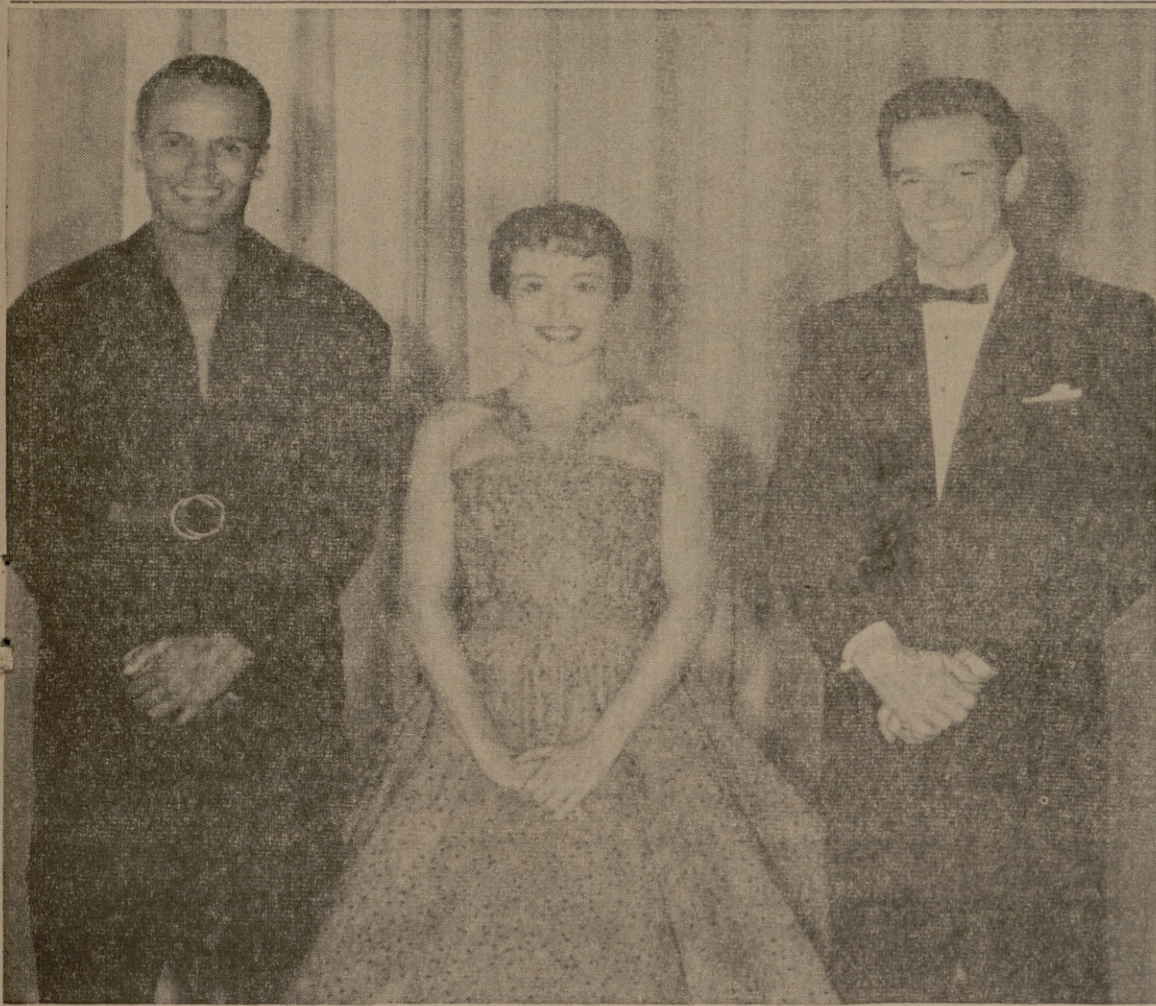


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Harry Belafonte, Marge Champion, Gower Champion  
Tonight's Town Hall Performers

## Town Hall Show

### Champions Dance Tonight

Town Hall presents the Paul Gregory-Charles Laughton production "Three for Tonight" at 8 tonight in the G. Rollie White coliseum.

Starring in the show are Marge and Gower Champion, Harry Belafonte and the Voices of Walter Schumann. It is staged by Gower Champion, with a company of 40 and special material by Robert Wells, assisted by Blake Edwards. Schumann, of "Dragnet" fame, composed and wrote the music, with arrangements by Nathan Scott.

