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High School, Auditorium Planned Consolidated

HARRI BAKER, Editor

Consolidated School Trustees proposed last \$85,000 bond issue for facilities. The facilities will include a school, an auditorium, and education rooms for Linfor Negroes.

The school board election has been set for Saturday, April 4. Sam M. Cleland will be election judge. The polls will open at the school from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Deadline for filing will be 5 p. m. March 27. Absentee ballots will be accepted until April 2.

Down in the Valley

Last Show Staged Tonight for Opera

By BILL ROGERS, Battalion News Staff

The first performance of "Down in the Valley", an American folk opera, was presented Monday night in the A&M Consolidated Gymnasium. Curtain time is 8:15 tonight for the final performance.

A light opera written by Kurt Weill, it is based on five folk songs. Besides "Down in the Valley," the play is based on "Lonesome Dove," "Little Black Train," "Hop Up, My Ladies," and "Sourwood Mountain."

Proceeds from the program will be used by the A&M Consolidated music department to purchase new choir robes. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

BSU Banquet Packed; Lions Club Initiates 1

Over 200 students and faculty attended the Baptist Student Union Banquet Saturday night at the MSC Ballroom.

Lt. Col. Jim McCoy, '40, has been named Chief of Logistics of the Military District of Washington by MDW commander Maj. Gen. E. K. Wright.

The Browsing Library of the MSC was visited by 10,881 students during February. Newspapers were read by 4,683 students, magazines, 5,248, and books, 616.

Over 1000 Letters Go To HS Seniors

Over 1000 letters of invitation to the annual A&M High School Day, March 13 and 14, have been sent to high school seniors and graduates all over the state.

Officers of home-town clubs here gave names of high school students in their towns who might be interested, to the office of student activities.

Navy Officer to Conduct Tests Here March 16

A member of the Office of Naval Officer Procurement will be in Room 3-D of the MSC, March 16, to interview and give students officer qualification tests.

To be eligible, the student must be a civilian, a senior within 120 days of graduation or a graduate student. He must also be between the ages of 19 and 27.

Candidates who successfully complete training will be appointed to the grade of Ensign, USNR.

Rains End WT Drought

Light rains and drizzle are expected here again this afternoon as Texas' drought area received yesterday its first heavy rain, ending a 29 month dry spell in West Texas.

During the last 24 hours, only .52 inches of rain fell here. A low overcast kept the temperatures between the high of 62 degrees and the low of 50.

Other parts of Texas to get rain were: San Angelo 4.68 inches, Del Rio 1.85, Big Spring 1.75, Dallas 1.77, Fort Worth 1.63, Waco 1.50, Garden City 2, Stanton 2, Junction 1.16, Rankin 1, Hillsboro 1.22, Colorado City .89, Sweetwater .75, Snyder 1.05, Lamesa .63, Corsicana .92, Lubbock .62, Abilene .53, Wichita Falls .48, Texarkana .61, Mineral Wells .60, Alice .78, Tyler .37.

Military Department Initiates Crack-Down Policy on Corps

McBrierty Chosen 1953 Cotton Queen

By CHUCK NEIGHBORS, Battalion News Editor

Jane McBrierty, TSCW junior from Ennis, was chosen Queen of the 1953 Cotton Ball and Pageant by the Agronomy Society.

The nine-man group which selected Miss McBrierty was headed by Cotton King Harold Scaief.

Remainder of the court consists of Duchesses Allie Jeanne Glass of Bryan and Margaret Robinson of Fort Worth, both seniors; Cora Jane Becker of New Braunfels and Gloria Bendy of Smithville, juniors; Jonetta Lovett from Memphis and Mary Helen Winston from Houston, sophomores; Lucinda Bailey from Bartlett and Barbara Ann Stewart from Hargill, freshmen.

Announcement of the queen and her court was made in Virginia Carroll Lodge at TSCW after a breakfast there Sunday morning.

The committee from the Agronomy Society had three sessions Sunday morning in which they narrowed down the field of 32 candidates selected at TSCW student election last week.

Ball in April

April 24 is the date for the dance. Four seniors besides King Cotton Harold Scaief were on the selection committee; they are Fritz Welsch, Leonard Thornton, Bob Johnson and Tom Payne.

Jerry Buster, Ernie Enloe and Leonard Stasney were junior members of the group. Frank Ford was the only sophomore on the committee.

A picnic for the prospective duchesses and the Cotton Court was given by appointees from the senior and junior classes at TSCW Saturday afternoon. The hostesses were supervised by Student Council of Social Activities President, Betty Ann Timmerman.

Katherine Laros was co-chairman of the hostess committee. Assisting her were Joan Branch, Ann Minick, Betty Shaw and Lynda Massey.

A dance was held Saturday night for the court and durbess candidates in the Recreation Room of Stoddard Hall. The 32 girls asked the boys to dance and three out in on each other so they could familiarize themselves with the male members of the court.

