

The Battalion

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Schools Cost 1/4 Billion Administrators Told

The associate commissioner of education, Texas Education Agency, said at Texas A&M College that it will cost 258 million dollars to operate the public school system for 1954-55. Local districts will pay 45 million dollars of this total, and the state the rest.

The speaker, L. P. Sturgeon, told more than 300 school men and women attending the school conference (June 21-23) that there

are 1,769,412 scholastics in Texas between the ages of six and eighteen. To take care of this teaching there are 61,000 teachers, including administrators, supervisors, counselors.

"Today there are 1900 districts in Texas, while in 1949-50 there are 4412 districts. Thirteen hundred districts were consolidated on a voluntary basis and 1200 consolidated under the dormant clause," Sturgeon said.

The \$402 across the board salary for teachers goes into effect September 1, this year, he said.

Thomas B. Ramey of Tyler, chairman of the State Board of Education, reviewed the decision of

the Supreme Court on segregation in the public schools. He said that "it behooves all of us as good citizens—of both races—to view this problem in a sane, sober and dispassionate manner."

He said he was "disappointed in the decision of the Supreme Court. I believe that the 'separate but equal' theory is sound and that it has worked out well, to the advantage of all the people—both white and colored.

"But a higher authority has ruled contrary to my view and as a law-abiding American citizen I am compelled to bow to the will of constituted authority. It is most gratifying, I think, that our people as a whole have received this verdict calmly and without evidence of undue emotion."

He told the school men and women that they "are strategically situated to aid materially in preserving the state of tranquility which now seems to prevail in Texas generally regarding this proposition. You well know how your people look to you for advice and direction in school affairs. The influence you may exert in promoting the exercise of sound judgment and temperate action on the part of our citizens cannot be overestimated."

The school conference included the 18th annual meeting of the Texas School Administration Conference, the 29th of the Texas Association of County Superintendents and the fourth meeting of the Texas Association for Instructional Supervisors.

City Council Puts Approval On Budget Monday

Proposed expenditures of \$227,583.50 for the coming year were approved in budget hearings at the city hall Monday night, according to Ran Boswell, city manager.

These expenditures are an increase of \$4,376.50 over the estimated expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954. Proposed revenues approved by the city council are \$236,396.40, an increase of \$7,491.02.

Boswell said a levying ordinance, stating that tax rates during the 1954-55 fiscal year will remain the same as for last year, was also adopted.

Roaming Parakeet Spotted On Fly

A blue parakeet reported lost June 15 from A-14-X College View Apt. has been seen on the campus of Texas A&M.

A comforting thought may enter the owner's mind after hearing that the poor parakeet escaped unharmed after being given the chase of its life by a curious student.

Two students reported seeing the bird in front of Guion Hall on the morning of June 22.

City Plans Purchase Of New Ford

Sealed bids in duplicate will be received by Ran Boswell, city manager, until 5:00 p.m. July 9, 1954 for the purchase of a new 1954 Ford Mainliner 4-door with standard equipment.

Boswell said that the city's 1950 Ford will be traded in on the 1954 Ford. He said that the city reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid deemed advantageous to it.

Special Ticket Rule Applies To Summer Car Registrants



Cars registered on the campus after June 1 will be barred if they have three tickets charged against them before September 1, according to Bob Murray, non-military student counselor.

He said that if the students keep their cars here after September 1, they will automatically go under the five ticket limit and will not be required to register their cars. Tickets received in the summer will not be counted after September 1.

Students who registered their cars before June 1, are still under the five ticket limit, which runs from September to September of the following year.

'King Richard II' Next Production Of Film Society

"King Richard II" starring Maurice Evans, Sarah Churchill, Fred Warlock and Kent Smith will be presented as the Film Society's first bonus picture Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

It will be the first time a major "live" television production has been cleared for such distribution. The two-hour show, produced and starred in by Maurice Evans, was seen on television screens across the nation. It won acclaim from critics and reviewers.