The Champions have been a husband and wife dancing team since 1947. In 1953, Ed Sullivan called them America's number one dance

ing team. Since 1950 they have been in Hollywood. Among the pictures in which they have appeared are "Show-Boat," "Lovely to Look At" and their own show, "Everything I Have Is Yours."

Belafonte is one of America's top recording artists today. He has appeared in the motion picture "Bright Road," as well as making many successful night club appearances around the country. Belafonte is a graduate of the American Negro Theater.

## Postmaster Suggests Plan For Holidays

A three-point program to insure delivery of all Christmas cards and gift packages by Dec. 25 was suggested yesterday by Acting Postmaster N. L. McCullough.

First, he urged business firms to mail their regular correspondence before 4 p.m. during the Christmas season. He said an even greater help would be the withholding of circular and catalogue mail between Dec. 15-25.

McCullough's second suggestion was to the senders of Christmas cards.

"Begin checking your list this week," he advised. "Each address should include the full name, street and number, city, zone and state."

His final suggestion was that all gift packages should already be mailed, and all Christmas cards should be sent by at least a week before Christmas.

"I'm quite sure we will have more mail this year, and we will probably exceed the 424,979 cancellations of last year," McCullough said.

## Local Seal Drive Now Has \$3,437

The total at noon yesterday for the Christmas seal drive of the Brazos County Tuberculosis association was \$3,437.33, according to Mrs. A. A. Blumberg, executive secretary of the association.

Miss Malcolm McInnis, seal sale chairman for Brazos county, reported that the response to the drive has been very good. She expected the sale to continue successfully until Christmas.

The total collected so far does not include money budgeted to the association by the College Station Community Chest, nor the collections being made at Bryan air force base, said Mrs. Blumberg.

Contributions can be mailed to the Masonic building, Bryan, in care of the BCTA.

## Hatcher's Case Now 'Improving'

The condition of Clarence Hatcher, A&M senior who received a head injury in an automobile accident here Dec. 2, is described as "improving" by Houston doctors.

Paralyzed from the neck down as a result of the injury, Hatcher has recovered the use of muscles above the waist. Friends who visited him over the weekend said he was "in good spirits."

Doctors operated immediately after the accident to remove a blood clot on Hatcher's spine.

They still do not know whether the paralysis is permanent or temporary, but Hatcher's friends said the doctors were encouraged by the improvement he has shown during the last week.

## Four Professors To Attend Session

Four members of the agricultural economics and sociology department will attend the Southwest Land Tenure Research committee meeting Dec. 15-17 in Texarkana.

W. G. Adkins, secretary of the committee and chairman of the land values sub-committee; Dr. Tyrus R. Timm, chairman of the future research sub-committee; R. L. Skrabanek, member of the mechanization sub-committee and J. H. Southern, United States Department of Agriculture representative for the southwest, will attend.

## Turfgrass Group Will Meet Here

The Texas Turfgrass conference will meet here Dec. 13-15, sponsored by the agronomy department and the Texas Turfgrass association.

Ethan C. Holt will be chairman of the conference, which will be held in the Memorial Student Center.

## Twenty-Five Students Named To Who's Who at Texas A&M

### Local Chest Drive Ends; Short of Goal by \$3,000

By BILL FULLERTON  
Battalion City Editor

The 1954 College Station Community Chest drive officially ended Friday with a total of \$11,092.68—more than \$3000 short of its \$14,707 goal, reported C. W. Price, chairman of this year's drive.

The total includes \$40 pledged for January, said Price. Contributions will still be accepted by drive committee members or at the office of R. E. Patterson in the System Administration building.

"The 12 agencies which participate in the local Community Chest will have their requests for funds cut on a proportion with the amount the drive fell short," said Price. "Since only 75.42 per cent of the goal was raised, each agency will receive this same percentage of the money taken," he said. The agencies are the American

Red Cross, College Station Youth committee, Brazos County Charity Hospital fund, Boy Scouts, College Station Recreation council, College Station YMCA, Girl Scouts, Local Chest Charity fund, Salvation Army, United Service Organization and Community Center Inc.

The drive originally was set for Nov. 8-22, but it was extended through Dec. 10 when it became apparent that the drive would not reach its goal. Last year about 95 per cent of the \$13,070 goal was collected.

Potential contributors who were not reached may be solicited later by individual agencies, said Price, but no one who has contributed will be approached a second time.

The committee also adopted a motion to send a letter to Mayor Ernest Langford recommending that he appoint a committee to

study the possibilities of having either a county-wide or College Station-Bryan combined chest drive next year.

