

Flu Reaches Peak, Local Doctors Say

An increase of influenza cases is believed by College Station doctors to be leveling off after an upward surge to 406 cases in this area last week. The increase was reported by the Bryan-Brazos County Health Unit.

Dr. Joseph Cox, president of the county medical society, said he thought the increase was finally at a peak level.

"It has been pretty stiff, and I hope it doesn't reach the epidemic stage," he said.

There were 60 cases of influenza in the college hospital yesterday. Mrs. Irene Claghorn, supervisor of the hospital, said she couldn't tell whether or not, the 'flu' would continue to rise on the campus.

Dr. E. E. Holt said he felt the number of cases reported last week indicated a possible epidemic. He said he had treated twice as many cases this week as he had last week.

Danger Passed

However, Dr. Nena Harris felt the danger of epidemic has passed. "Although I have treated more cases this week, I think the number of cases will level off," she said.

Several cities in Texas have already closed down schools and theaters, but no such action has been taken yet in College Station.

In the first week in January, 128 cases of 'flu' were reported by the health unit, and only 264 cases were reported for the month of December. Last week the college hospital reported 36 cases.

Of the 406 cases in this area last week, 148 cases were in College Station and 258 cases were in Bryan.

In other parts of Texas, the Associated Press reports that thousands of Texas school children stayed home sick Tuesday as flu closed schools in at least 19 cities and towns.

Hundreds of adults were stricken too, and state health officer Dr. George W. Cox warned that the influenza—a mild form—could turn into pneumonia.

Take Care

"The people should take care of themselves," he said. "If you've got a temperature, go to bed, get a doctor."

Cox said 25,000 cases were reported last week in 60 counties and

five counties—Milam, Hill, Kimball, Harrison and Dawson—reported epidemics. These counties gave no figures on the number of cases.

At this time last year, there were 7,000 cases of influenza reported.

Cox said the incidence of flu was increasing and that he could not predict when the peak would be reached or when the decline would start.

March of Dimes Athletic Show Set for Jan. 23

Brazos County will strike a blow against polio in a March of Dimes Benefit Game and Sports Show Jan. 23.

The show, which will be in DeWare Field House, will feature a basketball game between the defending national junior college champion Wharton Pioneers and the defending State TJCC Champion Allen Ramblers.

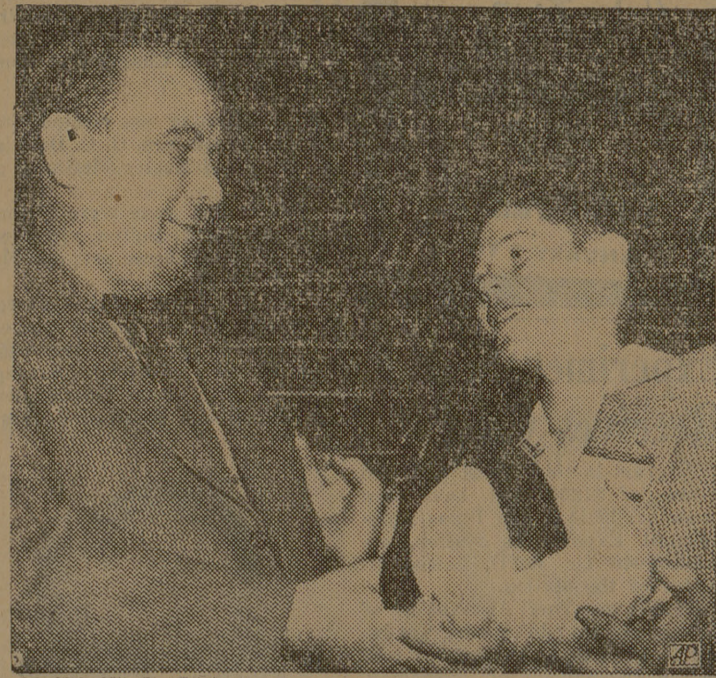
Coming from Wharton to support the team will be the Starlettes, a group of 48 girls who do precision marching and dance routines. As an added attraction over 100 twirlers chosen from neighboring high schools will be present.

