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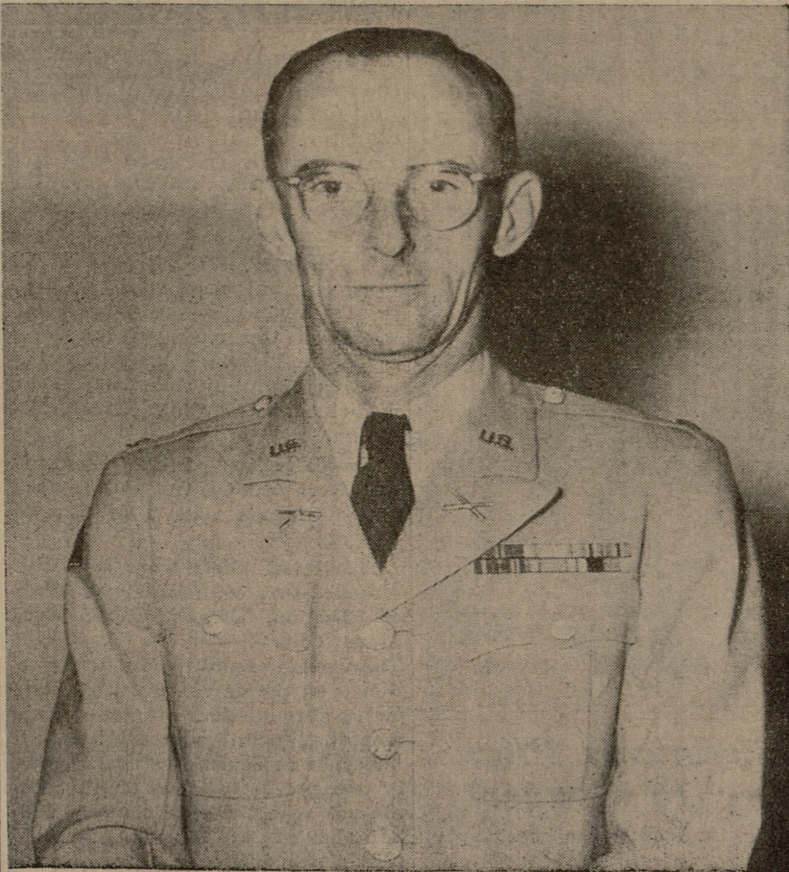
World News

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON—The United States opened the door wider yesterday for cease-fire talks with Red China—and backed away from its insistence that Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists must be present at any meeting. Secretary of State Dulles took the position this country wants a cease-fire in the Formosa area and doesn't care by what mechanics it is attained.

HOLLYWOOD—Susan Hayward, one movie star who always seemed to have control of herself, attempted suicide yesterday and almost succeeded. A recent tiff with her ex-husband over the upbringing of their twin sons apparently had much to do with the red-haired actress' despondency.

AUSTIN—Both House and Senate approved similar proposals yesterday to double the size and change the administration of the scandal-shaken veterans land program. A vote of 118-15 sent Rep. Buckshot Lane's House version to the Senate. Sen. George Moffett's proposition won 22-4 Senate endorsement and was advanced to the House.

AUSTIN—The second shipment of Salk polio vaccine may not arrive in time for the second round of the free inoculations for school children, the state Health Department has informed Texas' county health officials. The delay, if it does develop, will not seriously hamper vaccination plans, said a spokesman.



Col. D. P. Anderson
New PMS&T

New PMS&T Takes Over; Just Back From Formosa

Col. D. P. Anderson, a regular army officer who has just returned from Formosa, has been named professor of military science and tactics here.

Anderson, who took over yesterday, replaces Col. Robert Offer as

top man of A&M's army ROTC training detachment. Offer left March 1 for a new assignment, and Col. Henry Phillips has been acting PMS&T since then.

Anderson, who has been with the army since 1941, has just returned from two years on Formosa as a member of the U.S.'s Military Assistance Advisory group, which is responsible for furnishing equipment and assisting in the training of the Nationalist Chinese army.

Anderson said he couldn't talk about his work there without permission from higher authorities, but he said, "I thoroughly enjoyed my tour there; I like the Chinese."

Anderson said he was "very favorably impressed" by A&M, and added, "you know, in the army this is considered the best job you can get, as far as duty with civilian components."

He said that he had once commanded an artillery battalion in

which almost all the second lieutenants were recent A&M graduates.

"They were good officers," he said. "Parts of that battalion were sent to Korea soon after the fighting broke out there, and I heard very good reports from them. Those boys saw some rough fighting pretty early in their military career."

A 1928 graduate of Oklahoma university, Anderson has served with the 1st armor division, the 20th armor division, the 2nd armor division, the Alaskan army command, and the Fort Hood headquarters.

An artillery officer, he has attended the artillery school's advanced officers courses, and has taught a combined arms tactics course.

He is married and has a three-year-old son.

Phi Kappa Phi Plans Banquet Thursday

Dr. Clanton W. Williams, nationally known historian and author, will speak to members of Phi Kappa Phi at their sixth annual initiation banquet Thursday night in the Memorial Student Center, announced J. H. Quisenberry, president of the local chapter.

