

## AGGIES AIM TO SMASH UT JINX

### Bonfire Blazes At 8 p.m. Today; George to Speak

Setting the torch to A&M's 52 feet high bonfire at 8 tonight will be senior yell leaders Tom Collins, J. O. (Dukey) Childs, and Bill Henderson, civilian yell leader.

Yell practice will be held at the south-east end of the drill field as the bonfire burns. A truck which will be driven onto the field and will serve as the speaking platform where loud speakers will be erected.

#### Co-captains Speak

Head football coach Ray George will be the principal speaker. Coach George will introduce the senior members of the football team, and

### Student Falls Through Roof Of ME Shop

While attempting to retrieve a flag, a freshman crashed through the roof of the M. E. Building and plummeted 22 feet to the floor early Sunday morning.

Hospital authorities say the freshman, Robert L. Francis from El Paso, is in a satisfactory condition after receiving emergency treatment shortly after 9 a. m. Sunday.

Francis explains how he and a buddy, Tony Martinez, decided after breakfast Sunday to scale the water tower to get a souvenir flag.

Reaching the top, Francis threw the flag to Martinez, who was waiting on the ground. However, the wind caught the flag and blew it on the M. E. Building, which is adjacent to the water tower.

Not easily discouraged, Francis climbed to the roof of the M. E. Building and almost reached the flag when the asbestos roofing gave way.

Later investigation disclosed that he bounced off two pipes before reaching the concrete floor. Although Francis didn't remember how he got out, trails of blood indicated that he had dazedly wandered about the welding department looking for an opening.

Blood smears were found on all the door knobs and directly below the hole in the roof was a large pool of blood. Rain has now washed away the stains where he crawled through a window and stumbled outside. Here Martinez found him and took him to the hospital.

Francis suffered multiple ear and head lacerations with many body bruises. X-rays have not definitely determined the extent of his internal injuries.

If no complications develop after 72 hours, explained Dr. J. E. Marsh, head of College Hospital, he will probably be all right.

co-captains Jack Little and Ray Graves will speak.

P. L. (Pinky) Downs, Jr., official greeter of the college, will also speak.

Work on the bonfire was seriously hampered during the week by a continuous down pour of rain. Mud made working in the woods impossible after Saturday evening. At least 10 truck loads of logs which were cut and ready to be hauled had to be left.

The only work accomplished during the week-end was the stacking of logs which were already on the drill field.

#### Truck Breaks Down

Further complications arose when one of the two trucks hauling logs broke down. "The breakdown shorted us by about four loads of logs," Collins said.

Armor units are again in charge of oiling down the bonfire. The symbolic "bucket brigade" will begin their operation this afternoon.

The Maroon and White Band will place its "UT tea house" on the structure at 1 p. m.

#### Aggies Burning Desire

With the lighting of the bonfire, the traditional symbolization of the burning desire of all Aggies everywhere to beat UT will take place. It is backed by thirty-five truck loads of logs and nine days work done by hundreds of cadets.

After yell practice a dance will be held in the MSC Ballroom. Music will be supplied by the Aggieland Combo. Tickets for the dance, which are also good for two soft drinks, may be purchased at the Ballroom door for 25 cents, stag or drag.

The two trucks used to haul logs to the bonfire were supplied by Ed Flynt of Ennis and Bob Churnside of Houston. The Bryan Tractor & Implement Co. supplied the tractor used in the woods.

### Churches Unite For Thanksgiving

The annual community Thanksgiving service will be held in the First Baptist Church at 6:30 a. m. Thursday.

The Rev. Darvall, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel, will deliver the address. The Rev. Norman Anderson, pastor of the A&M Presbyterian Church, will preside.

Music will be presented by the A&M Consolidated High School Chorus under the direction of Robert L. Boone. Miss Margaret Berry, organist at the First Baptist Church, will accompany the chorus.

The service is being sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. The public is invited to attend, said Gordon Gay, alliance president.

### Sunlight Breaks Clouds After 3.29 Inch Rain

Sunshine broke through the clouds this morning, shining down on College Station for the first time since Saturday. But none seemed to object to the absence of sunlight because the clouds which hid it brought 3.29 inches of rain

Sunday, Monday, and early Tuesday.

High winds and a driving rain did a small amount of damage on the campus and in the College Station area early this morning. At 3:30 a. m. winds were registered at the Easterwood Airport CAA Station at 55 miles per hour. During the 30 minute period from 3:30 to 4 a. m. approximately an inch of rain fell.

The three day "monsoon" brought the total precipitation for College Station in November to 5.04 inches.

Prediction for today is a general clearing over this area of the state with high scattered clouds and strong winds from the northwest.

Low temperature yesterday was 49 degrees. Low last night was 53, while a reading of 55 was recorded at 9:30 this morning.

Winds from the northwest have grown somewhat stronger since 7 a. m., but the possibility of them being a cold norther did not appear favorable.



