

# The Battalion

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## Holidays Leave Three Aggies Dead

### Dimes' March, Square Dance Set Jan. 14

The annual Bryan-College Station March of Dimes square dance will be held in DeWare Field House Jan. 14.

Everyone interested in square dancing and the March of Dimes is invited. The dance is being sponsored by the Promenaders Club of College Station. All talent and refreshments are being donated.

The following committee has been appointed to make final arrangements for the dance. Mrs. R. Lyle is Committee chairman and Joe Mogford, co-chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning Smith are in charge of the program; co-chairman, Sam Kennedy. Dr. Milton Nance and Lewis Haupt are in charge of finance. Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Luther, Dr. and Mrs. George Potter, Mrs. Lewis Haupt and members of the Promenaders Club are in charge of hospitality.

Mrs. L. R. Richardson, Mrs. Palmer Barker and Mrs. J. C. Goldsmith Jr., refreshments; Mrs. Ran Boswell, R. R. Lyle and Bryan Recreational Club, concessions; Mrs. Richard Downward and Mrs. Donald Burchard, publicity and Ewing Brown, arrangements, completes the committee.

"In addition to helping others, all attending will have an evening of entertainment, dancing and refreshments," said Mrs. Richard Downward, publicity chairman. The dance begins at 7:30 p.m.

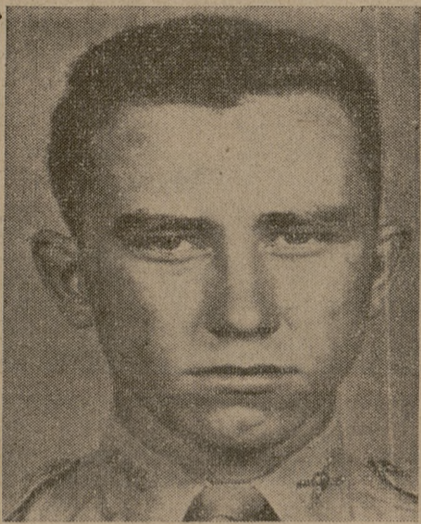
### TAES Adds New 4-H Club Leader

Peggy Lou Wilsford, assistant county home demonstration agent in Tarrant County since July 1954, has joined the headquarters staff of the Agricultural Extension Service as an assistant state 4-H Club leader. She will be located at College Station.

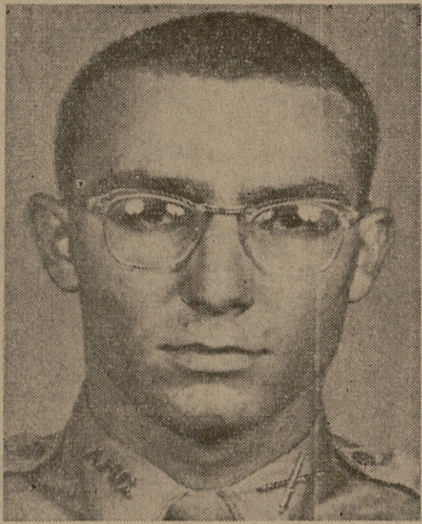
Miss Wilsford is a native of Grayson and a graduate of North Texas State College. She was a 4-H Club member for eight years, and in college was a member of Phi Epsilon Omicron, an honorary and professional home economics fraternity.

### Skrabanek Attends

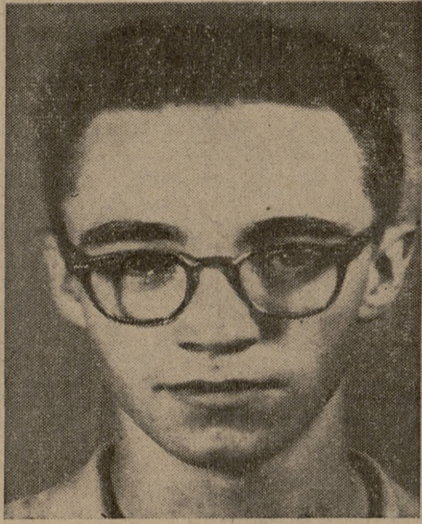
Dr. R. L. Skrabanek of the Department of Agricultural Economics & Sociology recently attended a meeting in Chicago of the International Land Tenure Research Committee. Purpose of the meeting was to formulate plans for the 1956 Land Tenure Research Workshop and to consider possibilities of future research in the field of land tenure.



