

# The Battalion

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## Silver Taps This Evening For Sarran

### Mid-Term Commencement

## Planned For Jan. 20

For the first time in about a decade, January graduates of A&M College will have regular commencement exercises. Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the College, made the announcement of the services for Jan. 20, 1956.

The move was taken in response to a petition from a substantial number of candidates for degrees at that time, and by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The Academic Council recommended to President David H. Morgan that the exercises be held. Dr. Morgan sent the matter to the chancellor with his endorsement, and Chancellor M. T. Harrington approved the holding of the graduation exercises with the knowledge of the System Board of Directors.

## Filings Open For Officers Of '59 Class

Filings opened this morning for the up-coming freshman class elections, five men for the election commission and the student senator from the senior class.

The filings will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 7. Students interested in the offices should file their names at the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of Goodwin Hall during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The election of these officers will take place in the MSC at the voting booth by the post office entrance Dec. 14.

The following positions are open in the freshman class: president, vice-president, recording secretary, social secretary, treasurer, reporter, parliamentarian and five members of the election commission.

The only other election at this time will be a student senator from the senior class.

The qualifications for the above offices are a 1.0 grade point ratio at mid-semester for the freshmen and a member of the class of '59. Qualifications for the senator is a 1.0 grade point ratio and a member of the class of '56.

### Hancock Presents

Two scientific papers will be presented by Dr. Kinney Hancock, professor of chemistry at A&M, at the 11th Southwest Regional ACS meeting, Houston, Dec. 1-3. One of these papers concerns the effect of structure on reactivity of organic compounds, while the other describes an indirect conductivity method for the determination of moisture in cottonseed meal.

program will include a Baccalaureate Sermon in the morning, Commissioning Exercises in the afternoon, and Commencement in the early evening, according to Dr. Abbott. Only the Platform Party and civilian students receiving degrees will be expected to appear in academic regalia. No faculty procession is planned at this time, but seats will be reserved for the faculty at the morning and evening

## Tau Beta Pi Will Initiate New Members

The Texas Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi have elected 49 new members. Candidates will be initiated Dec. 12 at a banquet in the Memorial Student Center.

Members to be initiated are Arthur W. Adams, Kenneth M. Alder, Ashley N. Beasley, Jerry F. Bowen, Olin H. Bradley, Kerry E. Bursleson, Val H. Canon, Jr., Howard L. Chevalier, Robert R. Coffman, Claude C. Culver, Lawrence R. Dausin, Robert R. Dean, Ray N. Finch, Dale R. Flournoy, Joe B. Foster.

Robert L. Gilliland, Wilbur B. Goldsmith, Richard O. Guthrie, Herman L. Hassel, Jr., Frederick W. Heldenfels, John L. Irwin, David M. Isiminger, Warren B. Johnson, Jr., Herman H. Keller, Paul A. Kennon, William B. Ledbetter, Gerald L. Leighton, Jack H. Lippman.

Firmin L. Lucas, Jack H. Lansford, Gerald B. Morris, John H. Moser, Douglas D. Mounce, Rex L. Rowell, John S. Sheffield, Charles R. Steele, George S. Teutsch, Joe R. Tucker, John W. Vineyard, Leo B. Weiss, Codie S. Wells, Franklin D. Westmoreland.

Clyde J. Wharton, Charles D. Williams, John C. Williams, Richard Allen Williford, and Robert W. Young.

## Lewis Elected By Experiment Station

Dr. R. D. Lewis was elected chairman of the organization of Southern experiment station directors during the recent meeting in East Lansing, Mich., of the Association of Land-grant Colleges and Universities.

The Southern region is one of four into which the state experiment stations are divided for mutual operation and benefit. It includes 13 states and Puerto Rico.

Dr. Lewis has been director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station since Sept. 1, 1946.

exercises and the members are expected to attend, Dr. Abbott said.

The last time any but the regular spring commencement exercises were held at A&M was during the stepped-up program of World War II days. Robin K. Ransone, senior aeronautical engineering major, instituted the movement among January graduates to get the ceremonies.

The Registrar will serve as a clearing agent for any problems which come up concerning the mid-year commencement. Plans for the services are to be made by the individuals and committees normally concerned with administering the regular commencement program.

## Lecture On India Planned Thursday

Prof. M. S. Sundaram will deliver a lecture at A&M Thursday at 8 p.m. in the lecture room of the Biological Sciences Building. Sundaram is educational and cultural counselor, embassy of India, in Washington, D.C.

