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## Sbisa Acquires New Look For Autumn

Major repairs to Sbisa Hall are nearing completion and the building will be ready for student use by the fall term in September, W. H. Badgett, manager of physical plants, has announced.

Principal changes include installation of a new, lower acoustical ceiling with recessed lights; aluminum doors; entirely new ventilation system which produces a complete change of air in the main dining room every two minutes; and a new multiple speaker public address system with microphone connections spaced around the hall for use of banquet speakers and dance bands.

Returning students also will use new eight-chair tables with coral red formica tops and non-tilting laminated natural wood chairs. The window archwork has been rebuilt and the window length fiber draping added. Oak plywood wainscoting applied with an electronic wood-welder has been installed and new men's and women's lounges have been built.

Additional equipment includes a new dishwashing machine.

Similar repairs are planned for Duncan Hall, Badgett said.

## Four from College Now at Meetings

Four scientists from A&M are attending agronomy and soil meetings at the University of California. The meetings began Monday and will end tomorrow.

The A&M men are Dr. J. E. Adams, dean of the School of Agriculture; Dr. J. B. Page, head of the Agronomy Department; Dr. R. C. Potts of the Agronomy Department; and Dr. M. H. Ferguson of the U. S. Golf Greens Association, attached to the Agronomy Department.

The conference is a joint meeting of the annual gatherings of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Scientists' Society of America. Dr. Adams will discuss turf work with fertilizers conducted at A&M.

He also is chairman of the Neurology and Nominating Committee and a member of the Fertilizer Committee of the ASA. Dr. Page is a member of the Committee for Physical Analyses, SSSA.

## Weather Today

Forecast for today: mostly cloudy, with slight possibility of more rain. Yesterday's high temperature was 97, low this morning 66. Official rainfall report at 11:30 a.m. was .08 inch.



**TO HOLD AGGIES IN**—Aluminum doors are just a part of the face-lifting that Sbisa Hall is now undergoing. In addition the building is getting a new, low ceiling, a new ventilation system, and a multiple speaker public address system. Work will be completed by the beginning of the fall term.

## Needs Money

# CHS Faces Problem

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(Ed. Note—This news story is going to be a little different from the normal in that it will have comments and explanations added by the writer as well as the facts of the meeting. All comments, editorial and explanatory, will be in bold face, and are not an attempt to slant the story. They are used to try to give background information and provide the setting under which the situation at A&M Consolidated arose.)

The public hearing Monday night on next year's budget for the A&M Consolidated School System brought out the fact that like its big (but non-related) brother, A&M College, the Consolidated system also has its money troubles.

"The school is not in a position to meet its next year's needs," Dr. L. S. Richardson, superintendent, said.

The school lacks about \$35,000 of having enough money to meet its obligations.

Dr. Richardson listed expenditures as \$44,881.28, with an income of \$8,907 plus whatever can be collected of some \$12,000 owed in delinquent taxes. These taxes are mainly over the past few years, he said, but some go back as far as 1939. (Main reason for the delinquency is increased assessments on real property, not collections which are more than 95 per cent.)

"Some money will probably come in from this \$12,000 owed, Dr. Richardson said, "but how much we don't know."

"The deficit was created mainly in 1954-55," he said, adding that

the school "now has \$600 on hand and needs \$40,200 by Sept. 1." (25,200 in salaries and a \$15,000 note at College Station bank.)

The \$8,907 is assured income, Dr. Richardson said. The difference between what the school owes and what it has as income will have to be worked out by the board. (Although no action has been taken as a group by the board, a special called meeting has been set tonight at which a plan is to be presented to resolve the system's financial dilemma. Exactly what the plan was has not been revealed, although it apparently concerns an agreement with the bank. Tonight's

## Batt Readers Due to Get All the Story

Readers of The Battalion can look forward to a complete and personal account of the A&M-UCLA football game Sept. 18, since Ronnie Greathouse, next year's Battalion sports editor, will be going to California.

Greathouse was invited by Paul W. Bryant, athletic director of A&M, to accompany the team as the guest of the Athletic Department.

