

## Development Fund Receives \$98,224.61 During Last Year

The 1952 Development Fund received \$98,224.61 from 8,201 A&M former and present students and friends, said today J. B. (Dick) Hervey, secretary of the Former Students Association. This is an all time high in amount of money, he said.

From these gifts, \$10,000 was added to the Opportunity Awards; the All-Faith Chapel fund is now \$38,465.95; the College president's fund received \$1,000; and for the publication of The Texas Aggie and maintenance of the FSA office, \$22,000 has been allotted, Hervey said.

"Gifts restricted in accordance with wishes of the donors accounted for \$26,758.66 of the over-all total," the FSA's secretary said. Hervey explained that most of the amount was applied to Opportunity Awards scholarships.

### Chapel—1953 Goal

The 1953 Development Fund which opened Jan. 1 has as its principal objective the campus chapel. "Men are already sending their gifts and early trends indicate another outstanding year in 1953," Hervey said.

## 'Fight Polio' Benefit Party Set Saturday

A community game session for the benefit of the March of Dimes will be held in the Country Club from 7 to 11 p. m. Saturday.

Cards, forty-two, and dominoes will be played, and coffee will be served.

"It will be just a come-and-go affair," said Ernest Gregg of the March of Dimes committee. "We hope to have enough people there to keep 100 tables busy."

Admission price for the night will be one dollar, and all proceeds will go to the March of Dimes polio campaign.

The committee is asking for volunteers to bring card tables, cards, and dominoes to the game. Gregg said that all equipment brought would be marked to insure return. He said to notify Mrs. B. L. Davis, telephone 6-1783, about bringing equipment.

In his bi-monthly letter to former students, President of the Association A. F. (Smiley) Mitchell of Corsicana said: "The open door of 1953 presents to us visions of a greater A&M. It presents a challenge and each individual must do his share."

The amount of money given by A&M men to the 1952 Fund established a new record, previously held by the 1949 Fund when \$94,000.90 was contributed. In total money the 1952 Fund was short the \$100,000 mark, a long-time dream, by just under \$1,800, Hervey said. Also encouraging was the increase in the average unrestricted gift to \$8.71, he added.

### Decrease in Contributors

"Not so pleasing is a decrease in the number of contributors to the 1952 Fund as compared to 1951. This year's 8,201 contributors fell short of the numbers of A&M men contributing in 1951, 1949 and 1946, but surpassed the other fund years since 1943.

"The class of 1942 continued to lead the pack in number of contributors with 417 recorded last year. The class of 1943 was second with 387, and 1950 moved into the top three with 378 contributors, he said.

In percentage of class members contributing to the fund, the class of 1907 maintains its honor spot, a position it has held for the past four years, with a near record-breaking percentage of 81.08.

The class of 1902 came in second in this category with 71.43 per cent, and 1899 remained in the top three with 55.55 per cent of its class contributing, Hervey said.

"In amount contributed by classes, the class of 1913 holds the honor position with \$3,911.91. The class of 1922, number one in this category in the 1951 Fund, fell to number two with \$2,872.28. A young newcomer in this category was 1949, which finished strong with a whopping total of \$2,869.61.

"Eight classes hold the honor position in having 50 per cent or more of their members contribute to the fund," Hervey said.

## Local 1952 Rainfall

Rainfall at College Station in 1952 totaled 35.65 inches, the main station farm of A&M reported recently. The yearly average for College Station is 38.80 inches.



O. H. P. King

## Flu Spreading As Rate Rises

Influenza cases are still increasing in this area, both the College and Bryan Hospitals reported last night.

Approximately 100 cases have been hospitalized on the campus, the College Hospital reported.

This number is 40 more than those hospitalized Tuesday. College Station cases totaled 148 last week while Bryan had 258. The College Hospital had 36 patients at this time.

The Brazos County Health Unit reported 128 cases in the first week of January. December cases reached 264.

## 'Agriculturist' Stops Publication At Once

Publication of the Texas A&M Agriculturist will be suspended effective immediately, said Roland Bing, manager of student publications, Bing added.

### Appeared in 1940

The Agriculturist first appeared on the A&M scene during the 1940-41 school year. Prior to that time students of the School of Agriculture and the School of Engineering had united to produce a magazine known as "The Scientific Review."

With the division of "The Scientific Review" into two magazines, one for Agriculture and the other for Engineering, student participation more than doubled on the staffs of both magazines.

World War II disrupted printing of The Agriculturist and the magazine stayed out of publication until mid-term of the 1946-47 school year.

Editors of the magazine over this period included Tom Power, Roland Bing, Lamar Haines, C. G. Seruggs, Charles E. Ball, Roger Blezt, Gerald York, Jim Park, Bee Landrum, Jim Tom House, Jim Lehmann, and Jarvis.

Many former editors of the Agriculturist occupy responsible positions in the field of agricultural journalism today, Bing said.