### Fire Causes \$250 Damage In Mitchell

A fire in Mitchell hall early Sunday morning caused an estimated \$250 damage to a door in the dormitory.

Several trash cans were put against the door to one of the rooms and set on fire about 5 a. m., according to Bob Murray, civilian dormitory counselor.

He said the fire got so hot that it caused plaster to fall from the ceiling, as well as burning the door and the plastic trash cans.

A student was in the room at the time, but he was unhurt. He was awakened by the fire, and was unable to get out of the second-floor room because the door was on fire.

While he poured water on the door from the inside, the occupants of the room next door and several other students awoke and managed to get the fire under control.

Murray said he had no information as to who set the fire, but he said his office was working on it and expected to know soon.

### SLC Makes Selection Last Night

Twenty-five students last night were selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in the meeting of the Student Life committee held in the Memorial Student center.

They are Harri Baker, John Benefield, Bob Boriskie, James Caffey, Charles Coenough, Fair Colvin jr, Dick Crawford jr, Conrad Cummings, Jim Earle, Wallace Eversberg, Frank Ford, Charles Foxworth, James Henderson, Buck Isbell, Ray LaCour, Garrett Maxwell, Dick McCasland, Wayne Moore, Charles (Chuck) Newman, Jerry Ramsey, Charlie Seely, Bennie Sinclair, F. E. (Sonny) Tutt, Bill Utsman and Pat Wheat.

The nominees were selected from a list of 63 candidates submitted to the committee. Process of selection began at 4:30 and ended at 10 p.m., with the committee adjourning for one hour at supper.

After the opening discussion, which included questions concerning individual names on the list, voting began by secret ballot and continued until the final name was selected late in the evening.

According to national rules for selection, one per cent of all undergraduate students of junior classification and above enrolled can be named to Who's Who.

The names of those selected will be printed later in the year in the national Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges yearbook. They will also appear in a special section of the Aggieband.

Later in the week The Battalion will publish the activities which qualified the nominees for consideration.

## News of the World

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON—The Peiping radio said last night the United States would be showing "utter contempt for international law" if it insists on holding 35 Chinese students who want to go home in retaliation for the jailing of 13 Americans as spies.

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PARIS—The West's military leaders yesterday set the stage for a sharp debate within the North Atlantic Treaty council when they met on a controversial plan for the defense of Western Europe with the aid of atomic weapons. Some nations are expected to demand a veto power over use of atomic weapons by NATO forces.

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—James P. Nash, a U.S. delegate to the United Nations, is going back home to Austin, convinced that the UN "is a great institution for the promotion of peace and understanding among nations."

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WASHINGTON—Postmaster General Summerfield said yesterday the administration will renew its request for a postal rate increase to the next Congress, including a hike to 4 cents on letter mail.

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WASHINGTON—A Republican congressional leader reported yesterday the Eisenhower administration wants to postpone a cut of about three billion dollars a year in corporate income and excise taxes scheduled to go into effect April 1.

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HOUSTON—Gov. Dan Thornton of Colorado said here yesterday the current oil industry dispute over foreign oil imports should be settled within the industry. Thornton said he wants no part of any kind of federal control on any level.