Williams, first academic vice-president of the University of Houston, will speak on "Long-Term Objectives of the Free World." He has served as consultant to the United States Commission of Education, and during the Korean "police action" became a staff officer of the Air university. He presently holds a Colonel's commission in the Air Force Reserve.

Aside from the installation of new members from the student body and faculty, 1955-56 officers for the local chapter will be installed. The new officers are as follows: W. E. Street, head of the engineering drawing department, president; Charles LaMotte of the biology department, vice-president;

MSC Gets Gifts From Mothers

Three pieces of fireplace accessories have been given to the Memorial Student Center, to use with the open fireplace in the main lounge.

The Corpus Christi Mothers club donated a handmade metal wood-basket, designed to match the Center's custom-built fire screen.

A set of fireplace tools and a bean pot on a hanger for the inside of the fireplace have been bought with the combined gifts of the mothers clubs of Del Rio, Deep East Texas, Bell County, and San Antonio. George McCollough, '38, of College Station, also donated toward these two accessories.

Academic Council Commends All Student Life Leaders

Federal Inspection Starts Here Today

The cadet corps' spring cleaning and military show starts today, with army and air force inspection teams on the campus for the annual federal inspection.

The inspecting teams, headed by Col. W. H. S. Wright for the army and Col. H. E. Hurst for the air force, will spend today inspecting military science classes and the administration and supply of the military science detachments here.

Thursday the cadets will have a stand-by room inspection from 8 to 10 a.m., and a review at 4 p.m. All classes will be dismissed from 8 to 10 a.m. because of the inspection.

The inspecting teams arrived here yesterday, and watched the corps' graded march-in meal formation last night. They were guests at the homes of the military officers here for supper last night.

Today they were the guests of President David H. Morgan for lunch, and tonight they will be the guests of the officers of the detachments here for a stag supper.

Federal inspection is given each ROTC school once a year. For the past few years, each school has been rated "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory," said Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant. He said the rating system may have been changed this year.

"This is an evaluation of our unit," he said. "If we have any deficiencies, they will be called to our attention."

The army inspecting team has just completed the federal inspection at Prairie View A&M college, and the air force team has just inspected Southern Methodist university.

Seniors Invited To Barbecue Tuesday Night

All graduating seniors are invited to a free barbecue at the Grove Tuesday, May 3, given by the Former Students association.

A short program at 6:30 will start the evening off, with Gen. J. Earl Rudder, class of '32, Texas land commissioner and one of World War II's most decorated veterans, as honor guest.

Also appearing on the program will be O. T. Hotchkiss of Port Arthur, class of '24 and president of the FSA; and W. L. Ballard of Longview, class of '22 and vice-president of the association.

Beef for the barbecue was donated by A. F. Mitchell of Corsicana, class of '09, and Rufus Peoples of Tahuaana, class of '28. The meal will start at 7, after the program.

J. B. (Dick) Hervey, executive secretary for the FSA, said that all graduating seniors should notify their class representative on the '55 class committee if they intended to go to the barbecue, so that the association could get a count.

King Cotton To Reign Here Friday Night

Cotton will reign over A&M Friday night with the annual Cotton ball and pageant, sponsored by the Agronomy society.

The annual affair, one of the highlights of the social calendar here, will begin with the pageant from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the White coliseum. During the pageant, the king and queen of cotton—TSCW Freshman Pat Callaway and A&M Senior Joe Bob Snodgrass—will be presented.

Included in the program is a style show, directed by Beverly Braley of Bryan, and music by the Aggeland orchestra. Admission prices are \$1.50 for reserved seats, \$1 general admission and 50 cents for school children.

The Aggeland orchestra will also play for the ball, to follow the pageant in the Grove. Tickets for the dance are \$2, stag or couple.

Miss Callaway was chosen last month by a delegation of Agronomy society members. She was picked from 29 candidates.

The Cotton ball each year draws hundreds of guests to the campus, including duchesses elected both

Council Also Outlaws Primaries

The Academic council yesterday gave a sweeping vote of confidence to everyone concerned with student life here, by passing resolutions commending the leaders of the student life organizations on their work this year.

The council, which is composed of all the heads of the departments and is the governing body of the college, voted unanimously by secret ballot to commend those persons responsible for the operation of this year's student life program, under the new articles of the cadet corps and the new civilian student organization.

Letters of commendation will go to Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, and his staff; Frank Ford, cadet colonel of the

Mohair Lab Assigned College Station

College Station was named as the new location for the wool and mohair laboratory of the Agricultural Experiment station by the A&M System board of directors at their meeting Friday.

The laboratory has been operating at the Bluebonnet Farm near McGregor since 1949. The reason given for the move is that the air force is reclaiming some experimental land at McGregor, a former ordnance center.

College Station was chosen as the best site for development of research, education and extension work on Texas wool and mohair to meet the future needs of these industries. Also, the training of undergraduate and graduate students at A&M in this industry would be valuable.

