

News of the World

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS
HANOI, Indochina—Vietminh "mole men" dug trenches and foxholes closer to the heart of Dien Bien Phu last night amid signs that another major assault on the shrinking French fortress might come quickly. French aircraft, taking advantage of a let-up in the tropical rains, plastered Vietminh artillery and antiaircraft positions.

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GENEVA—France and the Soviet Union agreed yesterday to start peace talks on Indochina Friday if possible and certainly by Saturday. Agreement was reached as French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault decided to ride out his country's Cabinet crisis in Geneva.

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LONDON—Britain has agreed to join early Allied talks to consider taking united military action in Indochina if the Geneva peace negotiations fail, American and British sources said last night. The American-proposed parley of air, land and sea force chiefs is expected to take place within the next three weeks in Washington.

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WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Dulles was reported last night to have told 24 key congressional leaders that the United States at present has no plans whatever to send any forces into the Indochina war. Dulles is understood to have advised the legislators at a secret State Department briefing that President Eisenhower believes Indochina is a far worse place to involve American forces than was Korea.

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WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower said yesterday the McCarthy-Army row has cost the United States a loss of international prestige and, to some extent, of national self respect. He hopes, he told his news conference, that the incident will provide advantages that are at least comparable to those losses.



NUGGET CLUB—Talking over life at A&M after the Former Students Association barbecue for seniors last night are Bud Fried, Hal Schadel, John Kimbrough '41, and Ken Clinton. Kimbrough, former Aggie football great, spoke to the seniors last night.

Praises Sung for FSA To Graduating Seniors

Texas Dust Flies North To Yankeeland

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., May 6—(AP)—Sweep out that dust reverently, ma'am. It might be from Texas.
A weather researcher advised New York housewives last night that soil from the Southwest, stirred up by windstorms, fell in the East during late winter snow storms.
Vincent Schaefer said samples of the soil, collected in eastern New York, showed that each square mile contained several tons of dirt from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas.

Dunn, Kimbrough Speak at Barbecue

A&M's graduating seniors heard the praises of the Former Students association sung last night, and ended by singing the "Spirit of Aggieland" themselves, led by the top rank of the college.
The occasion was the first annual barbecue given by the Former Students association for the seniors as an unofficial farewell from the college and a welcome into the association. Speakers were J. Harold Dunn '25, president of the FSA and member of the system board of directors, John Kimbrough '41, former All-American from A&M, and Oscar Hotchkiss '24, vice-president of the FSA.
J. B. (Dick) Hervey, secretary of the FSA, introduced the speakers. Also on the speakers list were President David H. Morgan and Pat Wood, president of the senior class.

Phi Eta Sigma To Initiate Three

Three honorary members of Phi Eta Sigma honor society will be initiated at a banquet May 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.
The members are W. W. Armistead, Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Walter Delaplaine, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and H. B. Curtis of the mathematics department.
New officers for the 1954-55 school year are: Larry Dean Piper, president; Aubrey G. Owen, vice president; James Duke Willborn, secretary; Robert L. Glazner, treasurer; Charles R. Correl, historian; Weldon Walker, junior advisor and Jerry D. Ramsey, senior advisor.
Students making a 2.5 grade point ratio on their first semester's freshman work or both semesters of their freshman year automatically qualify for admission to Phi Eta Sigma.

Cadets To Take Commission Oath May 21

All air force cadets receiving commissions in June will take oath in the chemistry lecture room at 4 p.m., May 20th. The army cadets will receive the oath in the physics lecture room at 7:15 a.m., May 21. The commissioning ceremony will take place in the new physical education building at 1 p.m., May 21. Maj. Gen. Charles E. Hart will give the principal address. After the address Maj. William J. Winder will give the oath of office.
Maj. Gen. Hart will then present commissions to 203 cadets scheduled to receive army commissions. Maj. Gen. Gavriel P. Disosway will present commissions to 155 air force cadets.
"Those air force cadets not receiving commissions will be given a certificate of completion," said Maj. Luther J. Westbrook, operations officer.

Magazine Controversy

MSS. One, Commentator Argue

By JOHN AKARD
Battalion Feature Editor

MSS. One, a collection of student writings, is now appearing on the newsstands. It is an anthology containing essays, narratives, poems and satire written for English class assignments.

MSS. One was sponsored by the English Major's club and was edited by G. W. Dawson, Raymond Gossett, Charles Donohue and W. D. Willis.

The question was raised whether MSS. One competes with The Commentator, official magazine of the School of Arts and Sciences.

The Battalion contacted Robert Feragen of English department, advisor for MSS. One, about the controversy.

He said that the purpose of MSS. One was to sum up the year's work in student writing by reprinting the best feature articles written during the year.

MSS. One was compiled by reviewing articles collected from papers submitted by English professors. The articles were written by the students as class assignments.

Feragen said that the editors reviewed articles in The Commentator and The Battalion, but found none of them worth reprinting. None of the articles in MSS. One has been printed before.