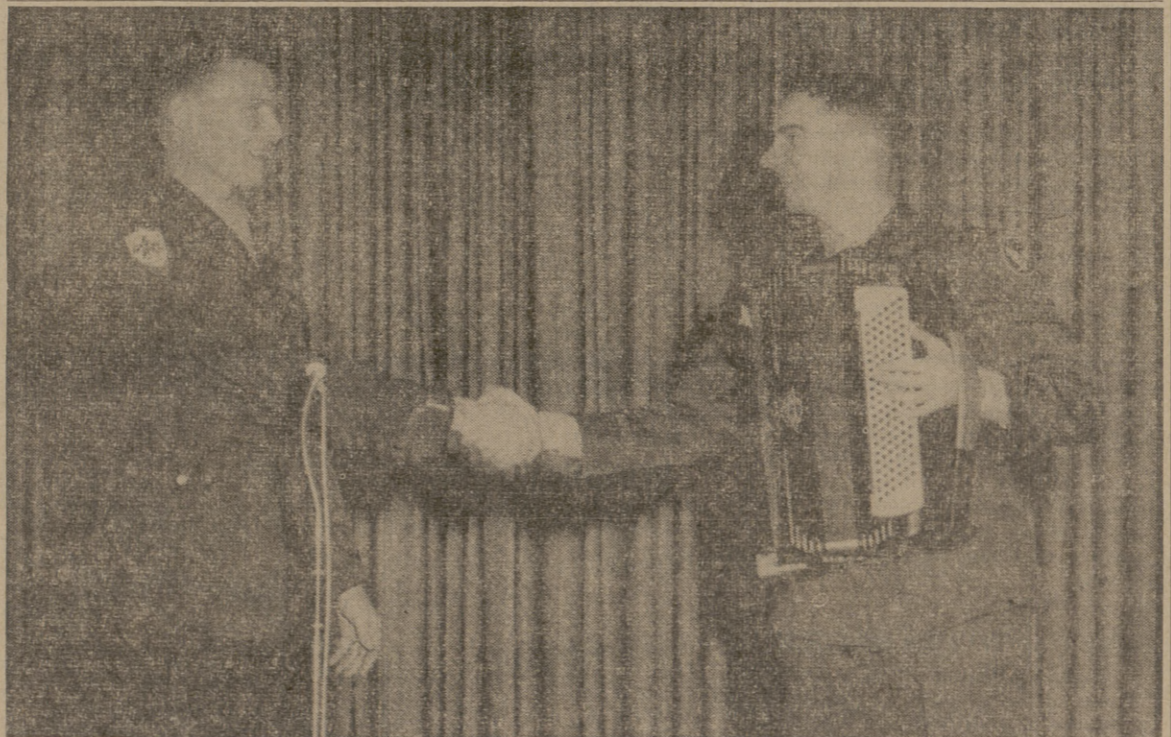
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WASHINGTON—James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said last night "it would be foolhardy" for the Republicans to approach the 1956 election with any other idea than to draft President Eisenhower for re-election. Hagerty made the comment in answer to a question on the Mutual Broadcasting System radio program "Reporter's Roundup."

## Morgan To Host Glee Club, Band

The Singing Cadets and all juniors and seniors in the band will be the guests of President and Mrs. David H. Morgan for a reception at the president's home between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

Assisting the Morgans at the reception will be Col. and Mrs. Joe E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Penberthy, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Taylor Wilkins and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner.



THE WINNER—Ted Stecki, accordionist, gets congratulations from Aggie Talent Show Emcee Willard Jenkins after Stecki won with three songs Friday night. He will represent A&M in the Intercollegiate Talent show in March.

## Accordionist Wins Aggie Talent Show

By JIM BOWER  
Battalion Staff Writer

Playing accordion solo versions of "Whispering," "Glow Worm," and "You Came Along Out of Nowhere," Ted Stecki walked away with winner's honors at the annual Aggie Talent show last Friday.

Even though he plays "just for enjoyment" and has "no ambition of becoming a professional musician," Stecki has a busy professional schedule lined up for the Christmas holidays. He is the

leader of a five man combo of which four are stationed at Ft. Dix, N.J., near Camden.

Besides playing for three teenage dances, his band will also play for two USO shows at the service club at Ft. Dix. The combo is composed of a trumpet, drums, bass, and saxophone with Stecki playing his accordion.

His only comment on winning the talent show was, "I sure didn't expect to win."

As a result of his winning, Stecki will represent A&M at the Intercollegiate Talent show March 18. Miss Margaret Long, MSC program committee chairman, said that audition tours will begin in early February. The University of Texas, Texas Tech and SMU have already been visited, Miss Long said.

Mike Griffin, talent show chairman, said the judges said they would not want to judge the show again because competition was so close that it was hard to pick a winner. Only first place was chosen.

## Army Test To Be Given At 4 Today

The qualifying examination for army ROTC advanced contracts will be given at 4 p.m. today in room 107 of the biological sciences building.

Eligible to take the test are those students who are now enrolled in the fourth semester of military science, or those who have completed four semesters and have not taken the test.

The written, objective-type test is one of the determining factors in getting the advanced contract.

## Five Graduates Receive AF Wings

Five A&M graduates received the silver wings of the air force jet pilot recently in ceremonies at Laredo air force base, Laredo.

The presentation culminated 14 months of intensive pilot training in both propeller driven and jet type aircraft.

The five men are 2nd Lt. Charles E. McCullough of Fort Worth; 2nd Lt. Franklin J. Pagel of Tivoli; 2nd Lt. Kirk F. Schwarz of Mercedes; 2nd Lt. Douglas L. Shankles of Sherman; and 2nd Lt. Ignacio J. Flores jr. of Laredo.

## Weather Today



PARTLY CLOUDY

The forecast for today is partially cloudy and slightly warmer with southerly winds.

Yesterday's high was 52, low 36. The temperature at 10:30 this morning was 46.