

## Cold Front Blows In Over State

Rain and icy winds made it certain last night that winter was here to stay.

College Station felt the bite of Jack Frost late Monday evening as he coasted in with a sudden downpour which drenched students as they marched to the evening meal.

He pulled the thermometer down to the freezing point and whisked the wind across the campus in gusts up to 50 miles-per-hour.

Rainfall recorded at the CAA Communications Station at Easterwood Airport totaled 1.14 inches for Monday.

The cold wind had slackened off to a milder 20 mph last night, after the original gusts of 50 mph when the norther first hit at 6:30.

Weathermen at the airport said the cold front, which moved across Texas with a great amount of speed, was due to last for 36 to 48 more hours.

The fast-moving cold front, said the Associated Press, dropped temperatures as much as 25 degrees across Texas Monday night.

The front had reached as far south as San Antonio and College Station, and was expected to spread over the entire state by early Tuesday.

At Amarillo the temperature fell to 27 by 9:30 p. m. It was 29 at Childress, 30 at Wichita Falls, 34 at Mineral Wells, 35 at Fort Worth, 48 at Austin, and 28 at Dalhart.

The cold front blanketed the Panhandle with snow Monday. Snow was reported as far south as Plainview. Fog and freezing drizzle were reported at points along the Oklahoma border in the Texas Panhandle.

Livestock warnings were issued for the northern part of the Panhandle. The weather bureau there said at least three inches of snow and lower temperatures were due.

The weather bureau also warned persons in the North Central portion of the state to protect cars, water pipes and plants.

It was cloudy over all the state excepting the western tip of Texas and the Big Bend country. South of the cold front line, there was a brisk southeast wind and occasional drizzles.

## Tau Beta Pi Elects 22 Student Members

Twenty-two new members have been elected to the Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, announced Teddy J. Hirsch, president.

Students are chosen by the members of the student chapter on the basis of leadership, character, and scholarship, Hirsch said. Only juniors and seniors are eligible for election.

### Students Notified

Letters of notification have been sent to all newly elected students, although acceptances have not been received from all those chosen, he said.

A grade point ratio of 2.26 is required for membership as a Sen-

## Corps to Form Traditional 'T' At SMU Game

The A&M Cadet Corps will form the traditional Aggie "T" at halftime Saturday during the A&M-SMU game, announced Lew Jobe, head yell leader.

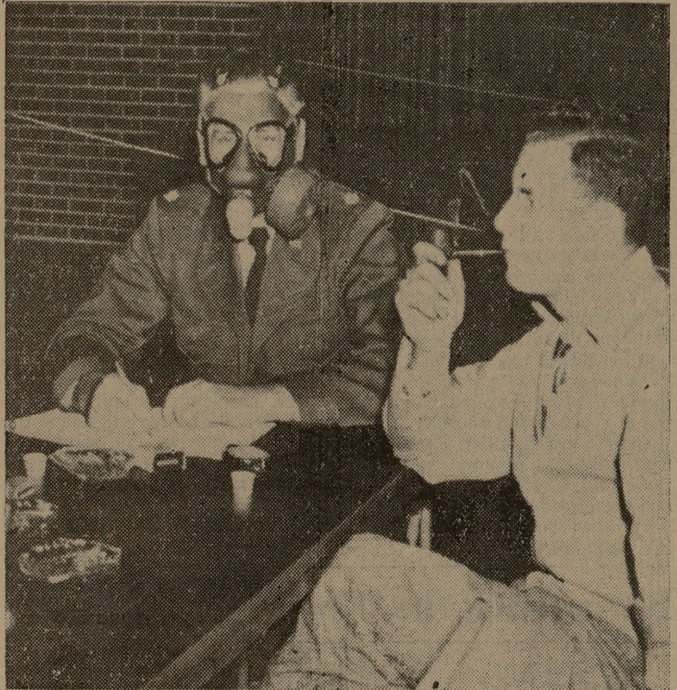
As an added attraction this year students will carry and use red and white handkerchiefs to make the yells more colorful, he said.

A firm in Houston has been engaged to supply the red cloth for students to carry, Jobe indicated. Military units will be called on to give a certain fee to pay for costs of the material.

