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Bonfire Workers



There can't be a bonfire without plenty of wood, as these Aggies can readily testify. This picture was taken on the first day of work in preparation for the annual bonfire Nov. 28, the

night before the A&M-TU football game. Busses are making regular trips each day to and from the cutting area located in the rear of the Bryan Municipal Playground.

Small Blaze Gets Jump On Biggest Aggie Bonfire

By HARRI BAKER
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A&M's first bonfire of the year was greeted by enthusiastic wild-cats yesterday afternoon, but the blaze was caused more from necessity than a desire to get the jump on the big fire, scheduled to burn at 8 p. m. Nov. 28, the night before the A&M-TU football clash on Kyle Field.

Several students, working around the site of the bonfire on the main drill field, decided it was too cold to stand around and freeze, so they touched off a small blaze of their own.

Meanwhile, work on what promises to be the "Daddy of all A&M bonfires" is progressing at a steady pace. Lew Jobe, head yeller leader who is in charge of the work, said yesterday afternoon.

The wood is being cut in an area behind the Bryan Municipal Playground and from other locations near the campus.

First Casualty

First casualty of the bonfire preparation occurred Monday afternoon when a junior in A Armor cut his foot while chopping. The victim, John Reeves of Belcherville, was taken to the college hospital where four stitches were taken in the foot.

His condition was not serious and he was released.

While students were getting the drill field ready for the wood which will be brought in in big quantities today, others were making periodic trips to the cutting areas in buses.

When asked yesterday afternoon how the work was progressing, Jobe replied, "be sure and mention in the paper that John Tapley and I cut down a tree this afternoon."

The 65 foot center pole, fastened together in sections, which was expected to be put up yesterday afternoon, failed to rise. However, it will probably be set up today, Jobe said. Then the work will begin in earnest.

Campus Beauty Efforts Continue

Efforts toward beautifying the campus are progressing as fast as time, material, and available labor will permit, W. M. Ruff of the floriculture and landscape architecture department said.

Work done in the last few days toward adding to the appearance of the grounds includes the removal of arborvitae around the Agricultural Engineering Building and lawn improvements around Mark Francis Hall.

"Many plans for beautifying the campus have been made," Ruff said, "but it takes time to replace trees, sow seed, plant flowers, and do the other varied jobs required in carrying out this project."

Future plans for adding to the attractiveness of the campus include planting of deciduous trees on the campus this winter, Ruff said.

As usual, most of those working on the bonfire are wearing fatigue uniforms. However, one new feature can be noticed.

The fish stripe, absent from the freshman uniform for the past five years, is being worn by all first year men working in the bonfire.

This stripe is a white piece of adhesive tape which the fish sticks on his fatigue so as to be more readily identified. Upperclassmen

wearing fatigues have, as usual, attached their branch insignia on the fatigue cap.

Most of the work has been done by those students who have not had afternoon classes this week. However, following classes Saturday morning, all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take part in cutting and hauling wood and building the bonfire.

Keeping Ball Wins Games, Kiwanians Told

The Aggie basketball team last year kept possession of the basketball on an average of 26.7 minutes out of the 40 minute playing period.

This statement was made by John Floyd, head basketball coach at A&M, Monday at a meeting of the College Station Kiwanis Club in the Assembly Room of the MSC.

Floyd described the type of basketball A&M plays as characterized by a scientific offense organized so each player knows his every movement, and a good, tough defensive game.

The basketball mentor accounted for the Aggies fine defensive record last season by stressing that A&M kept possession of the ball longer than the opposing team.

Floyd came to A&M as head basketball coach in 1950. He coached the freshman team at Oklahoma A&M during the 1947 season.

Dick Hervey, secretary for the Association of Former Students, introduced the speaker.

Coach Floyd predicted A&M's hardest games this year would be with Texas Christian University of Texas. He pointed out that TCU would have last year's same starters, and UT had lost only one of last season's players.

"Sports participation teaches men to think," Floyd said. He believed that participation in college athletics was justifiable if the player learned lessons which could be applied to situations which might arise after college.

Eight New Albums Played in MSC

Eight new record albums of musical comedy and light opera were played Monday night at a listening party in the MSC.

Brief comments on the new records and their composers were made by Jimmie Rollins, head of the MSC music committee, and refreshments were served.

Selections included were Jerome Kern's "Show Boat," Irvin Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun," Victor Herbert's "Naughty Mariette," and Sigmund Romberg's "New Moon."