Arrangements for release of the Kinescope recording of the production as an educational project was carried out by its commercial sponsor, Hallmark Cards of Kansas City.

Architects Solved A Sticky Problem

Summer school students in the Department of Architecture of Texas A&M College have solved the heat problem—at least for the first six-week summer term—so far as their classroom is concerned.

The 32 students have rented a meeting room on the second floor of the air-conditioned Memorial Student Center.

There the classes are held each morning.

Ernest Langford, head of the department, says he's having no trouble with tardiness in getting to classes on time.

Deadline Date For Graduate Theses Set For Tuesday

Dean Ide P. Trotter has announced that the final date for submitting theses to the graduate school, after approval by the student's Committee, will be June 30th for those who expect to complete the requirements for the degree in the first term of the Summer Session, and August 6th for those who will complete the graduate degree requirements in the second term of the Summer Session.

Any necessary changes must be made, the final draft prepared and edited, and the final examination held before August 23rd to permit proper clearance for graduation.

It is imperative that both Graduate Students and their Committees, especially the Chairmen, check up now on the status of research and thesis writing to allow ample time to meet this filing deadline of June 30 or August 6.

The thesis binding fee should be paid to the Fiscal Department and the receipt shown to the Secretary of the Dean of the Graduate School when the thesis is first presented.

All the candidates for degrees at the close of the Summer Session must file application for degree with the Graduate School no later than July 30th. This is also the deadline date for making application for degree in the Office of the Registrar.

Theses submitted late are at the student's risk. Clearance cannot be assured, but every effort will be made to clear cases where the delay seems reasonable.

City Sprayed For Flies Tuesday

Fogging of the city of College Station, Tuesday, was for the purpose of killing flies and mosquitoes.

A mixture of DDT, chlordane, and diesel fuel was sprayed over the entire city by a fogging machine borrowed from the city of Bryan.

Library Being Changed For Better Service

The Cushing Memorial Library is currently undergoing several changes to provide more efficient service and use of its facilities," said Robert A. Houze, Librarian.

This is part of a long-range improvement program which began

in 1951 with the enlargement of the reserve and required reading rooms, and the addition of new steel book stacks in the basement.

The largest recent change is the opening of the new periodical desk on the main floor. Here all periodicals, will be checked in and out and also books to be returned may be left here. Mrs. Jean Griffith of the library circulation department will be in charge of this desk.

What was formerly the spacious lobby of the library will, in the near future, house besides the new periodical desk the newspaper stands and a special section of shelves containing recent fiction titles and books of general reading interest. The trophy case in the center of the lobby will be removed and additional lounging chairs will be added for those wishing to read newspapers. The library receives over fifty daily newspapers including at least one from each area in Texas.

New lighting is also being installed throughout the entire building, with the latest type (blue and yellow tubes, egg crate design) fixtures being used. It is expected that the project will be completed by the end of the summer.



FIRST PRIZE—Carl Jobe, assistant director of student publications, and Harri Baker, Battalion co-editor, are presented a \$500 check from the Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company by Chancellor M. T. Harrington. The check was first prize won by the Batt's Christmas safety edition in the safety contest sponsored by Lumbermens Mutual. Jobe and Baker accepted the award on behalf of Ed Holder and Jerry Bennett, editors of the safety edition.

C. W. Burchard Succumbs Monday; Funeral Today

Services are being held at the Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan today for C. W. Burchard, retired A&M chemistry professor who died in a Bryan hospital late Monday afternoon after a lengthy illness.

Services will be officiated by Rev. Norman Anderson of the College Station Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in the College Station Cemetery.

Mr. Burchard was a native of Meadville, Pa., coming to A&M in 1917, retiring in 1952.

He attended the Allegheny College preparatory school and held

degrees from Allegheny College and the University of Wisconsin. He taught school at Bowling Green, Ohio, 1908-9; Waukesha, Wis., high school, 1909-10. In the summer of 1918 he was a chemist with the U. S. Steel Corporation.

