

Firemen's Training School Begins with 750 Registered

The twenty-second annual Firemen's Training School began on the campus yesterday with 750 firemen, fire marshals and instructors participating in the training events.

Conducted by the Texas Engineering Extension Service, the week-long training school will be under

the direction of H. R. Brayton, chief of the firemen training department.

Four Courses

Under the auspices of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the school is divided into four courses—general basic, advanced, fire department instructors' course, and fire marshals' course.

This year's school, having attendance from over twelve states, has 85 instructors, most of whom are chiefs or drill masters of both volunteer and paid fire departments.

Fire Fighting Training

Only one hour of the five day program will be devoted to meetings. During the remainder of the time the firemen will receive training on fire fighting of various types of fires in the field and familiarizing themselves with different types of modern fire-fighting equipment.

Aside from 18 wood shacks, 4,000 gallons of gasoline, and 12,000 gallons of oil, equipment will include a five-compartment gasoline transport truck to be used in overflow and spill fires, a complete sprinkler system, and a wrecked B-29 airplane for use in crash fire demonstrations.

Meet in Assembly Hall

All groups of the school met for an opening session in the Assembly Hall yesterday morning. Following the meeting, all members met with their scheduled groups located at various points on the campus.

President Emeritus Frank C. Bolton, member of the Advisory Board of the Firemen's Training School, was luncheon chairman for the group at noon yesterday.

French Robertson, southwestern regional coordinator of civil defense, was principle speaker for the luncheon. The title of his speech was "The National and Regional Picture of Civil Defense."

White Proposes Investigation Of Ag Laws

Texas State Commissioner of Agriculture John White said yesterday that he would propose that a committee be named to investigate the laws that govern agriculture in the state.

"It is time we had an inventory," the commissioner said in a talk before the Short Course for Seedsmen held at A&M. Twenty-five seedsmen are attending course, which lasts through Friday.

White said that findings would be presented to the legislature looking toward more up-to-date laws governing agriculture in the state.

"We plant 15 to 16 billion pounds of seed each year in the United States, biggest plantings being that of wheat and oats," Dr. R. D. Lewis, director, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, told the seedsmen.

"You can't have good seed unless you have good heredity," he said. "We throw away millions of dollars each year by poor seeding methods. Low-priced seed are often the highest in cost."

He urged seedsmen to increase the supply and demand and lower the cost on seed performance.

Herdsmen's Short Course Slated Here

A three-day herdsmen's short course sponsored by the Animal Husbandry Department will be held at A&M's new beef cattle center Aug. 9-11.

The course will include work on breeding, feeding and management of the breeding herd, as well as feeding, fitting and showing purebred cattle.

The first day will be devoted to selection, breeding, management, registration and transfer of purebred cattle. Winter feeding for breeding cattle, selection, feeding and handling show prospects up to show time will be taken up the second day.

The third day will be devoted to study of show classification, preparation of cattle for show, showing and selling purebred cattle.

A registration fee of \$5 per person will be charged to help defray expenses of the course. The only other expenses will be for room and meals. Registration will be held at 8 a. m., Aug. 9, and the course will begin one hour later.

Room reservations in the MSC or one of the dormitories on the campus may be obtained by writing F. W. Hensel, Placement Office, College Station, or the A&M Animal Husbandry Department.

Quartermaster Cadets Back From Stay at Beach Resort

By BOB HUGHSON
QMC Camp Correspondent

Fe. Lee, Va., July 13—(Delayed)—Sunburns and talk about the numerous girls we have encountered has been the order of the day since the return of the QMC ROTC Summer campers from a two day stay at Camp Pendleton near Virginia Beach.

Nearly the total complement of the camp made the "training trip" to the luxurious Virginia resort city. The only "catch" in the trip was that the quarters provided for the Cadets were not too luxurious—but then pup tents never are.

Since Camp Pendleton is a deactivated army post that has been turned over to the State National Guard, the barracks they were not in such hot shape for us to stay in.

Most of the group, Aggies especially, spent their time on the

Friendliness Backfires; Coffee Money Returned

Friendliness has backfired on Student Publications Manager Roland Bing.

In a recent order to the A&M Athletic Department for two tickets to the Texas A&M-Texas U. football game this Fall, Bing enclosed a check for \$7.70 (to cover the price of the tickets, 25 cents mailing fee and 25 cents Olympic fee). To his order he also added a nickel for "a cup of coffee, without cream," for C. P. Ownby, business manager of the Athletic Department.

Monday, Bing received the following letter from the Athletic Department.

"Dear Mr. Bing:

Your ticket order has been accepted with reservations for the following reason: the applicant has attempted to bribe a state employee in the performance of his duties, by attaching a 5 cent coin for coffee, without cream. The following action is being taken: the coin is hereby returned with an addition of 2 (two) one cent coins with a picture of a former president who is noted for his character as symbolized by his actions in office. Very truly yours, Athletic Department, A&M College.

P. S.—Please use the coins for the addition of sour cream, on the morning that you receive your two Texas Tickets—for you will be in a mood for it."