Walkup Defeats Gratz in Race For PG Senator

Houston Walkup, industrial-agricultural education major from Kirkland was elected senator of Post Graduate Hall. The election was held Monday night. The new senator is a sixth year non-military student.

The election was called because of the moving of men into the dormitory. Heretofore it had been used for girls on weekends or other visitors to the campus.

Walkup defeated his only opponent, David Gratz of Dallas, by a vote of 27 to 7. The election was delayed because of an insufficient number of candidates filing for the position.

A decision to move men into PG Hall was made after the housing office received a large number of complaints from the students who were living three to a room.

Under the Student Senate Constitution there must be a senator from each of the dormitories.

Businessmen To Hold Forum, Discuss Individual Enterprises

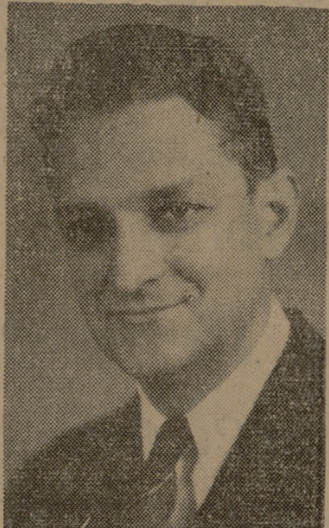
By BILL STREICH
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Four prominent Texas businessmen will oppose the stand that individual enterprise can no longer meet the needs of the United States. The program will be presented at a special town hall meeting tonight in Biological Sciences Lecture Room.

More than 300 A&M students and residents of College Station are expected to attend in addition to the panel.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Manufacturers Association, is one of a series of similar presentations being held on campuses of Texas colleges and universities.

Aim of the panel discussions, which will be conducted in the style of a New England Town Hall, is to provide an interchange of views between students and businessmen on current politico-economic trends in the United States, T. W. Leland, head of the department of business administration,



E. F. Graham



William W. Boddie

20 in Running For Posts On CC Board

Twenty names will be on the ballot for College Station Development Association and Chamber of Commerce directors at the annual meeting Tuesday, Dec. 11, with ten to be elected.

Nominees are: Mrs. C. B. Godbey, Ralph Rogers, Earl Cunningham, Dr. C. C. French, C. W. "Cotton" Price, Jerome Zabik, Dr. E. C. Bolton, H. D. Bearden, Mrs. Tom Taylor, K. A. "Cubby" Manning, Mrs. H. E. Burgess, R. L. McCarty, Mrs. J. C. Miller, Charles N. Smith, John H. Pruitt, Brawley M. King, G. E. Madeley, Harold Sullivan, James B. Baty, and Tad Moses. Additional nominations may be made by petition of members.

Voting may be either by mail (absentee ballots) or in person at the annual meeting, which will be held in the College Station State Bank board room at 1:30 p. m.

Three of the ten vacancies on the board are to succeed W. R. Horsley, J. P. Sorrels and J. R. Oden, whose terms have expired. One is to succeed J. L. Bearries, resigned, and six are for additional members, increasing the board from nine to 15 members as required by the constitutional amendment passed at the last annual meeting. This year the additional places were filled by interim appointments.

Also on the ballot this year will be a proposal to change voting procedure so that all ballots will be cast either in person, or by mail rather than the alternate action now permitted.

Members of the nominating committee are chairman of the standing committees, with J. R. Oden and J. R. Roberts as co-chairmen.

Holdover members of the board of directors are: M. C. Pugh, R. L. Hunt, J. E. Roberts, John B. Longley and Joe Matherall. Ex-officio members are Gibb Gilchrist, M. T. Harrington, L. S. Richardson, and Raymond Rogers.

"Free Enterprise," said Ed C. Burris, executive vice-president of the TMA, "has a story to tell, and it certainly behooves those who have profited under it to try to tell that story. We all know that government, to the tub-thumping of its thousands of propagandists has been encroaching rapidly on free enterprise."

Members of the panel who will appear on tonight's program are E. F. Graham, vice president of the Southwestern Gas and Electric Co. of Marshall; K. R. Dailey, assistant manager of the employee relations department of the Humble Oil and Refining Co. of Houston; C. E. Lyon, general manager of the Diamond Alkali Co. of Houston; and William W. Boddie, director of public relations for the TMA in Houston.

No Speeches

No speeches will be made at tonight's program, Leland said. Instead, members of the panel will answer and discuss questions asked by members of the audience.

