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MISS BLUEBONNET—Bonnie Richardson, pretty Mary Hardin-Baylor coed, was chosen from 34 contestants recently by a Student Senate delegation as Miss Bluebonnet of 1954-55. Judges for the contest were Bob Alcock, Tony Specia, J. B. Lilley, Charlie Seeley, and Jerry Ramsey.

Bond Vote Set Tomorrow

Four Disciplined For Wine Drinking

Four A&M cadets have received disciplinary action for drinking alcoholic beverages on the campus.

The cadets, three freshmen and one sophomore, were convicted for drinking wine Nov. 19, while the cadets were at a guard fire for the bonfire.

The sophomore was put on conduct probation and campused until Feb. 1. One of the freshmen, who said he had bought the wine, was put on conduct probation until Feb. 1 and given 12 hours of extra duty.

The other two freshmen were given eight hours extra duty.

All four were given official reprimands.

Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, said that the tactical officer of the day and the cadet officer of the day heard loud talking around one of the guard fires and discovered these four cadets

and a group of civilian students around the fire.

He said that the civilian students denied participating in the drinking, but that the four cadets admitted they had been drinking. The empty wine bottle was in their possession.

There were no other serious incidents during the bonfire guarding, Wilkins said. "Everything went fine," he said.

"Our greatest improvement was in the lack of profanity, both in the cutting area and at the stacking," he said.

Three units—the band, squadron 12, and squadron 22—stole signs to put around the bonfire and had to pay for them, in addition to being prohibited from placing a sign on the field.

"That was less sign stealing than we've had in the past," Wilkins said.

Phi Eta Sigma Initiation Set

Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society, will initiate new members tonight with ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in the M.S.C. assembly room.

Those eligible are students who were freshmen last spring, and made a 2.5 or better grade-point ratio.

After the initiation, an informal smoker sponsored by the old members will be held for all freshmen who made a 2.0 grade-point ratio or better at mid-semester.

Freshmen are asked to assemble in the Birch room if they arrive before 7:45.

Proposed Plan Ends Long Study

A new sewerage system, described by City Manager Ran Boswell as "one of the finest for any town this size", will be voted upon tomorrow by the people of College Station.

The plan is the result of eight years of discussion and planning by the City Council, and was recommended by a Citizens Advisory committee appointed by Mayor Ernest Langford. The plan, if approved, will cost \$365,000, including a disposal plant. There is no disposal plant owned by the city now.

"The council was talking about a sewerage plan when I came here in 1946," Boswell said. "A committee studied and discussed it for two years before the advisory committee was appointed last year to make definite recommendations."

If At First You Don't Succeed...

A merchant in Bryan reported last week that someone had stolen his sign, so he came out to the bonfire area to see if he could identify it.

He found a sign on the drill field that he said was his, and the military department man with him stopped a member of the unit whose emblem was on the sign.

"Son, this sign was stolen," the military man said.

"You're darn right it was stolen," said the cadet.

"We stole it last year and had to pay \$100 for it. It's ours now," he said.

The Bryan merchant admitted that he was mistaken, and this sign was indeed last year's stolen sign.

P.S.—The merchant went further around the field and found the sign that had been stolen from him this year.

He emphasized that any bonds approved in the election would not be paid for from taxes. Instead, an increase in utility rates would take care of the cost, he said.

The issue in the election tomorrow will be "the issuance of \$300,000 sewer improvement revenue bonds." Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will be in the following locations:

- Ward I, A&M Consolidated school;
- Ward II, J. C. Culpepper's office;
- Ward III, City Hall.

Boswell cited three main reasons for the need of the new sewerage plan. These were that (1) the system of individual septic tanks is breaking down, (2) raw sewerage is being emptied into several drainage areas in the city limits, and (3) parts of the city are not now serviced by sewers of any type, particularly in the Negro sections.

In a letter sent to College Station residents, Langford said, "The proposal simply is to construct adequate sewers and disposal plant so that every lot within the city limits will be accessible to a sewer line. Further, any expansion generally south can be serviced by the proposed lines and plant."