He will talk on "India Old and New—a Revolution in Progress." The public has been invited to hear the lecture.

Sundaram was for many years associated with the teaching profession in India at three different universities where he was professor and head of the Department of English Studies. He was educated at Madras and, subsequently at Oxford, England. In 1942 he entered the Ministry of Education as assistant education advisor and worked on a plan for the educational reconstruction of India.

In 1945 he came to the United States as educational liaison officer to the Indian government. From 1947 to 1950 was the head of the Educational Department in the office of the high commissioner for India, in London. In 1950 he returned to the United States.

## Veteran Fees Due

Bennie A. Zinn, veterans advisor, reminds all Korean veterans that they must complete monthly pay certifications in 102 Goodwin Hall prior to Dec. 7.

## Bankers School Plans Ag Problem Panels

What's ahead, money-wise, for beef cattle in 1956? For cotton farmers? For agriculture generally?

The best possible estimates on these subjects will be given bankers by specialists in the various fields

## Injuries Fatal To Heroic Cadet

The Silver Taps ceremony will be held tonight at 10:30 for James Edward Sarran, 19, sophomore student at A&M who died Thursday night following injuries sustained early last Monday.

Sarran died at 11:55 p.m. the night of the annual Thanksgiving Day football game between Texas A&M and the University of Texas. The game had been dedicated to him for his heroism in pushing two of his Aggie buddies out the way of an oncoming car driven by Walter F. Galloway, route 4, Bryan.

The students were at the bonfire guard fire on old Highway 6, just west of the Grove, and were serving coffee at that post when the accident occurred. They were standing at the rear of the student activities truck when the car smashed into the back of the truck, pinning Sarran under it.

Sarran suffered multiple fractures and head injuries, and never regained consciousness. Corps Chaplain Harry Scott was with him when he died and accompanied the body to Brownsville, where his parents live, for burial services.

The body was taken to Brownsville Friday night. The Rosary was recited at Hinkley Funeral Home Sunday morning and funeral Mass was said yesterday morning by the Rev. Dan Lynch in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was in the Brownsville Catholic Cemetery with the following serving as pall bearers: Bob Long of Dallas, Larry Downs and Carl Wilford of Houston, Dick Chapman of Brownsville, Joe Wilson and Dan Moore, his A&M roommates.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Sarran of Brownsville; one sister, Mrs. Chris Schneider of McAllen; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. J. G. Brown of San Antonio.

Sarran was born in San Antonio on March 27, 1937, but was taken by his parents to Brownsville as an infant. He lived there since and received public school education there.

A&M Commandant Col. Joe E. Davis said that to his knowledge Sarran's death was the first bonfire fatality in the history of the school.

The fund which was being taken up among students, faculty and citizens in College Station and Bryan to aid the cadet will now be turned over to the family to pay hospital expenses or for any other use they care to make of it, according to Travis B. Bryan Jr., Bryan banker, who was assisting the A&M Student Senate Welfare Committee in collection.

The Brazos County grand jury may be asked to investigate the death of Sarran, according to County Judge John M. Barron. Evidence appears to be contradictory and confusing, he said. The accident investigation has been completed by College Station police chief Lee Norwood.

## O. Dept. Changed To O. & M. Dept.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M College System, meeting here last week, authorized a change in title for the A&M Department of Oceanography to Department of Oceanography and Meteorology.

The change in name was made following a recommendation to the board from the Academic Council's meeting of Oct. 25. Addition of the word meteorology to the departmental title does not constitute an expansion in curricula, but was done to give recognition to the outstanding program already offered within the department.

Oceanography and Meteorology at A&M constitutes one of the fastest growing departments of the college.

Another featured talk will be given by Chas. N. Sheppard, agricultural member of the Board of Governors for the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. Sheppard is former dean of the School of Agriculture, and was a key figure in organizing the credit school.

Advance registrations indicate that planners of the school set the figure about right when they geared the program for an enrollment of 175 for this session, according to Dr. Tyrus R. Timm, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, which handles arrangements for the annual meeting. The credit school, attended by leading bankers from every part of the state, is sponsored by the School of Agriculture at the college.

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## Weather Today

Temperature at 10:30 a.m. was 39 degrees, a slight increase over the 29 degrees in the early hours this morning. Forecast is continued cold and clear with high scattered clouds late this evening. Yesterday's high was 49 degrees.

