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CITY'S NEW SCHOOL—Work started yesterday on the new school building for A&M Consolidated high school. C. L. Andrews of Andrews-Parker Inc., general contractor, surveys the location while a bulldozer begins leveling. The Consolidated gymnasium is in the background.

Designed Ercoupe

Weick's Designs Featured in Planes

By ELMER WESTFALL
Battalion Staff Writer

"I saw the first airplane that flew faster than 100 miles an hour," said Fred E. Weick of the department of aeronautical engineering.

"I was still a small boy when this event took place, but even to this day I still find new and interesting developments in the field of aeronautics."

With the development of some of his pet ideas on what the personal light plane should do, he was given the chance to put his theory into practice when he designed the Ercoupe.

The Ercoupe featured a coordinated control system and could not be spun or stalled out. This was the answer to private pilots' wishes.

An important feature of modern airplanes perfected by Weick was the tricycle landing gear. The tricycle landing gear provides more ground stability and eliminates the tendency for the plane to ground-loop.

Weick explained that the Wright brothers used a tricycle gear on their first airplane because there was no other place to mount the gear.

Until Weick's gear was perfected most planes had been using the so-called conventional gear, with a tail wheel instead of a nose wheel.

The first airplane to use Weick's tricycle gear was the Douglas DC-4 airliner, still in use by major airlines.

The military's high-speed jets also use tricycle gear.

Weick is now working on the problems of spraying and planting Southwestern rice fields. He is also trying to design a better spraying and dusting system for aircraft now used for spraying.

As an experiment in an airplane designed specifically for ag-

ricultural work, Weick designed the Ag-1, which was used as a test plane for new ideas in wing structure, spraying methods, load capacity, safety factors, and other functions.

As head of the aeronautical engineering department's research center, Weick will continue to work on airplanes for farm, industry and personal use.

Air Force Gives 233 Cadet Flights

Two hundred and eighty-three air force ROTC students have flown familiarization flights this semester.

Most of these flights were made by juniors because most seniors made similar flights at camp last summer.

The purpose of the flight is to acquaint the cadet with the airplane's controls and the feel of flying, according to Sgt. T. E. Buford of the air science department.

Barring bad weather, all the seniors and juniors and most of the sophomores will have had a chance to take a flight by the end of next semester, Buford said.

Cadets who have taken orientation flights this semester should check by room 206A, Military Science building, and pick up the picture that was made of them at the time of their flight, he said.

Draft Laws—1

Status Changes Must Be Reported

(Editor's note: This is the first of series of ten articles explaining the draft laws and how they affect men of draft age.)

The draft law requires every man registered with a local board to report any change in personal status to his board.

"Young men have asked us just what changes they should report," Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wakefield, state draft director, says. "Generally, anything which has a bearing on classification should be reported."

The state director pointed to the following things which should be regarded as change of personal status:

1. Current change of mail address should always be sent to the board.
2. Marriage should be reported at once.
3. All additions to the family must be reported.
4. Any and all deaths in a man's family should be reported.
5. If a man and wife divorced or

Mitchell Begins Corps Evaluation

Committee chairmen for the corps evaluation have been appointed by Fred Mitchell, cadet colonel of the corps and chairman of the committee of the whole.

These committee chairmen will appoint their committees from cadet officers and noncommissioned officers, said Mitchell. There will be subject to approval of the committee of the whole, he said.

Chairmen appointed were Charles Gary, uniforms, Richard Porter, physical structure and duties and responsibilities of cadets; Pat Wood, corps traditions.

The committee of the whole will supervise, assist, and direct the work of subordinate committees in the evaluation. Members of this committee are John K. Goode, Gary, Porter and Wood.

The uniforms committee will investigate all phases of the cadet uniform and, if necessary, redesign a uniform for the corps, Mitchell said.

The physical structure and duties and responsibilities committee will have three functions, he said.

They will analyze physical structure of the corps and determine whether or not it is the most efficient; design a structure that will facilitate most efficient operation of the corps; and outline the duties and responsibilities of cadets to themselves, each other, their unit, the corps, the college, and the state and the nation.

The corps traditions committee will analyze traditions now existing in the corps and determine whether

or not they will fit into the concept of an ideal corps, Mitchell said.

"While the subordinate committees are conducting their investigations, the committee of the whole is designing the objectives of the corps," he said. "These are to be in line with the objectives of the college."

News Briefs

CIVIL SERVICE examination for a junior Agricultural assistant will be given Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the lecture room of the Agricultural Engineering building. Any person who passes the quiz and meets the requirements for the position can receive a GS-5 civil service rating.

THE BRONZE STAR medal was given to Lt. Col. Willis Nolan '33, for "meritorious service" with the eight army civil affairs section. He was chief of the section's plans and policy division.