It is believed the greatest contributions of the laboratory in the future will be through research in developing new measuring techniques, determining the specific uses and limitations of different grades of Texas wools and studying the chemical and physical properties of wool and mohair.

The availability of other technical laboratories whose facilities are needed in many of the research projects as well as of trained scientists in many related fields were factors in the choice.

Bearden Chosen Contest Judge

H. D. Bearden, vice-director of the engineering extension service, has been chosen chairman of three-man panel of judges for the Texas State Plumbing and Pipefitting contest July 7 and 8, to be held at the Taylor Vocational school in Houston.

Bearden also has been appointed to serve as a judge in the national contest, to be held at Purdue university, La Fayette, Ind., August 18.

corps, and his staff; Bennie A. Zimm, head of the student affairs department, and his staff; and John Jones, president of the Civilian Student Council, and the members of that council.

Besides generally commending these four student life heads, the council made specific endorsements in each field, as follows:

In the resolution to the commandant, the council endorsed the military college aspect within the school of military science as a part of the total operation of the college.

In the resolution to Ford, the council commended the cadet officers' leadership in developing a program under the new articles of the cadet corps, adopted this year.

In the resolution to Zimm, the council commended the student affairs department's leadership in organizing their department, and gave its support to further development of leadership and character training for the civilian students.

In the resolution to Jones, the council commended the CSC for its leadership in developing civilian student life, not in competition with the cadet corps, but especially for civilian students.

The Academic council also approved the Student Senate's request that primaries be outlawed in student elections, by putting in the college regulations a prohibitive ruling.

The ruling is as follows: "Any student election not authorized and sanctioned by the student Election commission is invalid and any student involved in such election will be ineligible to become a candidate for any elected student office for the period of one school year."

The Student Senate made the recommendation after the class elections had to be postponed because of army juniors and sophomores holding primaries.

The council also approved the Student Publication Board's request to allow the Aggeland and The Battalion to have one editor each, instead of co-editors.

C. C. Doak, head of the biology department, was appointed to one of the three faculty positions on the Development Fund board, for a three year term.

Other faculty members of the board are W. W. Armistead and D. F. Leipper. Doak replaced C. W. Crawford.



'BEST IN HOUSTON'—Dean and Dan Pinkham, 14-year-old twins from Houston, will appear here Friday night as a part of the Cotton pageant. The boys were named the "best amateur talent in Houston" by the Horace Heidt talent show, and were offered a spot on his touring show.

Social Security No. 2

SS Needs Vote, Enabling Action

This is the second of a series of four articles explaining the plan to allow state employees to be eligible for Social Security insurance. The articles were prepared by John Hill, A&M system director of workman's compensation.

Social Security coverage for previously excluded staff members of public and state supported institutions is not automatic.

Coverage can come only as a result of a written agreement between the federal government and the State of Texas. The agreement must be preceded by a referendum on the question of whether positions covered by the existing retirement systems shall be included in Social Security, and only persons in a retirement system are eligible to vote in a referendum.

If a majority of the eligible staff members vote in favor of OASI coverage, and legislative action has been taken to enable participation and provide funds for matching employees' contribution, the state may proceed with a federal-state agreement.

The state may determine the date upon which the employees' Social Security coverage will start at the time the federal and state agreement is executed.

A majority vote of eligible staff members is not an assurance that the legislature will take the necessary action, but it will indicate to the legislature the wishes of the employees of the A&M System.

A special provision of the 1954 amendment permits employees of one or more institutions of higher learning to be designated as a separate group. The following seven units have been set up within the Texas A&M College System:

(1) Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (including Texas A&M College System, Administrative and General Offices, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Engineering Extension

Service and Firemen's Training School)

(2) Arlington State College

(3) Tarleton State College

(4) Prairie View A&M College

(5) Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

(6) Texas Agricultural Extension Service (including the Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service)

(7) Texas Forest Service

Employees of state colleges and universities who are covered under a voluntary agreement between the state and federal governments will gain the same rights and benefits under the OASI program as covered employees in private industries.

Their earnings, once their coverage has become effective, will count toward monthly payments for themselves and their families in their old age, and toward monthly payments for their family in case of the employee's death.

Increase Shown In Book Losses

The number of library books which were lost or missing during the last fiscal year is much greater than the number lost or missing during previous years, according to Robert A. Houze, librarian.

During the last fiscal year, 376 library books were either lost or paid for by the students or were missing and unaccounted for in inventory. This number exceeds the average during the last five years by 135 books. The highest previous number was in 1950-1951 when 275 books were lost or missing.

These figures include all libraries on the campus under the jurisdiction of the college librarian with the exception of the Texas Engineer's library.

The main categories of missing books are fiction, biography, applied sciences, pure sciences, social sciences and reference, Houze said.

This loss for 6,000 students is very low compared to the losses of other colleges, he said. This may be mainly due to the closed stock system employed here at A&M, Houze added.

Weather Today

The weather outlook for today is partly cloudy with little change in temperature.

Yesterday's high was 89, low 59. The temperature this morning was 75.