### At A&M 42 Years

## Rites Held Today For Dr. Fraps

Funeral services were to be held today at the Hillier Funeral Chapel in Bryan at 3 p.m. for Dr. G. S. Fraps, 79, of 302 Walton Drive, College Station. Dr. Fraps, who had been connected with the chemistry division of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at A&M College for 42 years, prior to his retirement in 1945, died early yesterday morning. He had been ill for several months.

Interment will be in the Bryan City Cemetery.

Dr. Fraps is survived by his

## A&M Property Sold For Use As Armory

Sale of approximately five acres of Texas A&M College property to the federal government, for the use as the site of a 400-man reserve armory, was approved by the Board of Directors of the A&M System.

Board members approved sale of the property in the general location of the north boundary of the campus near Highway 6, the exact site to be determined later.

Approval was granted after members heard that the armory was desired by the local Organized Reserves, that a majority of participants in the program would be students or faculty members and that such an armory would establish closer relationship between the ROTC and Organized Reserve program.

Under Section 262 of the new defense bill, high school students can enlist in the service, receive six months active duty training after graduation and then be assigned to active reserve unit for their remaining seven and a half years of obligation.

## Turf Conference

Dec. 12-14 is the date for the Texas Turf Grass Association Conference, which will be held in rooms 2A, B, C, and D and the assembly room of the Memorial Student Center.

The Agronomy Department is the sponsor and chairman is Ethan C. Holt. About 130 are expected to attend.

widow, Mrs. Ellen Saunders Fraps of College Station; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Fraps Tins, Maplewood, N. J.; a son, George S. Fraps Jr. of Jonesboro, Ark.; three grandchildren; and one brother, J. C. Fraps, Tucson, Arizona.

He came to A&M in 1913 as chief of the division of chemistry, T.A.E.S., and ex-officio state chemist, and served successively as assistant chemist 1903-04, as associate chemist, 1904-05, and as associate professor of chemistry 1903-05, acting professor, 1905-06, and associate professor of agricultural chemistry 1906-12.

Dr. Fraps was instrumental in focusing attention of his students as well as teachers and others engaged in studies of Texas agriculture upon the value of a knowledge of the chemical nature of the soils and the products of the soils.

He was a leading figure in the soils and fertilizer phases including the regulation of the manufacture and sales of commercial fertilizer, also in the proper preparation and distribution of feeding stuffs and practical methods of evaluating the various feeding constituents.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Fraps held degrees from North Carolina State College, and a fellow at Johns Hopkins. Prior to coming to A&M he served in the chemistry department at North Carolina State College.

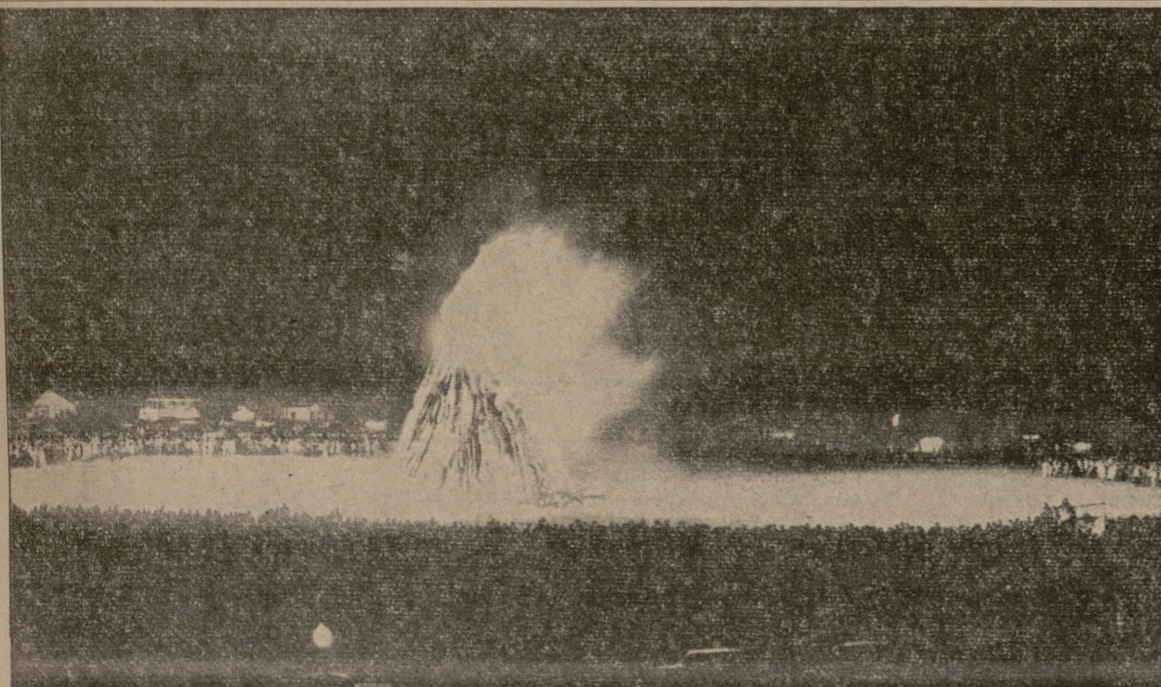
Serving as active pall bearers will be Dr. F. C. Bolton, Dr. T. O. Walton Sr., F. E. Rattan, Dr. D. B. Cofer, T. R. Spence and Dr. J. F. Fudge.

