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Joint Meeting Next Week To Draw 400

More than 400 persons are expected to register for the joint meeting of the 30th annual Texas Association of County Superintendents Conference, the 19th annual Texas School Administration Conference and the 5th annual Texas Association for Instructional Supervisors Conference at A&M June 20-22.

The three groups will meet each morning in general assembly to hear addresses by leading educators. Afternoon sessions will be devoted to separate conference meetings to discuss problems of the individual groups.

Lawrence Derthick, superintendent of schools in Chattanooga, Tenn., will address the general assembly Monday morning, while the Tuesday speaker will be Jess S. Hudson, assistant superintendent for instruction at Tulsa public schools, Tulsa, Okla. Wednesday morning J. W. Edgar, commissioner of education for the Texas Education Agency in Austin, will talk to the general assembly, followed by Alvin A. Burger, executive director of the Texas Research League in Austin, who will present the league's report to the conference.

L. A. Roberts, Dallas county superintendent, is president of the Texas Association of County Superintendents; Dean Murphy, superintendent of schools in Cleburne, is president of the Texas School Administration group and Howard L. Ezell, supervisor of Johnson county schools, Cleburne, is president of the Texas Association for Instructional Supervisors.

Services Held For William Eakin

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at College Station Baptist Church for William Whitaker Eakin, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Eakin, who was fatally injured Monday evening.

Eakin, whose father is in charge of Brazos Valley A&M College Farms, was driving a jeep at the farm in Burleson County, when the jeep overturned. He was dead upon arrival at a Bryan hospital. A negro boy who was with him was not seriously injured.

Survivors include his parents and a brother, Larkin Jr., his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eakin of Moody, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Verna Mathews of Bryan.

Burial was in Hempstead. Hillier Funeral Home of Bryan had charge of arrangements.

Representative Dewey

A&M Bills Discussed

The Texas Legislature passed several bills of interest to A&M during its 148-day session. B. H. Dewey Jr., state representative from Bryan, gave a report on some of them.

The Legislature passed a joint resolution on a constitutional amendment relative to building needs. Dewey was co-author of this bill which would enable all state schools to get the money they need for building without having to go to the Legislature to get it out of the general revenue fund.

The measure provides for broadening the investment opportunities for the University Permanent fund. The amendment will be voted upon by Texas voters in the November, 1956, election.

The Student Activities fee bill, SB 186, died without approval, Dewey reported.

Dewey was on the conference committee which wrote the report on House Bill 666, providing for coverage of state employees under the old age and survivors insurance provisions of the Federal Social Security Act. This bill gives social security to all state employees who are under the State Em-



GRADUATE'S BEST FRIEND—Jim Elston of Laredo and Pic, his seeing-eye dog, both received diplomas from Baylor University at Waco. President W. R. White conferred the bachelor of arts degree, with honors, to Elston, and a Citation of Faithfulness to Pic. Pic has guided Elston through four years of successful study and a busy extracurricular schedule. At left, is Miss Clara Duggin, assistant registrar at Baylor.

Army, Air Force ROTC

Summer Camps To Start

Summer camp will soon be underway for more than 500 army and air force ROTC students from A&M. The camps start during the latter part of this month, and are six weeks long.

Army

Fort Hood, Tex., will get 90 students from A&M in infantry, chemical corps and ASA military science. Majors C. C. Waddell and E. C. Wright of the Military Science Department will be at the camp.

Fort Sill, Okla., is the site for 50 field artillery cadets. Lt. Col. G. H. Watson, Maj. K. J. Edwards Jr., and Capt. F. A. Walker will also go.

Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., draws 36 Aggie cadets in the corps of engineers. Attending also will be Maj. H. S. Thigpen.

Forty armor cadets from A&M will go to Fort Knox, Ky., for their summer camp. Maj. C. H. Brown and Capt. F. J. Bloom will also attend the camp at Fort Knox.

Air Force

Most of the A&M air force officers reporting to camps this summer will go to Bryan Air Force Base.

Four A&M air force ROTC students will go to Harlingen AFB. One cadet will report to Vance AFB, Okla.

The summer camp for 33 AAA cadets is Fort Bliss, Tex., with Maj. D. E. Phillips and Capt. W. R. McNeil also there.

Attending Fort Eustis, Va., will be 17 transportation corps cadets. Fort Lee, Va., draws 21 quarter-master cadets. Maj. J. F. Birkner also will be at the camp at Fort Lee.

Sixteen ordinance cadets will report to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., for their summer training. From A&M will also come Maj. W. J. Winder and Capt. A. A. Hord.

