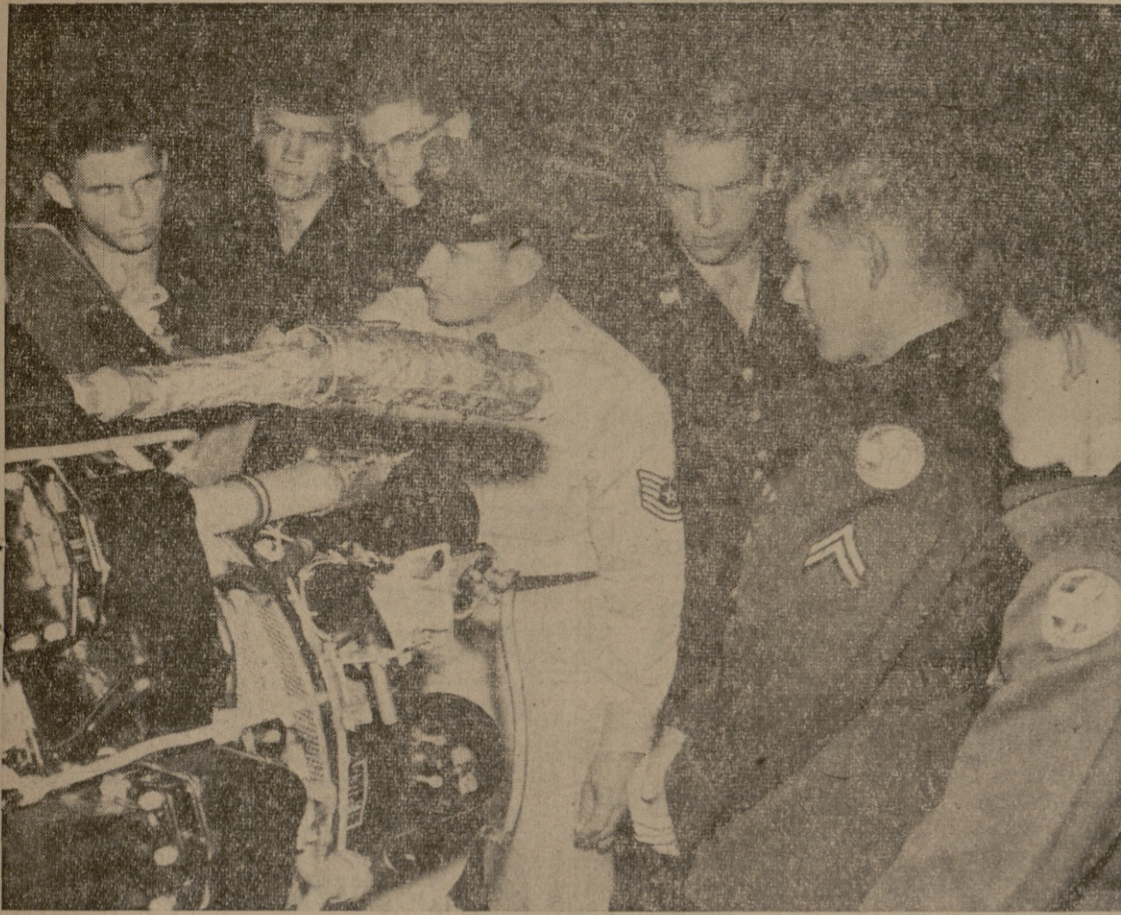


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AND IT COMES OUT HERE—A Bryan air force base sergeant explains the workings of a jet engine to a group of A&M student members of the Society of Military Engineers. Sixty-nine members of the group made a tour of the air base, inspecting all its facilities and hearing a talk by Col. James Gunn, base commander.

Freshmen Elect Don Elledge As '58 Class President

Gatlin Wins Vice President

Don T. Elledge was elected president of the freshman class yesterday in the run-off election held in the Memorial Student Center.

Approximately 650 students voted in the election, said Dave Lane, chairman of the student election committee. Elledge had 238 votes; Jon L. Hagler, 169, and James O. Moore, 107.

For vice president, James P. Gatlin had 223 votes. The other candidates were William Evans who had 179 votes and Roy E. Mitchell, 107.

