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Boatner Headed for Texas; Gets High Fourth Army Post

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Maj. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner, former commander of United Nations prison camps in the Far East Theater, is on his way back to Texas. He will be Deputy Commander of the Fourth Army at its headquarters in San Antonio. Sporting his second general's star which was recently awarded to him after he put down Communist violence in the Kojie Island prison camp, Gen. Boatner will also be wearing three new medals when he comes home.

Oak Leaf Cluster
Gen. Mark Clark, commander of UN forces in the Far East, awarded Gen. Boatner an oak leaf cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal for taming the captured Red prisoners.

Other new medals include two French decorations, the Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor, for prior service as deputy commander of the Second US Infantry Division during the furious battles for Bloody Ridge and Heartbreak Ridge.

Before taking over his position with the Second Infantry early last September, Gen. Boatner served three years as PMS&T and Commandant of Cadets at A&M. He left College Station last August for the Korean assignment.

The general is on his way to the United States in a military transport plane, bound for San Francisco via Honolulu.

"They call me the 'Bull' and all that, but I'm just an ordinary professional soldier," he said.

"POWs Under Control"

Boatner asserted that Allied POW camps are under excellent control but occasional minor flare-ups should be expected. "When you have 150,000 people in cages," he said, "some are going to want to get out every day."

The colorful general said he was glad to be returning where he served at one time as personnel officer of the Fourth Army.

The general's wife lives on Abisco Street in Alamo Heights. A daughter, Helene, is a student at Texas University.



Maj. Gen. H. L. Boatner Leaves POW Camps Command

Aggie Gridsters Begin Season With 68 Reporting for Practice

Windstorm Lashes At Carswell AFB

Ft. Worth, Tex.—(AP)—Carswell Air Force Base was a shambles today after a windstorm last night took a multimillion-dollar swipe at America's long-range aerial striking power.

One three-million-dollar B-36 bomber was destroyed, six others received major damage and several others were damaged to an undetermined extent. Two airmen were slightly injured.

Civilian Killed

A civilian, Mrs. W. C. Connor, 44, was killed when her automobile was struck by a sign board blown down by the storm. Ten other civilians in the vicinity were reported hurt.

Capt. Burton Wilder, base public information officer, said several buildings suffered "severe damage" when the winds struck shortly before dark.

25 Per Cent Damage

Maj. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson, commanding general of the Eighth Air Force, estimated damage to planes at the base at 25 per cent.

The B-36, which has been called America's "atom bomb carrier," is the Air Force's largest, longest-ranged bomber in service and was designed to carry 10,000 pounds of bombs on a 10,000-mile mission.

Also damaged as the 90-mile-per-hour winds struck the vicinity was the plant of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., which manufactures the huge six-engine intercontinental B-36s.

Aircraft plant officials said power was disrupted and extensive damage done to service docks at which the big planes are serviced.

Wind blew the tail from one of the giant bombers and left it shattered in a ditch. Others were strewn about the ramps and taxiways of the base.

Full scale football drills started at A&M yesterday with a 68-man squad reporting for the twice daily workouts.

Head coach Ray George put the Aggie hopefuls through a rugged practice Monday morning, with the athletes donning full uniforms for the first workout.

The tentative training schedule includes a 9 to 11 a.m. session with heavy equipment, and a workout from 4 to 6 p.m. daily. Athletic trunks will be the uniform for the afternoon practice.

The maroon and white team worked extra hard today as Coach George and his staff prepared the squad for one of the roughest grid schedules in the nation. In addition to Southwest Conference games, the Aggies play University of Houston, Oklahoma A&M, Kentucky, and Michigan State.

At 1 p.m. today the squad began taking physical check-ups at the College Hospital.

George said the players all looked like they were in good shape, with only a few men on the "flabby" side at the first practice.

Seventeen Lettermen

Seventeen lettermen fill the list of 68 players who are reporting for the 1952 season. Eleven of these lettermen are linemen, while the remaining six fill backfield positions.

There are two newcomers on the Aggie coaching staff. Bill Duncan, who played end on the famous national champion Aggie team of 1939, will be end coach. He is also slated to handle a share of the scouting chores.

Cooper Robbins, Sr., who was head coach at Breckenridge High School, will coach the freshmen. Robbins replaces James "Klepto" Holmes, who died last spring, while Duncan takes over Hank Foldberg's position.

Other coaches are Gil Steinke, offensive backfield; Dalton Faircloth, defensive backfield; Paul McMurry, line; and Bill Dayton, trainer.

