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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP—Rep. Olin E. Teague talks with two members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in his office in Washington after he recently was presented a lifetime membership card in the organization. The Texas congressman also was given a certificate in recognition of his work in handling veterans legislation. Left to right are, M. B. Trice, national commander of the VFW; Teague; and J. E. McKelvey of Electra, commander of the Texas department.

\$2,500 to Teachers

Awards Planned by FSA

Next fall, the Former Students association will give \$2,500 worth of awards designed to honor teachers for achievement in the field of teaching.

The five awards, which will be given annually, are \$500 each—three for distinguished achievement in teaching, one for distinguished achievement in individual student relationships, and one for distinguished achievement in the field of research.

All five will be primarily for teachers; the requirements set up by the FSA say that to be eligible for the three teaching awards, a person must spend at least 60 per cent of his time teaching, and to be eligible for the research award, a person must spend at least 50 per cent of his time teaching.

The award for student relations is open to both faculty and staff members.

"The former students want to honor the men who are the real backbone of A&M," said J. B. (Dick) Hervey, executive secretary of the FSA.

A seven-man selection committee

Mayor Issues Day of Prayer Proclamation

Ernest Langford, College Station mayor, has issued a proclamation designating Friday as World Day of Prayer.

The proclamation urges all citizens to attend World Day of Prayer services if possible or to pause for a minute of prayer at 10 a.m. to seek spiritual easement from the tensions and uncertainties produced by present world conditions.

In a memorandum issued Monday to all deans and heads of departments, David H. Morgan, president, stated the college and system offices on the campus would join with the city in observing World Day of Prayer.

Hymns will be played over the Memorial Student Center public address system beginning at 9:45 a.m. and shortly before 10 the college whistle will blow. When the whistle stops, the memorandum said, the minute of silent prayer will begin and will end when the whistle blows again at 10:01.

In order that proper observation can be given to the minute of silence, the memorandum suggests that members of classes meeting at that time stand with head bowed during the quiet period.

World Day of Prayer is sponsored by the general department of the United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ.

will pick the winners. It will be composed of a chairman appointed by the president, a representative appointed by each of the four deans of degree-granting schools, and two former students appointed by the president of the FSA.

To give a full representation of the school, nominations for the teaching awards will be accepted from the four student councils, and the faculty of the four schools.

'Three Months Job'

Boswell Serving Third Year Here

By JON KINSLOW
Battalion Managing Editor

A man who came to College Station "for just three months" will complete his third year as city manager in June.

Ran Boswell, who began a successful city manager career June, 1952, has been with the city for the past nine years. And he says it all started "by accident."

"I came out to help the city straighten up its books," he said, "and I thought the job would last just three months." However, after he finished the job, he was asked to stay on as assistant city secretary and tax collector, and the books haven't been out of balance since.

From there he moved to city manager. Boswell has lived in this area since 1932 when he and his father opened the 7-Up Bottling company in Bryan.

"We were trying to sell a drink no one had ever heard of, and at times I thought we would starve," he said. He bought the business for \$17,500, and sold it in 1945 for \$55,000.



Ran Boswell
City Manager 'By Accident'

The corps staff and a committee of the commandant, PMS&T, and PAS&T will each make a nomination from the military science department.

For the student relations award, any of these groups and the Student Senate can make nominations. The faculty of each school and the head of the A&M Research foundation will nominate for the research award.

Boswell agreed that city government was quite a change from his former business, but it does have its similarity.

"It is just straight business," he said. "The only difference is that all the people in town are always your customers. It's a lot of hard work and worry, and everybody's worry is your worry."

During Boswell's time as city manager, the city has continued its rapid growth. The annual budget this year was \$236,000—as compared to the 1953 budget of \$180,000. Also, the population has increased, and some annexation to city has been made.

His main accomplishment, though, was the recently approved sewerage bond issue, which is due to get underway soon. Boswell admits that the bond issue was "the biggest thing we've had," but he indicated that more civic improvements are being planned.

With the completion of the new sewerage system, Boswell hopes to begin a program of street improvement. This, he says, is one of the city's big problems now, but he hopes to get it done in the next few years.