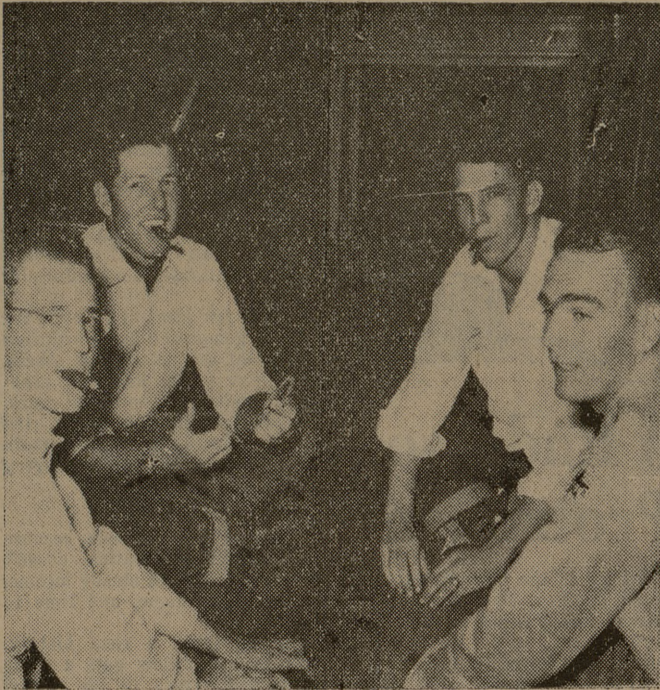
"T" practice will be held Wednesday afternoon for all students not engaged in intramural activities, Jobe informed. A general "T" practice is planned Thursday, with no intramural games scheduled that evening, he added.

Jobe asked students to bring white handkerchiefs to the practice on Kyle Field.

## Records Go Up In Smoke At Pipe Contest



Maj. C. L. Thomas, judge for the Battalion-MSC Pipe Smoking Contest last night, had to don a gas mask to insure "breathable" air while keeping an eye on his contestants. At his left is Gene Sutphen of the Photo and Visual Aids Department who placed second in the prof's division of pipe smoking. Winner in this contest was William Letroy of the Geology Department.



Plenty of time for a game of dominoes while waiting for those stogies to burn down. These contestants in the student's cigar division of the Battalion-MSC Pipe Smoking contest had two contests going at the same time. Left to right are E. P. Schmidt, L. L. Gay, R. R. Robin and D. E. Rust. Schmidt won the contest by puffing for one hour and 39 minutes on his cigar.

### Many Valuable Prizes Awarded

## J. M. Mathis Receives Top Honors At Battalion-MSC Smoking Contest

By ALLEN K. PENGELLY  
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As the smoke finally cleared the MSC Ballroom last night, J. M. Mathis was officially declared the grand champion of the fifth annual Battalion-MSC sponsored pipe smoking contest.

But the petroleum engineering major from Orange, did not win without keen competition from a husband-and-wife team of Mermod and Marilyn Jaccard of Houston. This pair all but defeated Mathis by winning three first place prizes only to have Mathis burn back four first places and a second.

### Four First Places

Mathis won first prizes in the Churchwarden, metal bowl, miniature bowl, and pipe collection divisions. He won second in the Calabash division behind the puffing of D. B. Wheeler.

The rewards for his efforts to set the world on fire were a Kay-woodie meerschbaum pipe, two hickory pipes, a corn-cob pipe, and 13 pounds of smoking tobacco.

The second place Jaccards won firsts in the medium bowl division, the small bowl division, and women's pipe division. The upset of the contest was Mrs. Jaccard's last minute decision to enter the ladies division after Mrs. E. C. Smith was almost declared winner by default.

### Couples Winning

The combined winnings of the pair amounted to a Tawn deluxe shaving kit, a sepra-bowl pipe, the "lazy susan" award of four briar pipes and several cartons of blended tobacco, a corn-cob pipe, and four pounds of pipe tobacco.

Best sportsmanship during the four and a half hour smoke-eater's convention was B. E. Hagee's gift of one of the seven matched grain-ed pipes to Tom Messler.

Hagee won the seven pipes for keeping a measured amount of tobacco lit the longest in his corn-cob pipe. However, during the match, Messler's tobacco supply was consumed and the fire began eating away at the stem, with Hagee leading by some 11 minutes.

When the bowl finally fell off the stem, Hagee was named winner by Judge Pete Hardesty. Messler's second place award was a pound of tobacco and a corn-cob pipe. But thinking this award in-

adequate, Hagee broke his matched set to give one of the briars to Messler.

### Prof's Smoker

Taking time out from making up quizzes, the local profs had a field day in two events—pipe smoking and cigar smoking. William H. LeRoy of the Geology department won both events by out puffing Gene Sutphen of the Photographic and Visual Aids department and Jack Steele of the Business department.

Both wins netted him one box of Roi Tan Perfectos, one Stanhope briar pipe, a hickory pipe, and four pounds of tobacco.

At 8:02 p.m. E. P. Schmidt, junior civil engineering student from San Antonio, lit his cigar and at 9:41 p.m. the last fragment of tobacco leaf was burned to ashes.

### 99 Minutes on One Cigar

This hour and thirty-nine minute exhibition by Schmidt was the best time submitted in this largest event of the evening and won for him one box of Roi Tan perfectos, and two pounds of pipe tobacco. A total of 26 contestants registered for this contest.