Don McGinty was elected recording secretary. He had 254 votes; Bill McLaughlin, 144; and Donald Dunlap, 113.

For social secretary, winner Edward Cashman had 289 votes. Glenn Galloway had 200 votes.

J. L. Martin was elected treasurer with 248 votes. Reagan George had 134 votes and Homer D. Smith, 177.

Ted Lowe was elected parliamentarian. He had 195 votes; Joe R. Harris, 154; and James Cartrell, 149.

For reporter, Larry Van Doozer was elected with 248 votes. Alvin Grantham had 240.

John R. Doshier was elected sergeant-at-arms with 220 votes. Jack Bailey had 191 votes and Jack Montgomery, 97.

In the first election held Dec. 8, 750 freshmen voted. The election resulted in a run-off for every position. Candidates for office had to have a 1.0 grade point ratio or better, and only freshmen were allowed to vote in the election.

Sigma Delta Chi Comes To A&M

A&M will become the sixth school in Texas to receive a college chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity when they are installed Feb. 18 by the Texas association.

At the recent national convention at Columbus, O., A&M was accepted by a unanimous vote. Delegates to the convention were Ralph Cole, news editor of the Battalion, and Bill Fullerton, city editor.

Cole was elected temporary president at the group's organizational meeting this week.

Other officers elected were Bill Thomas, vice president; Don Shepard, secretary; Jim Collins, treasurer; Phil McNemer, publicity director; and Jimmy Tyree, parliamentarian.

News of the World

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—U.N. officials said last night Peiping has not yet replied to the bid by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld to fly there and discuss the case of 11 American aviators jailed by Red China as spies. These officials said it had been expected Red China would take some time to answer.

PARIS—NATO's military leaders said yesterday it is up to their governments to decide when and how the West shall use atomic weapons to repel any attack from the East.

NEW YORK—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said today the administration is considering direct trade of some farm commodities with Iron Curtain countries.

NEWARK, N.J.—Senator-elect Clifford P. Case said today he would attempt to block Sen. McCarthy, R-Wis., from being appointed to any Senate investigative committee.

Dallas Firm Gets Contract For Aggieldand

The Student Publications board last night awarded the contract for production of the 1955 Aggieldand to the Taylor Publishing company of Dallas on a base bid of \$23,325.50.

Other action taken by the board included raising the payroll of The Battalion student staff from \$250 to \$500 per month with fixed salaries for the co-editors, the managing editor and the sports editor. The co-editors were authorized to apportion the remainder of the added funds among staff members according to time spent working on the newspaper during each month.

The meeting began Tuesday afternoon with representatives of publishing companies which had submitted bids for the Aggieldand contract in attendance. After the bids had been opened and samples of work displayed by the bidding companies, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday night for final study of the bids and awarding of the contract.

During the Wednesday session, the Battalion co-editors were asked to leave the meeting for a brief closed session period after which they were called back for the remainder of the meeting.

Meeting Cancelled

The junior class meeting scheduled for last night in the Memorial Student Center was called off due to lack of a quorum. The junior ball and banquet were to have been discussed, but less than 20 students showed up. Allen Greer, junior class president, said that a meeting would probably be held in January, but set no definite date.

Weather Today



PARTLY CLOUDY

The forecast for today is partly cloudy with high thin clouds and cooler. A cold front is expected tonight.

Yesterday's high was 64, low 42. The temperature at 10:30 this morning was 62.

Goodwin's Condition Still Critical After Explosion

Robert J. Goodwin, graduate student from Bryan who was injured in the first-floor petroleum engineering laboratory explosion yesterday, is still reported by St. Joseph hospital in Bryan as being on the "critical" list. Hospital authorities said he "rested poorly" Wednesday night.

Denton Wieland, graduate student from Falfurias, was released from the College hospital this morning. Hospital authorities said that he was doing fine, and that his injuries were not as serious as had been at first thought.

Howard Andrew, senior from Houston, is at home, and his mother reports that "he is going to be fine." She said that the family doctor had ordered him to remain in bed for a few days. He is expected to remain at home until classes resume after the holidays, she added.

Federal Insurance Here Up To Vote

A referendum election will be held here this spring on Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance coverage, according to the chancellor's office.

The election will determine whether or not a majority of the eligible employees of the A&M System want to have the federal coverage in addition to the present retirement system.

