

Brooks Elected Vice President Of State CCTA

Dr. Melvin S. Brooks, of the agricultural economics and sociology department, has been elected vice-president of the state College Classroom Teachers Association.

Brooks, who is head of the A&M chapter, will start his duties as vice-president Jan. 1. He was elected Friday at a meeting of the CCTA in Dallas.

State Senator Otis Locke of Lufkin spoke at the Dallas meeting.

RV Initiation And Banquet Set Dec. 10

The Ross Volunteers will initiate 83 juniors Thursday, Dec. 10 at their annual initiation banquet in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Names of the 83 men selected from 124 applicants for the honor military company have not been released.

J. H. Dunn, president of the Former Student's association will be the banquet's guest speaker.

The size of the company is determined by the number of senior members who stay active. A two junior to one senior ratio is maintained with 125 members the largest allowable size.

A 1.5 overall grade point ratio and a "B" average in military science are qualifications for RV membership.

Names of the qualifying juniors will be released later this week.

Ten Students To Attend Church Meet

Ten A&M students will attend an Episcopal student conference in San Antonio this weekend, said the Rev. Robert Darwall, chaplain to students. The group will leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday.

Theme of the conference is "Community or Chaos". It is aimed at presenting the Christian responsibility in the community, Darwall said. Episcopal laymen who are active in community work will head the discussions.

The conference, which is to be held in Christ church will feature discussion groups, workshops, and a dance Saturday night by L. D. Harris and his Negro orchestra. The Rev. Roy Strausburger of San Antonio is in charge of the arrangements.

Students attending from A&M will be Burt Acheson, Don Collins, Bryan Dedeker, Lloyd Jerry, Tom McDade, Len Magruder, Don Strange, Bill Utzman, Jerry Schnepf and Jules Vieaux.

Singing Cadets Set New London Concert

The Singing Cadets will give a concert at 8 p. m. Dec. 6 in the high school auditorium in New London.

Members will leave A&M on noon Saturday by bus, said Bill Wiseman, president. The group is directed by Bill Turner.

Weather Today



COOLER

Scattered thundershowers and continued rain today. Cooler tomorrow. High yesterday 66. Low this morning 60.

ing. He urged CCTA members to submit information to the State Commission on Higher Education which would help its project of improving operation of state supported colleges.

Assist the Program

Locke, who is a member of the commission, suggested the CCTA contact the Texas Legislative Council for ways to assist the program.

This council is the research agency for the state commission. One of the commission's principal aims is to improve coordination among state schools.

The A&M chapter has already taken steps to help the state commission. Letters were recently distributed to instructors here asking for suggestions to improve higher education in state supported schools.

All suggestions and information should be sent to Wesley W. Smith at the mechanical engineering department, Brooks said. Smith is chairman of the local chapter's research committee.

Send Suggestions

Brooks explained that anyone at A&M can send suggestions to Smith.

Dr. E. N. Jones, president of Texas Tech, spoke on coordination of state supported schools at the Dallas meeting.

MSC Bars Game Ticket Scalpers

Three groups of "ticket scalpers" were removed from the Memorial Student Center Thursday before the A&M-Texas football game.

Working in groups of two or three, the scalpers bought extra tickets from people at regular prices and re-sold them for \$10-\$15.

Three of these groups were made known over the building's public address system, and ticket seekers were told to go to the ticket exchange booth in the lobby.

One man had his pocket picked while exchanging tickets at the booth.

News Briefs

A WORKSHOP course in Christmas decorating and arrangements, sponsored by the Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, will be held at A&M Dec. 3-10.

DR. I. W. RUPEL, head dairy husbandry department, will discuss "Legislation and Bangs Disease" at the dairyman's short course to be held at A&M Dec. 3-4. More than 135 persons are expected to attend.

THE COMMITTEE on student-faculty relations from the Student Life committee meets today at 4 p. m. in the main lounge of the Memorial Student Center. Carl Landiss of the physical education department is chairman of the committee.

GEORGE DRAPER, turkey specialist here, will be a judge at the world's largest turkey show in Turlock, Calif., today through Thursday.

INFLUENZA AND diarrhea are leading the College Station-Bryan health report this week, each with 18 cases reported. College Station has five cases of influenza and six of diarrhea. Next on the list is strept throat, with eight cases in College Station and seven in Bryan.

During this, the 118th annual meeting, the new Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers will be installed. Committee reports will be given before the assembly, and special awards will be presented during the final session. Among the top dignitaries to speak to the Masonic assembly will be Secretary of the Navy Robert B. Anderson, Gov. Allan B. Shivers, and Texas' Attorney General Price Daniels.

Gilchrist is a Past Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge and is presently serving on the Masonic Juris Prudence committee.