And as for his confidence in the future of the city, Boswell says, "This town is sure going to grow."

Religious Talks Slated by Club

The United Nations club will discuss the religions of Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the YMCA chapel.

A discussion panel will be composed of Ram Narain, Hinduism; Kurneck Allen, Judaism; the Rev. Clarence Ketch, Christianity; and Muhammed Zeitun, Islam.

Dr. C. C. Doak will be moderator. The public is invited, and there will be a social hour after the discussion.

Ex-Aggie Weyland Will Speak At Annual Muster Ceremony

Gen. O. P. Weyland, class of '23, will be the principal speaker for the annual Aggie Muster April 21.

Weyland is commander of the tactical air force. Oscar T. Hotchkiss of Port Arthur, president of the Former Students association, will also speak at the ceremony. The traditional muster ceremony, which includes a roll call of Aggies who died during the past year and Silver Taps, will be held in front of the Memorial Student Center.

The Singing Cadets and the A&M band will provide music, and the Ross Volunteer honor company will give a 21-gun salute and be honor guard.

Weyland, former commander of the far eastern air force, visited A&M last spring for a reunion of the class of '23. At

that time he was reviewing officer for a cadet corps review. While at A&M, Weyland was a coronetist in the then 36-piece band, and was bugler for the cadet corps.

Student muster chairman is Charlie Seely, working with J. B. (Dick) Hervey, executive secretary of the Former Students association.

Other students on the committee are Bob Alcock, Bob Carpenter, John Benefield and Tony Specia. Two juniors will be named to the committee to give continuity for next year, Seely said.

This committee is the Student Senate's welcoming committee, now functioning as the muster committee.

Hines Poses Faith Question

Two groups of people have damaged life, Bishop John E. Hines told the Religious Emphasis week audience this morning in Guion hall, those who believe too little and those who believe too much.

Each generation has increased uncertainties and confusion created by these groups, he said. It is not so much a question of "having faith" as it is "how much faith to have, and what kind!"

"A man who says 'I have lost my faith' is not a godless man, but a confused man," Hines said. "He may lose a fundamental of a particular world-view but he cannot lose faith, as such, for it is forever an active ingredient in a man's consciousness."

Faith is not an intellectual assent to a set of propositions, such as "the world is round" or "water freezes at 32 degrees," but is a personal, practical trusting in something or a reliance upon someone, Hines said.

Much of the world's difficulty stems from the fact that men believe too much, he said. They are inclined to view history sentimentally, taking it for granted that human nature is made up of "the simple goodness and simple idealism that make some passages of the New Testament ring like bells of purest silver," he said.

"The New Testament describes the other side just as clearly," Hines said. "Jesus drew for man a picture of themselves, as when he

told Peter, 'The cock shall not crow before thou shalt deny me thrice.' He went to the cross, not because of any sentimental dream about man, but because of his un-failing grasp of the nature of God."

That is also the basis of the Christian's faith, Hines said.

Attendance at the dormitory forums and discussion groups contin-

ues to be very good as the end of RE week nears. J. Gordon Gay, YMCA general secretary, said this morning. Dormitory leaders report student and faculty response to the evening sessions is as enthusiastic as any they have ever seen, Gay said.

Hines' final talk of the RE week series will begin at 9 a.m. Friday in Guion hall.

Agricultural Pilots School To Be Held

A school for agricultural pilots will be held at A&M next fall.

The move to start the new school, which grew out of an appeal from the Texas Aerial Applicators association and other interested groups, developed during the fourth annual Texas Agricultural Aviation conference and short course on pest control at the college this week.

Gale F. Hanson, agricultural specialist for the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington, D. C., pointed out the need for such a school during the conference.

President David H. Morgan said that, as the land-grant college for the state, A&M was the logical place for the school. He also mentioned the question of financing such a specialized program—airplanes, fuel, special expenses and similar questions.