Last year's King and Queen Cotton were Bill Lewis of College Station and Pat Martin.

Clarence Watson of the agronomy department and Miss Frances

Article 28 Will Be Enforced To Improve Cadet Appearance

A&M is "going military." The military department is initiating a crack-down policy calculated to step up the appearance, attitude and conduct of the corps of cadets.

Article 28 of the College Regulations, the wearing of the uniform, will be more strictly enforced, Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, declared yesterday.

"Conditions have advanced to such a state that something had to be done," said Davis when asked the reason for the new policy.

As a result of the crackdown campaign which began last week, Lyle A. Wolfskill, regimental commander was reduced in rank from cadet colonel to private for throwing bread in the dining hall.

Wolfskill is the fifth cadet to be removed from his duties this year. He is also the highest ranking.

Although the campaign includes stiffening of all the regulations, the drive is specifically designed to improve the poor appearance of some cadets, said Davis.

The new policy will not affect cadets who normally appear in the correct uniform with hair cut, brass and shoes shined, and clean shaven, he said.

Demerits received by cadets will be reported to the military science instructor of the man receiving the "rams."

"Any cadet who continues to receive excessive demerits may be reduced in rank according to College Regulations and may have to appear before Senior Court, said Davis.

"Our solution to the problem is to empower all military officers on the campus to 'ram' cadets," he added.

Col. Davis blames some of the present attitude of the corps on too much class distinction.

Flanagan Will Play For Military Ball

Ralph Flanagan and his orchestra will play for the Military Ball March 28.

The orchestra will give a concert in Guion Hall before the ball. Time for the concert will be 7:15 p. m.

The dance will be held in Sbsa Dining Hall from 9 p. m. to 12 p. m.

Corps Sgt. Major To Be Chosen Soon

Sergeant-major of the cadet corps will be announced the latter part of this week said Col. Joe Davis, commandant.

Col. Davis said a new system is being employed this year in choosing the top junior post.

Preliminary interviewing has been completed, and the final recommendations are being turned in.

Under the new system, four groups recommend men for this post. The PAS&T, PMS&T, military dorm councilors and top cadet officers make preliminary recommendations.

The final choice will be made from these recommendations.

Citizens Group Names LaMotte First President

A citizens group for public schools was formed last Friday with the election of officers and a discussion of objectives.

Dr. Charles LaMotte was elected president of the group, with Dean Charles Morgan as vice-president and Mrs. Walter Delaplane as secretary-treasurer.

After the discussion of objectives, the formation of a constitution and by-laws was left to a committee appointed by LaMotte.

"I hope sincerely that this will not become a pressure group of any kind," LaMotte said. "We want a group to work, not to debate."

He said that the main function of the group would be to serve as a fact-finding committee, keeping the citizens in contact with the school.

In discussing the National Citizens Committee for Public Schools, Morgan said, "The job of the citizens should be to keep those in charge of education aware of the changes in the community."

A citizens committee should not represent any pressure group, but the citizens as a whole, Morgan said.

Malenkov Faces Fight For Supremacy—Scott

A struggle for power will occur in Russia within a year, with Malenkov emerging as victor, predicted John Scott, Time magazine correspondent who has reported on European affairs for 20 years.

Speaking to more than 200 people in the MSC Ballroom Friday night, Scott said the contest for power will be between Malenkov, Molotov, Beria and Bulganin.

Since the death of Stalin last week, Malenkov has taken over the Russian government.

Scott preceded his talk with his opinion on Stalin's successor at the request of the audience.

Switching to his announced topic, "America's Impact on Europe," Scott said there has been great progress made toward a European Union since World War II.

Two Factors Responsible

He said two factors were responsible for the uniting trend: the welding of Russia's satellites into a unit, and pressure from the United States favoring unification.

"This Pan-European attitude is the most basic change since World War II," Scott said.

Scott considers military operations in Europe unlikely for at least two years, barring unforeseen events.

Aggieland '53 Sets Favorites' Deadline

The deadline for turning in senior favorites pictures will be April 7, said Kent Marshall, co-editor of the activity section of the Aggie-land. Pictures should be turned in at the office of Student Activities, second floor of Goodwin Hall, Marshall said.

CHS Study Group Formed Yesterday

A group of parents of Consolidated High School children formed a study group for the CHS Mother and Dads Club yesterday, said Mrs. A. D. Folweiler, who presided over the group.

The group, which has been meeting to plan for a Teen Town Canteen, will sponsor several parties for College Station youth.

Mrs. Eugene Rush, member of the study group and of the committee planning the Canteen, said CHS students have shown enthusiasm toward the possibilities of having a Canteen in College Station.

"In a questionnaire distributed by Principal J. J. Skrivaneck the students voted unanimously for having such an organization here," Mrs. Rush said.



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Weather Today

Continued fog and light drizzle. Temperature is expected to be in the low 60's.