Also attending the convention from the local area are Chester Higgs and N. M. McGinnis.

Walter Pidgeon Stars In Film Society Show

"Man Hunt" starring Walter Pidgeon, Joan Bennett and George Sanders will be shown tonight by the A&M Film society.

The show starts at 7:30 in the Memorial Student center ballroom.



READS HERE MONDAY—Charles Laughton, famous movie and radio actor, will read selections from well-known books and from the Bible Monday evening in Guion hall. Students may obtain tickets for the show by presenting their Town Hall season tickets at booths outside the two dining halls or at the student activities office.

Vanity Fair Entries Taken Until Feb. 8

Vanity Fair applications for the AggieLand '54 are now being accepted at the student activities office in Goodwin hall, said Bill Bowdoin, activities editor.

Application blanks may be picked up at the student activities office or from Bowdoin in room 218, dormitory 7.

Both a full length and bust picture of a candidate must be submitted with the completed application form, he said. Only 5x7 or 8x10 pictures will be accepted. Only students in the class of '54

are eligible to submit Vanity Fair applications, Bowdoin said. No applications will be accepted after the Feb. 8 deadline.

Six winners and six runner-ups will be selected this year. The judge has not been chosen as yet. In the past, such men as Earl Carroll, Kaye Kyser and Earl Powers have selected the winners.

Candidates will be chosen on the basis of beauty both in the face and figure, said Allan (Bootsie) Hohlt, co-editor.

The six winners will be presented May 15 at the annual Senior Ring dance. Winners must be able to attend the dance, and also have their pictures made for the yearbook that afternoon at the AggieLand studios, he said.

Supper To Honor Bonfire Workers

V. M. (Monty) Montgomery, head yell leader, announced today that the 1953 bonfire would be officially closed with a bonfire supper in Ducean dining hall at the annual student christmas dinner December 17.

"An extended effort is being made to show appreciation to all that assisted in any way on the 1953 bonfire," Montgomery said.

The 1953 yell leader staff will be host at the occasion, he said.

AF Commissions Here Unaffected By Change

Ex-Batt Editors Attend Reunion In MSC Nov. 25

Approximately 50 people attended the informal reunion Nov. 25 of former Battalion editors.

Former editors attending the reunion were Charley Murray, Viv Lindsey, Charlie Kirkham, C. C. Monroe, Bill Potts, Chuck Cabaniss, Jimmy Nelson, Kenneth Bond, Mack Nolen and H. O. Johnson.

Distinguished guests present were Gib Gilchrist, Dr. J. P. Abbott, W. L. Penberthy, J. Wayne Stark, Roland Bing, Otis Miller, D. D. Burchard, D. E. Newsom, Carl Jobe and Jones Ramsey.

A smorgasborg meal was served.

Enlisted Quota Is Increased

It is not likely that an increase in air force manpower will mean more commissions for the air force ROTC program.

This announcement was made yesterday by Col. John A. Way, professor of air science and tactics.

The Nov. 28 issue of the Army Navy Air Force Journal reported the armed forces may avert the proposed 10 per cent cut in manpower. Action on the proposal for the cut has not been taken, but a decision must be reached by Saturday, the Journal said.

The article said there was a possibility that the air force quota would be increased 10,000 men over the present 960,000 men.

"This 960,000 figure is only for air force enlisted men and does not include officers," said Way. "Therefore, it is doubtful that any increase in officer quotas will be made."

Far East Film Shown Monday To Reservists

A film, "Korea and Communism in The Pacific," was shown to members of the 9807th air reserve training squadron at their weekly meeting Monday night.

The film presented many new facts and ideas concerning the United States' responsibilities in the Far East.

The 43 reserve officers and airmen present listened to a transcribed talk by an American reporter who was allowed to visit Moscow. The newsman spoke on conditions in the Soviet Union last summer.

Maj. Charles C. Armstrong, Com. of a flight, introduced Col. Williams, Com. of the 9171st reserve training group in Austin. Also present were Maj. Heitt and MacMath, members of Col. Williams' staff.

Qualifications For Batt Editor To Be Discussed

Qualifications for Battalion editors will be discussed Thursday by the student senate.

The qualifications now, according to college regulations are as follows: 1. A minimum of one years experience on the staff in a capacity which will provide training. The manager of student publications must furnish a certificate of eligibility before appointment is made. 2. Candidate must be a classified junior and must have a grade point ratio of at least 1.25 through the preceding semester. 3. Candidate must expect and be willing to serve for two semesters. Editorship may not be held for more than two semesters. The senate will also discuss thefts in the parking areas around the college.