During the conference, Joe E. Jones of Harlingen, president of the TAAA, presented a \$500 check from the association to Fred E. Weick, head of the Personal Aircraft Research center at the college, to help meet the expenses. Also, Piper Aircraft company donated a plane; Delta Air Lines donated a dual-control Stearman; R. M. Perceless of General Textile Mills, Inc., New York City, offered to provide all safety equipment needed for the course; and the TAAA assured Weick of flight instructors, a Piper cub and another Stearman.

Of the rapid developments Morgan said, "Of course I'm very pleased with this action by the TAAA. Such a program definitely fits into the objectives of A&M as a land-grant college."

"Agricultural aviation has progressed rapidly in the past few years, and has moved past the apprenticeship training phase. It has reached the point where a specialized scientific training program is necessary, and this support given by the association and its allied industries definitely assures that such training will be offered. The college will do its part."

Jones said that he thought the establishment of the school at A&M would go further toward service to the industry and its clients than any other single action of the TAAA.

The school would be the first of its kind, according to Hanson, and he added, "From Washington, the school has the backing of the aerial application trade associations across the country; from the Aircraft Industries association and from the U. S. Department of Agriculture."

A committee from the TAAA, including Lloyd Nolan of Mercedes, Bill Lewis of Houston, Ralph Crosnoe of Texarkana, and Clint Frye of Chickasha, Okla., will work with Weick to get the school set up and operating.

Caine Mutiny Canceled Johnson Says

Town Hall's "Caine Mutiny Court Martial" has been cancelled because of motion picture commitments, according to Bill Johnson, student entertainment manager.

Every possible effort is being made to fulfill the original contract, even to the extent of turning it over to the attorney general of Texas, said Johnson.

"There will definitely be a replacement program booked," Johnson said. "We are contacting major booking agencies all over the country in an effort to obtain a program of comparable quality."

The play was cancelled after a week of long distance calls to different people connected with the tour. Notification was received by telephone and letter.

The original play was cancelled in such major cities as Washington, Kansas City, Houston and others in the South and Southwest. The substitute program will be announced as soon as contracts are signed, said Johnson.

The Srenaders Male Quartet, here next Monday night, and a replacement program will complete the Town Hall series.

Deadline Nears For Vanity Fair

March 1 is the last day to turn in photographs for the Vanity Fair feature of the AggieLand '55.

Only seven entries have been made so far, according to Harry Tilley and Lolen Pullen, co-editors. Application blanks may be picked up in the student publications office, Goodwin hall.

Weather Today

The weather outlook for today is continued partly cloudy with a slight cold front expected in the afternoon.

Yesterday's high was 60, low 44. The temperature at 10:45 this morning was 58.

News of the World

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—House Speaker Sam Rayburn struck back sharply yesterday at President Eisenhower's charge that the Democratic proposed income tax cut is the height of fiscal irresponsibility. The Texas Democrat says the Republicans pushed through a tax cut for high income groups last year in the face of an anticipated deficit almost twice as big as the current estimate. Under the Democratic proposal, the tax cut would be noted first in smaller payroll deductions in January, 1956.

PARIS, France—The French national assembly has approved Edgar Faure as the nation's new premier. This ends a 19-day crisis started when the assembly voted the Mendes-France government out of office. Faure, a 46-year-old financial expert, will head the 21st government since France's liberation in World War II.

LONDON—Prime Minister Churchill has warned against pushing the United States too far in demands for giving up Nationalist held offshore islands to the Chinese Communists. Churchill told the House of Commons there is no question of Britain being involved in defense of those islands. "Therefore," he added, "we should be careful of what advice we offer to our friends and allies."

BERLIN—West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has threatened to throw the Free Democrats out of his four-party coalition government unless they support the Paris agreement to Europeanize the Sarr. The Sarr is among agreements to re-arm West Germany. A political crisis was threatened when the Free Democrats replied defiantly to Adenauer's threat.



NEAR DEADLINE—Two seniors fill out applications for degrees before the deadline of March 1 when all applications must be in. Going through the procedure are, left, Albert Jenkins, animal husbandry major from Rock Springs, and James Weigehausen, animal husbandry major from Fredricksburg. Mrs. Sue Leake of the registrar's office is supervising the job.