The invitation was passed along to Greathouse and, although he has not had time to respond, it is believed that he will accept Coach Bryant's invitation.

meeting is not to adopt a budget, for the head of the board, John Rogers, is out of town. A budget meeting is expected to be set sometime next week.)

The reason for the deficit is an overspending of budget funds, Dr. Richardson said. The big matters causing it were a change in the type of chairs put in the new auditorium (the chairs ended up costing \$10 more apiece, but the move was felt justified for reasons of acoustics and comfort); improvements in the planning of the new Lincoln school gymnasium (once more justifiable); and a \$5,000 loss in federal aid (unavoidable).

(Background—When the board first tried to get a bond issue several years ago, it was beat down by residents in a sharply contested and bitter fight. When the bond issue was passed enabling the system to go ahead and build the new high school buildings and make other improvements, the money allotted was not adequate. The board went ahead anyway, trying to provide the school with the equipment necessary to give the community the kind of school it deserves. The school tax has been kept low, apparently to keep from antagonizing anyone anymore than possible.)

The school tax rate for College Station is \$1.05 per \$100 of assessment. This rate was set at a meeting in March at the request of the city. Since the city handles the assessment of property and collection of school taxes, it wanted a rate set so that it could be included on the forms to be printed. (See CONSOLIDATED, Page 2)

## City Awards Contracts For Sewage System

### Housing Office Announces Dorm Set-Up

The Housing Office has announced dormitory area assignments for the fall semester.

Civilian students will live in Milner, Leggett, Mitchell, Law, Puryear, ramps F, G, H and I of Walton and ramps A, B, C, D and E of Hart. The Cadet Corps will occupy ramps J and K of Walton and dormitories 1 through 12 and 14 through 17.

Football and basketball players will live in ramps A through E of Walton, and other athletes will live in ramps F through J of Hart. Graduate students will live in Bizzell.

Students now in summer school who expect to live with the Corps should report to the Office for instructions on room reservations.

The following schedule for paying fees and reserving rooms will prevail for civilian students:

- Students who wish to reserve the room they now occupy must do so between 8 a. m. Monday, Aug. 22, and 5 p. m. Tuesday, Aug. 23.

- Students who wish to reserve a room other than the one they now occupy in Law, Puryear, Leggett or Bizzell may do so between the same hours by presenting written permission from the housemaster concerned.

- Beginning at 8 a. m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, rooms in the above four dorms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Students who wish to reserve rooms in a civilian dorm which is now closed may do so on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8 a. m. Monday, Aug. 22.

(See HOUSING, Page 4)

### Col. Dittman Joins Air Science Dept.

Col. Henry Dittman has assumed his duties as professor of air science at A&M. He replaced Col. John A. Way, who left to attend the Industrial College of Armed Forces in Washington.

Formerly chief of staff headquarters Air Force ROTC, Air University at Montgomery, Ala., Colonel Dittman is a 1939 graduate of A&M. While in school he was a member of the football team.

### \$193,741 for Mains; \$160,980 for Plant

Contracts for the construction of College Station's new sewage system and sewage treating plant were awarded Monday night at the regular meeting of the City Council.

The Texala Construction Co. of Houston was awarded the contract for the sanitary sewer mains and laterals, with a bid price of \$193,741.25 and a construction time of 200 days. The second low bid was by the Steed Construction Co. at a cost difference of only \$25 and a construction time of 255 days.

For the sewage treating plant E. E. Farrow Co. of Dallas submitted the low bid of \$160,980. They qualified their bid, saying that they would not accept the contract unless awarded also the contract for the sewer laterals and mains—unless it

### Season Tickets Go on Sale At High School

Season tickets for all athletic events at A&M Consolidated High School are on sale now, according to J. J. Skrivaneck Jr., high school principal.

The tickets, which are good for admission to all district football, basketball and baseball games, are \$5 for adults and \$2 for public school students. In addition, "football only" tickets for adults may be obtained for \$3. These are good for the five district home games.

