quizzes and the same grade point problems that you, your husband, or your students struggle over.

Mackey Harris, pretty blue-eyed brunette wife of wildlife management major John Tom Harris, was visiting this week in Gorman where she was at the bedside of her grandmother, who recently underwent an emergency operation. Batching John Tom was eagerly awaiting his wife's return.

Young Musician



Miss Monte Hill Davis

Young Piano Artist To Appear Friday

Miss Monte Hill Davis, outstanding young musician, will be presented at 8 p.m. tomorrow evening in the chapel of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in a piano recital.

The artist is being sponsored by the Earlene Helvey Chapter of St. Thomas. Tickets are one dollar for adults and fifty cents for all students and student wives.

A junior at North Texas State, Miss Davis began her study of music at the age of five under Mamie Middlebrook in Nacogdoches, which is her home town. She gave her first recital that year.

At the age of eight she appeared with the Houston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Ernest Hoffman. Later she moved to Denton to study with Dr. Silvio Sciotti and Dr. Isabel Sciotti.

In 1948 she won the Houston Symphony contest sponsored by the Texas Board of Education, the Texas Federation of Music Clubs contest in district competition between Oklahoma and Texas and the Civic Federation contest.

She tied for first place for the G. B. Dealey Award in Dallas with

Mary Nan Hudgins, also of NTSC, and won the high school and collegiate competition of the National Guild in 1948.

This year Miss Davis's concert tour will take her to Brownwood, Magnolia, Ark., Abilene, Corsicana, Prentiss and San Antonio besides College Station.

She has appeared on television and appeared with the Dallas and Houston Symphony Orchestras during the past two years. In December she opened the Memphis, Tenn., young artists television series.

Houston Symphony Appearance

She will play with the Houston Symphony Orchestra in a subscription concert in March 1952 under conductor Erem Kurtz.

Miss Davis is the daughter of Mrs. Cordelia Davis of Nacogdoches.

In charge of arrangements for the recital are Mrs. Lawrence Brown and Mrs. Manning Smith. Tickets can be purchased through them, or from any member of the Earlene Helvey chapter of St. Thomas.

Hostesses for a reception following the program are Mrs. Clement C. French, Mrs. F. L. Thomas, Mrs. Armstrong Price, Mrs. Fred E. Smith, Mrs. Spencer J. Buchanan, Mrs. Robert T. Wilson and Mrs. George Heubner.

A&M Deans Attend Meet in St. Louis

Four A&M men attended the annual conference of The National Association of Deans and Advisors of Men, held March 28 to March 31 at the Chase Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. W. L. Penberthy, dean of men; C. G. "Spike" White, assistant dean of men for activities; Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men; and Lt. Col. M. P. Bowden, assistant commandant were present.

At the conference, the deans and advisors discussed problems facing student personnel administrators and exchanged ideas for long and short run improvements. Penberthy said.

Three sessions, administration of student personnel programs, current problems other than military, and higher education and national emergency, were held. Penberthy served on the second panel.

Representatives from 201 institutions in 44 states attended the conference.



The scene above is from "Air Cadet," a Universal-International picture which will be previewed Friday at the Palace theater. The semi-documentary film tells the story of jet pilot training for the U. S. Air Force. The movie was made on location at Randolph Field, Texas and Williams Field, Arizona.

Study Club Hears Recreation Talks

Theme for the 1951-52 programs of the Campus Study Club will be Building Democracy With Youth. These programs will deal with world problems and current events. Young people will be given a part in the programs in keeping with the Kroger Company Build Freedom Through Young, Contest, which the club has entered. A brief discussion of these proposed programs was a part of the program for the Tuesday meeting of the club. Mrs. A. D. Folweiler, program chairman, led the discussion.

Club members viewed two movies, "1,000 for Recreation," and "Playtown, U.S.A." These movies, on recreation programs in other cities, gave the local group a yardstick with which to compare what College Station is doing in the way of recreation with the recreational programs elsewhere.

C. G. White, director of the College Station Recreation Council, reported to the group on the growth of this group. He said the council was sponsored first by the Council of Church Women with the cooperation of the school, Boy and Girl Scouts and service clubs.

The City of College Station, the College Station Development Association and the Community Chest share the expense of the recreational program. Each activity during the summer months is practically self-supporting. Volunteers have furnished most of the leadership, but where specialists were needed, they have been paid.

At a Tuesday meeting a display of articles made by adults and children in the handicraft classes last summer was shown.

Speakers at the meeting emphasized that recreation is a necessity, that it is never finished and that it should be furnished by the town itself. No one group should undertake the entire program, but one group may lead in enlisting aid of all organizations.

Mrs. F. B. Clark, club historian, told some of the highlights of the early years of the club. The organization was founded in 1915 as a civic and self-improvement society and in the early years was the only organization to lead in social and intellectual life. A slogan of the early federation was, "Service is what we pay for space we occupy."

Bridge Club Slates Business Meeting

The Veterans Wives Bridge Club will hold their monthly business meeting tonight at 7:30 in the MSC.