Graham, one of the members of the panel, is active in civic and social activities in east Texas. He is a past director of the TMA, East Texas Chamber of Commerce and Marshall Rotary Club. Besides being president of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce, the panel member is vice president of the Central East Texas Fair Association.

He also is a director of the Marshall Community Concert Association, trustee of East Texas Baptist College and a member of the Texas Baptist General Convention. Boddie has been director of public relations of the TMA since 1949. From 1940-47 he was associated with Newsweek magazine in various editorial capacities, working in New York, Washington, Rome, and the South Pacific area.

Public Relations

Later, he was research secretary to Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and did agency public relations work in Houston.

The third member of the panel, Lyon, designed the construction and operation of a chlorine caustic chemical plant and was one of a group of eight appointed by the department of commerce to tour chlorine caustic plants in West Germany.

He is an active member of the American Chemical Society and a (See FORUM, Page 4)

Randall Wins First In Builders Contest

George G. Randall, Jr., A&M architectural student from Houston, has been named top winner in a statewide competition for student architects in which \$2,000 in awards were paid for the best building designs incorporating advanced techniques in the use of expanded shale aggregate light-weight concrete.

The competition was sponsored by the Texas Society of Architects and The Featherlite Corporation of Dallas. The Featherlite Corporation, the South's oldest and largest producer of expanded shale aggregate,

is headed by Jack Frost, president, and Alex T. Mickle, executive vice president.

First At A&M

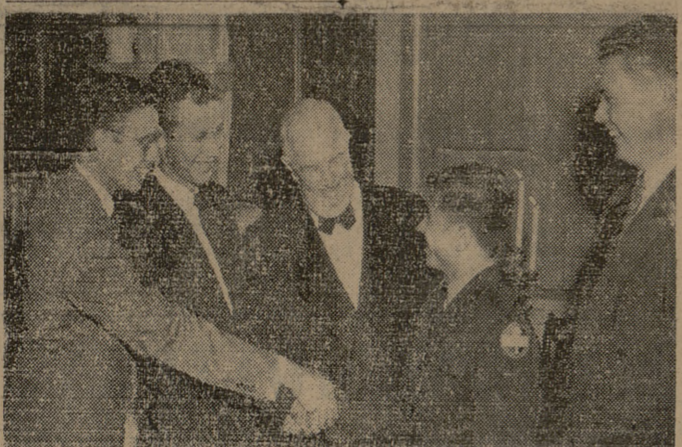
Randall's design placed first in the intra-college competition at A&M and then won at the recent San Antonio convention of the TSA over entries from University of Texas, Rice Institute, Texas Tech and the University of Houston.

The architecture department at each college submitted the three top designs created by its students. Randall was awarded \$180 for placing first at A&M and received an additional special merit award of \$200 at San Antonio. In the local competition, Robert A. Stinson of Dallas placed second, receiving an award of \$120, and Louis A. Finckas of San Antonio won the third-place award of \$60.

Boost Prizes

The TSA Featherlite Competition will be renewed next year, according to Executive Vice President Mickle, with the awards increased to \$2,500.

"Use of expanded shale aggregate, which is lighter and stronger than concrete made with conventional aggregates such as sand or gravel, is a recent development in Southwest," Mickle said. "The gratifying success of the first student competition encourages us to hold it again in 1952 as a means of further stimulating interest among student architects in the revolutionary building concepts made possible by the use of expanded shale aggregate concrete."



A&M department of architecture winners in statewide competition for student architects, sponsored by Texas Society of Architects and The Featherlite Corporation, Dallas, receive congratulations from Raymond Phelps, San Antonio, TSA president (third from left). The winners are, left to right, Robert A. Stinson, Dallas, second place award; George G. Randall, Jr., Houston, first, and Louis E. Finckas, San Antonio, third. Key W. Ryan, member of the engineering staff of The Featherlite Corporation, is at the right.

Missing US Plane Believed Fired Upon by Red Satellite

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Nov. 21—(CP)—A U. S. military plane carrying diplomatic cargo and four crewmen was fired upon by Hungarian and Romanian border guards Monday and is now missing, the American Embassy announced Tuesday night.

Sketchy details from Yugoslav sources suggested the plane had been from 40 to 200 miles off its scheduled course to Belgrade from Erding Air Base near Munich, Germany.

Reports from the pilot, as disclosed by the Embassy, made no mention of damage from the shooting.