Anyone wishing to buy tickets may get them by placing his order with Skrivaneck at 4-1131 or with any of the following students:

James Couch, Dan Davis, John Harrington, Mary Beth Hagler, Ann Hite, Bill Hite, Bobbie Huff, Larry Leighton, Dall McCannan, Margaret Manthei, Betty Mead, Maurice Olian, Nell Ross, Billy Taylor, David Webb and Patsy Williams.

Ann Hite and Mary Beth Hagler are co-chairmen of the ticket sales drive. They may be contacted for additional tickets. The checking in of money is to be at the high school each Thursday afternoon.

The sales drive ends at 8 p. m. Sept. 9 when the Consolidated Tigers play the Hempstead club here at College Station.

### Health Report

College Station had 11 cases of strept throat during the week ending Aug. 13, according to the County Health Unit. Five cases of diarrhea, three of influenza, and one of gonorrhea also were reported.

# 4,000 Young Lutherans To Invade Campus

Preparations are speedily being completed now for the arrival of more than 4,000 persons at A&M for the 12th International Luther League Convention, to be held next week, Aug. 23 through 28.

A cadre of personnel has been on the campus for several weeks now, planning and putting into motion all of the many pre-convention jobs necessary to make successful such a program. The Rev. Wilson V. Hill of Robstown is convention manager. "God's Love—My Life" is the convention theme.

There are 3,975 Leaguers registered for the entire week, and about 500 more are expected to come in from neighboring towns. The girls are staying in the south area dormitories (by Duncan Hall) and the boys, in the North Gate area dormitories.

The convention will assume a definite Texas slant, with all preparations being directed along this line. A Western town is being constructed across the street from the west side of the Memorial Student Center. The city will have six buildings, including A&M's first saloon, first jailhouse and first courthouse.

Meals for the conventioners will be served in Duncan Mess Hall. Also available for the dispensing of refreshments will be the "Chuck

Wagon," a large refreshment stand, and "Waterholes," smaller refreshment stands, all located in the Western City. If any of the persons here for the convention like to swim, they will take their pleasure in the "Dipping Vat," familiarly known as the A&M swimming pool.

A convention daily paper will be published—to be known as "The Lasso." Also, "The Round-Up," the convention souvenir book will be available to all the Leaguers after the convention ends. The publishing house for these publications will be The Wartburg Press (this is not a convention term for the A&M Press), located in White Coliseum.

### Placement Office Has Applicants

The Placement Office has announced that it has a large number of applicants for stenographic and clerical jobs. Of these, many are here now, and over 150 girls will be available in September.

Department heads who have openings either permanent or temporary for stenographers, clerks or secretaries are asked to contact the Placement Office soon, so that the office can get in touch with qualified applicants.

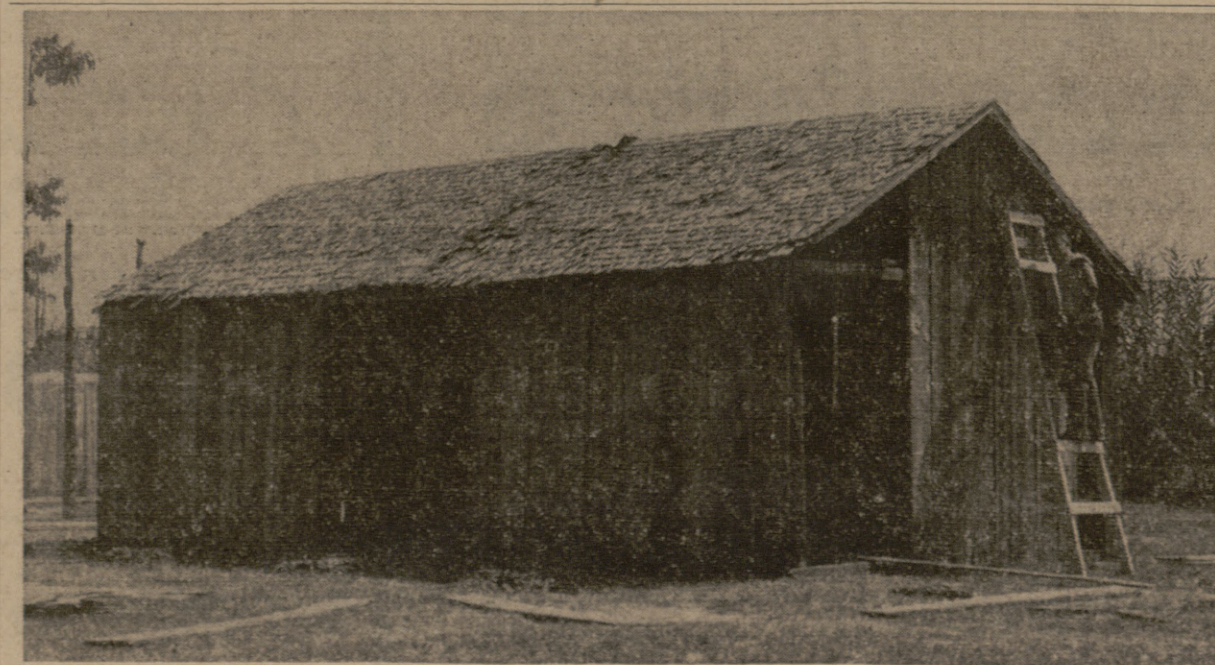
Two exhibits will be on display in the Student Center during the convention. One will depict the work and mission of the American Lutheran Church, and the other,