He also described the 18-member advisory committee as representing "every nook and corner of the city."

In the committee's report was the conclusion that they felt "the need for these improvements is urgent" and they recommend "a favorable vote on this bond issue."

Those eligible to vote in the election 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 their voting precinct for six months.

Honor Cadets In Air Science Include 36

Thirty-six cadets have been designated as distinguished air force ROTC students, announced Col. John A. Way, professor of air science.

Selected for outstanding academic records and demonstrated leadership, the cadets will be eligible for regular air force commissions upon completion of flight or technical training on active duty, Way said.

The students are Daniel P. Wheat Jr., Fehrlin Tutt, Thomas H. Baker, James E. Caffey, Francis B. O'Donnell Jr., Travis G. Wunderlich, James R. Henderson.

Thomas M. Campbell, William E. Coppage, Lindsay J. Crawford, Joe E. Crenweige, Buck O. Isbell, Bill W. Kimmey, Jack E. Spell.

Grover L. Alexander, George W. Munns, Joe B. Walker, Glen E. Wise, L. M. Brazier, John C. Burchard, Edward B. Field, Perry G. Hector, James E. Mitchell.

Robert C. Sawyer, John M. Starke III, James R. Todd, Richard F. Weick, Taylor H. Greene, Lawrence G. Francis, John L. Harlan, Harold W. Gale, Robert L. Williams, Stanley W. Angrist, Jerry A. Pyle, and Floyd H. Sanders Jr.

Two A&M Cadets Leave For Debate

J. Frank Ford, corps commander, and C. W. (Bud) Whitney, vice-president of the MSC Council, are leaving today for West Point to attend a student conference on U. S. affairs.

The purpose of the conference, sponsored by West Point and the Carnegie Foundation, is to discuss the United States' foreign policy and ways to improve it.

The meeting is scheduled for December 1-4 with 130 students, representing 65 colleges and universities attending. Texas A&M is the only school west of the Mississippi that will send delegates.

Ford and Whitney were chosen by a faculty committee from a list of juniors and seniors who wanted to go. Expenses are being paid by the Carnegie Foundation.

One of the several men scheduled to speak to the group is Major General James M. Gavin, army chief of staff for operations, who visited here at the Fall Military Day Review.

Leland Elected

Thomas W. Leland, head of the business and accounting department, has been elected to the board of examiners committee of the American Institute of Accountants.

Contracts Let

Three Buildings Planned

The A&M System board of directors awarded contracts for improvements on the campus and authorized plans for three new major buildings at their meeting Thursday in Austin.

These were the major items of business for the board, and neither the general course military science, the optional military plan, nor co-education was discussed, according to Henderson Shuffler, system director of information and publications.

The board appropriated \$225,000 for plans and preliminary costs on new buildings and equipment for several completed buildings.

Barron Addresses Local Lions Club

W. S. Barron, 85th district judge, talked on some of the amusing incidents in the history of our judicial system at the College Station Lions club luncheon yesterday.

Judge Barron related this particular happening:

Some years ago a man charged with a misdemeanor was brought into court. He proposed to prove himself not guilty of the crime with a poor lawyer, and without a witness. When the judge called for a witness and the man said his only witness was Jesus Christ the judge promptly recessed the session and replied, "court recessed until we find a lawyer familiar with the defendant's witness."

Dr. George Huebner of the oceanography department was introduced at the meeting as a new member.

Weather Today



PARTLY CLOUDY

The forecast for today is continued cloudy with little change in temperatures. A cold front is expected at 7 a.m. tomorrow.

Yesterday's high was 67, low 38. The temperature at 10:15 this morning was 66.

The new buildings are a biochemistry and nutrition building, an expansion of the college power plant, and a horticulture processing laboratory.

They are both still in the planning stage. The biochemistry building will be paid for out of the building fund and the power plant expansion will probably be financed by revenue bonds.