The letter contained a nickel and two pennies. Bing is still waiting for his tickets.

Kansas City Area Mobilizes For Herculean Clean-up Task

Kansas City, Mo., July 17—(AP)—The battered Kansas City area mobilized today for a Herculean clean-up task as flood waters, swirling eastward, struck new blows at Missouri River towns.

Receding flood waters in this metropolitan area of 9,000,000 left block after block of muck-covered ruin.

And in Kansas, a line of wrecked or partially damaged towns and cities stretched across the eastern and central parts of the state.

Costliest Flood

The latest damage estimate for Kansas and Missouri is \$750,000,000—the nation's costliest flood.

Water still covered many sections but it was fast slipping back into river channels here and in Kansas.

But to the east of Kansas City, small towns along the Missouri felt the full force of the turbulent river. Lexington, Wellington, Norborne and Hardin, Mo., were flooded. Some dikes in central Missouri gave way.

The runoff of Kansas flood waters also buffeted Oklahoma. Mi-

ami, in northeastern Oklahoma, suffered its worst flood beating in history from the Neosho-Grand River.

High Water

High water poured over 130 to 150 blocks of the town of 12,000, forcing approximately 3,500 persons from their homes.

President Truman, reported deeply concerned over the flood situation, planned to fly over the Missouri-Kansas disaster area today. He was scheduled to make a brief stop at Independence, Mo., his home town and fly back to Washington tonight.

The flood has brought death to 17 persons, tied up highway and rail transportation, forced more than 70,000 from their homes and severely damaged the industrial capacity of numerous towns and cities.

In Kansas City, Kas., and Kansas City, Mo., four major industrial areas covering thousands of acres were flooded. Water during the height of the flood stood more than 20 feet deep in some places.

On the Firing Line



Inspecting the firing positions of college cadets on the firing range of the Fort Hood ROTC Summer camp are Lt. Floyd W. McGine, kneeling, ROTC Branch, Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Va., Col. H. L. Boatner, standing in center, and Lt. Col. Allen S. Wilder, right, ROTC Section,

G-3, Fourth Army. Lt. Col's McGine and Wilder visited the post on a tour of Fourth Army ROTC camps and were accompanied on the local inspection by Col. Boatner, who is also professor of Military science and tactics at A&M.

Fine Performance Recorded

Royal Scots Musical Team Fills Grove to Capacity

By WILLIAM DICKENS
Battalion Feature Editor

Singing selections from opera, operetta and hit Broadway musicals, the Royal Scots, nationally known singing ensemble, presented an entertaining program before a capacity crowd at The Grove last night.

Opening with a special arranged

number, the ensemble displayed their vocal artistry with fine showmanship and ingratiating personalities throughout the program.

The male quartette, composed of Lawrence Lane, Melvin Johnson, Bernard Izzo and Lawrence Gray, sang "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee," "Passing By," and "Let Me Wander Not Unseen."

Changing to a lighter tempo with "Hey Robin, Jolly Robin," the quartette provided a humorous atmosphere for the audience.

Singing "E Lucevan le Stelle" from Puccini's "Tosca," Lane, displayed a clear and lyric tenor voice.

Lida DaValle, the lassie with the five lads, displayed her lyric soprano voice well in singing "Voices of Spring." For a selection from "Porgy and Bess," Miss DaValle joined Izzo, baritone, in a duet.

Costumed in colorful Scotch kilts, the ensemble opened the second portion of the program with

a performance of Harry Lauder medleys.

Particularly entertaining were "Roamin' In the Gloamin'," "I Love a Lassie," "Annie Laurie," and the hit songs from "Brigadoon" and "The Song of Norway," two Broadway musicals.

Merrill Jackson, accompanist for the ensemble, displayed his concert pianist ability when he played "Evening in Granada" by

Debussy. "Show Business" sung by the ensemble and "I Got a Song," a solo number by Izzo proved to be the audiences' preferences for the evening.

Concluding the program, the ensemble sang "Lift Thine Eyes" and "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You."

OPS Schedules Price Talks In Bryan Tonight

Merchants and businessmen in Brazos County and vicinity will have an opportunity to obtain first-hand information about government price regulations Wednesday in Bryan.

Price specialists from the Houston district Office of Price Stabilization will conduct the clinic with the cooperation of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce. They will advise and assist businessmen on all OPS regulations.

Charles H. Winerich, Jr., Houston OPS director, has urged businessmen throughout the area, including operators of such consumer services as laundries, service stations, barber shops, beauty shops, etc., to bring their OPS problems to the clinic.

"OPS clinics are being held on a local community level in order to help all businesses comply with government price regulations," Winerich said. "All questions will be answered by our representatives and they will give businessmen and the public every assistance possible."

Two Profs Attending Grading Demonstration

Roy Snyder, U. D. Thompson, and A. L. Smith, members of the Animal Husbandry Department and Extension Service attended a Beef Grading Demonstration in West Texas last week.

The group also attended grading demonstrations in Lubbock, Amarillo, Big Spring, McKinney, and Seymour.

