

College Station Tax Rates Unchanged; Bryan Raise Slated

By FRANK DAVIS
Battalion City Editor

Tax rates will remain the same in College Station although a 29 cent overall increase is called for in Bryan's proposed 1951-1952 city budget.

Mayor Ernest Langford said the local budget for the next fiscal year is expected to be based on the same tax schedules as have been charged in the past and no increase can be expected by residents of College Station.

Hottest Day

Mercury Hits 104

You're right, it was hot yesterday.

The CAA Weather Bureau at Bryan Field registered 104 degrees at 4 p. m. yesterday, but it cooled only to 101.3 at 6:30 p. m.

A shower of 1.2 inches shortly after dark dropped the temperature down to a pleasant (after the 104) 85—at Bryan Field. But College Station remained hot and dry.

The weatherman looks for more of the same for today, based on early morning temperatures of this morning and yesterday. The low yesterday was 76 and the low this morning at 6:30 was 78.

The 104 degree temperature was the hottest July 18 since 1944 when the mercury climbed to 105, the Weather Bureau reported.

Rotarians Here Report On Boy's State Meeting

Two College Station boys told of their experiences at Boy's State held in Austin in June at the weekly meeting of the Bryan and College Station Rotary Clubs yesterday at Maggie Parker's dining hall.

Bob Barlow, son of Dean and Mrs. Howard Barlow, traced the history of Boy's State and told how boys were selected to attend. He pointed out that Boy's State was designed to get boys more interested in their government, and to better understand and learn more of it by actually taking part in it.

Walter Parsons, son of Col. and Mrs. W. H. Parsons, told how two parties, the Longhorns and Pioneers, were created at the meeting. The members elected officers and carried on business in the state capitol. He also related the addresses of Governor Allan Shivers, Secretary of State John Ben Shepard, and Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court J. E. Hickman.

Sponsored by the American Legion to give high school boys a better understanding of government, expenses for the two boys were paid by the Bryan and Col-

lege Rotary Clubs.

Dr. G. W. Schesselman, head of the Geography Department, presided at the meeting. The invocation was delivered by Martin Hughes, head of the Electrical Engineering Department. Fred Weick introduced the guests at the luncheon.

Present tax evaluations in College Station are set at \$1 per \$100 property valuation for city taxes and \$1.50 per \$100 for school taxes.

College Station Budget

College Station's budget for the coming year will be submitted to public hearing next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall.

The City of Bryan's proposal would jump the combined city and school tax rate from \$2.65 to \$2.94 on the 100 property valuation. It would up the city tax from \$1.295 to \$1.465 and the school tax from \$1.355 to \$1.475.

The new tax rate would remain six cents below the maximum legal limit of \$3.

One dollar of the Bryan independent school tax rate is fixed by the state legislature. The remaining \$475 would be used to meet the bond interest and sinking fund obligations.

Tax Money Use

Ninety cents of the city tax rate would be set aside for general fund obligations. The remaining \$465 would be used for interest and sinking fund requirements. The 90 cents for maintenance is an increase of 10 cents over last year's maintenance rate in Bryan. It is nine and a half cents less than that for 1949-50.

The increase is designed to provide additional money for meeting indebtedness.

Under Bryan's budget for last year, \$22,000 worth of city obligations were refunded or extended to a later date. This year's budget calls for no refunding.

The Bryan budget will be submitted Friday at a public hearing to start at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall.

Word War Caused Fear in India

New Delhi, India, July 19—(AP)—The current war of words between India and Pakistan has aroused fears of real war among many Indians. But responsible experts today discounted the uproar. Neither neighbor is in a position to sustain a shooting war on a modern scale for more than two weeks or so.

The dispute intensified Sunday when Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan of Pakistan charged nineteenth of India's army is concentrated on the borders of Pakistan in a threat of peace. He said armored formations have been moved within striking distance of West Pakistan.

Seventh Session Produces 'No Progress' at Kaesong

Munsan, Korea, July 19—(AP)—An official communiqué said tonight "no progress" was made at the seventh session of Korean war cease-fire talks in Kaesong today.

The statement indicated United Nations and Communist delegations were still deadlocked, presumably over the question of withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea.

Delegations Hold Views

It said both the United Nations and Communist delegations held to their original views "on the question under debate."

The question was not identified, but was presumed to be the Red insistence on including withdrawal of foreign troops on the armistice agenda.

The announcement said Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, head of the U. N. delegation, "reiterated the United Nations stand that only matters of a military nature would be discussed."