On the business agenda is election of a duchess to represent the club at the Cotton Ball and Pageant. The group will also discuss and plan for new members in the organization.

"Membership is open in our club," Mrs. Louise Gregory, reporter for the group said. "Anyone who plays bridge or is interested in learning to play is invited to join us each Thursday evening in the MSC." The exact meeting room always is posted on the bulletin board.

At last week's bridge session, Mrs. LaVerne Vicari and Mrs. Shylie Bushnell were hostesses.

High scorer was Mrs. Jewell Marshall who was presented with a set of costume jewelry. Second high honors went to Mrs. LaVada Terry. Her prize was a pen and pencil set.

From Old Vienna



Members of the A&M Social Club enjoyed a visit to Vienna at their Friday meeting. On the left is Mrs. W. W. (Anita) Finlay, who spoke on "Vienna as I Remember It." On the right is Mrs. John Quisenberry, one of the hostesses for the occasion.

Mrs. Rotsch Is Named Head Of Newcomers

Mrs. M. M. Rotsch will head the Newcomers Club as president for the coming year. She was named in a slate of new officers elected yesterday. Vice president is Mrs. Edward F. Sauer and secretary-treasurer is Mrs. W. H. LeRoy.

Miss Della Ann Yodng, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Young, will be the club's representative to the Cotton Ball.

The program yesterday featured a style show, The Cotton Parade, presented by Beverly Braley's Models Mrs. LeRoy, Mrs. Jack Steele, Mrs. Thomas Keim and Misses Barbara Birdwell and Betty Stacy showed many changeable fashions in cottons. Accessories of washable bags and the new summer chalk white jewelry were featured.

A social hour followed the style show. Hostesses were Mrs. Frank Potter, Mrs. Bardin Nelson, Mrs. Paul VanTassel, Mrs. John B. Page, Mrs. Frank MacFarland and Mrs. James Huff. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served.

Dames to Plan Spring Social

The Dames Club will hear a representative of the MSC Handicraft Shop discuss facilities available for handicraft work tonight at its regular meeting at 7:30 in the YMCA Cabinet room.

At a business session the group will make plans for its Spring social event and will discuss the election of a duchess to represent the group at the Cotton Ball.

Hostesses for tonight are Marjorie Benson, Billie Harrington, Grace Sender and Virginia Mullinix.

Social Club Hears Native Viennese

Mrs. Anita Finlay, of Dallas addressed the A&M Women's Social Club Friday afternoon during a meeting held in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Dressed in a costume of her native Austria, Mrs. Finlay spoke to the club about her home country. Mrs. H. L. Heaton, also dressed in costume, introduced the guest speaker.

Mrs. Finlay was educated in America, but spent the summers visiting Vienna, her homeland, and Europe. Formerly, the Viennese guest lived in Paterson, N.J., and in Cincinnati, Ohio, and lectured throughout the East.

While up East, Mrs. Finlay gave talks on music over radio station WOR, Newark, N.J., and on literature over station WNEW, New York City.

Mrs. Finlay was dressed in a native costume which included a triangular shawl and green plumed felt hat.

Miss Betty Napier was chosen by the club, to represent it as duchess to the Cotton Pageant. Miss Joan Rupel will serve as alternate.

Mrs. E. B. Reynolds, chairman of the tea committee, was assisted by Mesdames L. L. Fournaker, R. E. Callender, Russel Couch, Jack Clark, A. W. Melhoy, Raymond Rogers, Carl Birdwell, Sidney Brown, C. R. Berth, V. M. Schem-

ber, J. H. Quisenberry, J. M. Nance, Howard Berry, John Rogers, an John J. Sperry.

Austria's national colors, red, white, and black, decorated the refreshment table.

The program was preceded by a business session with Mrs. H. W. Barlow in charge. She called on Mrs. A. W. Melhoy to report on the nominees for officers for the ensuing year.

Elected as officers are Mesdame P. W. Burns, president; Fre Weick, vice-president; M. P. Holleman, general chairman; Edward I. Sauer, secretary; Walter Delaplant, treasurer; Donald Burckard, reporter; and C. W. Simmons, parliamentarian.

AAUW Schedules Speech by Senator

The Legislative Committee of the AAUW will present Senator W. H. (Bill) Moore, state senator from the Bryan area, in an address Friday at 8 p.m. in Rooms 2A and 2B of the MSC.

Subject of Senator Moore's talk will be "Current Legislation." He will be introduced by Mrs. C. W. Burckard, chairman of the legislative committee.

The meeting is open to the public and no admission will be charged.

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2-NO. 2 CANS HAASE'S French Sliced Beans . . .	51c
2-NO. 2 1/2 CANS CROSSE POINTE Diced Carrots	21c
2-NO. 2 1/2 CANS LIBBY'S Sliced Peaches	63c
46-OZ. CAN TEA GARDEN Grape Juice	51c
46-OZ. CAN TEXAS CLUB Orange Juice	27c
46-OZ. CAN HAPPY HOST-PINK MEAT Grapefruit Juice	27c

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Ham Hocks	lb. 29c
ARMOUR'S SMOKED Picnics	lb. 45c
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