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Board Will Meet Friday

New Deans May Be Named

The A&M System board of directors will meet Friday at Mineral Wells, with the usual run of spring business scheduled, including financial matters, summer school budgets, construction items, and appointment of athletic council members.

Usually reliable sources say that the board will also consider appointments for some of the four vacant dean positions at A&M. There is no official release of this.

The four vacant posts are dean of engineering, dean of agriculture, dean of the Basic Division, and the newly-created dean of student personnel services.

All five of the members of the athletic council will come up for reappointment. The present members are eligible for reappointment.

The board will have to set a budget for the summer schools of all the system colleges, including A&M, and set a budget for the Junction annex.

Under construction items, the board will consider a contract for painting dormitories 14, 15, 16, and 17, and will take action on bids

received in February for additional power plant equipment.

The board will consider auction sale bids on an oil, gas, and sulphur lease on 127 acres of system land in Newton county.

Other business will include appointments, promotions, leaves, acceptance of gifts and grants, and a report from the state entomologist.

After the Friday meeting, which will be at 3 p.m. in Mineral Wells' Baker hotel, the board will spend Saturday as the guests of Tarleton State college, a member of the system, and President Joe Howell.

The board's next meeting will probably be sometime around the end of the school year, said Henderson Shuffler, system director of news and information.

At this meeting, the board will set the budgets for the schools, if the Legislature has acted on the over-all appropriations bill by then.

ARE FISH COLOR-BLIND?

WINDHAM, Maine (AP)—Fishermen only fool themselves and not the fish when they put their faith in those beautiful, gayly colored artificial fly lures, according to a veteran trout catcher.

Mrs. Ethel Quimby, who has been tying flies for 25 years, says that fish are color blind. It is the motion of the fly that attracts the fish, she says.

Association Head

Birdwell Known For Store Work

By HARRI BAKER
Battalion Editor

The manager of A&M's Exchange store, Carl Birdwell, is not heard of too often around here, but he is well known nationally.

This weekend Birdwell will complete a year as president of the National Association of College Stores, an association whose 775 members serve more than 85 per cent of America's college students.

Birdwell has been on the organization's board of trustees for five years, and as past-president will serve another year.

He has been here for 10 years, all as manager of the Exchange store. In that time he said, the per capita number of books bought by students has increased, indicating that Aggies are doing more reading.

Reference Books Bought

"Lately, students have been buying more reference books, like dictionaries and college outline guides," he said.

This is a poor school for fiction reading, he says. "Most of the students here are in technical courses, and carrying a heavy load," he said. "They just don't have time to do much outside reading."

Birdwell was born in Stephenville in 1900. He majored in pre-engineering at Tarleton State college, and was editor of the student newspaper there.

Edited Weekly Paper

After he got out of Tarleton, he was editor of the weekly newspaper at Stephenville for a few years. "I did just about everything there was to do in the business," he says.

He also taught mathematics in high schools at Decatur and Gross Plains, then managed the book

Three-Day Affair

Rodeo To Begin Tonight

By BILL FULLERTON
Battalion City Editor

The A&M rodeo team members are not going to let any dust settle on their saddles. Only a few days after walking off with the team championship at Arlington State college, the Aggies are holding their own National Intercollegiate Rodeo association rodeo.

The three-day affair opens at 8 tonight in the A&M rodeo arena across the railroad tracks from Kyle field. Tickets at the gate are 60 cents for students and servicemen in uniform, and \$1 for adults. (See picture at bottom of page)

With 11 schools entering teams, plus a host of individual entries from A&M, the rodeo lines up with 152 aspiring contestants facing some "fresh and mean" rodeo stock. Stock producer is Duke Gibbs of

the Triangle Bell ranch at Belton, a professional rodeo ranch.

Schools entered in the rodeo are, besides A&M, Sam Houston State college, Arlington State college, Oklahoma A&M, McNeese college, Texas Agricultural and Industrial, Southwest Texas State Teachers college, University of Houston and Southwestern Louisiana institute. Each team is composed of six men, and two alternates may be named if desired.

Members of A&M's team are Billy Steele, president of the A&M Rodeo club, Lowie Rice, George Vincent, Curtis Burlin, Clyde Martin and Don Turner.

Four Performances

Besides tonight's show, there will be performances at 8 tomorrow night, and at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday. Friday afternoon at 4, a parade in Bryan will be staged with three bands, new cars full of girls, and plenty of horses, headed by the Bryan Saddle club.