John Gibson won the large bowl event and was given one Arlen "Bulldog" style pipe, a cob pipe, and a pound and a half of pipe mixture. Gibson is a senior entomology student from Oklahoma City.

Gibson also won the successive smoke ring event by blowing a

## British-Egyptians Invited to Campus

A committee of students has invited the Ambassador of Egypt to come to the campus in December to address members of the student body on the Egyptian-Britain question.

This invitation came on the heels of an acceptance to talk by the British Military Attache, Colonel Gordon-Watson. Colonel Gor-

don Watson has tentatively set his talk for Dec. 13 or 17.

Both men were invited to visit A&M and express their countries' views on the question by President M. T. Harrington, the United Nations Club, The Battalion, the history department, and the MSC Directorate.

Tom H. Rountree, Battalion editorialist, is serving as coordinating chairman for the group.

The British Embassy's sending of their military attache came about after an exchange of letters between The Battalion and the Embassy. The Battalion began the letter series by asking for information on the Egyptian crisis.

After the British offer, several of the Arab students on the campus suggested a group contact the Egyptian Embassy and invite him to A&M.

### Dates Suggested

In the invitation, the Egyptian ambassador was invited to the campus any time prior to Dec. 13 or any time after Jan. 2, 1952.

During the past several months, both the English and Egyptian ambassadors, or their representatives, have made talks in American colleges and universities on the Egyptian crisis.

If the ambassador from Egypt accepts the two talks will be a two part series, with the men giving the views of their nations on the complaints lodged by and against the English and Egyptians.

## TU Students Protest Thanksgiving Holidays

By JOEL AUSTIN  
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"The OU game is the game of the year now . . . at least half the school will cut then. Probably fewer would cut to see the A&M game," said a Texas University student in The Daily Texan, TU's student newspaper.

Angered by the University's "late" Thanksgiving holidays, the student gave that answer to a query from a Texan reporter.

The University students were protesting the Nov. 29-Dec. 3 Thanksgiving holidays set for their school this year.

The Texan article accused A&M exes for placing pressure on officials who decided the date.

At the same time, Dr. C. C. French, chairman of the executive committee and dean of the college, said his committee had originally considered Nov. 22 for A&M's Thanksgiving day when the Texas University game had been scheduled for Dec. 1. But when the change was made to Nov. 29, the fifth Thursday, holidays were moved up to that date, after requests from athletic officials of both schools for such a change, Dr. French said.

Said Texan writer Flo Cox, "Why are the holidays set for the 29th instead of the 22nd, as was originally scheduled on the University calendar? The answer was obtained only after investigations of several changes

## Students Comment On Nov. 29 Holiday

By BERT WELLER  
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Since the opening of school, many students have been wondering why the Thanksgiving holidays have been set for the fifth Thursday of November.

A&M and Texas University are the only major Texas schools observing Nov. 29 as a holiday. The rest of the schools and most of the state's towns and cities will observe the Nov. 22 date.

Most A&M students realize the date has been set and very little can be done about changing it this year. Opinion was unanimous that holiday dates should be coordinated next year.

Pat Kerr, junior wildlife management major from Brownsville, commented, "I'm all in favor of the holidays as they have been set up. The bonfire must be built and that will take lots of time."

"If the holidays were scheduled for Nov. 22, the bonfire could not be built large enough in the short period before the game," he added.

Another Brownsville boy, Jimmy Burns, sophomore horticulture major, voiced an often heard complaint. "Lots of my friends who go to other schools get off the week before we do. I would like to be able to visit with them and take part in some of the holiday social events."

When asked about the bonfire, Burns replied, "There are

enough Fish and Sophomores on the campus this year to build it in shorter length of time."

Disagreeing with Burns was Keith Patton, Senior B. A. major from Agua Dulce. "Considering the bonfire and the enormous amount of work involved, I do not see how we can do without the extra weekend. The holidays will have to be set to allow this time next year, although some coordination on holiday dates would be nice," the Senior said.

Troy Whitehurst commented that "We are observing an A&M-TU holiday instead of the national holiday. If our girl friends go to schools observing these early dates, we may not be able to see them at all." Whitehurst is a Junior M. E. major from Houston.

"Voicing a comment that most of those interviewed agreed with was Gene Sparks. "We want to beat the hell out of TU regardless of when we get our holidays," Sparks is from San Antonio and is a CE major.

Because Bryan and Brazos County will observe the later Thanksgiving date, Frank Neill believes the school's holidays have been correctly set. "My wife works in town and will be off the 29th. If A&M changed the date we would not be able to spend our holiday together." Neill is a fifth year architecture major living in Vet Village.

The Associated Press informed this writer last night that on Aug. 28 Gov. Allan Shivers officially proclaimed Nov. 22 as Thanksgiving Day in Texas to conform to the US holiday.