Army Reports Progress Noted In Peace Talks

Munsan, Korea, July 17—(AP)—For the second day in a row the army reported "some progress" was made today in Korean war cease-fire negotiations.

Delegates spent an hour and 35 minutes in two sessions debating the agenda.

They meet again at 10 a. m. Wednesday (7 p. m. Tuesday EST) for their sixth conference in Kaesong.

Communist Opened Sessions

North Korean Gen. Nam Il, chief Communist delegate, opened Tuesday's sessions, a U. S. 8th Army announcement said. Most of the 55-minute morning session was devoted to a discussion between Nam and Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief United Nations delegate, of the allied proposals for the agenda.

A&M Graduate May Get Boost To Lt. General

Washington, July 17—(AP) Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce, whose personal and military background centers in Texas, has been nominated for promotion to a lieutenant general.

General Bruce is now commandant of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va. Born at St. Louis, Mo., he went to Texas as a young man and graduated from Texas A&M in 1916. He entered the army in that year and his first assignment was at an Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs.

Bruce returned from World War I and was again assigned to Texas at Camp Travis. He was professor of Military Science and Tactics at Allen Academy, Bryan, in 1928. In World War II, Bruce headed the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood before taking the 77th Division to the Pacific.

He won the Navy D.S.C. with oak leaf cluster and the Legion of Merit as a divisional commander in the Guam, Leyte and Okinawa campaigns.

He returned from Asia in 1947, again to Texas, as Deputy Commander of the Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston.

Texas A&M made him an honorary doctor of laws in 1946.

Boatner Nominated For Brig. General

Texas A&M's commandant of the corps and professor of military science and tactics has received word that he has been nominated for promotion to Brigadier General.

Col. H. L. Boatner, who is presently Deputy ROTC Camp Commander at Fort Hood, has been recommended for the appointment by President Truman.

Col. Boatner's military career began in 1918 when he enlisted in the Marine Corps. In 1920 he entered West Point and was graduated in 1924. In 1934 he received an M.S. degree from California College in Peking, China.

Assigned to A&M

In August 1948 Col. Boatner was assigned to Texas A&M College. He will return to College Station from Ft. Hood on July 27 to await further orders from the Army.

At the time of Pearl Harbor, Col. Boatner was in the Operations

Section, Third Army Headquarters, San Antonio. In February 1942 he flew overseas with General Stilwell and was with him in Burma at the time of its collapse in 1942.

Commander in India

Later Col. Boatner became commanding general of the Chinese Army in India. A year later he became commanding general of the Combat Troops, Ledo Sector, and in October 1944 became commanding general of the Northern Area Combat Command.

Shortly after that he went to China and became deputy commander, Chinese Combat Command. After 44 months overseas he was assigned as G-1, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston.

Col. and Mrs. Boatner live at 406 Throckmorton.

Dr. Monlux Speaks At Lions Meeting

"Africa is a fertile field for Communism," Dr. W. M. Monlux of the Veterinary Pathology Department told members of the College Station Lions Club yesterday at their weekly luncheon in the MSC.

Speaking on the topic "Travels in Africa," Dr. Monlux said that bad living conditions caused by the white man's domination of the economy have brought dissatisfaction.

Dr. Monlux recommended that the United States aid the African economy with missionaries and money.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. W. A. Boney, program chairman.

Sessions began at 11 a. m. (8 p. m. Monday, EST) in the red-tiled building that has been converted from an exclusive restaurant of prewar days to an armistice conference hall.

Delegates conferred for 55 minutes, then recessed for lunch until 2 p. m. The afternoon session lasted until 2:40.

From all outward appearances negotiations went smoothly. But none of the ten negotiators would discuss what had happened as they emerged into the bright sunlight.

Traffic Committeemen Appointed by Keese

A six man Citizens Traffic Commission has been appointed by Mayor Ernest Langford to investigate traffic conditions in College Station and make recommendations to the city council.

Authorized at the last council meeting on July 9, the commission is headed by C. J. Keese who is an instructor in the Civil Engineering Department, Charles Leighton, Tom Taylor, Les Richardson, Col. F. G. Anderson, and Earl Cunningham are the other members of the commission.

Violators Fined

Violators of the ordinance can be fined not in excess of \$25, the law stated.

Traffic regulation has three aspects, according to Keese—education, enforcement, and engineering. He urged drivers to acquaint themselves with traffic laws and regulations, and stressed that the safe driver is the courteous driver.

Fireman Dies In Dormitory

W. T. Childress, Fire Marshal of Texas City, died Monday night in Dormitory 1 on the campus. He was enrolled in the Fire Marshal's course now in progress at A&M.

Mr. Childress, 47, had been in ill health for several years. He suffered with high blood pressure and was under a doctor's care at the time he enrolled in the short course.

Mr. Childress was sleeping on the lower bunk of double-decked beds. His roommate heard him fall from the bed and immediately summoned a doctor. Childress was dead upon the doctor's arrival.

Time of death was placed at 1:30 a. m. and the cause of death was attributed to a heart attack.

Two other firemen from Texas City have returned to their home with the body. Funeral arrangements are pending.