the Luther League program.

The program for the convention will include Bible studies, business sessions, League District meetings, Choral Union rehearsals, Sing-

pirations, sunrise Matins, vespers and special programs.

A special 25th Anniversary Pageant will be presented Tuesday night, produced and directed by



**A&M'S FIRST COURTHOUSE**—By now its appearance will have been altered, but this is how the Judge Roy Bean Courthouse in the Western City looked a couple of days ago. The city is being built as a part of the program of the 12th International Luther League Convention which opens at A&M Tuesday. More than 4,000 Leaguers are expected for the sessions, which will end the following Sunday.

the Rev. Roald Braulicy of Taylor, Tex. "Operation Witness," the program for Thursday night, has been written and produced by the Rev. Ewald Bash of Cleveland, Ohio. The Rev. John Meyre of San Antonio will direct this program.

Speaker for the sunrise services and matins will be the Rev. Gordon Huffman of Butler, Pa. The Rev. William L. Nies of Detroit, Mich., will be the speaker at vespers services. Serving as the Liturgist for matins and sunrise services will be the Rev. Arthur Holm of New Braunfels, Tex.

The Rev. A. G. Schardt of Cedar Falls, Iowa, is convention song leader, and Mr. Kenneth Jewell of Detroit, Mich., will direct the Youth Choir from Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit.

### Potts to Conduct Pasture Course

Dr. R. C. Potts of the Agronomy Department will conduct a pasture short course at Nacogdoches September 5-9.

O. B. Clifton, Nacogdoches county agent, is in charge of arrangements there. Classes will be held in the Stephen F. Austin Theatre in Nacogdoches daily from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

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The council approved zoning as a first class residential area Tract 7 and part of Tract 8, Woodland Estates. These areas had been incorporated earlier but not zoned.

Already some houses are there and others are being built.

The council approved the third reading and final passage of ordinance 216, granting a franchise to the Midwest Video Association for a booster television aerial for the city. The first and second readings were made at the June 27 and July 18 meetings respectively.

### School Taxes

A resolution was passed at the meeting that the council advise the board of trustees of the A&M Consolidated School System that the city will quit assessing and collecting taxes for them, effective June 31, 1956.

(See SEWAGE, Page 3)

### Pan-Ams Entertain Latin Americans

The Pan-American Round Table of College Station and Bryan entertained several Latin American students at A&M with an informal summer party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould Thursday, Aug. 11.

About 50 boys from Latin American countries, 24 of whom are freshman students, and several local girls were guests of the members of the Round Table.

Miss Sadie Hatfield, vice director of the club, greeted the guests, and J. J. Woolket introduced the program for the evening, which included instrumental numbers, singing, dancing and reading of poetry by the students.

### Housing Needed

All persons who have furnished or unfurnished apartments, rooms or houses for rent are asked to contact the Housing Office of the college at 4-5014.