Squad List

The following are players who reported Monday for the pre-season workouts:

Ends—Charles Saxe, senior, Beaumont; Darrow Hooper, senior, Fort Worth; Paul Kennon, sophomore, Shreveport; Henry Clark, sophomore, Mesquite; Eric Miller, junior, Bartlett; Jerry Crossman, senior, Houston; Bennie Sinclair, sophomore, Mineola; Norbert Orlendorf, sophomore, Lockhart; Walter Hill, senior, Ballinger; Billy McGowan, sophomore, Silsbee; Rellie Rubsamen, sophomore, San Antonio; and Don Moore, senior, Junction.

Tackles—Jack Frey, junior, Houston; Alvin Langford, senior, Fort Worth; Durwood Scott, junior, Munday; Coleman Hensley, sophomore, (Continued on Page 3)

Tom Connally Gets Ovation At Bern Parley

Bern, Switzerland, Sept. 2 (AP)—Texas' retiring senior U. S. Senator, Tom Connally, was given an ovation yesterday as he took over honorary chairmanship of the conference on the inter-parliamentary union.

The 75-year-old Texan was introduced by a fellow Democrat from the Lone Star State, Rep. W. R. Poage.

Poage said Connally had left "an indelible imprint on the history of our times" during his 44 years as an elected public servant.

Connally, who is retiring from office Jan. 1, has attended most of the conference's sessions. He held the parliamentarians, gathered from 33 nations, that he did not believe in world government.

"Each individual national parliament is a laboratory to promote self-government and freedom. If there had been one world government, the Continental Congress, the French Revolution and the Latin American republics would not have been possible."

Fish Due Friday Term Begins September 15

Classes will begin Sept. 15 for the fall semester at A&M. September 20 is the last day for enrolling in the college for the fall semester or adding new courses.

Approximately 6,000 students are expected to enroll at A&M this fall.

Friday, Sept. 5, is opening day for new student week and Sept. 12 is the day for registration of new basic division students who have had no college work. On Sept. 13 all other students will register.

College Hospital Seeks Technician

The college hospital will have a new technician this fall to replace Mrs. Margaret Medberry who will move to Tacoma, Wash.

It is not known who will replace Mrs. Medberry, reported Mrs. Irene Claghorn, assistant superintendent of the hospital.

500 Lose Lives Violently In Long Weekend

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 500 persons lost their lives in accidents over the Labor Day holiday but the toll was far below the record of 658 violent deaths a year ago.

The death toll for the holiday, the last long week end of the summer season, was 524.

Accidents on the highways, as usual, took the heaviest toll, with 403 killed in traffic mishaps. Fifty-two persons drowned and 69 others lost their lives in miscellaneous accidents.

The traffic total compared to last year's record 461 deaths. It was below the 480 deaths estimated for the three-day holiday by the National Safety Council.

However, Council President Ned H. Dearborn said it was "a shocking thing to think that the traffic figure could rise to over 400 on a day dedicated to rest and relaxation. . . . The people of America should wake up to this inexcusable slaughter."

Rainy weather over wide areas of the East and Midwest was considered a possible factor in cutting down the traffic toll, keeping many persons at home. However, the wet highways made driving conditions more hazardous for the millions who made trips.

The accident toll covered the period from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Monday local time. The safety council reported that thus far in 1952 there have been 94 traffic deaths every 24 hours. This includes deaths occurring from injuries days, weeks or months after the accidents.

Firemen Finish Schooling Here

More than 900 firemen and fire marshals from 22 states and at least two foreign countries Friday completed the 23rd annual Firemen's Training School at A&M.

During the week various sections of the group received instruction in every phase of fire-fighting, from inspection methods through best methods and equipment for fighting every known type of blaze, to how to prepare a legal brief in arson cases.

Representatives attended the school from states as far away as California and New York, and from Santiago, Chile and New Delhi, India.

More than 100 instructors and administrators, especially skilled in some phase of fire-fighting, kept the school moving rapidly on schedules sometimes stretching to 14 hours per day.

Study Airfields

Engineer Officers Attend AF Course

An unusual course of instruction is being conducted at A&M this summer.

Twenty-six officers of the Corps of Engineers, assigned to the U. S. Air Force, are taking special work in airfield planning, design and construction.

Under the contract with the Air Force, the college is providing a special four-week course embracing the review of methods of investigation, planning, engineering design and control of construction of airfields in theaters of operation.

Selected Officers

The 26 officers were selected from Aviation Engineer Units operating under the direction of the Aviation Engineer Force, with headquarters at Wolters Air Force Base near Mineral Wells, which directs the world-wide operations of these units.

An important part of the course is a review of soil and asphalt engineering and their various aspects as they apply to the development of forward airfields, which are the most difficult of any type to develop.

Difficult Type

This type is the most difficult because they must be developed in a very short time, using native materials, and usually under adverse conditions in any part of the world. And they must serve the new type of modern-service airplanes.

