

# The Battalion

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## College Station People To Vote On Sewerage Bond Wednesday

### Revenue Bonds Total \$300,000

The people of College Station will vote Wednesday on the proposed \$300,000 bond issue, climaxing several year's study by the City Council.

The question in the election is "the issuance of \$300,000 sewer improvement revenue bonds." Of this amount, only \$255,000 will be sold, leaving the rest for future expansion such as extensions and improvements of the sanitary sewer system, said City Manager Ran Boswell.

Those eligible to vote are residents of College Station who have paid their poll tax or have an exemption; own taxable property which is rendered on the city tax rolls; and have lived in the state for 12 months and in the voting precinct for six months.

The plan drawn up by a citizen's advisory committee of the City Council calls for a \$138,000 treating plant. The report of the committee included the following conclusions:

- The present practice of dumping practically raw sewage into dry creeks near the city limits constitutes a "serious menace" to the health of the citizens of College Station.
- A sewage treatment plant capable of giving complete treatment of the sewage "is imperative." The present system of individual septic tanks is "not only inadequate but is very inefficient."
- Considerable extensions to existing collecting system will be necessary. Certain areas in the city cannot now be served with sewers. An extensive system of main collector lines will be required to convey the sewage to a treatment plant approximately two miles south of the city.

- The best method of financing these improvements is the sale of revenue bonds to be paid through increased sewerage service charges rather than from increase of taxes.

Boswell said that many College Station residents do not know that the city does not now have a sewage treatment plant.

"The committee has been working about two years, and they wanted to be sure they were right," he said. "They have done a good job on planning it."

If the plan is approved, it will give College Station one of the best sanitary sewer systems of any town of this size anywhere in the state, he added. "It is the best that can be had," Boswell said.

Voting boxes will be as follows: Ward I, A&M Consolidated school (This ward is that area of the city lying south of the A&M campus and between Old highway 6 and new highway 6.)

Ward II, J. C. Culpepper's office. (Ward II is that part of the city lying east of new highway 6 and south of Lincoln avenue.)

Ward III, city hall. (This ward is all the rest of the city, including the A&M campus residences.)

### Dorms To Be Open During Holidays

All dormitories will be open during the Thanksgiving holidays, Harry Boyer, chief of housing, said.

Since the dormitories will not be closed, each student should make sure his room is locked before leaving Boyer said.

The reason for leaving the dormitories open, Boyer said, is because many students will be gone from the campus only one day.

## Morgan 'Encouraged' About ROTC

President David H. Morgan said this week he was "greatly encouraged" about the future of the ROTC program after visiting the Pentagon and Congress in Washington last week.

"The future of the ROTC program in land-grant colleges looks brighter than it has for the last five years," Morgan said.

Morgan, who in Washington for the annual meeting of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, spent a day in the Pentagon discussing ROTC affairs and a half day in Congress talking to members there.

The defense department is studying the ROTC program, he said, and the House and Senate committees on reserve officers affairs are also considering it.

"The policies concerning ROTC will be carefully scrutinized in the coming year," Morgan said.

## Initiation Tuesday For Phi Eta Sigma

Initiation for prospective members of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the assembly room of the Memorial Student Center.

A grade point ratio of 2.5 is required at either the end of the first semester or freshman year.

Students eligible for membership are Byron Andrews, Anton Brucks, David Atteberry, Ronald Casey, John Evans, Ronald Huffman, John Huffmeyer, James Hutchison, Royce Kappeler and John Kelly.

Jacob Koehl, Warren McCoy, Charles Moeller, Jack Moseley, Jon Neely, Bobby Nelson, Fletcher Pool, Wilbert Thielemann, Berdis Urban, Jules Viterbo and Robert Young.

## Students Awarded

Scholarships of \$500 each have been awarded to two students by the Schlumberger Foundation of Houston. Billy Ray Shaw, junior electrical engineering student from Kilgore, and Harold Gene Fox, senior physics student from Slaton, received the awards.



'World's Largest'

## Ags Yell As Fire Burns

An estimated 10,000 persons last night watched what was called "the world's largest bonfire" blaze into the sky as the A&M student body held a yell practice around the fire.

The fire was started at 7:30 p.m. by torches thrown by the three senior yell leaders, Howard Childers, Bob Carpenter, and Frank Davis.

By 8:15, the fire, which had trouble getting started, had burned long enough to fall apart, with the logs pointing in all directions.

Finishing touches were not put on the stacked-log bonfire until late yesterday afternoon, climaxing about two weeks of work.

