

## News Flashes

### 20 Soldiers Are Drowned When Boat Overturns

FT. BRAGG, N.C.—Twenty soldiers, many of whom could not swim, drowned within sight of comrades on shore here yesterday when a training boat capsized in a reservation lake. The post public information office said late last night it still did not know how many men were aboard. Only two of the survivors were hospitalized. Neither was in serious condition.

FREEDOM VILLAGE—The first American Sabre jet pilot shot down in Korea was returned by the Reds today. He reported Russian troops were participating in the Korean War as long ago as December 1950.

SHIRAZ, Iran—A special envoy from Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi—backed by a show of force—apparently has averted a revolt by the powerful Ghashghaies tribe and staved off an invasion threat to this historic Iranian city.

BOHN, Germany—Four million of West Germany's youth girded today to battle Communist invaders threatening to upset their nation's crucial parliamentary elections Sunday. Police have nabbed over 7,000 sabotage-bent toughs from the Soviet East zone, but the influx continued unabated.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—A nurse who poisoned the infant niece she had insured for \$5,500, then calmly watched the body cut open for an autopsy, dies in the electric chair tonight unless Gov. Gordon Persons intervenes. If she pays the penalty, 55-year-old Mrs. Earle Dennison will be the first white woman ever electrocuted in Alabama.

SEOUL—A South Korean Army General said today Maj. Gen. William Dean was expected to be released by the Communists within a day or two.

WASHINGTON—The government announced today allotment of \$23,400,000 to continue present aid to Iran, as distinct from the special financial backing being prepared for its new anti-Communist government.

TOKYO—Maritime authorities reported today new volcanic explosions on the Myojin Reefs 200 miles south of Tokyo. The reefs were formed last September in the explosion of an undersea volcano.

## Census Provides Interesting Facts

By RAYMOND HOLBROOK  
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While lacking the zip and zest of a Kinsey report, the Census Bureau's 250-page study of population characteristics of Texas turns up some interesting facts on the people called Texans.

And if those 250 pages of detailed tabulations prove nothing else, they show that Texans, even when interpolated and correlated into cold statistics, are individualists that can't be wrapped up into a simple little package marked "Typical Texan."

Some Texans get an early start in life. Take for instance, heads of households. They may not be old enough to legally drive a car, but in 1950 there were 230 boys and 60 girls between the ages of 10 and 14 who were the heads of their own households.

And among the 14-year-olds, there were 300 married men, another 100 who were widowed and another 65 divorced. Among 14-year-old girls, there were 625 married, another 25 widowed and another 30 divorced. That represents a sharp rise into matrimonial ventures over 1940 when there were only 84 married, three widowed and two divorced boys among the 14-year-olds. The 1940 census showed only 331 married 14-year-old girls, 12 widowed and five divorced.

Other Texans live a long time. There were 435 Texans 100 years or more in age in the last census.

In between were lots of Texans—a total of 7,685,665 in fact—in assorted shapes, sizes, sexes, and colors.

And they live all over Texas but mostly they are city dwellers. More than half—4,817,550—live in urban areas, towns and cities of more than 2,500 population. Another 1,578,635 are rural nonfarm, which means they live in small towns or out in the country but don't do any farming, and only 1,289,480 are considered rural farm.

Public school officials already know this, but the biggest age group in the state are those six years old who are getting ready to start school this fall. Back in

1950 when the census was taken it was the three-year-olds—now the six-year-olds—from the bumper baby crop of the post war era that constituted the largest single age group—122,435 of them.

The median age of all Texans is 27.9 years. But for urban areas it's 28.1, for the rural nonfarm areas 26.5, and 28.6 for the rural farm.

Dallas folks are the oldest of the big city dwellers with a median age of 31 years. At Fort Worth it's 30 years, at Houston 29.3 and San Antonio 27.2.

The decade 1940-1950 was one of great victory for women in Texas. Trailing in 1940 by a count of 3,193,721 to 3,221,103, they forged ahead in ten years, 3,846,546 to 3,839,200, to become the dominant sex.



TOUR BY PLANE—These men were the main body of a group of A&M men who recently toured the state of Texas and parts of Louisiana making speeches to various clubs connected with Aggie. They are (l. to r.) W. L. Penberthy, dean of men; Harold Dunn, president of the Former Students' Association; Dick Hervey, secretary of the FSA; Barlow (Bones) Irvin, athletic director; Dr. M. T. Harrington, chancellor of the A&M System; E. E. McQuillen, director of the development fund; and David H. Morgan, president of the college.

# Freshmen Increase Causes Extra Dormitory Opening



CUBS FUSS FOR BOTTLES, REFUSE MEAT—Mrs. Mike Palermo and daughter, Mrs. V. F. Mascari are raising two of three lion cubs born at the Houston zoo, for pets. The babies, which still refuse meat, are well-behaved so far, but they get fussy when hungry for their milk. They take two eight-ounce bottles each, three times a day.