Allied spokesmen have labeled the question of troop withdrawal as political.

Joy's statement Thursday was given in answer to a request from North Korean Gen. Nam Il, head of the Red delegation, for the U. N. opinion on the agenda proposed by the Communists.

After hearing Joy, the Communiqué said, Nam "replied with a statement obviously prepared in anticipation of the United Nations reply."

Nam talked 18 minutes, "and made it clear that their position was unchanged on the question under debate."

Recess Proposed

Joy proposed a 30-minute recess. The allied delegation hurried outside to its own conference tent and for 20 minutes typewriters were busy while they got off a dispatch.

The Communist delegation spent the time enjoying refreshments.

Negotiators then went back into session and remained in conference through the noon hour, normally devoted to recess.

Joy was smiling when the delegates adjourned for the day, in contrast with his brusque attitude at the end of Wednesday's meetings.

Another session—the eighth—was scheduled for 10 a. m. Friday (7 p. m. EST Thursday).

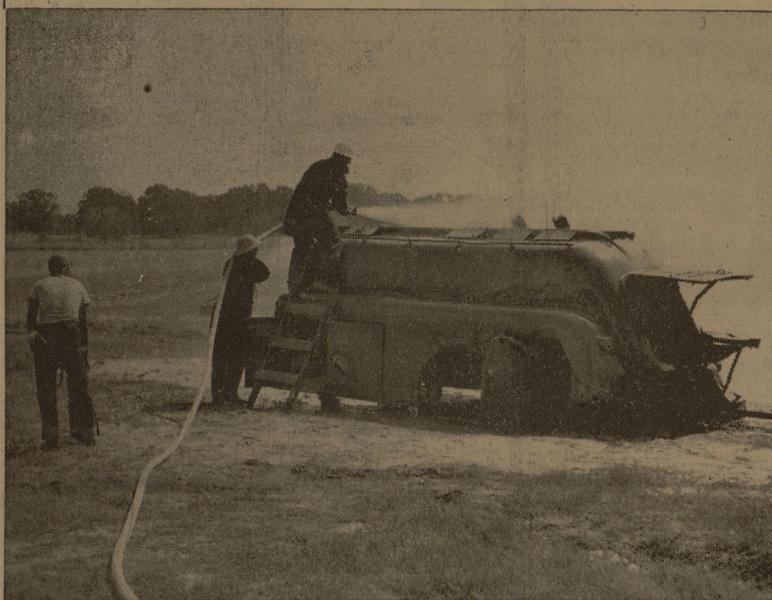
Back to Korea

Less than two hours after the U. N. delegation had returned to its peace camp, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, U. N. commander, was back in Korea.

There was no announcement whether his return from Tokyo headquarters was connected with the message dispatched by delegates or with the continuing deadlock in negotiations.

The U. N. communiqué—the first to report "no progress"—was in

Firemen on the Job



Student firemen practice extinguishing a gas-line spill fire in the open field north of the College View Apartments. This demonstration is a part of the twenty-second annual Firemen's

Training School now in progress on the campus. Student firemen from Maine to Puerto Rico are attending the week-long short course.

Not Even KP

ASA Cadets Compare Camps—Or 'Life Can Be Beautiful'

By DEAN REED
ASA Camp Correspondent

Fort Devens, Mass., July 15 (Delayed)—With word slowly trickling into this New England outpost of the trials and tribulations of other camps, A&M's ASA cadets now look upon Dear Old Devens as a Utopia of Army posts.

The reasons are many. No KP is drawn by the cadets. We don't arise, usually, until 6:15. (Other camps seem to be getting up in the middle of the night.)

Each man has a Class-A pass which allows him to come and go as he pleases during off-duty hours—after 5 p. m. on weekdays and noon on Saturday. No bedchecks, either.

But still we gripe. If the old Army maxim of the "grippingest outfit is the best one" still holds true, the campers here must be top-notch militarists.

Only two more weeks remain on the summer camp program. Although most of the fortnight is, as usual, allocated to ASA studies and practical work, the period is spiced with several interesting breaks. A dance is being arranged in Boston Commons, courtesy of the honorable Beantown mayor.

Following the foot-festival will be an all-day tour of this famed historical city, plus a glimpse at the neighboring municipalities of Concord and Lexington, sites of the initial battles of the American Revolution.

Right now most of the cadets are nursing blistered feet and sore backs, results of hiking and biv-

ouaging the latter part of the week.

Dale E. Watson, next year's co-editor of The Commentator, was chosen this week to edit the camp yearbook, due for publication late this summer.