COMING DOWN—It won't be long before this tree, being cut in a nearby woods, is stacked on the big bonfire which students labored over all weekend. Although weather hampered working conditions, the wood pile is still in excess of 50 feet in height, and has hundreds of logs like the one above stacked around it. The big pre-University of Texas game blaze is set for tonight.

### A&M Gains SWC Harrier Crown

AUSTIN, Nov. 25—Texas A&M regained the Southwest Conference cross country championship here yesterday in misting rain, taking five of the first 10 places in a five-team meet.

Leading the Aggies lopsided triumph was James Blaine, a junior from Imperial. His time was 12 minutes and 3 seconds on the 2.7

mile course. At the first mile his time was 4:26 and at two miles it was 8:59, well under the Southwest Conference mark for that distance.

The Aggies finished with 23 points, followed by Arkansas with 59, Texas with 69, SMU with 90 and TCU with 124.

The first 10 finishers were Blaine; Wayne De Rouen, A&M; Lenroy Lowe, SMU, the conference two-mile champ; Charles Hudgins; A&M; Alan Eshbaugh, Arkansas; Verlon Westmoreland, A&M; Jim Bean, Arkansas; Don Neighbors, Texas; Bob Richardson, SMU; and Charles Gabriel, A&M.

### Chest Givers Get Placards

Businesses or departments of the college that contributed to the Community Chest can get a placard saying "I have contributed" from Bennie Zinn, chairman of the Chest committee.

The cards can be picked up in Zinn's office in Goodwin Hall, or one will be sent any contributor who calls Zinn and asks for one.

Total contributions as of yesterday amount to \$8,175.76. The goal is \$11,019.

"We'll probably get about a hundred dollars a day until the drive ends Dec. 5," Zinn said.

Three Community Chest thermometers have been put up in the mechanical engineering department to spur the drive there.

One thermometer shows the number of people in that department who have given, one records the total amount given, and the other shows the goal set by that department.

### College Station Community Chest

Goal	\$11,019.00
Total now	8,175.76
Still needed	2,843.24
Deadline	Dec. 5

### Spirit of Thanksgiving

## Campus Offers Thanks

By JON KINSLOW  
Battalion News Staff

"Having good health and a generally happy outlook on life, are more gifts than one really needs to be happy."

This was what Miss Betty Bolander, MSC program consultant, answered to the question, "What does Thanksgiving mean to me?"

Answers to the same question from persons on the campus were varied, but all reflected a sincere thankfulness for being able to live in a free nation.

#### Freedom of Education

C. W. Witherspoon, freshman from Ferris, summed this up by saying he was glad he lived in a nation where he could go to college and that he had parents that could provide the opportunity for such an education.

Along the same line, Martin Burkhead, sophomore from Lamesa, said, "I'm glad I have the privilege of going to school and exchanging my thoughts and ideas freely with others."

Viewing education from the teaching side, J. P. Abbott, dean

of arts and sciences said all educators should be thankful for the privilege of educating young people.

"An example of the freedom we enjoy in this country is the recent election," he said.

#### Hard to Express

Many students shared the feelings of Roy Markwardt, sophomore from Palacios, who said he had so many things to be thankful for it was hard to express them.

Gratitude for living in a peaceful world was also reflected in some of the answers. P. R. Mommessin, graduate student and part time chemistry instructor from Paris, France, said he was glad he is living in a peaceful world where he could come here to school and work at a job he liked.

"I am glad we have been able to maintain a peaceful world," was what J. J. Woolket, head of the modern language department, said he was thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Some persons interviewed reflected the feeling of gratefulness of gathering together this Thanksgiving with their friends and fam-

## A&M-UT Tilt Sell Out For 59th Annual Clash

### Austin Game Last Corps Trip of Year

By JOEL AUSTIN  
Battalion Co-Editor

Whether either team wins a game all year, you can expect the big Thanksgiving Day football battle between A&M and the University of Texas to be a sell out. And it's just that again this year.

With its impressive season record of no conference defeats, the Longhorns will be meeting the Aggies who can boast only one win and one tie in five starts.

But anything can happen in a Texas-A&M game and usually does. Texas gets the nod in the meeting Thursday, but mainly because the game is in Memorial Stadium, a place the A&M varsity football team has never won a game.

Supporters for both teams will come from all over the state, and as predicted, the 64,000 seats in Texas' stadium will all be occupied.

As a prelude to the big game, A&M cadets will march down Congress Ave. Thursday morning in their own colorful way. The Aggie Bands will be on hand for the parade Thursday—all 180 members of the varsity band, as well as 130 members of the freshman band.

#### School Dismissed

School is officially dismissed for the Thanksgiving holidays after classes Wednesday, and approximately 6,000 A&M students will make the 100 mile trip without much hesitation.