## Small Texas Towns Lose Post Offices

By Tex Easley

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Some small Texas communities with colorful names are losing their post offices—and others may be in line for the same fate.

The closings are part of the government's overhead of fourth-class post offices to improve service and trim expenses.

Fervent protests have come from hamlets and villages with colorful names or historic backgrounds. They feel their identity will fade away if they no longer can see letters go out bearing a hometown postmark.

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30 the post office department will have abandoned 13 Texas post offices, including:

Birthing, where postal receipts last year totaled \$225 while the postmaster's salary was \$979; Cut-hand, which took in \$232 while \$848 went back out of the U.S. Treasury to the postmaster, and Providence City, with receipts of \$225 and a postmaster drawing \$848.

These five were ordered closed by Aug. 15; Morrill, receipts \$165, salary \$685; Buenavista, \$210 and \$848; Bland, \$256 and \$979; Machoyce (a third class office), \$1,528

and \$2,883; Darco (figures unavailable.)

Others due to be closed by the end of September, with receipts and salary: Lusk, \$255 and \$979; Angus, \$482 and \$1,441; Hunter, \$93 and \$326; Ibex, \$89 and \$326; King, \$262 and \$979.

Post office officials emphasize that improvement of service is the No. 1 factor considered in deciding whether to close a fourth-class post office—all of them operate at a (See POST OFFICES, Page 4)

## Legion Gets Set For Floor Fight On Air Force Cut

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 3—(AP)—A floor fight over the Eisenhower administration's five billion dollar Air Force budget cut shaped up today as American Legionnaires headed for the windup of their national convention.

Col. Roscoe Turner, chairman of the legion's Aeronautics Committee, served notice he plans a finish fight on the issue when he charged last night his committee's report

criticizing the cuts had been "emasculated and bottled up" by the Security Committee of the legion.

Turner said in a statement he wanted to see whether the delegates should decide legion policies, or whether they should be settled by "the pronouncements of a few legionnaires, past legion officers and present public office holders."

He declined to identify the men he meant by that. The Security Committee yesterday cut out all reference to a 143-wing Air Force recommended by Turner's committee. Instead it called for "the best possible Air Force."

## Training Begins For Cadet Officers

Commanders of freshman units together with their post commissioned and non-commissioned officers today started a special nine day leadership course.

A similar program for leaders of the First and Second Regiments will begin Sept. 9 and last for three days.

Both courses are designed to teach the upperclassmen their duties and how the college is operated. College and ROTC officials will act as instructors.

The upperclassmen are being housed in the rooms they will occupy during the first semester.

## MSC Undergoes Summer Touch-Up

The MSC spent approximately \$2500 for renovations during the 72 hour period when it was closed following the second semester of summer school.

The snack bar and kitchen were completely renovated. The brick walls in the snack bar were re-touched and buffed, and the plaster walls were repainted.

Turner's committee had passed a resolution calling for re-establishment of a 143-wing force. It was cut back to 120 by the budget reduction.

Legionnaires hear a six-month progress report on the Defense Department from Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson today.

Walter Reuther, president of the CIO, was also scheduled to speak, marking the first time a CIO president has appeared before a national legion convention.

Also on tap was the election of national officers. The campaign headquarters of Arthur J. Connell, Middletown, Conn., claimed yesterday he is assured of election as the next national commander.

Lawrence J. Fenlon of Chicago, who has been generally mentioned with Connell as a leading candidate for the post, has declined to predict the outcome of the election.

The legionnaires heard Secretary of State John Foster Dulles warn Red China yesterday that it might provoke a war between itself and (See CONVENTION, Page 4)

## Officials Await 300 Increase In Freshmen

An increase in the number of freshmen, that has required opening an extra dormitory for their use, starts arriving today for a week of college and military orientation.

The Registrar's Office expects over 1800 new students to be housed by tomorrow night. This is almost a 300 freshmen increase over last year's September enrollment.

Law and Puryear Halls, used last year by non-corps students will house freshmen. Milner Hall again will be used in addition to the regular Freshmen Housing Area. Leggett Hall, which housed freshmen last year, will be opened to non-corps students.

The opening of Law and Puryear to freshmen has added an extra dorm for their housing which has not been needed before.

In addition to the freshmen, 38 Basic Division transfer students are expected to enroll this year. The Basic Division administrators students who have not reached sophomore status. A total of 170 advanced transfer students also is expected.

This will hike the estimated new student enrollment to 2083. Last year's figure was 1846.