In addition to regular rodeo attractions, the show will offer an exhibition and contest by "the most valuable of range animals"—the cutting horse. This contest is approved by the American Cutting Horse association.

The show also will offer a girls' barrel race, plus saddle bronc, bareback bronc and bull riding, steer wrestling, tiedown and ribbon calf roping.

Various Awards

The team having the highest total of points will win the team championship trophy. A saddle will be awarded the contestant named best all-round cowboy, and a watch to the runner-up in this category. Trophy buckles will be awarded to first place average winners in each event, a pair of boots to the second, a hat for third, and a shirt and a pair of levi's for fourth place winners. There are various other prizes for special events.

This rodeo is the second meeting this spring in this district of the NIRA, which is a student affiliation of the National Rodeo association. The first was the Arlington rodeo.

Extension Worker To See Atom Test

Mrs. Grace Martin, assistant district agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension service, will be one of four Texans participating in the special program called "Operation Cue" at Nevada's atomic proving grounds near Las Vegas during the last week in April.

Mrs. Martin has been designated by Governor Allan Shivers to represent him officially at the governmental meetings and conferences on civil defense and disaster relief in Las Vegas.

The civil defense part of "Operation Cue" will include study of the effect of nuclear explosion and fall out on homes, commercial buildings, shelter, food, communications and utilities.



Shirley Murray
To Sing on Senate Show

For Scholarship Fund

Jazz Program Planned

Dr. Gene Hall's College Jazz Festival will be presented here Tuesday by the Student Senate. Proceeds from the program will go toward the Twelfth Man Scholarship fund.

Other acts, all from North Texas State college, will include the "Oobie Doobie" boys, who appeared on the Intercollegiate Talent show, and Vocalist Shirley Murray.

The show will benefit the Twelfth Man Scholarship fund, which is used each year to aid one or two students to come to A&M. Admission to the show, which will be at 8 p.m. in Guion hall, will be 50 cents per person.

"We hope to raise enough to have two scholarships available next year," said Stew Coffman, chairman of the senate committee in charge of arrangements.

The featured band, officially titled the North Texas State College Jazz band, was among the top three college bands in the nation in a recent contest sponsored by

Metronome magazine. Hall, director of the band, also heads the college's jazz music program in the NT music school.

The "Oobie Doobie" boys—Wade Moore and Dick Penner—were one of the best-received acts of the talent show here. They feature pop songs with the accompaniment of a guitar.

Hall is an assistant professor in the music school at NT, and re-

ceived his doctor of education degree from New York university in June. He developed and now directs the college's program leading to a major in dance band music—one of the few of its kind in the country.

Before entering teaching, Hall had held such varied jobs as oil truck driver, itinerant musician, radio production manager, and public school band director.

Legislature Passes Muster Resolution

The Texas senate and house of representatives have passed a joint resolution praising the A&M tradition of Muster, which will be observed at 4 p.m. today in front of the Memorial Student Center.

Gen. O. P. Weyland, commander of the tactical air force, will speak at the ceremony here, and more than 400 other Muster ceremonies are being held throughout the world.

The resolution reads, in part, as follows:

WHEREAS, For more than fifty years the students of the A. and M. College have observed April 21st each year as a suitable day, which they call "Muster Day," upon which to pay proper respect to the memory of those former students of that institution who have passed to their eternal reward, just as citizens of Texas commemorate the memory of those who fought and won the Battle of San Jacinto; and

WHEREAS, The A. and M. College of Texas, the largest military school in the world, is said to have furnished more officers in the United States Army in World War II than any other military institution in our country; and

WHEREAS, For a period of more than seventy-five years, the background and achievements of the ex-students of the A. and M. College of Texas have carried forward the ideals and traditions of those patriots who fought at San Jacinto, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that we do hereby commend the spirit of patriotism and achievement which has so long been exemplified by the students of the A. and M. College; that we commend their custom of holding a Muster Day on the same date that the citizens of Texas commemorate the victory of San Jacinto; and that we earnestly urge that in future years the students of said college continue to emulate the patriotic sentiments and performance of those who fought so nobly and effectively in the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836; . . ."

Weather Today



PARTLY CLOUDY

The weather outlook for today is partly cloudy and warm.