The big affair Wednesday night is an Aggie party planned by the Austin A&M Club. The city coliseum will be the scene of a big dance for all Aggies that night. Admission is one dollar per person. Music will be furnished by the Aggieland Orchestra, and a yell practice is scheduled inside the coliseum at 11:30 p. m.

The 4,400 cadets will march down Congress Ave. at 10 a. m. Thursday and pass before a reviewing stand in front of the Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Units will be dismissed behind the state capitol at the end of Congress Ave.

#### General Takes Reviews

Taking the review will be Maj. Gen. K. L. Berry, adjutant general of Texas. Other honor guests in the reviewing stand will be Col. Marcus E. Jones, chief of the Texas Military District; Col. V. T. Edwinton, commander of Bergstrom Air Force Base; Brig. Gen. E. E. Glenn, commander of the third Air Force reserve unit; Brig. Gen. L. H. Watson, commander of the 90th division, reserve. (See CORPS TRIP, Page 2)

### Graves Ready To QB Cadets

By JERRY ESTES  
Battalion Sports Staff

The Aggies and University of Texas Steers will meet for the 59th time on Thanksgiving Day in Austin. For the last 30 years, the Aggies have gone winless on Memorial Stadium turf.

Both teams are expected to be at full strength. There are no major injuries on either squad, and Ray Graves, Aggie quarterback, will be back and ready for action.

Durwood Scott and Bobby Dixon, offensive tackles, have been sick but both are expected to see some action. Graves has been out with a bruised hip received in the SMU game. His return to the line-up rounds out the backfield for the cadets.

#### Weather Hurts Workouts

Rain and cold weather have hampered workouts of the Cadets, limiting outside work. This is not expected to hinder them much as lengthy drills are not so important this late in the season.

All America Jack Little, Marvin Tate, and Sid Theriot among others will be ready to bolster the line and stop the Steers' running attack. Joe Boring, Joe Schero, and Augie Saxe are ready for secondary action.

The Longhorns will be full strength also. Their backfield is the most dangerous in the conference according to statistics. Dick Ochoa, Gib Dawson, and Billy Quinn rank 1, 2, 3 in rushing while Jones is the passing and total offense leader.

Harley Sewell clogs the middle of the Steer line. He is a demon on defense, and a hard man to take out. Tom Stolhandske will be at an end position to catch Jones' passes. He is noted for his sensational pass catching and hard blocking.

#### Steers Hold Edge

The Aggies and Steers have met fifty eight times with the Cadets winning 16, losing 37, and five games ending in ties.

In 1894, the series was begun with UT taking a 38-0 victory over A&M. The two teams did not play again until 1898. Then for several years, two games were being played. One was held on a neutral site, and the other in Austin on Thanksgiving Day.

The Steers won every game until 1902 when the Cadets earned a 0-0 tie and then beat the Longhorns in the second game 12-0. It was not until 1907 that A&M could again break into the win column. Their win came in Houston to the count of 20-0.

After 1911, the schools severed relations until 1915. It was in this year that a pattern was set when the Aggies upset a highly favored Longhorn team 13-0. The teams continued until 1922 with each team winning on their home grounds. In 1922, the Aggies won their only game in Austin.

The next year Texas won in College Station on the fumbled (See AGGIE-TEXAS TILT, pp. 4)

### Students Buy 5,262 Tickets For UT Game

Student and guest tickets sold to the University of Texas game in Austin Thursday totaled 5,262, athletic department officials announced today.

Student tickets sales totaled 3,909 and guest tickets numbered 1,353. An additional 310 seats will be allotted for the band.

The athletic department warned students against taking guests who have reserved seat tickets into the student section. Only 5,500 seats have been allotted A&M students and no room is available for other people, they said.

Ticket stubs would be checked inside the stadium before anyone is allowed to enter the section, according to the athletic department.

Only 100 reserved seat tickets were available yesterday afternoon. They were expected to be sold or returned to Austin by noon today. A sell-out crowd of more than 65,000 is expected at the game by A&M and Texas athletic officials.

### Library to Close Thursday, Sunday

The Cushing Memorial Library will be closed Thursday and Sunday this week, said Robert A. Houze, librarian.

Because of the Thanksgiving holidays, the library will remain open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Friday and from 8 a. m. to 12 noon Saturday.

The library will return to its regular schedule Monday, Houze said.

### No Paper Printed Wednesday, Friday

Changes in publication schedules for The Battalion this week were announced by co-editors Frank Manitzas and Joel Austin.

The Battalion will not be published Wednesday, but will be printed Thursday morning as a special Thursday issue. City carriers will deliver the paper to homes early Thursday. There will be no Friday paper.

Plans are also being made to distribute copies of the Thursday paper to students in Austin, the co-editors added.

Regular publication will be resumed next week.

### A&M Directors Meet In Austin

The A&M Board of Directors will hold its last meeting for 1952 at 1 p. m. Wednesday at the Driskill Hotel in Austin.



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