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Congress Acts To Lower Age For Voting

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP) Constitutional amendments to lower the voting age to 18 introduced in both houses of Congress today, close on the heels of President Eisenhower's request for the action.

Sen. Knowland of California, republican leader of the Senate, offered a measure which won the immediate endorsement of five other senators from both parties.

Since the Constitution does not set forth the qualifications of voters, this matter has been left to the "reserved powers" of the states. Forty-seven states require voters to be 21, but Georgia has permitted 18-year-olds to vote since 1944.

A constitutional amendment, if passed by a two-thirds majority of Congress and approved by three-fourths of the states, would establish on a nation-wide basis the right of young men and women to cast a ballot upon reaching the age of 18.

Eisenhower devoted a paragraph to the problem in his State of the Union message to Congress today.

"For years our citizens between the ages of 18 and 21 have, in time of peril, been summoned to fight for America," the President said.

"They should participate in the political process that produces this fateful summons. I urge Congress to propose to the states a constitutional amendment permitting citizens to vote when they reach the age of 18."



WHERE IS IT?—Betsy Burchard, left, and Mary Lou Lloyd, A&M Consolidated high school students, try out the new paper vending machine that has been installed at CHS. A pencil vending machine has also been installed at the school.

Democrats Plan Offense On Some Eisenhower Proposals

SLC Will Hear Committee Reports

The Student Life committee will meet Monday night to hear reports from its subcommittees, including the subcommittee to study the need for a standing committee on student publications and yell leaders.

The SLC will also hear reports on the student-faculty relations program and the results of the Twelfth Man bowl.

The subcommittee to study the need for the publications and yell leader committees voted Wednesday to recommend a standing committee on yell leaders, but decided to wait until further study to recommend membership and duties for this committee.

The subcommittee was undecided, after more than two hours of discussion, on whether or not to recommend a standing committee for student publications.

They will meet again early next month to again discuss the publications committee and the membership and duties of the yell leader committee.

The subcommittee is composed of four students and four staff and faculty members.

Students are Carroll Phillips, T. E. Field, Doyle Lowery and Bill Henderson.

Faculty and staff members are C. G. (Spike) White, C. W. Landiss, chairman, S. A. Kerley and E. G. Perryman.

Battalion co-editors Jerry Bennett and Ed Holder, publications manager Carl Jobe and head yell leader V. M. (Monty) Montgomery attended the meeting in an advisory capacity.

Club Presidents Hear Plans For Hi School Day

Presidents or representatives from 65 hometown clubs met yesterday in Goodwin hall to discuss plans for the annual High School day held here each year.

The group met with W. O. (Pete) Hardesty, student activities business manager to learn what is planned for High School day.

"The purpose of High School day is to invite prospective high school students to the campus for a weekend so they can get an idea of what A&M is like," Hardesty said. "It is not a recruiting attempt to increase our numbers but an attempt to interest those boys who want a good education and would like to attend A&M."

High School day is sponsored by student activities, with hometown clubs acting as hosts. Transportation is provided for by ex-students and entertainment is furnished by the "T" association.

While here, the high school students will live in the dormitories, tour the campus, and attend the events of Sports day as guests of the "T" association. All the student has to provide is money for meals.

After the discussion of the purpose of High School day, forms were given to the men present to be filled out and turned in to Hardesty at Student Activities after the semester holidays.

No Games Set In New Gym This Year

There probably won't be any varsity basketball games in the new gym this year.

The reason, according to C. E. Fishler of the physical education department, is the poor attendance at the varsity games so far this year.

"We actually don't need to use the new gym because there have been no large attendances at previous games," he said.

The new structure will probably be completed by March 1. As yet, no dedication plans have been made.

President's Message Gets Mixed Reaction

WASHINGTON—(AP) — Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas said today Senate Democrats—who outnumber Republicans by one—will exercise a "veto" power on individual items of President Eisenhower's over-all legislative program.

And Sen. Byrd (D-Va), who gave indirect support to the President in the 1952 political campaign, said he will try to stamp the first Congressional veto on Eisenhower's request for an increase in the 275 billion dollar debt limit. The President renewed it when he outlined his program yesterday to Congress.

While Republican leader Knowland of California was urging bipartisan support for what he called the President's "sound and forward-looking program," Democrats were gathering their ammunition for a blast at the administration's new farm proposals—due Monday.

As reaction rolled in on the President's 7,000 word state of the union message—which he delivered in 54 minutes yesterday in a House chamber so jammed that some Senators complained they had to stand—controversies flared up over several issues.

Besides the farm and debt limit proposals, lawmakers voiced sharp differences of opinion over tax revisions heavier reliance on atomic weapons, a plan to take citizenship away from those convicted of conspiring hereafter to overthrow the government by force, and a proposed Constitutional amendment to permit 18-year-olds to vote.

This added up to a major segment of a program that some Democrats took delight in describing as "New Dealish."

One of these, Sen. Lehman (D-Lib-NY) said in a statement he was "gratified indeed to note that the President has accepted and endorsed the basic objectives of both the New Deal and the Fair Deal, namely, the responsibilities of government for the prosperity and welfare of the individual citizen."

This was an allusion to Eisenhower's proposals for expanding social security coverage, advance planning for public works, federal insurance for health plans, etc. (See STATE OF UNION, Page 2)

The other program is filtered out by the glasses. By reversing the glasses, the viewers see the other program. Sounds from the separate programs are channeled to the individual viewers by means of earphones—or "earpieces" as the manufacturer prefers to call them, since they are small and cling to the ear something like a hearing aid.