The signal corps summer camp will be at Camp Gordon, Ga., with 12 cadets from A&M attending. Maj. S. L. James Jr., will also be at Camp Gordon.

Norton AFB, Calif., will get 19 A&M cadets for summer training. Sixty-eight cadets will attend camp at March AFB, Calif., this summer. Two camps will be held with 38 cadets from A&M at the first camp, and 30 at the second.

Williams AFB, Ariz., will get 15 A&M cadets, as will Luke AFB, also in Arizona.

Another Arizona base, Davis-Monthan AFB, will have two camps. Thirty-nine A&M cadets will be in the first camp, and 27 will be in the second.

Eglin AFB, Fla., will have a late camp, to start in August. Twelve cadets from A&M will be at Eglin.

Hide-Away Dance in MSC Monday Night

Monday night's Hide-away dance will be held on the terrace of the Memorial Student Center. The dance will be from 8 to 11.

The dances are part of the MSC's summer entertainment program. The Capers Combo will play for the dance.

Both boys and girls should feel free to come without dates, said Mrs. Frances Shackelford, summer program consultant.

The dances are informal, and cost 25 cents per person.

Weather Today



PARTLY CLOUDY

Skies today are partly cloudy with a possibility of scattered thunder showers this afternoon. Yesterday's high was 94 and low was 70. Temperature at 10:15 this morning was 83 degrees.

SP Wants To Stop Sunbeam; Asks Railroad Commission

A Short History Of A&M in 1875

Want to reminisce? Well, let's go back to 1875 and see what took place so far as A&M is concerned:

"Texas is destined to be the most useful, the most necessary and the most important of all the states in the Union," President Jefferson Davis of the Confederate States of America, stated after he had declined the presidency of Texas A&M College.

The first board of directors of the college met on July 16, 1875, in Austin, and elected Davis as president.

Reuben O. Bowen, an early student of the college, knew President Davis and visited with him at his home at Natchez, Miss. Bowen related on the occasion of the semi-centennial celebration of A&M in 1926, that President Davis made the following statement to him:

"When I was asked to accept the presidency of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, I consented. I could not picture a more pleasant and satisfactory

occupation than to be enabled to aid in instructing the youth of Texas, many of whose fathers I knew personally.

"I think Texas is a great and most wonderful state. It is destined to be the most useful, the most necessary and the most important of all the states in the Union. It is composed of men and women of sterling worth and character and patriotism to a just cause. Some of the wisest counselors from my side were soldiers from Texas.

"After I decided to accept the presidency of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, my family insisted that the burden would be too great. They insisted that my

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Mock Disaster Rescue Planned At 8 Tonight

A mock disaster situation will be set up at College Station tonight at 8 on "Rescue Street." "Live" victims will be rescued from the buildings.

The rescue operations will be a part of the National Civil Defense Alert called by Pres. Eisenhower June 15, 16 and 17.

The program will be put on by the Brazos County Rescue Service cooperating with the Texas Civil Defense and Disaster Relief.

"National guard, fire department, police, Boy Scouts and Red Cross will be on hand to perform their various duties in assistance to the rescue crew to avoid confusion or panic," Virgil B. Phipps, director of the Brazos County Rescue Service said.

"Rescue Street" will be located at the Fireman Training School area adjacent to the WTAW radio tower north of College View apartments.

The public has been invited to watch the rescue operations in action.

Continuous Losses Given As Reason

Backed by the protests of the Chamber of Commerce of both College Station and Bryan, local residents are awaiting a public hearing by the Texas Railroad Commission on the removal of the two day-time passenger trains between Houston and Dallas.

The Southern Pacific Railroad has asked the Commission for authority to remove the trains, known as the "Sunbeam," which stop only at College Station. Neither train carries mail or express baggage.

The request was made because "losses have been continuous," according to a statement issued by the company. Operating results for a recent 12 months listed all expenses as \$675,767.79 and all revenues as totaling \$439,575.99—a loss of \$236,191.80, reported by the company.

Cancellation of the Sunbeam would leave only two night trains for passenger service in this area. Both are mail trains, and stop all along the line. The northbound leaves College Station after 1:30 a.m., and the southbound leaves the city a little past four in the morning.

According to the railroad, traffic is now moving by its own choice over the highways and the airways. "By far, the greater percentage has gone to the privately owned automobile."

Further Losses

"Therefore, the future of these trains, so far as traffic is concerned, offers only the prospect of further and probably greater losses. It is futile to hope that they will ever 'pay their way,' much less make a profit," the statement reads.

A. P. Hardy, assistant passenger traffic agent with the SP, said, "The losses sustained in their operation have been continuous over the past several years, and have reached the point where they represent a considerable drain upon the railroad's financial resources."