"MSS. One is not designed to compete with The Commentator . . . it is subordinate to all campus publications," Feragen said. "The Commentator would not print all the things we print," he said.
Feragen pointed out that the problems of MSS. One were not the same as those of The Commentator. "The Commentator was not a lit-

erary magazine this year," he said. "Articles from The Commentator will be printed in next year's MSS; if the editors think they are worthy, he said.
When asked if the English department had encouraged its students to submit articles for The Commentator, Feragen said that he could not speak for the whole department but that he personally had. He said he had never submitted any articles which were written as class assignments for

publication in The Commentator. "If The Commentator can get the cooperation of the English department, then maybe they can get the articles . . . we were never sure what the intent of The Commentator was," he said.
Feragen said that the staff of MSS. One had thought over the question of whether or not it duplicated The Commentator and decided that was not the case. He felt that MSS. One was more for the good of The Commentator by interesting the students in good literature. He stressed the fact that there was a need for a magazine which reprinted the best in student writing.

Skrabanek Treated For Snake Bite

R. L. Skrabanek of the rural sociology department returned to St. Joseph's hospital Tuesday following treatment for a copperhead snake bite.

He was bitten on the foot, April 25, at Camp Creek lake where he and his family were having a picnic and fishing trip. He was rushed to Franklin hospital and given anti-venom serum and returned home the following day. Later he developed a skin rash and reswelling.

Wednesday he was reported to be recovering from the reaction but he will remain in bed for some time.

Candidates Prep For Primary Race

Filing for the Democratic primary July 24 closed Monday with many office-holders making the race without opposition.

Because of errors in Wednesday's election story, the list of candidates is repeated for the information of voters in the College Station area.

In the wide open race for district judge of the 85th judicial district, four candidates filed for the spot vacated by the retirement of Judge W. S. Barron. They are John R. Grace, Hearne attorney; W. T. McDonald, Bryan city attorney; Davis Grant, Brazos county attorney; and W. C. (Bill) Davis, Bryan attorney.

Senator Race
Incumbent State Senator W. T. (Bill) Moore will be opposed by J. Alton York, Brenham attorney and former state senator.

Candidates for commissioner, precinct 1, are Raymond A. Nolan, incumbent, and Glynn A. (Buddy) Williams.

Unopposed for justice of the peace for precinct 7 is John F. Royder, while Joe Norwood is the

lone candidate for precinct constable.

Candidate for the office of county attorney and running unopposed is John M. Barron, Bryan attorney.

Office-holders who did not draw opposition in the Democratic primary include B. H. Dewey, state representative, 44th district; A. S. Ware, county judge; A. B. Syptak, county clerk; J. W. Hamilton, county sheriff; Norton Burkhalter, county tax assessor-collector; F. T. Cole, district clerk; B. V. (Bill) Elkins, county treasurer; and William D. Bunting, county school superintendent.

Clifton C. Carter, Bryan business man, is the lone candidate for county Democratic party chairman.

Party precinct chairman candidates for precinct 3 are Norman F. Rode and F. C. Bolton. Unopposed candidate for precinct 16 chairman is Mrs. K. E. Elmquist.

Students Named To Replace Staff

Thirteen students were named to the student entertainment staff yesterday to replace the present seniors who graduate.

New members of the staff who will be seniors next year are Val Canon and Bill Utsman.

New juniors on the staff are Bobby Lee, Bob Bacher, Don Driggs, Les Robinson, Walter Parsons, B. F. Watkins, Gay Henry, Bill Huskey, Mike McGregor, Harry Scott and Hughes McCrary.

"These men were selected from more than 50 applicants. This is the largest turn out for new members we have ever had," said Bill Johnson, student entertainment manager.
Staff members usher and are in charge of publicity for Town Hall and the all-college dances.

Highway Research To Be Done Here

A&M has been chosen as the construction sight of the \$78,800 highway research center, said Gibb Gilchrist, A&M highway and water system research engineer.

Construction will start May 24, said T. R. Spence, physical plants manager.

The building will be used for research by the highway department and has been approved by the Texas Legislature.

The center will contain a basement storage-room 19 convenient offices, two large conference rooms, a reference library and map rooms. There will be no laboratories in the building. Experiments will be carried out in other laboratories with available facilities.

"It will provide graduate instruction for young men who desire to pursue their studies to advanced degrees in the engineering field and to engage in research in transportation projects and problems," Gilchrist said.

Battalion Gives Awards May 14

Five awards for outstanding service to A&M will be presented at the annual Press club banquet in the Memorial Student Center ballroom May 14, said Bob Boriskie, co-editor of The Battalion.

Harri Baker, Battalion co-editor, will present the awards. B. C. (Dutch) Dutcher, chairman of the executive committee of the press club will preside at the banquet.

"We encourage anybody from any school to turn in an article for The Commentator. I prefer this method because I think it tends to get only the better-written stories for the magazine as well as giving the author more satisfaction when it is printed," he said.

All the articles in MSS. One would have been considered for publication in The Commentator, but because the magazine has college-wide readership, reader interest and importance should be considered, Hendry said.

"There is no guarantee that they would have been printed," Hendry said.