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Eight Earpieces Each set comes with eight earpieces, permitting a large audience. DuMont hopes the set will eventually cost about \$600, but those who are impatient will have to pay about \$2,000 for the first, hand-made sets.

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Football Most Popular

Sports Keep Ramsey Busy

By BOB MAYO
Battalion Staff Writer

Public interest in A&M sports, both current and past, keeps Jones Ramsey and two full-time secretaries busy. They answer requests for information and make it easier for on-the-scene sports coverage by visiting writers.

When sports writers and announcers converge on Kyle Field to cover a game, Ramsey is their host in the press box. And he gets the request if an Aggie overseas needs statistics to bolster an argument or win a bet on A&M sports events of the past.

Ramsey is sports news editor for the college information office. A native of Ranger, he was reared in Ponca City, Okla. and came to A&M in August, 1952, from Stillwater, Okla. He was news editor of the Stillwater Daily News-Press. He is married and has three children.

"What I like most about my job is working with sports writers," he said. "They are lively people and when two or three get together there's never a shortage of good sports stories."

The history of A&M's athletics

is recorded in files in Ramsey's office in the System Administration building. And he says he needs a lot of records to find the information he is asked for.

Statistics of games, biographic data on athletes, records currently held by A&M and records held in the past are the subject of most of the inquiries.

"We were swamped with requests about Buddy Davis and Darrow Hooper. Many of them came from track-minded England and Scotland. Special brochures were prepared on each of them," he said.

Ramsey gets out brochures on teams and statistics on past seasons for distribution to newspapers and radio stations before a season starts. Preparing the football brochure takes all summer.

"Our budget does not permit us to distribute these booklets to individuals until all news reporting agencies have been supplied," he said.

Football takes most of Ramsey's time. Requests received in the information office show that football is more popular than baseball and track. The office does a lot more business when Aggie teams are winning, too.

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The board is obligated to receive all pertinent information on classification presented to it, says Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wakefield, state draft director.

Mailing by the local board of a classification questionnaire to the latest address furnished by a registrant is notice to the registrant that he will be classified in I-A, unless information is presented to the local board, within the time specified for return of the questionnaire, which will justify his deferment or exemption.

Unless the local board gives him added time, the registrant must return the questionnaire filled out within ten days from date it was mailed.

"In classifying a registrant there shall be no discrimination for or against him because of his race, creed, or color, or because of his membership or activity in any labor, political, religious, or other organization. Each such registrant shall receive equal justice."

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In the advanced degrees there is one candidate each for a master of agriculture, business administration and engineering, two in education and 22 for a master of science.

In the candidates for baccalaureate degrees there are 99 in School of Engineering, 77 in School of Agriculture and 68 in the School of Arts and Science.

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Draft Laws—2

Local Board Sets Draft Classification

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

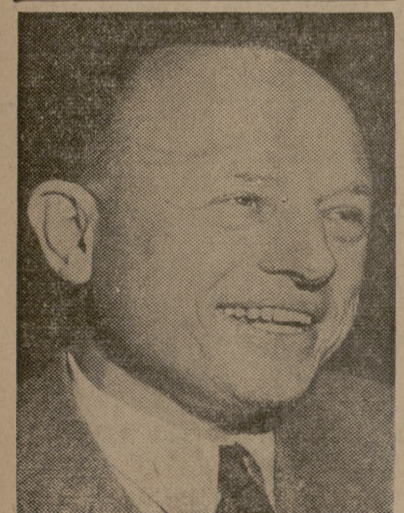
It is a local draft board's responsibility, under law and regulations, to decide, subject to appeal, the class in which each man registered with it shall be placed.

Each registrant is considered as available for military service until his eligibility for deferment or exemption from military service is clearly established to the satisfaction of the local board.

Weather Today



CLOUDY



Associate Justice Wilson

Associate Justice To Speak Monday

Texas Supreme Court Associate Justice Will Wilson will speak on Texas' disciplinary system at 7:45 p. m. Monday in the YMCA chapel.

Wilson was one of five district attorneys selected from the entire nation by the U. S. Attorney General to advise the National Conference on Organized Crime held in 1950.

He is one of the youngest men ever to serve on that court.

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Pistol Team Bows To OU, 1326-1320

The A&M pistol team last week lost to the University of Oklahoma, 1326-1320, at Norman, Okla.

The Cadets have lost three meets by a total of 22 points. They previously had bowed to the University of Washington and Colorado School of Mines.

Before Jan. 16, postal matches will be fired with the Coach Guard academy, Michigan State college and Colorado School of Mines. In postal matches, each team mails its score to its opponent.

The team also has been entered in the National Rifle association postal matches and the U. S. Revolver association intercollegiate match.

Frank Norvell is the team captain, and Toby Chandler is the secretary. The Aggie coach is Lt. Randolph Phillips, who is assisted by Sgt. R. C. Cox.

Team members are Jimmy Arledge, Neal Cameron, D. B. Conkling, G. B. Fields, Gil Henry, Claude Hestlip, Melvin Longhofer, Dave McCane, Joe Martinez, A. W. Perry, George Sturgis, J. E. Ward, Norvell and Chandler.

Range Managers Meet Wednesday

The annual meeting of the Texas section of the American Society of Range Management will be held here Wednesday.

This is the first time the group, composed of ranchers, farmers, technicians and anyone interested in grass and grassland management, has met here.

G. W. Thomas of the range and forestry department is program chairman for the meeting. The group will tour the range and forestry department as a part of their meeting.



ON THE GREEN—Sunny weather brings out Don Alexander of the mathematics department, to practice putting on the A&M course. Two new greens have been added to the golf course for putting and chipping practice.