The board of directors authorized the referendum at its last meeting. An amendment to the state constitution this year permits state employees participating in retirement system also to be covered by the federal system.

The board requested John W. Winters, executive director of the State Department of Public Welfare, to allow 110 days before the election, so an explanation of the terms of the insurance can be made to all state employees.

Twenty-four students who were on the first floor of the building when the blast occurred escaped injury. Most of them got out before the smoke filled the rooms.

Robert L. Whiting, head of the petroleum engineering department,

said that the exact cause of the explosion had not yet been determined. "We in the department think that there were two explosions," he said. "The first one was a gas explosion, but we do not yet know what the second one was."

After the explosions, fire broke out, causing more damage to the building and equipment that had not been destroyed by the blast. The first explosion may have been caused by a gas leakage from a valve or a connection on the apparatus, according to Whiting. The second explosion could have been gas that had accumulated in the room after the first blast, he explained.

Goodwin and Wieland had been working on research involving gas under pressure of about 5,000 pounds per square inch. Wieland said that he was leaving the laboratory when the explosion occurred. Goodwin, who is employed by the Texas Petroleum Research committee, was still at the experiment, he said.

Damage to the laboratory equipment and facilities and an adjoining storeroom was estimated at around \$50,000. Whiting said that laboratory equipment damage alone was about \$25,000.

W. H. Badgett, manager of college plants, estimated repair costs to the building to be \$6,000. Repairs have started, he said, but he did not know when the laboratory will be ready for use as the department will have to replace equipment and rework the laboratory.

BCTA Seal Drive Stands At \$3,780

Christmas Seal sales in the Brazos valley area total \$3780.84 as of yesterday, said Miss Malcolm McInnis, chairman for the Brazos Valley Tuberculosis association. This year's total is an increase over the returns of this date last year, she said. The total does not include money budgeted to the association by the College Station Community Chest.

"I am very pleased with the drive," said Miss McInnis. Anyone wishing to buy Christmas seals can do so by contacting Miss McInnis at 2-2220, or at the Masonic building in Bryan, where the BCTA has its headquarters.

Scholarships

Bowl Game Helps Students

One-half the profits from the third annual 12th Man Bowl game played today on Kyle field will go to the student aid fund, and will help some Aggies complete a college education.

Four students are attending A&M on a 12th Man scholarship now as a result of previous inter-branch grid contests. The first scholarship student graduated last year. Many other students have received financial aid from the student aid fund.

In addition to the scholarship

awards, the aid fund loans money on a no-interest basis to students who, because of sickness or lack of funds, can't make ends meet. J. Gordon Gay is chairman.

E. E. McQuillen, director of de-

Aggieldand To Play

The Aggieldand Orchestra will play for a Christmas dance sponsored by the Abilene hometown club Dec. 29 in Abilene. The dance is open to all Aggies in that area and will be held in the VFW hall from 8-12.

Annual Dinner Will Be Held Friday Night

The annual Christmas dinner for A&M system employees, will be held in Sbsia dining hall at 7 p.m. Friday.

At the dinner, 23 persons who have completed 25 years of service with the system will be honored. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased at the main desk of the Memorial Student Center. The honorees will be Dr. C. C. Doak, biology department; Robert G. Reeves, genetics department; Joseph A. Orr, civil engineering department; A. E. Finlay, mathematics department.

H. R. Covington and Charlie Smith, Buildings and College Utilities department; Dr. Joseph F. Fudge, Byron C. Langley, Otto P. Seeman and Nolan V. Thurmond, agricultural experiment station.

David Andrew Adam, Miss Thelma Casey, Elmo V. Cook, Mrs. Irene Duncan, Jack P. Forgason, Miss Vida Holt, Miss Doris Leggett, Miss Gladys Martin, Charles Wade Simmons, agricultural extension service; Anton Blazek, farm service department; Frank Nedbalek, Texas Forest service; Paul L. Rodriguez, subsistence department; and Henry Turner, animal husbandry department.

The Faculty Dinner Dance club will meet following the dinner.

