

'Apple Polishing' Night Planned For Students, Faculty

Plans are underway to study the possibility of holding an "Apple Polishing" night when students will visit faculty members in their homes.

A sub-committee on student faculty relations from the Student Life committee met yesterday and decided to send questionnaires to all faculty members asking them for their ideas on the subject.

Students will be polled through their representatives on the councils of the various schools.

The sub-committee decided to call the affair "Apple Polishing" night.

This plan was suggested to the sub-committee for consideration by W. L. Penberthy, dean of men. It was unanimously accepted.

Penberthy told Dr. C. W. Landiss, chairman of the sub-committee, that a similar plan was being conducted at another college. He said it was very successful at that school.

The questionnaire to the faculty also will include questions on the subject of better student-faculty relations. These questionnaires will be distributed through the department heads.

"Apple Polishing" night as proposed, will be like this:

A professor gives his name to the student activities office. He includes on the sheet of paper the number of students he would like to have visit him.

The sub-committee didn't set a definite number the professor could invite, because "some of the faculty members won't have the room to handle as many as others will."

Figures mentioned included from two to five students for each professor, depending upon his choice.

A student then signs up in the student activities office on the list of the professor of his choice.

When one professor gets the number of names he listed, his name is taken from the list.

No further action is planned until the opinions of the students and faculty have been combined and a report is made to the Student Life committee.

The sub-committee included Landiss, S. A. Kerley, T. B. Field, Carroll Phillips, Jerry Bennett and Ed Holder.



SWC QUEEN—Elsa Jean Holland, 20, Rice Institute coed from Houston, will be queen of the 1954 Cotton Bowl game Jan. 1 in Dallas. She was Rice Homecoming queen last year.

New Farm Airplane Uses Ag-1 Ideas

By **JIM WEATHERBY**
Battalion Staff Writer

A&M's Ag-1 agricultural airplane is the ancestor of a newly-designed crop dusting plane that will make its first test flight in Yakima, Wash., this week.

The new aircraft, designed by the combined efforts of an aircraft engineering firm and a veteran

crop dusting outfit, is a slow-moving, squat bi-plane.

While the first plane is getting ready to undergo flight test, a dozen more are already in production.

These will be the first of a batch of 62 turned out for Central Aircraft, Inc., a Yakima valley spraying and dusting firm. The firm has been selling rights on all the planes built.

The plane was designed to be safer and more economical than any of its forebears, according to the designing engineers.

It is powered by a 450-horsepower Pratt and Whitney Wasp, Jr., engine, and has the outstanding feature of being able to carry more than 2,500 pounds of insecticides. This is more than twice the load any crop dusting plane previously designed has been able to carry. The plane takes off at 45 miles per hour and cruises effectively at 75 miles per hour. The double wings allow the pilot more control of the aircraft than possible with a single wing, and also gives good climbing characteristics.

The Ag-1 crashed this summer in Lubbock while making a demonstration flight.

The first 12 of the new biplanes are supposed to be finished by June, and the rest of the 62 within 18 months. They are to sell at a price of \$13,000, so they may prove to be the inexpensive means of crop dusting needed by farmers.

Field Day Marks Aviation Birthday

The fiftieth anniversary of powered flight will be celebrated in Brazos county Sunday with a field day at Coulter field.

The Brazos Aviation association is sponsoring the field day.

Included on the program are model airplane contests, demonstration of new airplanes and a performance by the Bryan air force base band. Bryan air force base will also have a display at the field, including a cut-away jet engine.

Free airplane rides will be given to persons whose fiftieth birthday is this year.

The show is free.

Lions Club Sells Christmas Trees

The College Station Lions club is selling Christmas trees this year, with the proceeds to go to the A&M Consolidated high school band and the Boy Scout troop 450.

The stand is located at the east gate in the Culppepper building. It will be open from 1 to 7 p. m. on weekdays and all day Saturday.

Wilders Receive Slight Injuries

A&M senior Jack Wilder and his wife received slight injuries Sunday in a two-car crash near Conroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilder, both from Beaumont, were returning to College Station when a car pulled in front of them from a side road. Wilder said there was no way he could have avoided the crash.

Wilder's 1946 Chevrolet received an estimated damage of \$1,200. Damage to the other car was undetermined.