From 1912-15 Mr. Burchard was on the staff of the chemistry department of the University of Wisconsin, the Kansas State Agricultural College Chemistry Department, 1915-17.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi and Alpha Chi Sigma.

Pallbearers will be Dr. C. C. Hedges, Dr. F. W. Jensen, E. B. Middleton, R. E. Snuggs, M. K. Thornton 11 and H. R. Brayton.

Indian Woman Visits Campus During Tour

Mrs. Dolly Nanda from New Delhi, India, was on the campus last Monday and Tuesday to study our methods of raising and marketing poultry and dairy products.

Mrs. Nanda has a 2100 acre farm near New Delhi where she wants to raise poultry and dairy animals. She intends to cater to the embassy trade exclusively.

She visited England, Scotland, Denmark, France, and Switzerland before coming to the United States March 20. She will leave the U.S. August 16.

Architects Flee To MSC Before Classroom Heat

Two architecture classes are being held in the Memorial Student Center this summer, reported officials of the architecture department.

Architecture 427, roof trusses, and architecture 428, concrete designs, will be held in the MSC for the remainder of the first summer term. Thirty-two students are enrolled, said the officials.

The classes are held from 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in room 2-D.



LIBRARY CHANGE—Mrs. Jean Griffith checks out a periodical to Robert Cannon at the new desk recently installed in the lounge of the Cushing Memorial Library. The periodical desk is but one of the several changes being made in the library, among which is the moving of the newspaper racks and magazine shelves into the lobby for better reading convenience and comfort.

Way Is More Weekly

Way's Sock Hop last MSC was a "great Helen Atterbury, secretary.

200 people attended a dance from a BAFB bo, part of a dance entered a concert on trace, featured Rod and Warren on the x respectively.

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MSC will feature night at the Hide- Gary Bourgeois, mer activities for

Cuts From Lands Here

foreign students ner school, repre-tries. Eight of have their wives College Station.

re from 14 Latin-ies. Nineteen are attending the course.

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in 2; India 7; Par-; Mexico 28; Peru zuela 2; China 2; ypt 3; Brazil 1; mala 1; Nicaragua ilippines 4; Costa s 2; Spain 1; El lombia 1; South land 1; Afghanis-

Employee Stark Returns From Active Reserve Duty

Lt. Col. J. Wayne Stark, reserve officer and director of the MSC, has just returned from a 15-day tour of duty with the G-3 Section, Hdq. 4th Army, Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

"While there I saw quite a number of A&M men," said Col. Stark, "including Lt. C. C. Monroe '50, editor of the Battalion in '49-'50, and Lt. Col. Brock Faulkner '41."

Col. Stark has been a member of the Training Division, G-3 Section, 4th Army for four years and while on duty works on guided missiles and artillery matters.

A mobilization designed, subject to immediate active duty in case of war, Col. Stark reported for duty to Colonel Robert F. Hallock, G-3 Hdq.

While at Fort Sam, Col. Stark visited with Maj. Gen. H. L. Boatner, former Commandant and PMS&T at Texas A&M.

Attendants Praise Tuesday Night's Dance Concert

Tuesday night's concert at the MSC, presented by a 15-piece band featuring some special arrangements by Rod Fisher, was termed a "great success" by Gary Bourgeois, head of the summer activities for the MSC.

Fisher, originally from Montana, is married. His wife's name is Caroline and they have one daughter, Gayle.

Among the selections presented at the concert were: "Thunderbird," a Ray Anthony arrangement, "September Song," a Harry James arrangement, and a special arrangement of "Blue Skies" by Rod Fisher.

The band, a group from the 515th official BAFB band, is conducted by Sgt. Bill Coker and features some very fine musicians.

D. D. Burchard, head of the journalism dept., had this to say about the concert: it was "good, solid, danceable music."

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