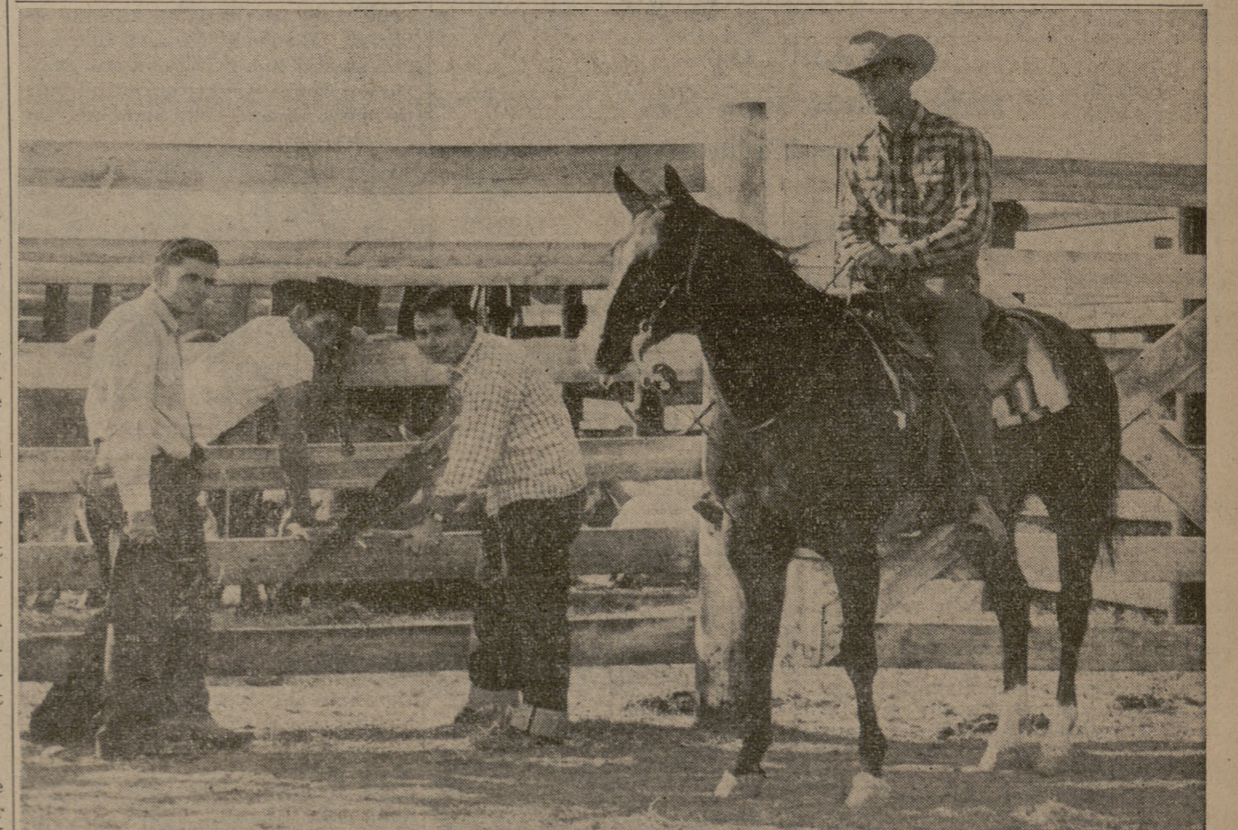
Yesterday's high was 86, low 69. The temperature at 10:45 this morning was 82.

Ronhovde Named For Sewage Study

I. N. Ronhovde, chief instructor of water and sewage training of the A&M engineering extension service, has been appointed to serve on a committee of the American Water Works association to study ways and means of establishing a uniform teaching and grading system for water and sewage operators throughout the nation.

"If a standard of quality of water and sewage men over the country is to be established, then a uniform and effective system of education and requirements for these men must be set up in all states," Ronhovde said.

He said Texas is one of the few states in the country which maintains a complete and effective water and sewage works training program.



LAST TOUCHES—Members of the A&M Rodeo club put the finishing touches on the Rodeo arena, preparing for the NIRA rodeo performances this weekend. Fixing the fence are left to right, Bill Singer, Joe Evans, and Sam Soefje. The horse, ridden by Bubba Casio, will be entered in the cutting contest. Owned by B. A. Skipper jr. of Longview, the horse recently won the cutting contest in Tuscon, Ariz.