A&M men have been more than holding-their-own in other brackets, too. A cadet-of-the-week has been chosen throughout the camp, and for three successive weeks the Texans scored. Bert Gorrod, Harold Gant, and Bob Statler gained the honors in that order, and A&M seemed to have a half-nelson on the distinction.

But this week the Fighting Illini of Illinois came through with a first-place winner. Probable reason: no A&M man held the rotating company C. O. job during the week. Although payday is still around

the corner, weekend traveling still holds the entertainment spotlight. And the New England area is a goldmine for the tourist, regardless his desires.

For instance, This weekend you can find cadets in New York, taking in all the metropolis has to offer; in Boston, where baseball is one of the big drawing cards, or where the Suffolk Downs horses tantalize your pocketbook. Then the many smaller areas—parts of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, all within easy driving distance, with their beaches, lakes, beautiful scenery, and quite a few other appealing items.

Summer stock theater is also on the boom currently. Quite a few notable stars of the stage and screen take to the woods for their summer money-making, and usually provide worthwhile entertainment for anyone so minded.

Looking at the camp in an overall view, we'll match it against any other for a memorable summer.

Dixiecrat-GOP Parley Battled By Legislators

New York, July 19—(AP)—Two Republican congressmen battled in print yesterday over whether the GOP should join with Southern Democrats in the hope of winning next year's election.

Rep. Clifford P. Case of New Jersey said the results of such a party merger would be "disastrous" for both the nation and his party.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, principal exponent of the idea, said it is the only way the Republicans can hope to win the presidency in 1952.

Both men aired their views in Colliers magazine.

Case said the Republicans would do better to form an alliance with "progressive forces" in the South.

For every southern electoral vote picked up by a merger with the southern Democrats, he said, the GOP would lose two north of the Mason and Dixon line.

"The worst political disaster that could happen to us would be a sharply defined division of our parties along economic and class lines," Case said. "Such a division would solve no problems. It would bring us in sight of the day when the losers in an election would begin throwing up barricades in the streets."

Mundt said:

"If the Republican party's four-square stand is to be effective, we Republicans must win the presidency once in a while, along with congressional majorities. How can we do this so long as we remain a sectional party, excluded for practical electoral purposes, from 11 southern states?"

At the Grove Tonight

Thurs., July 19, Movie, "Spy Hunt" with Howard Duff and Marta Toren—8 p. m.

Col. Joe Davis Named Commandant of A&M

By JOEL AUSTIN
Battalion Editor

Col. Joe E. Davis, assistant commandant of A&M for many years has been named Commandant of Cadets and Coordinator of the School of Military Science and Tactics.

His appointment to this position was announced yesterday by President M. T. Harrington. Col. Davis will take over the job August 1.

Col. Davis succeeds Col. H. L. Boatner who, after serving as Commandant and PMS&T for three years, is returning to active duty with a promotion nomination to Brig. General.

In taking the office of commandant, Col. Davis will be the first to assume the title of Coordinator of Military Science and Tactics. Formerly the commandant was also PMS&T, who now has been placed on an equal level as the Professor of Air Science and Tactics.

Col. Davis left A&M late last September with a promotion to full colonel and the job of commanding officer of the 4020 Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Since December, however, he has been in Austin as head of the ROTC section of the Texas Military District.

Leaving A&M as a student in August 1930, "Col. Joe", as he is commonly known by A&M students, received a Bachelor's Degree in Education.

He served as assistant commandant at the college from 1930 to 1940, when he was called into active service as a reserve officer with the rank of first lieutenant.

In 1944 he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, being reassigned from there to Camp Hood. At the close of the war he returned to the position of assistant commandant, with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

A native of Foreman, Ark., Davis had, until last September, lived in College Station since he began school here in 1925.

Lt. Col. M. P. Bowden assumed the duties of assistant commandant when Col. Davis left last Fall.

Before taking over the training regiment in the fifth Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Col. Davis was presented his new "eagles" in a short ceremony held in Duncan Mess Hall before members of the corps.

90,000 Korea Vets Get Rotation Bid

Washington, July 19—(AP)—Ninety thousand veterans of Korea will come marching home in the next 90 days under the Army's stepped up "first-in first out" rotation plan. Recruits from the U. S. will take their places.

The Army announcement today said the rotation rate should reach 30,000 this month and be kept at that level through the next three months.

It will mark a big increase in the rate of homeward bound servicemen. Only 32,000 men have been returned to the U. S. from Korea through July 10.