Hendry said, "The Commentator is a more professional magazine than just a collection of student writings."

The policy of The Commentator as announced in this year's first issue (November) is "our main objectives this year are to inform people with our features, cause people to laugh with our humor, make people think with our editorials and just let people enjoy our fiction."

The authors and editors of MSS. One did a good job, Hendry said. "There is a need for such a publication at A&M," he said.

MSS. is an author's abbreviation for manuscript, the completed draft of his work. The editors say that since a manuscript is always subject to revision and proofreading, MSS. represents student writings which do not have the polish which comes with time and experience.

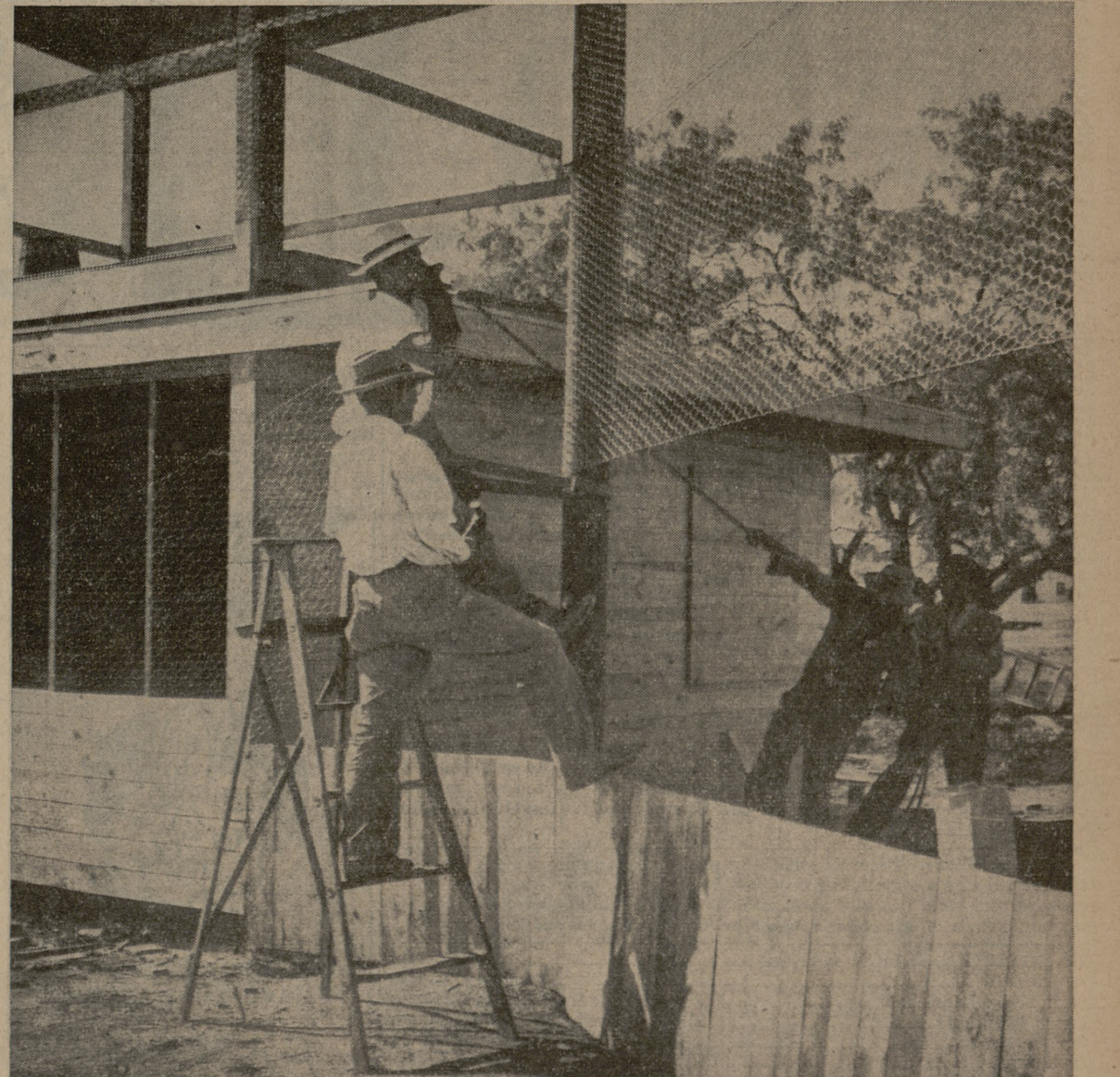
The editors have dedicated MSS. One to "Michel T. Halbouty '30, geologist, petroleum engineer and author, whose generosity provided for its publication."

COMMENCEMENT exercises of the eighth annual Game Wardens school will be held at 10 a. m. May 27 in the Memorial Student Center.

Weather Today



STILL CLEAR
Continued clear today and tonight. High temperature yesterday 71. Low this morning 48.



READY SOON—Putting the finishing touches on College Station's Little League baseball park at the southside are (left to right) Otto Richter, W. J. Coney (on the pole), Benny Chapman and David Washington.