Wilder had several teeth knocked loose, and Mrs. Wilder received minor cuts and bruises.

YMCA To Wrap Christmas Gifts

The YMCA will again wrap Christmas presents for students.

The Y will do Christmas wrapping and wrapping for mailing. This is the eighth year the Y has offered this service.

For RE Week

Couples To Have Leader

This year, for the first time, there will be a leader during Religious Emphasis week, Feb. 14-19, who will devote his entire time to topics of importance to married students.

Married students on the A&M campus received a questionnaire this week about their preference for discussion topics during the week.

Dr. Sidney Hamilton, professor of psychology at North Texas State college in Denton, will be the leader for this group.

The questionnaire the students received has a list of thirteen suggested topics for discussion at four meetings during the week.

Night Meetings Set

The four receiving the largest number of choices will be discussed at meetings at 7 p. m. each night during the week.

About 80 students received preliminary questionnaires last week, and the topics receiving the largest response were the ones used for this questionnaire.

The original list of topics was compiled by J. Gordon Gay, secretary of the YMCA, working with a committee of married couples.

Marital Consultant

Hamilton, in addition to his teaching duties at North Texas State college, does consultant work

in areas of marital adjustments and personality problems.

His teaching areas include mental testing, clinical psychology, projective techniques, adolescent development, guidance and marital psychology.

He is the author of "Workbook

in Marital Psychology" and "Workbook in Adolescent Psychology."

Topics from which A&M students will choose include religion and marital stability, causes of family disintegration, how to handle tensions, problems in child rearing, emotional adjustments in marriage, college marriage and others.

Hamilton will also hold individual conferences during the day while he is here.

A nursery will be provided during the night meetings so the husband and wife may attend together.

No Decision Yet On Senior Rings

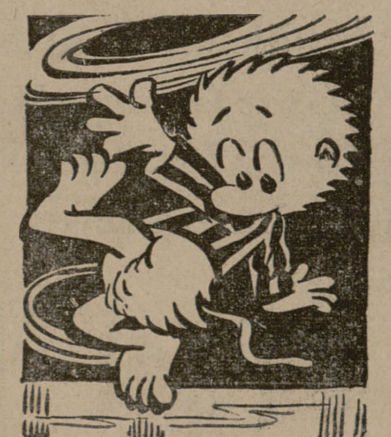
No decision has been reached on the senior ring privilege, said Jimmy Tyree, senior class traditions committee chairman.

"Since every Aggie should be proud of his class, seniors should have their proper class number on their rings", Tyree said.

"Too many boys are failing to do this," he added.

The committee met Monday night in the Memorial Student Center. Members are Bob Boyd, Dan Dawson, Ken Norton, Russell Scott, Phil Jacobs and Tyree.

Weather Today



COLD
Cold and clear to partly cloudy today and tonight. Clear to partly cloudy and warmer tomorrow. High yesterday 62. Low this morning 30.

Ross Volunteers, Alpha Zeta To Take In New Members

Alpha Zeta Sets Monday Initiation

A&M's Alpha chapter of Alpha Zeta, national honorary agriculture fraternity, will hold its formal initiation ceremony for 36 new members Monday in the Memorial Student Center.

Members are selected on their scholarship, participation in extra-curricular activities and leadership.

"I feel that the fraternity is taking in some very outstanding members and I am looking forward to a most successful year of Alpha Zeta activities," said Roger Q. Landers, chancellor.

Members to be initiated are James B. Hardaway, Edgar W. Hennig, William P. Riddick, Blake E. Lovelace, William R. Pence, Harry D. Smith, Hugh D. Lanktree, James D. Altus.

Ray R. Barrett, Kenneth W. Durham, Ernie M. Enloe, Norman D. Flados, J. Frank Ford, John K. Goode, Hugh L. Howard, Murray H. Milford, Craig L. Wiegand, Danny J. Burkard, Louis E. Capt.

Louis J. Casimir, Dewey L. Harris, William D. King, Donald J. Pearce, Eugene F. Polzer, Tommy R. Rhoads, Fehrline E. Tutt, Clayton W. Williams, Jack G. Woodson.