A day-long search was carried on Tuesday by British, American and Italian planes along Italy's Adriatic Coast from an air base at Treviso, Italy, and will be extended into Northern Yugoslavia Wednesday.

The embassy said it was believed the missing crewmen became lost and mistook the Drava River, flowing close to the Hungarian and Romanian borders, for the Sava which marks the air corridor to Belgrade. Both rivers are tributaries of the Danube. The Drava runs 40 miles east of the Sava's course.

The U. S. Air Force announced early Tuesday that the plane, a two-engine C-47 transport, left Erding Air Base Monday morning with freight and supplies for the American embassy here.

It had eight hours supply of gasoline and was last heard from nearly eight hours after its departure.

At that time the pilot messaged: "Low on fuel. Not sure I can make Venice or emergency landing."

"The plane, according to Yugoslav sources, reported itself over Zagreb when actually it was over Varazin (40 miles to the northeast of Zagreb and on the Drava)," the embassy statement said. "It is believed the pilot mistook the Drava River for the Sava River."

The embassy said the transport later was sighted north of Virovitica, 60 miles southeast of Varazin and about 10 miles from the Hungarian border.

It finally was traced as far east as Jasi Tomic, about 50 miles northeast of Belgrade on the Romanian border.

"It was fired upon by Hungarian border guards, according to a report from the pilot," the embassy statement said. "It finally went as far as Jasi Tomic, where it was fired upon by the Romanian border guards."

The pilot then realized the plane was off course and turned about. In two later reports he said he was near Zagreb and then west of

Zagreb, headed towards Udine in Italy.

U. S. Ambassador George Allen said Yugoslav civil and military authorities were giving "full cooperation" in the search for the plane.

Inquiries to U. S. diplomatic missions in Hungary and Romania concerning the aircraft had not yet been answered, he added.

A spokesman at the U. S. legation in Hungary said the Hungarian government declared it knew nothing about the missing plane.

It first was feared that the plane had crashed-landed in the rugged Alpine country and the search was concentrated west of the Italian-Yugoslav border.

The painting, "Three Eggs and a Lemon," was among 150 chosen from 518 entries. The exhibit is to run from Nov. 11 to Dec. 3 at Austin, and then it is to go on a year's tour.

British-Hating Moslems Unite in Cairo

Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 21—(AP)—Two British-hating premiers of the Middle East—Mohammed Mossadeh of Iran and Mustapha Nahas Pasha of Egypt—embraced and kissed in a dramatic show of Moslem solidarity here today.

Thousands of Egyptian's lionized the feeble Iranian premier, who arrived from Washington for a four-day state visit. They cheered him frantically at the airport, as he drove along the streets to the famous Shepheard's hotel and as he paid his respects to King Farouk.

Crowds outside his hotel hailed him as an "enemy of the British" and a "hero of revolution." They shouted "revolution" and "we want arms" as the Egyptian premier drove away after a 50-minute call on the Iranian.

Police declared a state of emergency and stationed reserves throughout the city to preserve order during the visit of Mossadeh, who is returning home from a 40-day stay in the United States.

Mossadeh has nationalized British oil interests in his country and thrown out their technicians. Nahas Pasha is trying to push the British out of the Suez Canal zone and Sudan. What they talked about was not disclosed. But it seemed obvious they were trying to establish their own Middle East axis.

Several thousands Egyptians shouting, "liberty, unity, evacuation," were waiting when Mossadeh's chartered plane landed at Farouk airport. The premier was practically carried down the steps of the plane and police had to open a way through the crowd.

Freshmen Told Grades Lowest Since 1947

Dr. John R. Bertrand, dean of the Basic Division, told members of the Freshman Class last night that mid-semester grades made by freshmen were the lowest since 1947.

Bertrand called the meeting to discuss the "problems facing all of us—probation and lack of academic progress."

Several possible difficulties were outlined. These were adjusting the student to differences in college and high school work, enrolled in an unsuitable field, inability to read and concentrate, improper use of study time, and mistake in being in college in the first place.

Bertrand said he wanted to stop a rumor that had been circulating among the freshmen. "Any one who resigns now cannot enter school here later," he said. "If you have proved that you are not capable of doing the work, you will not be allowed to re-enter A&M."

It was also announced that there would not be an official corps trip to Austin this week for the Fish-Shorthorn game.



Wood chopping around A&M means only one thing. It's time to build the biggest bonfire of them all. Here, one student vigorously goes about chopping up a log while others gather pieces from trees recently felled.