Campus improvement contracts included \$48,788 to R. B. Butler of Bryan for remodeling Sbsa dining hall, \$13,700 to B-W Construction company for remodeling the Exchange store, \$73,260 to the Weiler Air Conditioning company for air conditioning Cushing Library, and \$146,114 to the Dale Construction company for three quonset buildings for a farm service center here.

The board also confirmed a contract for the construction of three residences at the college plantation, and authorized \$8,600 to increase the residences there to four and make small additions to the original plans for all four buildings.

More Air Conditioning
The board appropriated \$46,000 to air condition three lecture rooms on the campus—the chemistry lecture room, the biology lecture room, and one room in the Academic building. Tentative plans are to air condition three more classrooms in the near future.

The board appropriated \$30,000 for equipment for the G. Rollie White coliseum, to include lockers, locks, baskets, and six basketball goals.

In keeping with the proposal to issue gymnasium clothing to physical education students instead of having them buy their own, the board appropriated \$24,000 for gym clothing.

The board appropriated \$5,000 for equipment for the Highway Research Center, now being constructed next to the old veterinary medicine hospital.

Franchise Extended
Chancellor M. T. Harrington was authorized to extend the franchise of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company here from 1955 through 1964 and to lease the company a

small building on the campus to house the telephone exchange.

Grants-in-aid in support of agricultural research totalling \$22,750 were accepted by the board. Also accepted were gifts of \$38,698.09, of which \$35,630 was for scholarships and fellowships, and \$1,175 was in cash and equipment.

The board also approved the distribution of the Exchange store profits for last year.

Loan Fund Set For Engineers
A new loan fund for electrical engineering students has been set up for A&M.

The \$10,173.32 fund, from the estate of Sadie A. Mather, will be used for electrical engineering students whose fathers are dead and who are in need of money for education.

It will be called the Frank Collins Mather loan fund.

Reviewer Says

Kidd's Story Gets Top Notch Rating

By HARRI BAKER
Battalion Co-Editor

A quiet little English professor at A&M is being acclaimed over the state as one of the really good Texas authors.

It all started when a story by Harry L. Kidd Jr., associate professor of English, was selected to be included in "21 Texas Short Stories," a just-published collection of the best stories ever written about Texas by Texas authors.

This was quite an honor in itself, since it put Kidd in the company of such famous authors as J. Frank Dobie, O. Henry, Dillon Anderson, Katherine Anne Porter, and George Sessions Perry, who wrote "The Story of Texas A&M."

Reviewer Praises

But Sunday, a book reviewer for the Houston Post singled out Kidd's story as "one of the best pieces of writing ever done by any Texan."

The reviewer says Kidd's story is one of the two finest in the book.

The story is part of an unpublished novel, and is a story about white and Negro relationships in East Texas.

The main character is a 14-year-old boy, and the story tells of the first time the boy is brought face-to-face with the race issue.

Kidd says he discarded the idea of getting the novel published long ago, because "the subject matter wasn't commercial."

Kidd's Other Work

In addition to the story published in this book, Kidd has had stories and articles published in such magazines as Argosy, Rotarian, New Republic, Southwest Review, Field and Stream, and various other magazines.

He has also written and produced several radio series dealing with A&M, for broadcast over the Texas State network. He wrote the

continuity for the film "We Are The Aggies."

He says he is now devoting all his time to radio writing.

Kidd began teaching at A&M in 1939. One of the courses he teaches is "creative writing," designed to teach the student how to write and sell fiction stories and articles. He has a BA and a MA in English from the University of Texas.

Kidd isn't a native Texan; his family moved to Mexia from Virginia when he was 12 years old. A biographical sketch of him in the new book says that "there Kidd learned to know rural East Texas, with its white farmers and Negro hands."

Before Kidd came to A&M, he taught in and was principal of the high school at Anderson.

Community Chest To Discuss Drive

The Community Chest will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. today in the System Administration building to discuss progress of the drive.

More than 27 per cent of the \$14,707 was reported collected at a meeting Nov. 17. The drive was scheduled to end Nov. 22, but will probably be extended, according to C. W. Price, chairman.

Christmas Seals Bring In \$1,200

More than \$1,200 has been collected in the annual Tuberculosis Christmas seal sale.