Professor Spencer J. Buchanan, civil engineering department, planned and directs the course. Professor Fred J. Benson provides

instruction in use and design of asphalt pavements, and Assistant Professor Robert Schiller assists both Benson and Buchanan in the course work and laboratory instruction.



A 26-man team of Aviation Engineer Unit officers, shown above, is taking a special course of study in airfield planning, design and construction at A&M. Prof. Spencer J. Buchanan, Civil Engineering Department, in civilian clothes at left, planned and is directing the course. Prof.

Fred J. Benson, at right, is providing special instruction in use and design of asphalt pavements. The officers were selected from Aviation Engineer Units operating under direction of the Aviation Engineer Force, with headquarters at Wolters Air Force Base near Mineral Wells.

CHS Yearbook Party Set Sept. 3

The A&M Consolidated High School Yearbooks for 1951-52 have come in and will be distributed at a party Wednesday night, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m., announced Les Richardson, school superintendent.

The affair, which is the annual "signing party," will be held at the Luke Patranella Memorial Slab at Consolidated School. Refreshments will be served.

Steel Strike Slows Progress of Clinic

The new veterinary medicine surgical clinic being built west of the railroad tracks has been delayed because of the steel strike, said Dr. F. P. Jagee of the veterinary medicine department.

The new clinic will be one of the best equipped surgical clinics in the south, and despite delays, the department plans to be using the building next year, Dr. Jagee said.

Workman Will Lead Presbyterian Aggies

The Rev. Charles Workman is the new director of student work at the A&M Presbyterian Church. Rev. Workman arrived in College Station yesterday with his wife and three children.

He will be in charge of the Presbyterian Student Center and will assist the Rev. Norman Anderson, pastor of the A&M Presbyterian Church.

Pastor at Mesquite

Rev. Workman comes to College Station from Mesquite where he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church for four years.

He will direct al of his work at the local church to students of A&M College.

The new student director was graduated from Texas University in 1936 and finished his theological training at Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1942.

He also taught social studies in junior high grades at Austin and in the Rio Grande Valley.

Open House Saturday

The first function to be held in the Presbyterian Student Center will be an open house for freshmen Saturday evening. The new students will all meet first in the Grove and then go to the church of their choice for open house.

A meeting of all returning students has been scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The program for students will include a Bible class on Sunday morning prior to the regular Sunday morning services.

The Presbyterian Student League will meet Sunday afternoon at 6:30 p.m. A special preaching service primarily for students will follow with Rev. Workman in the pulpit.

Old Students Meet Wednesday

Students of the Presbyterian Church will also meet on Wednesday nights weekly at 7:30.

The new youth director has served ten years in the ministry. Before his four years at Mesquite, he was director of the Austin Larger Parish which included five rural churches.

Rev. Workman and his family will live at 200 S. Montclair where they will establish a Presby House which will be open to students.

George Predicts Ags To Finish Poor 3rd

Aggie football coach Ray George predicted yesterday the maroon and white squad would finish in third place after the Southwest Conference closes its '52 season.

George's prediction was in direct contrast with the last place spot picked for A&M by most sports writers in the nation.

Speaking to the College Station Lions Club at their weekly meeting in the MSC, the mentor explained his prediction to the group which was rather surprised at his prediction.

"I predict TCU, Texas, Arkansas, Rice, and SMU to all tie for first place; Baylor will be second; and the Aggies will get the third place slot," George said.

Outlined Prospects

In the same humorous way, coach George went on to outline the football team's prospects for the coming year. He said A&M was "lucky" to play such teams as Michigan State, Kentucky, and University of Houston. He pointed out that each team would be tops, especially Michigan State which is dubbed number one in the nation now. He also mentioned TCU's "hard" opponent from San Antonio—Trinity.

George announced the A&M-Michigan State game will be televised as the TV network game of the day. Stations in principal Texas cities have already announced they would carry that game as a "live" broadcast.

"We plan to take the teams one at a time this year," the coach

pointed out. "We aren't going to think about TCU or Texas, or anyone else until the time comes to play them."

Worried About U of H

"Right now we are pretty worried about Houston," the Aggie head coach said. "They are going to be plenty rough and everyone expects us to beat them, just because A&M belongs to the Southwest Conference. The fans would expect A&M to win even if they had ten old ladies out there in a uniform," he joked.

George sounded off with a bit of optimism, however, when he said, "We are going into every game to win, and don't think those boys aren't capable of winning any or all of them. I don't expect us to come out on top every time, but regardless of our losses of experienced players, we will be able to play anyone a good ball game, he said.

New CHS Pupils Register Sept. 3

High school students who will attend A&M Consolidated High School were asked today by principal J. J. Skrivaneck to register in his office Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Registration hours will be from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. A&M Consolidated schools will begin their 1952-53 school year on Sept. 8, announced L. S. Richardson, superintendent of schools.