The show will also include All-Americans Don Rhodden of Rice and Jack Little of A&M, who will appear along with All-Southwest quarterback Ray Graves and A&M's athletic director, Barlow "Bones" Irvin.

Baseball stars who will appear in the show include Mike Mistovich, former minor league player and manager, and Rip Collins, ex-major leaguer who is now Chief of Police in Bryan. Mistovich, who is program director of radio station KORA, will act as master of ceremonies.

Track representatives who will appear along with Aggie track coach Andy Anderson include A&M's Darrow Hooper, and Walter Davis.

Tennis and boxing stars will also be present.



HIGH PRICED TURKEY—Don Draper, 15 (right), A&M Consolidated freshman, sold this 15 pound dressed turkey for \$95 a pound. Bill Williams (left) of Houston bought the bird at the auction held in Dallas by the National Turkey Federation at their annual convention. Draper's turkey was grand champion in the junior division of the turkey show, and sold for a total of \$1,425.

Extension Service Marks 50th Year

Starting as a farm demonstration in 1903 established to combat the cotton boll weevil, the Agricultural Extension Service is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, representing the United States department of agriculture, established the first farm demonstration in the nation on the farm of Walter Porter near Terrell. It was in 1903 that the boll weevil, an insect invader from Mexico, was threatening to ruin the Texas cotton crop.

Improved Methods

Through the use of improved methods of farming and management, Dr. Knapp showed the boll weevil could be controlled. This demonstration set the pattern by which the agricultural extension work throughout the nation has developed.

In 1904 Farmer's Cooperative Demonstration Work was begun in the Bureau of Plant Industry, USDA, with Dr. Knapp in charge. The headquarters were first set up in Houston, but were later moved to Lake Charles, La. When the extension service work became national, the headquarters was set up in Washington, D. C.

The first agricultural agent to work exclusively in one county, W. C. Stallings of Smith County, was appointed in 1906. In 1908 County Agricultural Agent Tom Marks organized the first boys' corn club in Texas. This was the beginning of the youth phase of extension service work—the 4-H clubs. Two years later 1,500 boys attended the first state rally at the State Fair in Dallas.

A&M became a part of the rapidly expanding demonstration (See EXTENSION, Page 4)

Army Grads Still Dazed Over Third Order Change

January graduates in the Army ROTC are still dazed from the announcement of active duty within 60 days after graduation.

Some were found in bed trying to sleep off the effects of the series of contradicting orders that have come in the past month from the Department of Army. Some were found attending final classes while others were seen busy with final preparations for graduation.

These were taking the change with varied degrees of shock. Arnold Damon, Houston journalism major, said, "It came as a surprise being the third such order published by the Department of Army in recent days." Damon is in the armored cavalry.

"S'way it goes," said Charles Thomas, from Perryton. Thomas asked for immediate service and plans to go in about the first of February. "You can't get much of a job for just 60 days," he said. He had a job offer before this announcement.

Val Cadena, Del Rio, was perhaps the most disappointed of students interviewed. He had a job and was planning to get married before going into active duty. "This has fouled all my plans," was his sad comment.

Many of the January graduates had made their plans in accordance with the previous announcement that, except for the Corps of Engineers, they would not be called into active duty before July 1.

Reduction of accidents through investigation and surveys are the future plans of the recreation safety subcommittee of the college's Accident Prevention Committee.

Carl E. Tishler, chairman of the subcommittee, said a record of accidents in intramural activities and throughout the dormitory areas would help in finding the source of accidents.

A survey by the physical education classes was suggested by Herman B. Segrest of the P E department. Tishler appointed Committee member Dr. A. A. Price of the Veterinary Medicine School to work with Segrest in carrying out the survey.

A tour of the campus to inspect danger areas will be held after the survey report is completed, Tishler said.

Members of the subcommittee are Tishler; Segrest; Price; Barney Welch, director of intramurals; W. M. Dowell of the physical education department; Frank N. Manitzas, co-editor of The Battalion.