Magazines Due To Be Out Soon

The Commentator will be released by the end of this week. The Agriculturist will come out about Dec. 10, said Ed Stern, editor.

Students who paid their student activities fee and turned in their card will receive a magazine by mail. The publications will also be on sale at Nita's News stand at the North Gate.

This is the first of four publications for each magazine.

Automobile Removes Eight Guard Posts

A black 1941 Chevrolet knocked over eight guard posts at the intersection of Sulpher Springs road and Highway six, said Curtis E. Bullock, College Station patrolman. The accident occurred about 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

The posts were knocked completely out of the ground. The driver drove the car off after the accident.

The identity of the driver was not known, said Bullock.

Sportsmanship Ballots Sent Out

Fall ballots for the Sportsmanship Trophy are being sent out, according to Harri Baker, A&M junior and executive secretary of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship committee.

The results from these ballots will be added to the results of a balloting last spring.

Breakdown Is Reason For No Battalion

Henry Kindt jr., A&M Press employe, received slight injuries yesterday when he fell into one of the presses.

Kindt said he slipped and one of his arms went into the press which prints The Battalion. X-rays were taken, but they showed no broken bones.

As a result of Kindt's injury one third of the papers for dormitory distribution could not be printed. Damage to the press was being repaired today.

Campus Job Study Starts This Week

Industrial Education 423 students will analyze campus jobs this week. Frank D. Nison of the industrial education department set up the project to give students experience in job analysis.

Jobs were taken from lists provided by the A&M press and A&M laundry. The reports may be used by the department for future study.

The winner will be announced Jan. 1, in the Cotton Bowl. The trophy will be presented to the winning school at that time.

Rice Institute won the award last year.

Sixty-six people are polled in selecting the winner. Included are the student body president, head cheer leader, paper editor, athletic representative, dean of the students, athletic director, and Alumni secretary of the seven Southwest conference schools.

Also, eight conference officials, secretary of the conference, and seven metropolitan sports writers will vote.

Batt To Publish Safety Edition

A safety edition will be featured in The Battalion before the Christmas holidays, according to Ed Holder and Jerry Bennett, co-editors. The tentative date of publication is Friday, Dec. 18.

Safety in driving, hunting, fires and the home will be stressed.

The Battalion will enter a public safety contest sponsored by the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty company.

The Battalion won first place in this contest in 1949 and third place last year. The Battalion has also won awards in other contests for their safety editions.

New Phone Booth Put In Dorm 15

A sound absorbing telephone booth was installed in the gun room of dorm 15 Tuesday afternoon.

The new acousticon telephone booth absorbs sounds which previously made phone conversation difficult. Sounds cannot penetrate the booth and telephone conversation cannot be heard outside the booth.

A man will be assigned each night from "call to quarters" to 7 a. m. to answer the phone and deliver messages in the dorm, said Jack Farley, commander of Sqd. 20.

Another telephone is being applied for to allow persons to make local and collect long distance calls.

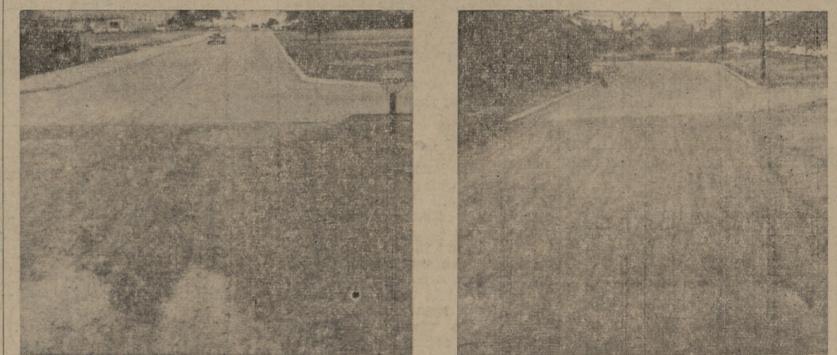
The new phone room will also have the new 36 volume set of encyclopedias donated to the 6th group last week.

Three A&M Students Attend Chemical Meet

Norris Beard, Hollie Briscoe and Ide P. Trotter jr. will attend the American Institute of Chemical Engineers 46th annual meeting, Dec. 13-16 in St. Louis, Mo.

The program is designed for the members, their friends, and chemical engineering students, Trotter said.

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS



WHERE THE ROAD ENDS—The above pictured gaps in campus roads may someday result in a car spinning off the road into the ditch. For a driver unfamiliar with the campus and its horse and buggy age streets, these two dirt stretches in the middle of asphalt or concrete roads could result in his losing control of his car and ending up in the ditch. These gravel patches are especially dangerous during rainy weather and at night when headlights do not reveal them until it is almost too late to slow down.