

A&M Army Enrollment Second In Southwest

A&M dropped to second place in Fourth Army ROTC membership this year. Oklahoma A&M captured first place in Fourth Army enrollment figures for ground forces.

Total enrollment in the Fourth Army area has increased almost 6,000 since 1951, according to statistics released by Fourth Army headquarters.

The University of Oklahoma is third in the list with LSU fourth in Army ROTC enrollment.

A&M dropped to second place although the army here has more than 200 cadets than in 1951.

The addition of seven new schools this year with senior units accounts for 1,999 of the 5,780 in the 1952 increase.

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FROM THE CITY DESK

Voters To Decide About New School

By HARRI BAKER Battalion City Editor

There's not much question about College Station needing more school facilities soon. The question is what kind of a new school would be best for the community.

The statistics presented by Superintendent Les Richardson tell their own story. In 1962, Consolidated will have an enrollment of over 1400. The school is already over crowded with an enrollment of 860.

The accuracy of this prediction of College Station's school population increase is indicated by the figures for state and national increase. In all three cases, the charted curve is almost exactly the same.

Plans Presented. After many months of hard work the school board has presented three plans to alleviate the situation.

The simplest plan is rearrangement of the present facilities to give more room to the elementary grades, which are now and always will be the largest. This plan would ease the situation for the present, but sooner or later a new school would have to be built.

Another plan is to build three new elementary schools, one in each section of the city, and turn the present buildings over to the high school.

The advocates of this plan say it would be safer (young children would not have to cross Highway 6 to get to school) and more convenient (an elementary school would be close to every child).

The objection to the plan is that it would cost more to spread the construction work out over three different sites and to maintain three separate schools.

Plan for New High School

The other plan, the one favored by the school board, calls for building a high school plant on the strip of land between the present school and Highway 6, and building an elementary school in College Hills.

A new high school could contain all the facilities that the present high school now lacks: an auditorium, adequate laboratories, music rooms, and shops. It would be close enough to the present school, which would be used for the lower grades, to make maintenance easy.

The elementary school in College Hills would take care of the problem of crossing the highway.

This plan would take care of the school's needs for several years to come.

The school board has not yet decided definitely on a plan. E. E. Brown, president of the board, said that there was still more work to be done, and that the board would have to agree on a plan that the majority of the voters favor.

If the voters don't approve of the plan that the school board chooses, the school board won't have the money to carry it out.

Bond Issue Needed

To get sufficient funds, school taxes will have to be raised and a bond issue will have to be passed.

The school board can raise taxes simply by increasing the evaluation of property for that purpose. They proposed a tax raise, amounting to a \$22.50 increase for the average taxpayer, but that would only bring in an estimated \$18,000 increase a year.

To get the rest of the \$650,000 they say they will need, a bond issue will have to be approved.

Bonds can be issued after a bond ordinance is passed by a majority vote of the City Council and approved by a majority of the tax-

paying voters of the school district. The bond ordinance must specify exactly how the money is to be used, that is, for which of the school plans. If the voters don't approve the first plan the school board asks for, the school board can try again with another bond ordinance, specifying another plan.

This can keep up until the voters are presented a plan that they approve.

So it adds up to this: College Station needs new facilities for its school children, and the voters will have the final say on the type of new facilities to build.

Community Chest Still Short

Still dealing with money, but in a different vein, College Station's showing in Community Chest drive has been disappointing. As of today the Chest is still almost \$4,000 short.

The drive probably will be continued actively through Thanksgiving. Even if it isn't, contributions will be accepted as long as people want to give.

There are several businesses and persons in the city that have given nothing or too little. These people live in the city and will be directly affected by the organizations that benefit from the Chest.

A list of these organizations reads like an honor roll of service — Youth Committee, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, Recreation Council, YMCA, Tuberculosis Association, Cancer Society, and others. The list speaks for itself.

Building Plans To Receive No Definite Action

The A & M Consolidated School Board will not take any definite action on the new school building program for several weeks, said E. E. Brown, president of the school board.

"We're not yet completely sure of the program that will be best according to the wishes of the public," Brown said.

Several different plans for the building program were presented at a meeting of the Mothers and Dads Club Monday night.

The two main plans were to build an elementary school in College Hills and a high school adjacent to the present high school, or to build three elementary schools, one in each of the city's main sections.

"It will take a little time to prepare the program, no matter which one we choose," Brown said. "We have to do some more work with the architect, price land, and select a site."

An expected increase in the school population will make more school facilities necessary, according to Les Richardson, Consolidated superintendent.

Deer Hunters

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ably shot his buck from Britton, but lost the race for the locker plant.

He had been out only 15 minutes when he snagged a 150-pound seven-point buck. The deer was running, and at 200 yards, when Schlesselman bagged him with a single shot.

"They get awful heavy when you start to carry them out," was the only comment he made.

Probably the youngest hunter in the area on opening day was Dee Smith, son of Manning Smith, 115 E. Walton. This was his second deer-hunting trip, and he got his first buck.

The animal pushed the scales to a plump 150 pounds, and carried six pointed horns. Young Smith made the shot at 75 yards, and didn't even need to fire the second time.

A total of 18 deer were brought into the two main lockers in the area on Sunday, and several more followed Monday morning.

Womens Club's Food Group Meets Friday

The Foods Group of the College Women's Social Club will meet at 1:15 p. m. Friday in the A&M Christian Church.

The menu for Friday will be taken from a cook book entitled "Let's Talk Turkey" which is a collection of recipes from the White Turkey Inn.

Following the theme for the year, Mrs. P. K. Brigham will review the book "Cook Books For Good Cooks" following the luncheon.

What's Cooking

Wednesday

7 p. h.—Bowling Committee, Room 2D, MSC
Table Tennis Committee, Room 3B, MSC.
7:15 p. m.—Hillel Foundation, Room, 2C, MSC
Executive Committee, Senate Chamber, MSC.

Adult Sunday School Class To Be Held

An adult Sunday school class institute will be held by St. Paul's Methodist Church of Bryan tomorrow night from 7:30-9:30, said the Rev. Nolan Vance, district director of education.

"The institute will be under the direction of the Rev. O. W. Bradley of the Bryan District of the Methodist Church," Rev. Vance said. "All teachers, officers, and class members are to attend."

After the devotional by the Rev. Don Box, district director of adult work, the group will be divided into two sections. One section will be composed of teachers, assistant teachers, and those interested in preparing for adult class teaching. The other section will be for presidents, officers, and class members.

Miss Doris Dennison of Nashville, Tenn., will be in charge of the teaching section and Rev. Vance will lead the discussion with class officers.

Lutheran Students Association, Lutheran Student Center.
Newman Club, Basement of Chapel.

7:30 p. m.—Air Force Reserve, Rooms 2A-2B, MSC, Lt. Col. Birdwell will speak on "Board of Officers Training Methods."

Petroleum Engineering Club, Petroleum Lecture Room, A. E. Burgin will discuss "The Oil Land Broker and his Activities."
8:15 p. m.—Aggie Players—"All My Sons" Ballroom, MSC.

Thursday

3 to 5 p. m.—Extension Service Club, Assembly Room, MSC.

7 p. m.—A&M Garden Club Flower show, Fred Weick residence, the Knoll

7:15 p. m.—Brazoria County Club, Rev. Nolan Vance, district director of education.

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