Eddie L. Thompson, Dudley B. Wheeler, Wilburn J. Lewis, Lamon L. Bennett, Ignacious G. Janca, Page W. Morgan, Joseph L. Schuster and Harold D. Irby.

Journalism Men Visit Austin

D. D. Burchard, head of the Journalism department, and Earl Newson, assistant prof, journalism will go to Austin Friday to talk over program possibilities for this year's mechanical conference with Vern Sanford, manager of the Texas Press association.

The mechanical conference will be held here Feb. 20. The conference will be attended by about 125 small daily and weekly newspaper representatives from the state.

Discussions at the conference will be on typography, mechanics and methods of cutting cost through more efficient methods in the production dept.

Newson is director of the conference.

News Flashes

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON—Soviet spokesmen gave strong indications last night that the Kremlin wants no part of President Eisenhower's proposal for an atomic energy pool for peaceful uses. There was no "official" reply from the Soviet government.

MALVERN, Iowa—A truck carrying artillery shells and another semitrailer sideswiped near here and burst into flame, spraying shrapnel for more than 3,000 yards over the countryside tonight. Highway patrolmen said neither of the drivers was seriously injured.

PANMUNJOM—South Korean prisoners converted to communism today slowed down Allied "come home" talks with harrassing tactics and angry outbursts. After 24 hours, the explainers had talked to only seven prisoners.

HOUSTON, Tex.—Sheppard Abdullah King said today he's sorry for the Egyptian dancing girl he divorced—but not sorry enough to send her the 8,000 pounds she wants.

TOKYO—A revolt boiled up inside the Japanese Communist party yesterday with 55 card-carrying members threatening to strike in the party's own printing plant. Kyodo news agency said.

DALLAS—William Theodore Moncrief today was found guilty of conspiracy to burn the Sportatorium sports arena here and given the maximum sentence of five years in the penitentiary.



WHO'S COLD?—The cold snap doesn't seem to bother this young lady, who certainly is not dressed for the weather. Her name, if you're interested, is Pat Crowley, and she works for Paramount pictures.

From the City Desk

CS Fire Service Benefits City

By **JON KINSLOW**
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One of the many services provided by the city that citizens often take for granted is fire protection.

College Station operates under the volunteer fireman system, using trucks furnished by the college.

The city pays the college for the use of the trucks, and each fireman receives \$1 for each call he answers. This is also paid by the city.

Each time the city uses the college's fire equipment, they pay the college \$25. Even if the firemen are called out on a false alarm, the city must still pay the \$25 plus the \$1 for each fireman.

According to Ran Boswell, city manager, each fire costs the city \$45 to \$50. Last year, use of the fire equipment and the payment to the firemen cost the city about \$550. Boswell estimates that the cost for this fiscal year, which began July 1, will be about \$700.

Already since September there have been five fire calls answered

Czech Club Hears Speech by Marek

Education of youth and human fellowship was the topic of a speech given Tuesday night in the Memorial Student Center by Edward Marek, president of the Slovenic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas.

Marek, in addressing members of the A&M Czech club, emphasized comradeship among students and the virtue of perseverance in student life.

by the city. Three of these fires actually required the use of the city's equipment, but the other two did not. One of the two unnecessary calls was in Bryan and College Station equipment was not used. The other was a small grass fire put out by one fireman.

This grass fire cost the city \$45. Two of the other fires needing the equipment were residences. The fifth fire was in a North Gate cleaning plant. These fires cost the city about the same amount as the false alarms.

Fires Cost \$200

In the first five months of the present fiscal year, more than \$200 has been used for the city's fire protection, leaving about \$450 for the remainder of the year, if the city is to operate within its budget.

College Station pays less for fire protection than other cities its size. In 1953 the Hearne fire department answered 108 calls. Of these, 26 were residences, 30 were grass fires, and 7 were businesses.

For cities under 25,000 population, the average cost per taxpayer for fire protection is \$3.27. Boswell said College Station operates on about this average each year.

As a city grows, the expenses for public services grow also. Last year Bryan paid \$66,000 for fire protection.

"We have a very low fire loss in the city each year," said Boswell. Besides fire-fighting, we also do fire protection by mowing the grass on vacant lots. This one thing alone has reduced the number of fire calls each year."