## Fines Help Build New Parking Lots

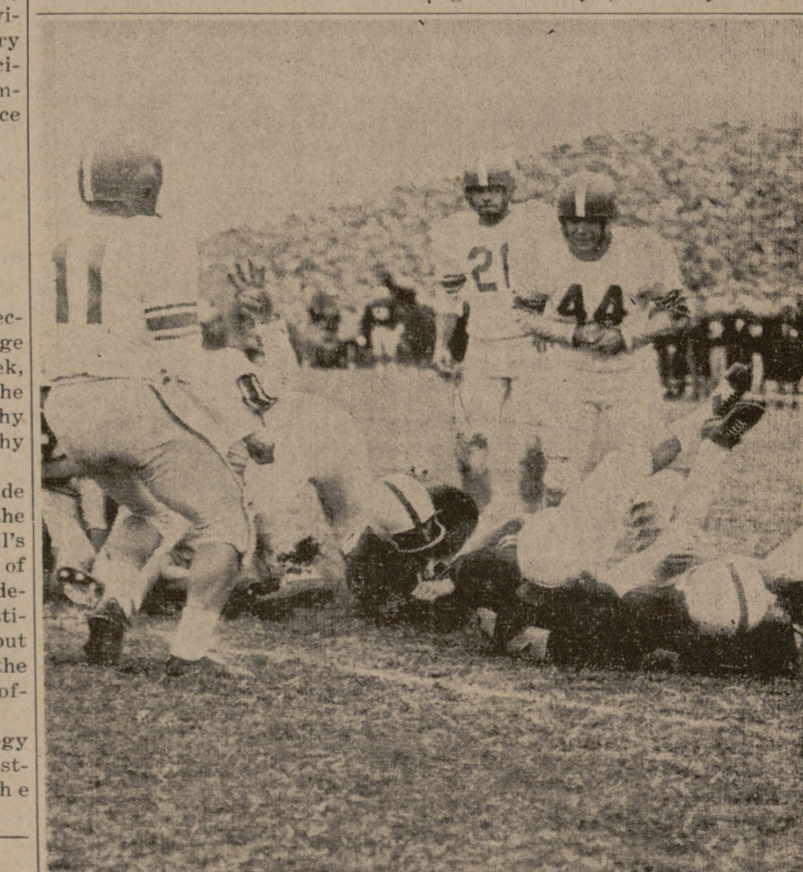
The Board of Directors of the A&M College System, meeting at College Station, approved expenditure of funds derived from fees for reinstatement of driving permits for use in increasing parking facilities on the campus.

The system of charging fees for reinstatement of driving permits was approved at the June 25 meeting of the board. At this meeting the college was authorized to approve fees for reinstatement of driving permits provided that no single fee exceed \$5.

Since its beginning in September this year the fee system has brought in about \$1,400—an average of nearly \$30 a day.



NEXT YEAR, OLD ARMY—Blazing brightly, but futilely, the 1955 version of the annual Turkey Day bonfire lights up the 10,000-plus crowd that attended the lighting ceremonies and the following yell practice last Wednesday. The bonfire was hot, but the orange and white team from Austin made things even hotter the next day. "But just wait 'til next year."



AGGIE TOUCHDOWN—Jimmy Wright lies on his back after punching over from the 1-yard line for an A&M touchdown against Texas in the Turkey Day game on Kyle Field. The two Aggies lying on the turf beside the A&M quarterback are unidentified. Watching helplessly are Texas' Chester Simcik (11), Charlie Brewer (21), and Delano Womack (44). The TD was the only one scored by A&M as the Longhorns roared to a 21-6 upset.