The 'UT Frathouse,' an outhouse, was hauled to the top of the fire about 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon, and oiling the wood began at 5 p.m. and lasted until burning time.

The band supplied the decorated outhouse, and the armor units oiled the wood with donated crude oil and kerosene.

Traditionally, the armor flags are flown from the top of the fire. Speakers at the bonfire ceremonies were P. L. (Pinky) Downs jr.,

A&M's official greeter, the senior football players, and the yell leaders.

Here are some figures on the size of the bonfire, measured and compiled by Guillermo Corral, a sophomore from Juarez, Mexico.

The volume of the bonfire was

## Library Announces Holiday Schedule

The following schedule for Cushing Memorial library has been announced for the Thanksgiving holidays:

Wednesday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday	closed
Friday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. to 12 noon
Sunday	closed
Monday	regular schedule

## Dinner Club Hears Noted Diving Team

The experience of deep sea diving was explained Friday night to the Knife and Fork club by Vincent and Lucy Palmer, a noted husband and wife diving team.

Besides doing ordinary diving and research about deep sea life, Mrs. Palmer is the first woman to make a career of underwater painting. Her husband is vice-president of the New York Adventurers club.

"There is less danger in diving than in driving an automobile," he said. He went on to illustrate how most of the hazards generally associated with sea diving are overdrawn and, to a large extent, untrue.

"It's the things we don't know about that frighten us," said Mrs. Palmer. She is the mother of three children, all of whom have diving suits.

Palmer also explained the practical side of the possibilities of exploiting the ocean's resources. He said this was the solution to many of our problems.

"The edible vegetation under the sea is tremendous," Palmer said. "If we can harness this food, then we can lessen the hunger in the world."

Mrs. Palmer, in her painting,

30,150 cubic feet, and the base covered an area of 1,1810 square feet.

The wood reached up 50 feet, with the outhouse and flags reaching up another 15 feet.

Circumference was 150 feet; radius was 24 feet; and diameter was 48 feet.

Considering a carload of wood to be four feet square and eight feet long, the bonfire contained 235.5 carloads of wood, or enough to build four five-room houses.

## Four Join Guard

Four local men have enlisted in the National Guard during the period of Oct. 25 through Nov. 15, said Capt. Barney Welch, commanding officer. They are William M. Action, Morris B. Taylor, Bobby Mooney and Paul Quintero.

## A&M Will Display Cattle In Chicago

A&M has been invited to display a breeding cattle progress exhibit in the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago Nov. 27 thru Dec. 5, Dr. O. D. Butler, of the animal husbandry department, has announced.

This is the first time since the Exposition's beginning in 1901 that Texas or any other state has been asked to provide an exhibit showing research and its findings as part of the program.

The Texas show will be prepared jointly by A&M and Texas Tech.

## News of the World

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—The United States strongly protested tonight Communist China's condemnation of 13 Americans to prison terms on what the State Department called "trumped-up charges."

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—The Western powers and Russia joined today with all U. N. members in a rare unanimous vote approving President Eisenhower's atoms-for-peace plan.

WASHINGTON—Sen. Case (R-SD) denied today published statements that he changed his position on one of the censure charges against Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) because of political pressure.

LEBANON, Mo.—Two police officers late today found the .32 caliber automatic pistol which they said Thurman Priest used in the kidnap-slaying of his 11-year-old niece last Wednesday.

## Lady Scientist Back On Duty At A&M

A comely woman scientist, the only one in the South who holds a master's degree in oceanography, is back on duty with the A&M Research foundation here after several months of work at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

Miss Lela Mae Jeffrey, a native of Teague, first became interested in the mysteries of the ocean when she was employed in 1949 as a technician in the foundation's study of oyster mortality off the Gulf Coast. She has worked on various other projects since, with time out to obtain her MS degree

at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

She holds the master's in physiology from the University of Texas.

At present she is engaged in a project for the navy department. This is carried on through the oceanography department and the foundation's laboratories at Galveston and Grand Isle, La.

"It was a thrill working at Oak Ridge," Miss Jeffrey says. "I'd certainly welcome the opportunity to go back next summer or any-

time that I might be assigned there by the Research foundation."

Recently a high official of ORINS wrote Dr. Dale F. Leipper, head of the oceanography department, about "the excellent work done by Miss Jeffrey" during the past summer. The letter read in part:

"She worked with Dr. Elizabeth Rona of our staff on a problem with many intricate aspects. She contributed many ideas and unstintingly of her time and energy. This included a great amount of 'overtime' on the project. We feel that this project could not have

been carried to its point of near completion without the tireless efforts of Miss Jeffrey. You are to be complimented on having her on your staff."