MAURINE HEARN, state home demonstration leader for the Agricultural extension service, has returned from one year's work under the Point IV program in Bolivia, South America.

PROBLEMS IN PLANT ecology will be the subject of a discussion by the plant science colloquium tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the YMCA cabinet room.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION department staff members Henry Ross and J. R. Jackson will assist in a soil conservation contest at the Area IV Vocational Agricultural Teachers conference in Stephenville Friday and Saturday.

MALCOLM R. BLAIKE, farm organization leader from New South Wales, Australia, recently spent two weeks studying farm organization and methods in the A&M system. He is here under the state department's leader exchange program.

DR. W. ARMSTRONG PRICE,

New Political Course Planned

A 3-hour course in international political geography is tentatively planned for the coming semester.

The course would be a study of present social and political problems of world powers and weaker nations, with an effort to find geographic factors behind problems and possible adjustments.

At present it is not known whether enough students would be interested in taking such a course. Students who are interested in the course may see Charles Rose, room 402, dorm. 1.

Yell Leader Committee Gets Recommendation

The special group from the Student Life committee was undecided yesterday in trying to determine if a standing committee is needed for student publications.

The group decided to postpone its verdict after more than two hours of discussion which sometimes was heated. The Student Life members will meet again early next month after they have given the matter more study.

However they voted unanimously to recommend that Student Life set up the standing committee on yell leaders but decided to wait until next month's meeting to decide its membership and duties. Head yell leader Vol M. (Monty) Montgomery who attended in an advisory capacity did not object.

The group is composed of four students and four faculty and staff members. Students are Carroll Phillips, T. B. Field, Doyle Lowery, and Bill Henderson. Faculty and staff members are C. G. (Spike) White, Dr. C. W. Landiss, chairman, S. A. Kerley, and R. G. Perryman. Perryman was not present at yesterday's meeting.

Battalion co-editors Jerry Bennett, Ed Holder and Student Publications Director Carl Jobe attended with Montgomery in an advisory capacity.

Jobe and Bennett made the first objections of the meeting. They questioned Landiss' suggestion that the advisory members leave the meeting when final discussion and voting began. It was decided to let them remain.

Yell Leaders

Landiss said that committees on yell leaders and publications should be considered as policy making and not censorship groups. He said that personalities were not involved. Landiss also told the group to think of the effect of the committees now and in the future.

Phillips and White agreed with Landiss that censorship was not intended. Papers were distributed to the members concerning other Texas colleges with publication committees. White said that a committee could advise editors on matters about which they were in doubt.

Bennett and Holder argued that policy making or advisory committees would be the same as censorship. Bennett said he thought any special publication's committee was unnecessary. He pointed out that rules on publications and their editors are already in the Student Life constitution and College Regulations.

Standing Committee

Phillips moved that the group recommend that the Student Life committee amend its constitution to add a standing committee on publications. In this motion he also wanted members of the group appointed to draw up duties for the publications committee. Field seconded it.

The entire group would have to vote on these duty recommendations. The recommendation for the committee and its duties and membership would have to be passed by Student Life.

Kerley said he thought the committee was acting too fast on the matter. He thought it needed more consideration. Lowery and Henderson (See PUBLICATIONS, Page 2)

SLC to Decide Student-Prof Relations Night

"Apple Polishing Night" will be recommended Monday night to the Student Life committee.

A sub-committee of the SLC met last night and reviewed more than 100 questionnaires.

More than 80 per cent of the questionnaires received from the professors were favorable toward this plan which would have professors entertain students in their homes on a certain night set aside next semester.

As proposed, the plan would have the professors give their names to the student activities office. Students interested in visiting a professor's home would go to the office and sign up for the faculty member he desires to visit.

Final approval of the plan will be up to the Student Life committee Monday night at their January meeting.

The purpose of this activity is not to limit visiting to just one night during the semester or during a month, but to encourage students and faculty members to get together more often, said Dr. C. W. Landiss, chairman of the student-faculty relations committee.

Other members of the committee who met last night at Dr. Landiss' home were S. A. Kerley, Carroll Phillips, Jerry Bennett and Ed Holder.

Press Conference To Hear Bruckhart

R. F. Bruckhart, associate professor of industrial engineering, will present a time and motion study at the fifth annual newspaper mechanical conference here Feb. 20.

Bruckhart, who has published a number of research reports and articles in the field of work measurement and productivity, will apply his studies to the printing industry in his talk.

About 100 publishers and editors are expected to attend the conference which is jointly sponsored by the A&M Journalism department and the Texas Press association.

"The purpose of the meeting is the give publishers a chance to get together and discuss shop practices and ways to obtain more efficient operation at less cost," said D. E. Newsom of the journalism department, conference director.