The daily average departures during March from College Station were 7.1 in the morning and 5.2 in the afternoon, he said. Average arrivals were 5.2 in the morning and 12.3 in the afternoon.

Hardy said that removal of the trains would not affect any local employees.

The Railroad Commission is expected to hold a public hearing on the action soon, at which persons opposing the removal of the two trains may appear.

Reading Course Has Specialists In Textbooks

Specialists from companies which publish the elementary textbooks used in the Texas public schools system are working in conjunction with the reading consultants in the Reading Workshops now being held at A&M.

The workshop which ends June 24, is designed to improve reading in the public schools through carefully planned reading programs.

Sponsored by the Department of Education and Psychology, the workshop is considered one of the best being held this year, Dr. G. P. Parker, department head, said at the meetings began.

Teachers registered include Mrs. Jackie Clark, Bellville; Mrs. Mildred Heidemann and Mrs. Emma Seeker, Brenham; Mrs. Elda Adkinson, Mrs. Lee Coffey, A. R. Denny, Mrs. Fred Elliott, Mrs. A. L. Giesenschlag, Mrs. Stella Haupt, Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Mrs. Jocelyn Kimberling, Miss Jean Kirby, Mrs. Margaret McAdams, Mrs. Thelma Nolen, Carl Orr, Mrs. Bertha Prince, Miss Judy Rosier, Miss Maxine Sanford, Miss Gertrude Standley, Mrs. Moselle Streetman, Miss Ophelia Wilcox, Miss Margaret Zuber and Cecil T. Nabors, all of Bryan.

Cecil Brown, Caldwell; Mrs. Flake Fisher, Mrs. Ruth Lewis, Mrs. T. O. Williams and Spencer Smith, College Station; Mrs. Onis Dyer and Mrs. Dorothy Norman, Navasota, and Mrs. Ella Jackson Horn, Palestine.

Tornado Warning Service

Network Review Set

Operations of the nation's first radar tornado warning service, the 24-station Texas Radar Tornado Warning Network, will be reviewed at a two day conference at A&M June 24-25.

About 50 radar meteorologists, civil defense officials, weather bureau personnel and officials from cities participating in the warning network will review two years operation of the service. Climax of the conference will be formal dedication of the service on the morning of June 25.

The Texas Radar Tornado Warning Network was set up following the disastrous tornado that hit Waco on May 11, 1953, in which 114 persons were killed.

At a conference held at A&M June 23, 1953, a five-man committee representing state and federal agencies and the college's Department of Oceanography laid plans for the warning service which now operates in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Leading Disease

Strept throat was the leading disease in the College Station-Bryan area for the week ending June 11, with 15 cases reported to the county health unit. Next was diarrhea with 13 cases, and gonorrhea was third with eight cases reported to the health unit.

Surplus U. S. government radar sets are obtained for use by participating cities. Modification of the sets for use in tracking tornadoes is done by personnel of the A&M Research Foundation. Cities participating pay installation and modification costs of about \$10,000 a set. Sets are operated by weather bureau personnel.

The modified sets have a tracking range of about 200 miles, and cities in the network are located so that there is considerable overlapping of territory scanned. This allows continuous round-the-clock watch to be kept on suspect weather conditions that may result in the dreaded "twisters."

County Changes Charges of Theft

Theft charges against two A&M students were changed to charges of malicious mischief, according to the county attorney's office.

Gerald Forrester of Fort Worth pleaded guilty in justice court to a charge of malicious mischief and was fined \$5 and costs. He and Carl Green of Austin, both last year's freshmen, were originally charged with theft of equipment from the A&M Athletic Department.

No action has yet been taken by the school, according to Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant.

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Stations are in direct communication with the state departments of public safety and offices of civil defense and disaster relief. When a dangerous weather area is noted, state police headquarters are called and officers in the danger zone are notified by radio. Additional warning services to radio stations, weather bureaus, and television stations are also provided.

Radar meteorologists believe that a high proportion of casualties from tornadoes can be eliminated if persons in threatened areas can be given sufficient advance warning to allow them to seek shelter.

The warning service provides forecasts of conditions that are favorable for tornadoes to develop. In 1954, with only eight stations in actual operation, 17 alerts for possible tornadoes were sounded. Six twisters followed, striking heavily populated areas — with only three deaths.

At present the network has four stations which are scheduled for modification. The remainder, in actual operation, work in close communication to give warning of possible tornadoes in an area that extends from central Oklahoma to the Gulf of Mexico—from the Big Bend area of Texas to beyond New Orleans.