Dr. Miller will judge fat steers; Dr. Rupel will judge Holstein cattle; Jones will sift fat lambs; and Dahlberg will sift fat swine.

Richardson Releases School 'Bond' Budget

MSC Adds \$100 To Award Fund; Total Is \$350

An added \$100 was added Monday to the awards and banquet budget of the MSC by the Student Center's Council. The total budget is now \$350.

The money was approved by the Council for use in the annual banquet and award presentation to be held in the spring.

Three gifts to the MSC were described to the council by J. Wayne Stark, director. The gifts are an international clock from an A&M Mothers Club, a vue-lyte projector from the civil engineering department, and a set of old and rare Britannica Encyclopedias presented by O. W. Bradley of Bryan.

An awards committee composed of Lamar McNew, council president; J. S. Samuels, council vice president; councilman Carroll Phillips; Dial Martin, faculty member; and Stark.

Awards will be presented to present council members and those of past councils. A president's award was established to present him with a picture of himself which will be placed permanently in the president's office in the MSC. The spring banquet will include members of the directorate and the council and guests.

Scrolls will be presented to members of the directorate and council, staff advisors, and 24 general scrolls to outstanding workers in the MSC's programs.

Les Richardson, superintendent of A&M Consolidated Schools, released yesterday an itemized budget of the \$650,000 the school board is asking for in the Jan. 20 bond issue election.

Speaking before a public meeting in the Civil Engineering lecture room, Richardson said, "As far as we can tell, these figures are the amounts that will have to be spent. If there is any money left over, that amount of the bonds would be cancelled."

The budget is as follows:

New high school with 14 classrooms, auditorium, shop and music room	\$307,630
New elementary school with 6 classrooms	\$75,370
Architects fee 6 per cent \$30,000	
Bond fee	\$7,000
Renovation for present facilities, including Lincoln:	
High School	\$25,000
Furniture	\$30,000
Land	\$50,000
Desired additional classrooms and new physical education facilities	\$85,000
Total	\$650,000

The fees for the architect and the bond are set amounts. Richardson said that the amounts for land and present school renovation are estimates. "These are as close as we can get until we actually have the money," he said.

The meeting attended by about 35 people, was called by Joe Orr. "This meeting is called without any feeling of opposition to the school board," he said. "We just want to get some information on the bond election."

Orr presented a table showing the amount of school bonds still being paid on. His figures showed that with \$351,000 issued in bonds to date, \$270,000 is still outstanding.

Also presented were the cost of Bryan's Crockett school and a Bryan elementary school. Crockett cost \$296,000. It has 12 rooms, cafeteria, combination gym and auditorium, health room, and offices. The eight-room elementary school cost \$88,700.

County Has First Traffic Fatality of '53

The first traffic death for Brazos County was Friday at 5:06 p. m. when Carolyn Ann Olexy, 3, was killed by an automobile.

The child, apparently following her small brother into the street, was struck and killed by a car driven by Roy Edward Byer, 103 Dellwood, Bryan, police said.

Byer, 19, said he saw the child's brother, but did not see her. He was traveling about 15 miles when he struck the child.

After investigating the accident, Sgt. G. S. Moss of the Bryan Police Department stated that no charges would be filed against Byer.

Car Thiefs Caught After Wreck Here

Two men have confessed to stealing an automobile from Corpus Christi after being arrested for colliding with a parked car on the campus Saturday night, said Chief Fred Hickman of the Campus Security Office.

The men, Robert M. Bryan and Charles Ed McShane, had stolen the 1950 model Ford from a Corpus Christi used car lot Saturday night and were driving through the A&M campus when they wrecked the car.

Patrolman Morris Maddox of the campus security arrested the two men as they were attempting to catch a ride to Houston on Highway 6. "A student saw the two men leave the parking lot without turning off their headlights and called the campus security office," Maddox said.

The Texas Highway Patrol and the Bryan sheriff assisted, Chief Hickman said.

Woman and Son Injured by Bus

Mrs. Bardin H. Nelson, 30, of 705 S. Dexter in College Station and her son, Howard, 5, were hit by a Bryan city bus yesterday and almost were No. 2 and No. 3 on the county's 1953 traffic fatality list.