## Wet Cold Front Due Here Today

A wet cold front with freezing temperatures is expected to hit College Station between 3 and 4:30 p. m. today. The CAA Weather Communications Station at Easterwood Airport said the thermometer may drop as low as 25 tonight.

A light drizzle, which began this morning, will continue to fall as the temperature drops, the weathermen reported.

The cold weather hit the panhandle this morning, bringing snow and sleet and temperatures of 13 at Amarillo, 22 at Lubbock, and 31 at Wichita Falls.

## Parking Meters Used In Polio Fight

All dimes dropped into Bryan parking meters during this month will be given to the March of Dimes for Brazos County, said H. A. Thomason, Bryan city manager.

The dimes will not register any time on the meters, since it takes a penny or nickel to operate them. "It will be an effective way for local residents to give without any trouble," said Jack Kent, head of the drive in Brazos County.

# Property Evaluation Raise Not Issue, School Board Promises

## AP Writer Speaks Tonight on Korea

O. H. P. King will relate his Korean War experiences at 7:30 tonight in Guion Hall.

The famous correspondent was the only Associated Press newsmen "on the spot" at the outbreak of the Korean War, and among other things, has visited the front lines with GI's several times under intense fire.

There will be no admission charged to hear King. The affair is sponsored by The Battalion and Student Activities.

King has held personal interviews at one time or another with nearly every distinguished person to visit Korea or Japan.

He has also made numerous flights into enemy territory in army liaison and observation planes, and has gone along on many air force and marine air combat operations just below the Yalu River.

King has also made combat flights from U. S. carriers, and covered the naval operations off the east coast of Korea.

The famous correspondent spent several days at the Koje prison camp, covered the truce talks at

Panmunjon, and interviewed several refugees after they had fled before the returning Reds.

He was one of the three American newsmen throughout Korea when the Communists launched their invasion of South Korea.

Joining the AP as a fulltime staff member in 1945, King spent two months in Seoul in 1949 and returned for a five-month assignment in April, 1950.

After graduating from the University of Southern California, King worked for various newspapers on the west coast. He worked many years as a "stringer" for the AP before becoming a full-time staff member.

He then held varied assignments in AP's San Francisco and Seattle bureaus before entering foreign service.



Joe E. Wallace  
"RVs—No Guidon."

## RVs Are Honor Guard For Shivers' Inaugural

Nineteen members of the Ross Volunteers will form Gov. Allan Shivers' honor guard Tuesday in the Texas governor's inauguration at Austin. The group plans to leave for Austin Tuesday.

Commander of the RVs Joe E. Wallace of San Antonio said that A&M's honor military unit also will form the guard for the governor and lieutenant governor in

## Campaign Hot, As Bonds Near Jan. 20 Voting Date

By HARRI BAKER  
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The school board last night promised a raise in property evaluations is not the issue in the \$650,000 bond election Tuesday.

Speaking to about 60 College Hills residents, Don Vestal of the school board said, "Anyone who makes the evaluation raise an issue in the election is doing his community a disservice. It is not the issue."

A survey conducted by Caudill, Rowlett, and Scott, an architectural firm, has indicated that Consolidated's enrollment will double by 1960. Les Richardson, superintendent, has said the new facilities which the bond issue would pay are necessary for the school to maintain its high rating.

Those speaking against the bond proposal at the meeting emphasized that they were not against new school facilities. They questioned the need for both a new elementary school and a new high school, with its subsequent raise in taxes.

The meeting started at 7:30 and lasted until 10:30 p. m. Vestal explained the school board's plan and opened the floor to questions. Debate was fast and occasionally heated, with the group about divided into for and against camps.

"Can College Station support a \$650,000 bond issue?" asked R. E. Patterson.

Patterson said the new bond issue, if passed, would increase College Station's school bond indebtedness to \$920,000. Vestal said that a 50 per cent increase in school taxes would pay off the proposed bond issue and the four outstanding issues on the scheduled time.

### Ponder Increase

J. H. Quisenberry said that an increase in property evaluation would be unwise, considering that property values are liable to decrease. He said that bond buyers might not consider College Station a good risk if evaluation were raised above the present level. The evaluation of all property in the city is approximately four (See BOND ISSUE, Page 3)

## Deadline Is Set Friday For Room Changes

Students now enrolled in A&M who expect to attend school during the spring semester should pay fees and reserve their rooms, said Harry L. Boyer, Chief of Housing.

The following procedure should be followed:

- Veterans will secure fee waiver slips from the Veterans Advisor's Office, Room 102 Goodwin Hall.
- All students pay fees at the Fiscal Office in the New Administration Building.
- Rooms should be reserved at the Housing Office according to the following schedule:

Students who wish to reserve the rooms they now occupy should register before Friday noon, Jan. 16.

Men who wish to reserve any room other than the one they now occupy, including students moving into the 12 dormitory area or into non-military dorms, may before Friday noon, by presenting written permission (room change slips) from the new housemaster or organization commander concerned.