While at Oak Ridge Miss Jeffrey was the subject of a feature story and picture on the front page of the daily newspaper there. This told of her work with samples of water from three oceans — the Atlantic, Pacific and the Gulf — shipped in huge bottles to the atomic city.

The study of the age and origin of sea deposits involves uranium

and radiation equipment, hence the location of this work at the center of nuclear projects.

A confirmed landlubber, Miss Jeffrey would prefer to do her oceanographic investigations anywhere but at sea. She has made some short runs on the Research foundation's schooner, the A. A. Jakkula, based at Galveston. While at Scripps Institution in California her graduate studies required spending some time aboardship.

"But I'll admit that I get seasick," she says. "I like my work from a terra firma station."

## One Bonfire Guard Takes It Serious

Some bonfire guards are very serious about their obligations.

An A&M professor was informing his neighbor, a foreign student pilot at Bryan Air Force base, how carefully Aggies guard the bonfire against sabotage by raiding University of Texas students.

Baloney, the foreign student said in effect, all it would take is a little shrewd planning. So he came to the campus to look the situation over.

When he got fairly close to the bonfire, a freshman stopped him. "Don't come any closer, sir," he said.

"I just want to look at the pile of wood," the foreign student answered.

"Look at it from there, sir. Don't come any closer."

"Suppose I don't let you stop me?"

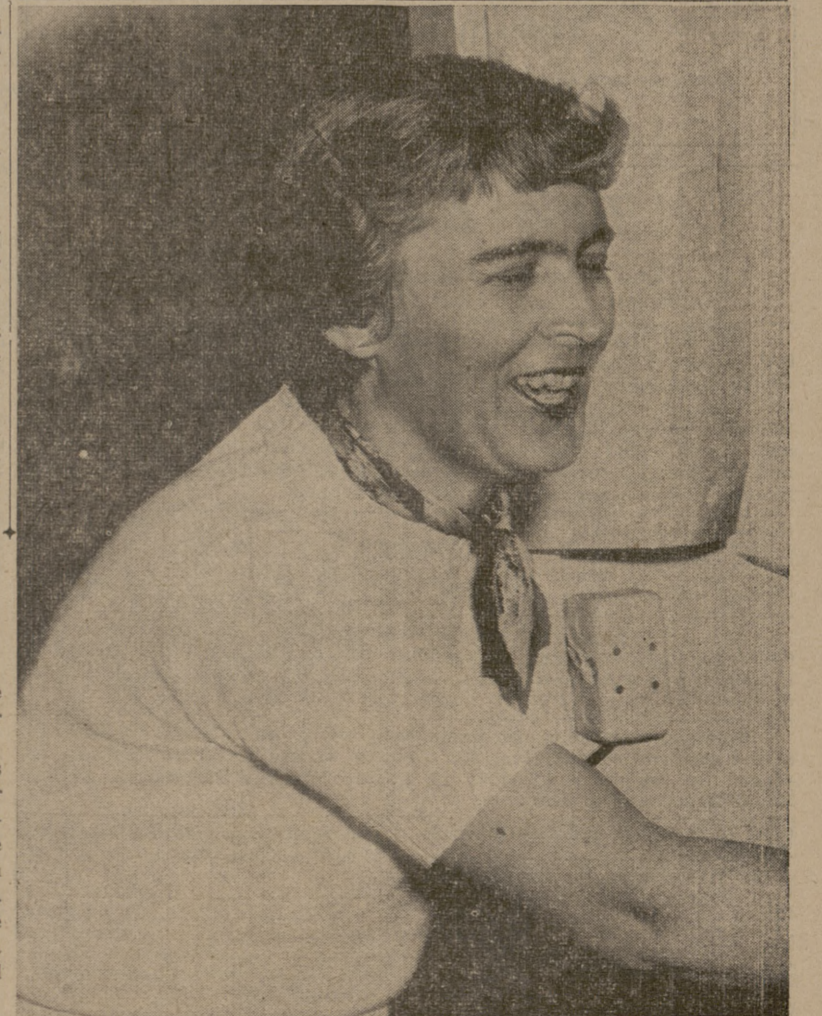
"I'd have to kill you, sir." The foreign student turned around and left.

## Student Directory On Sale Wednesday

The 1954-55 Student Directory went on sale Wednesday in the Student Publications office, Goodwin hall.

The new edition contains a new section, "College Officers," and each section is in different colors. The directory has been thoroughly proof-read, said Karl E. Elmquist, director of student publications.

The price for the directory is 75 cents.



Miss Lela Mae Jeffrey  
Woman Oceanographer