All freshmen are supposed to be on the campus by 8 a.m. tomorrow when they will pay their fees in the MSC and get room assignments. They will register for courses Sept. 11, one day before the upperclassmen arrive.

## Cadet Corps

Between these dates they will receive instruction on college, cadet corps and ROTC policies. Freshmen also will take a series of vocational and aptitude tests and attend a Sunday open house in the MSC.

Uniforms will also be supplied during the week. College and ROTC officials together with student leaders will speak to the new students on various phases of campus life.

Freshmen may leave the campus for the weekend starting Sept. 12. They must be back at school by 8:45 p.m. Sept. 13 to prepare for classes the next day.

## Delegation From A&M Visits 23 Aggie Clubs In Southwest

A delegation of top A&M officials has just completed an air tour visit with 23 A&M clubs during July and August.

The officials covered Texas and parts of Louisiana, traveling more than 8,000 miles by air to inform former students and friends of the College concerning college and Association affairs.

Included in all or part of the meetings were Harold Dunn, '22, Amarillo; Dr. M. T. Harrington, '22, Chancellor of the state-wide A&M system; Dr. David H. Morgan, who recently assumed the college presidency; W. L. Penberthy, Dean of Men.

Col. Joe E. Davis, '29, Commandant; Barlow Irvin, '26, Director of Athletics; Ray George, football coach; Mike Machalske, line coach; Willie Zapalac, '43 freshman coach; C. L. Babcock, '20 Beaumont, president of the Aggie Club; E. E. McQuillen, '20, Texas A&M Development Fund director; and Dick Hervey, '42, Former Students' Association secretary.

Each of the visiting officials spoke on his particular field of activity at the programs. Opportunity Award Scholarship Certifi-

cates were presented at many of the meetings to young men who will enter the College in September through this program.

The tour, offered a chance for A&M men to become acquainted with newly appointed President Morgan, as well as with new members of the coaching staff.

Clubs visited during July included Galveston, Baytown, Houston, Deep East Texas, Shreveport, Wichita Falls, Triple M. Corpus Christi and Lower Rio Grande Valley.

In the second week of August the group attended meetings at San Angelo, El Paso, Lubbock, Dallas, and McKinney.

Completing the tour were meetings at Abilene, Port Arthur, Beaumont and Lufkin.

Dunn, president of the Former Students' Association, provided the airplane for the trip.

## Western Union To Relocate In MSC

The Western Union telegraph office soon will be housed in the Memorial Student Center.

Presently located in the second floor of the Exchange Store, the new center will arrive in about 90 days, and will be placed in the same area with the telephone center in the MSC.

"This will provide another service for the students as well as visitors to the MSC," said Wayne Stark, director of the Center.

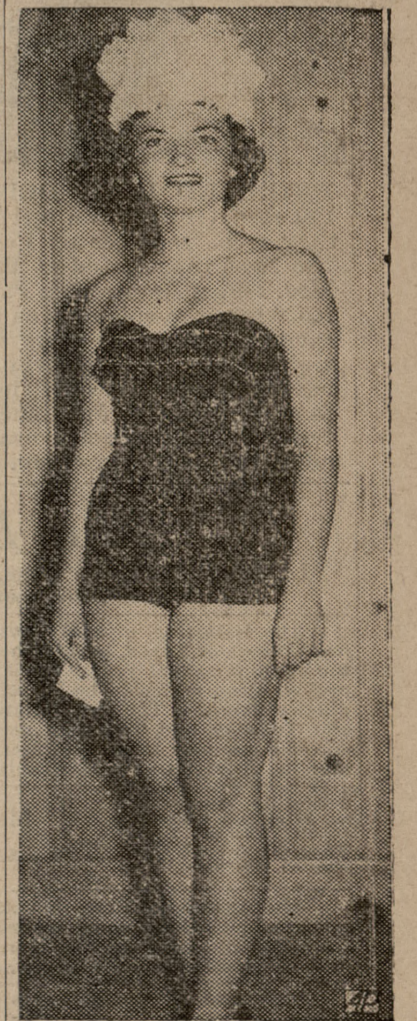
The MSC is providing for the installations of the counter for Western Union, but the telegraph company will repay the Center on a long-term rental basis.

## Risinger Wins \$300 Scholarship

Milton Risinger won a \$300 scholarship at the national judging contest in Chicago when he placed as high man in the nation in judging sheep.

Enrolled in the veterinary school this past summer, Risinger plans to return for the fall semester and work for his degree here.

The scholarship was presented to Risinger by his judging coach Assistant County Agent Louis P. Amsler. Risinger is from Reliance.



WHEATHEART OF THE NATION—Miss Jimmalene Richardson of Dumas was crowned 1953 "Wheatheart of the Nation," in the seventh annual beauty contest held at Perrytown.