When questioned about plans for Thanksgiving holidays next year, Dr. French said only four Thursdays are on the Calendar for 1952, so the football game and the beginning of holidays will be on Nov. 27.

For the second consecutive year, 1951 has had five Thursdays in November. Last year the University allowed students to celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday and also allowed an additional holiday on the fifth Thursday for the football game with A&M — which was played in Austin.

Students at A&M showed no particular discontent about the holiday on Nov. 29. Few have commented they will not be able to spend Thanksgiving holidays with many friends who attend other colleges. Last year A&M was the only major college in Texas to celebrate Thanksgiving on the fifth Thursday. This year only Lamar College of Technology in Beaumont joins TU and A&M on the date.

Another Texas University student commented, "What was good enough for the Pilgrims is good enough for us . . . by the time we get home, everyone'll be thinking about Christmas."

### Won't See Fiance

"We should be uniform and recognize the same holiday that the rest of the country does" said one TU student; while another commented, "My fiance goes to TSCW and will be home the 22nd. I won't even get to see her."

As for the statement about the OU-Texas game topping A&M-TU at Thanksgiving time, ticket sales show that the demand is still highest for the Turkey Day meeting, regardless of the size stadium you have the teams meet in.

## Shivers Urges Texans' Votes On Constitution Amendments

Austin, Tex., Nov. 6.—(AP)—Gov. Allan Shivers urged Texas voters to "take the time to vote" on five proposed changes in the State Constitution a week from today.

"The records show that Texans habitually don't vote as heavily on constitutional amendments as they do in political races," the Governor observed. "That is unfortunate, for a change in our fundamental law may prove to be much more important in the long run than the outcome of a political race."

Shivers said the proposed amendments to the Constitution will affect the personal welfare and the pocketbooks of nearly all Texans. In view of that, he said, "the

Constitution ought not to be changed without the consent of a majority of the people—but that is just what can happen if we fail to go out and vote. On the other hand, it isn't right for a worthwhile amendment to fail merely because an organized minority opposed it."

Special elections to fill vacancies in the Texas House of Representatives will encourage the turnout of voters in a dozen communities.

### Last is Hottest

Politically hottest amendment being submitted is one to let the state increase public welfare spending from 35 to 42 million dollars per year. It's the last proposal on the ballot.

Backers of the amendment say it will help old age pensioners keep the wolf from the door.

The proposal has been attacked on the ground that it removes the citizenship requirement from the Constitution and might permit so many people to receive state aid that pension checks would be smaller instead of larger.

Proponents contend the legislature will have authority to require that pensioners be Texas citizens.

### Pros-Cons

Other amendments, in order of appearance on the ballot, and arguments which have been voiced for and against them:

1—To authorize a statewide system of retirement and disability pensions for county appointive officers and employees. Proponents claim the system would be optional for any county, and each county would have to hold a separate election to inaugurate the system. Opponents assert counties already have authority to set up their own system or go under Federal Social Security.

2—To permit investment of the permanent University of Texas fund in securities other than federal, state and some municipal bonds. Backers say this amendment would fatten the University fund because high grade stocks have been yielding 4 to 6 per cent interest for other schools while the University of Texas has been restricted to 2½ per cent the past year. Foes fear that abuses could develop in stock purchases that are unlikely under present restrictions. They also argue that a swing toward deflation of the nation's economy could lead to a smaller return from stocks than from bonds.

### Rural Fire Protection

3—To authorize a maximum tax of 50 cents per \$100 valuation on property in rural fire prevention districts to pay for fire fighting equipment and personnel. Friends say the tax cannot be levied unless voted by the people in the district. (See AMENDMENTS, Page 4)

## New Ad Building



The new College Administration Building receives finishing touches on the interior as workmen hurry to insure occupancy by the first of the year. The new building will house the Registrar's Office, Fiscal Office, as well as offices of the president, dean of the college and deans of the various schools.

## Jarvi, Hart Head Brazos Dimes Drive

Ray V. Jarvi of College Station and Charles D. Hart of Bryan will serve as co-directors for the 1952 March of Dimes in Brazos County, it was announced today in Houston by Lloyd Gregory, Texas state chairman for the March of Dimes.

Jarvi and Hart will take over as county campaign co-directors for the Brazos County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis from Dr. H. T. Blackhurst of College Station, director of the 1951 polio fund-raising appeal.

The Bryan Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 1952 March of Dimes as their project and are planning big things to make the drive outstanding.

Jarvi is Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at A&M, while Hart is associated with the American General Life Insurance Company in Bryan.

Executive Committee members of the Brazos County Chapter who will work with Jarvi and Hart on the January appeal are chapter chairman W. H. Badgett of College Station, and Mrs. Ara Haswell, Miss Alma Ewing, Pat Newton, Mrs. Ima Hardin and Dr. Paul Woodward, all of Bryan.