Also speaking at the conference will be Howard N. King, consultant typographer for the Intertype corporation. He will discuss the use of type in newspaper make-up and advertisements.

Regular Army Open to Engineers

Regular army commissions are now open to engineers with a high degree of technical knowledge, said Col. Shelly P. Myers, PMS&T.

"If they have knowledge critically needed for national defense, they may apply whether or not they have previous military experience," Myers said.

A master's or doctor's degree is normally required, but an applicant may substitute a bachelor's degree and at least three years of acceptable civilian experience.

Opportunities are offered specialists by the chemical corps in 21 fields, corps of engineers in 17 fields, ordnance in 12 fields, quartermaster in 21 fields, signal corps in 13 fields and transportation corps in 10 fields.

Major engineering fields concerned are electrical, electronics, civil, automotive, mechanical, chemical, petroleum, industrial and nuclear physics.

Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 27, but those with military experience may apply if they are under the age of 30.

Those requiring further information may contact the adjutant, room 209A Military Science building, Myers said.

Weather Today



CLEAR and COOL

Clear to partly cloudy today and tonight with possible fog and drizzle tomorrow. High yesterday 72. Low this morning 41.

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7. Serious injury or physical defect should be reported.

8. If a man becomes a student in a college or university, this fact should be reported.

9. If a man enters the reserves or national guard, he should ask his commanding officer to notify his board. He should assure himself that it is done.

10. If a man has attempted to volunteer for armed forces service and has been rejected, he should advise his local board.

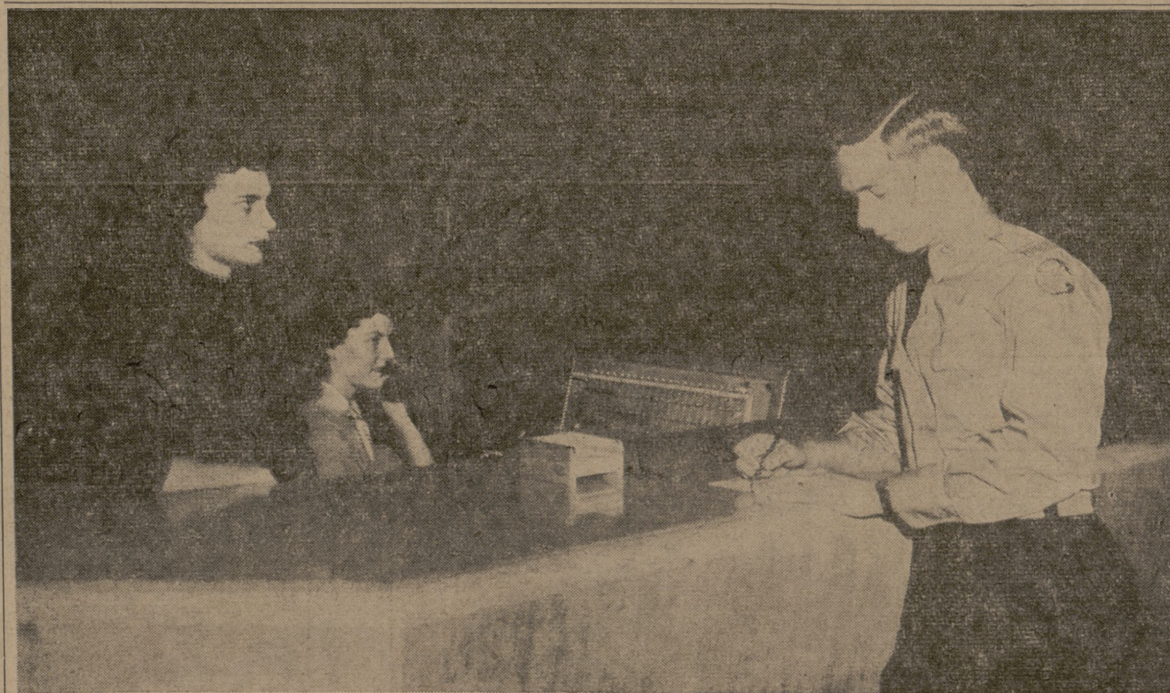
Czech Club Sweetheart Contest Closes Friday

The Czech Club's sweetheart contest ends Friday.

Single girls of Czech ancestry from all over the state have sent pictures to the club, said Mel Holubec, Czech club president.

Entries received after Friday will be disregarded, said Holubec.

The sweetheart will be chosen Jan. 12.



DEAR FOLKS—Jerry Estes, junior from Wichita Falls, tries out the Memorial Student Center's new communications center. Looking on are clerks Mrs. Eddie Battle and Mrs. Harold Schildknecht. The center is on the MSC's lower level, and will contain telegraph facilities as well as telephones.