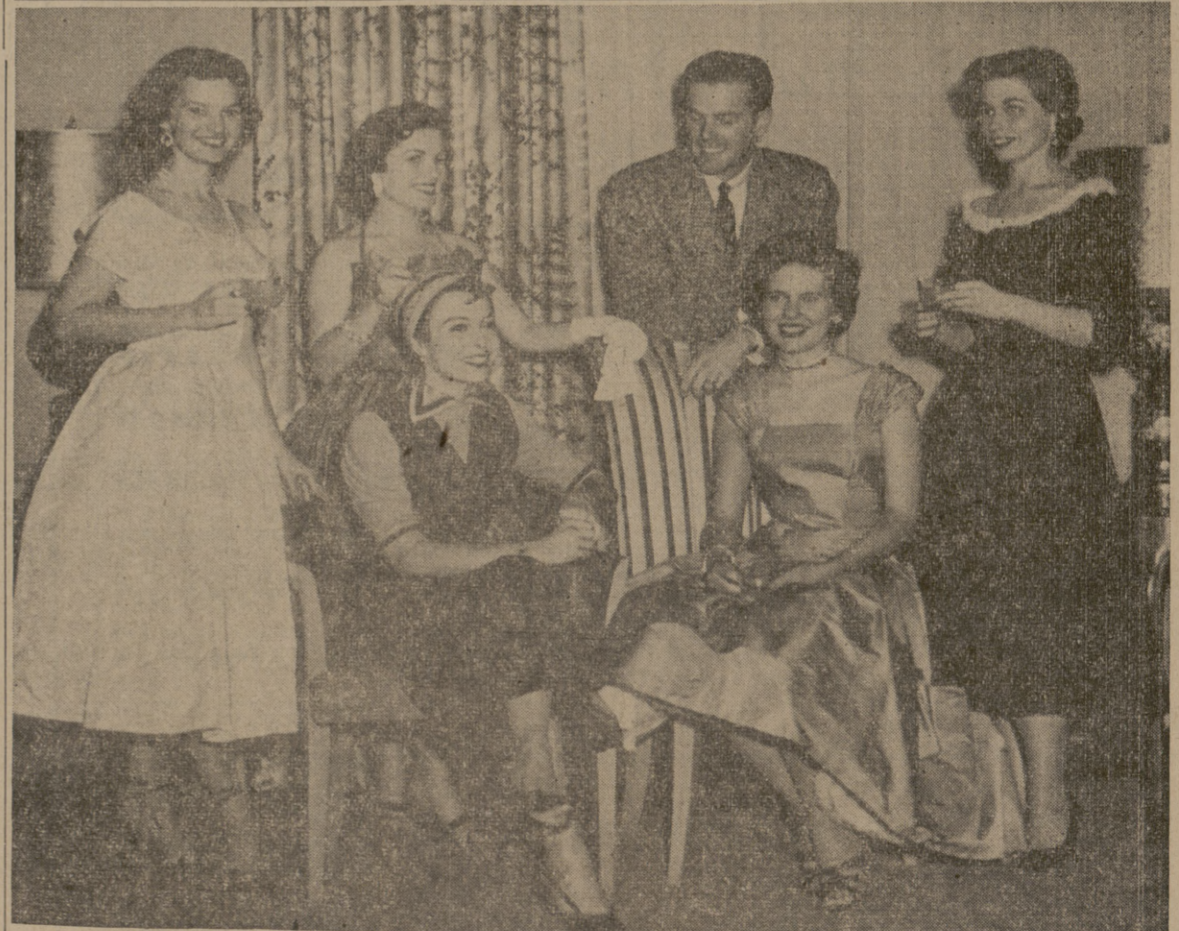
A&M Power Plant To Be Overhauled

The College is asking everyone on the campus to use a little less electricity during the holiday periods, because the power plant is going to be overhauled.

Since the auxiliary power generators have only about half the capacity of the normal load, there won't be as much electricity when the main unit is turned off.

Woolket Elected

J. J. Woolket, head of the modern languages department, has been elected head of the Texas Masonic Priory for 1955. He will arrange for five meetings of the Priory in Texas before the national meeting at Chicago next June.



BEAUTIES—Marge and Gower Champion have a glass of punch with four of the 16 yearbook beauties from Baylor who were here for the Town hall show Tuesday. The Champions were to pick the winner, but only picked the eight most beautiful. The final winner will be announced later.