Rise Stevens

Metropolitan Starlet Leads Off Town Hall Series

By WILLIAM DICKENS
Battalion Feature Editor

Guion Hall on October 16. Miss Stevens, born in New York, N. Y., began her singing career at the early age of ten. Mme. Schoentgen, distinguished vocal teacher of the Julliard School of Music, was so impressed with the young

girl that she obtained for her a scholarship at the famous school.

Eager to acquire further training, she traveled to Europe where she was coached by Mme. Gutheil-Schoder. During her early career, she was also coached by Richard Strauss for a short while.

Believing that a career has to be achieved step by step, Miss Stevens refused her first Metropolitan Opera contract to gain operatic experience in Europe.

After making her debut in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in "Mignon," she returned to America to make her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in the same opera.

Since her debut, she has appeared with most of the world's leading opera companies, such as The Paris Grand Opera, The Vienna State Opera, the opera companies of Zurich, Cairo, and many others.

Turning to the motion film industry, Miss Stevens has starred in such pictures as "The Chocolate Soldier," the Academy Award winning, "Going My Way," and "Carnegie Hall."

Starring on radio, she is regularly heard on leading national "hook-ups" such as "The Voice of Firestone," "The Railroad Hour," "The Carnegie Hall Program," and has had several of her own programs, including "The Prudential Family Hour."

In the recording industry, Miss Stevens is accredited with being the highest selling recording artist in the classical field.

Recently named one of the country's outstanding career-women and mothers of America, she holds the honor of having sung the greatest number of starring roles, 35 appearances, at the Metropolitan Opera in one season in the Met's entire history.



Rise Stevens
First Town Hall Performer



Col. Joe E. Davis
New Commandant

Deadline Saturday For Grid Ducats

Aggie football fans have until Saturday to submit applications for football tickets if they wish to be included in the priority drawing.

Applications submitted after July 21 will be filed on a first-come, first-served basis, provided tickets are available. C. D. Ownby, athletic business manager, announced today.

The priority drawing will be held in the athletic office July 30 at 2:30 p. m.

Applications Classified

Under a policy established several years ago, applications are classified into four priority groups. Those people in priority Group I will be in line for the best tickets available and so on through Group IV.

Aggie home games this Fall will be with the University of Oklahoma, Baylor, Southern Methodist and Texas University. Applications may be submitted for either season tickets or tickets to individual games. Because of an unusually large demand for tickets to the A&M-Texas game, the athletic office is restricting ticket sales to two for each purchaser to this game.

For the first time, a block of 400 of the 1,500 seats in DeWare Field House is being set aside as reserved seats during the 1951-52 basketball season. Season ticket holders will be admitted only to

the remaining 1,100 general admission seats.

Group one includes all employees who have priority second only to members of the student body, team, Aggie Club "C" card holders, State Legislature and Athletic Department.

The second priority group applies to the general public and the same prices on tickets prevail for this group. The next best seats will be made available for them.

Group III applies to all former students, faculty and employees of the college who do not desire season tickets but wish to purchase single game tickets. Applications for tickets in this group will be filled from the best available seats after the other priority groups have been issued.

Group IV includes the general public demand for single game tickets.

A season ticket, which sells for \$14.40, permits the holder to witness any athletic event held on the campus by the Athletic Department.

Acheson Gives Reassurance To France, GB

Washington, July 19—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson offered Britain and France reassurance yesterday that they will lose neither arms aid nor their standing as areas to be defended if this country makes a military arrangement with Spain.

The Secretary stated the American position at a news conference shortly before dispatches from Spain reported that an agreement in principle had been reached on United States use of Spanish air and naval bases. Acheson did not indicate the dealings had gone so far.

He acknowledged negotiations have been going on in the face of objections from the two European partners in the west's defense, and held out to them this promise:

"It has been and is our firm intention to see to it that if western Europe is attacked it will be defended—and not liberated."

Cloudy Water OK Says Lab Report

Although the water in certain areas of College Station has been cloudy during the past several days, the weekly routine analysis Tuesday by the Municipal and Sanitary Engineering Laboratory revealed that the quality of the water has not changed.

Contrary to some belief that the water is harder, the analysis also revealed that the soap consumption has remained the same. The only notable change in the content of the water, the lab report revealed is a few organic substances which cause a scum to form on top of the water but which are not harmful.

The cause of the cloudiness observed in the water at Goodwin Hall and in College View is attributed to air in the water, according to T. R. Spence, manager of physical plants. He said that a break in the pipe line such as that which occurred last week on which Goodwin and Bizzell Halls are located would cause such a characteristic.