Envelopes for corps students were delayed but are expected to be handed out by tonight, according to Miss Malcolm McInnis, this year's chairman.

"Letters mailed to civilian students have brought good results," she said, "and it is expected corps students will do the same."

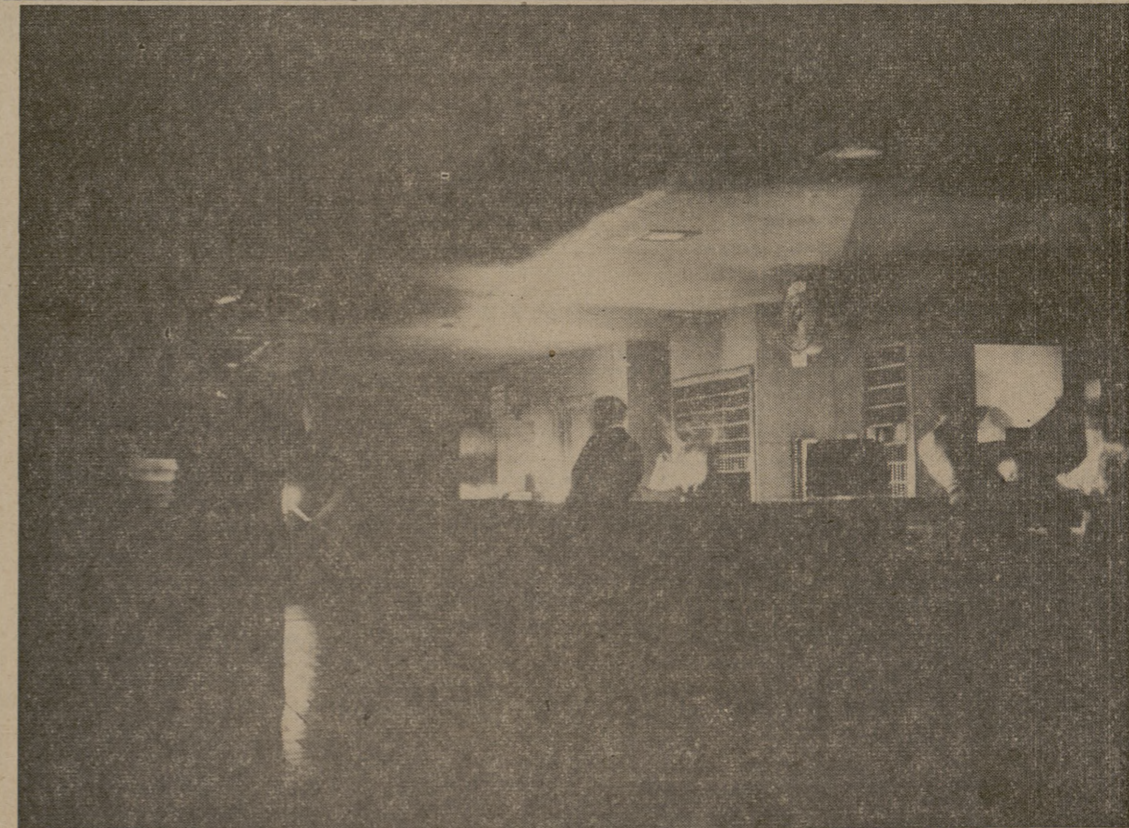
Austin Police Say Holiday Was Quiet

There were no serious traffic accidents involving A&M students reported over the weekend, and the Austin police reported no fights or other incidents involving A&M students.

The Austin police, who had been expecting trouble, told college officials that Wednesday night was "just another night—maybe quieter than usual" for them.

There was a brief fight immediately after the game, but police said University of Texas students caused it.

No traffic accidents were reported to college officials, and the Associated Press had no record of A&M students involved in serious accidents.



WHERE WAS MOSES—The Memorial Student Center got into the Christmas spirit early yesterday afternoon, with candle serving as illumination. It was unintentional, though; a power supply caused all the lights in the building to go out about 5:15 p.m.