All remaining rooms will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning at 1 p. m. Friday.

All students moving from a military dormitory to a non-military dormitory, who are not dropping military or air science at mid-term must secure written permission from the assistant commandant in Ross Hall before reserving a room.

Day students, including those living in college apartments, are reminded that they also may save considerable time in the registration procedure by paying fees early.

Anyone who is not a day student at present but who is planning to be a day student at the beginning of the spring semester must secure a day student permit from the housing office before paying fees.

## Four A&M Debators Set 3,282 Mile Midwest Tour

Four members of the A&M debate team will visit and compete against nine colleges on a 3,282 mile trip between semesters. The team will be gone 14 days, visiting mid-west colleges.

John S. Samuels of Galveston, Joe A. Riddle of Dallas, Bert Weller of Harlingen, Kenneth L. Scott of Dallas will make the tour. The debaters will discuss the FEPC issue.

The group will leave Jan. 22 for Chicago where they will meet the University of Chicago team on Jan. 26. They will return Feb. 5.

The rest of the schedule is: Jan. 27—Northwestern University at Chicago.

Jan. 28—Wayne University at Detroit.

Jan. 29—Kent University at Kent, Ohio.

Jan. 30—Denison University at Granville, Ohio.

Jan. 31—Ohio State at Columbus, Ohio.

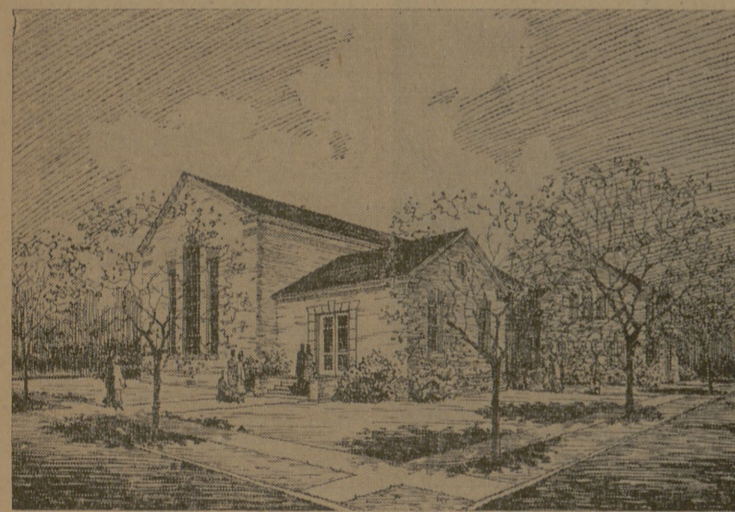
Feb. 2—Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

Feb. 4—Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Accompanying the team will be Frank N. Manitzas, Battalion co-editor, who will act as an administrative assistant.

Samuels, a junior has been on the debate team for the last two years, while Riddle and Weller, both seniors, are starting their fourth year. Scott is a sophomore and debated last year for A&M. Scott placed third at the University of Texas Round Up tournament.

Riddle and Weller, while debating as a team in 1951, won first place in the Texas tournament and won seven of nine debates at the Grand National Forensic meet at Fredericksburg, Va. in 1952. They place 13th among the 75 teams entered.



CHURCH OF CHRIST—This is how the A&M Church of Christ will look when repairs and enlarging are completed early this spring. Seating capacity will be doubled, and new features are being added to the interior and exterior. Caudill, Rowlett, and Scott of Bryan are the architects, with R. B. Butler of Bryan as contractor.

## Weather Today



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WEATHER TODAY: Cold and occasional light rains. A cold front will move into the College Station area about 3 or 4 p. m. lowering the temperature to between 25 and 30 degrees tonight.

## A&M Church of Christ Has Renovation Near Completion

The A&M Church of Christ will be completed early in spring, said James F. Fowler today. When completed, the renovated church will seat 400 people, twice the capacity of the old building.

"The building project includes repair to the foundation and walls of the old building, an enlarged auditorium which includes a balcony, a new entrance and other improvements," Fowler said.

The total cost of the project is between \$52,000 and \$53,000, said Fowler, who now is in his seventh year as minister of the church.

Supervising architect is A. M. Martin '42. Caudill, Rowlett and Scott of Bryan are the architectural contractors. Martin is the son of the late A. D. Martin, who was an instructor in the mathematics department here.

"Mr. Martin was the individual

most responsible for the establishment of the A&M Church of Christ," Fowler said. Through his influence, the minister said, the land was bought and a building was built. The church congregation first met in the YMCA in 1922 and presently is meeting there until the reconstruction is completed.

## Basic Division May Lose 113 'Fish' at Term's End

Out of the 1,340 freshmen enrolled in the Basic Division, 113 men indicated they intend to leave school at the end of the term, said Dr. John Bertrand, Dean of the Basic Division.

These men marked their intentions on a recent survey taken throughout the division. Last year a total of 178 students did not return for the second semester.