Mrs. Nelson is hospitalized in a Bryan hospital. Her son was treated for a skinned leg.

The two were hit by the bus as it turned the corner at 25th and Main St. The bus passed over Mrs. Nelson but the wheels of the vehicle did not touch her.

Brazos County's first traffic fatality occurred Friday.

Aggie Talent Show Set For Early Feb.

The Aggie Talent Show has been postponed until sometime early in February because of programming conflicts, said Miss Betty Bolander, MSC program consultant.

The new date for the show will be decided Thursday at the meeting of the MSC Music Committee and will be set early enough so two acts can be chosen for the Intercollegiate Talent Show, to be held here March 13, Miss Bolander said.

"Auditions are still being held and we can use more acts for the show," she said.

'Italica' Publishes Beberfall Article

Dr. Lester Beberfall of the modern languages department has had an article published in the December, 1952 issue of Italica.

The title of the article is "Meyer-Lubke's Treatment of the Partitive Indefinite Construction in Italian." Grammer of Roman Languages was the book Dr. Beberfall consulted for his article.

Phi Kappa Phi Gets 68 New Members

Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society for all fields of higher learning has elected 68 new members from men who are graduating in January, June and August. Requirements to be in the society that one must be in the upper 10 per cent of his class and have a 2.5 grade point ratio.

These are the new members as elected:

Agriculture (June and August graduates)—William M. Huffman, Gene Earl Steed, William Hamilton Jr., Thomas Leon Payne, Shelton G. Black, Leo B. Bockholt, Charles R. Zeigler, Charles Renfro Slone.

January and June

Arts and Sciences (January Graduates)—Clifford Elton LaMotte and Dwight Edward King.

June and August graduates—Robert E. Huffman, Robert L. Andrews Jr., Otto A. Prather Jr., Ed Pete Rodrigues, Robert W. Palmer, Floyd P. Folsom, Harry J. Keib-

ler, James Tillotson, William P. Singleton, Walter G. Crane.

Engineering (January Graduates)—Robert Franklin Brown, Arthur William Hubertus, Richard Frank Dolan, Huel Clive Tucker, David Jonathan Engel, Robert I. Bradford, June and August Graduates—Weldon D. Kruger, E. W. Hegmann, Foster L. Gray, Donald B. Hall, Joe B. Mattei, Robert Burgher Killian, John Louis Park, Jarrell B. Mugg, Lawrence M. Whaley, Richard M. Zeek, George W. Berner, T. A. Rother Jr., James I. Jordan, Robert L. Hartung, John C. Burke, Jimmy E. Curtis, Julius J. Kelt Jr., William Raymond Wilshire, John Gibbs Leatherman, Richard C. Faulkner, Willard R. Green, Willie A. Crabtree, Fred R. Wauters, Joel E. Lovell, Robert Stith Boykin, Richard David Lockhart, Joseph R. Drake, W. L. Sabo, L. O. Hill.

Veterinary (June Graduate)—F. J. Koenig.

Graduate School

Graduate School (January Graduates)—John W. Holcomb, Lindley Eric Flanagan Jr., Charles Emil Swenson, Basil L. Howl, August Graduates—Richard Vrooman, Jack R. Donnell, Patrick Burney Hall, B. J. Joyce, Donald Charles Hook, Robert Lee Gerhart, William Bryant Cowan Jr., Wesley Kenton Summers, Vohnnie Lee Pearson Jr.

All persons who are within one semester of graduation and meet the requirements above are eligible. Phi Kappa Phi is the second oldest honor society in the country and the standards for election are higher than those of any other society at A&M.

There are no programs, functions or duties that go with election to Phi Kappa Phi. One initiation banquet is held in the spring, but the main purpose of the society is to promote scholarship.

The committee for election of new members met last Thursday, Jan. 8. Notices were sent to prospective members on Saturday.

Weather Today



CLEAR

WEATHER TODAY: Clear to partly cloudy. The low this morning was 59 and the high yesterday was 70.