Richard H. Burlin



Norman Scott Daigle



Jan David Broderick

### Lawrence Welk

## Town Hall Gives Bonus

Town Hall will present their first bonus attraction of 1956 Thursday night with their presentation of Lawrence Welk and his Champagne Music.

Welk comes to A&M boasting the highest Hooper rating of the current popular television shows and Student Activities Office predicted that this will be the most popular program to be seen here in quite a while.

Recently completing a tour

### Forestry Program Offered at A&M

There's good news for young Texans who want to follow a career in forestry, according to Dr. Vernon A. Young, head of the Range and Forestry Department.

"You may now obtain the first two years of training for an accredited forestry course of professional calibre at A&M," Dr. Young said.

In addition, he added, "Each accredited forestry school of the South has agreed to accept students from this two-year course, permitting them to obtain degrees in forestry upon completion of a two-year program at the selected school."

## News of the World

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS—France's hopes of establishing a stable government have been doomed by an election that nobody really won. Balloting Monday by a record number of Frenchmen only strengthened one extremist party, established a new one, and left no single party or group of parties powerful enough to rule alone. Unofficial returns last night from all of France and

some overseas precincts showed: 1. An impressive gain of 52 seats in the National Assembly for the Communists, the largest single French party. 2. A startling success—49 seats—for the anti-tax, avowedly obstructionist followers of Pierre Poujade. 3. An Assembly majority again split between the left and right wings of the center, moderate parties whose leaders have been alternating in short-lived, shaking coalition governments for years. This unresolved struggle of the center parties appears certain to push the unwilling forces of Premier Edgar Faure and ex-Premier Pierre Mendes-France into each others arms if they are to survive.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio—All was calm last night at the gates of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. plant here where strike violence flared yesterday morning, sending eight persons to the hospital and 88—including 12 women—to jail. The mass demonstration which brought the violence had been called to protest the back-to-work movement in which the company said some 1,700 of the 4,000 hourly workers had returned to work at Columbus.

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AUSTIN—Some type of federal control over public schools is inevitable unless local and state school boards solve their own problems, the State School Board was told yesterday. Texas' delegation took a stand opposing any sort of federal aid and federal control in the public school system. A majority of the states' delegations approved federal aid but not federal control.

and during the last seven years has enjoyed an immense following—being featured on all major radio networks, scores of hit recordings have carried his label, Paramount movie shorts have enabled thousands to enjoy "Champagne Music," and now he is firmly established in TV.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. and Town Hall season tickets are good for the show. Individual tickets can be purchased at the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of Goodwin Hall and will also be on sale at the door. General admission tickets for students will be \$1 and \$1.50 for non-students. Reserved seat tickets are \$1.50 and \$2.50 for students and non-students respectively.

### Announcements In Activities Office

January graduates who ordered announcements can pick them up in the Office of Student Activities beginning at 1 this afternoon.

Students who did not order the announcements and who would like to have them should come to the office, located on the second floor of Goodwin Hall, and put their name on the list for any extras available.

According to W. D. (Pete) Hardesty, business manager, they should come by as soon as possible, since only a limited number of the extra announcements will be available.

### Consolidated Exes Form Association

The newly-organized A&M Consolidated Alumni Association became a reality at a meeting of more than 100 returned alumni Christmas night.

A&M Consolidated School, originating as a "step child of Texas A&M College," reached formal maturity at the Christmas night session, the second annual alumni reunion, when ex-students approved plans for a formally organized ex-students association drafted by Robert Lee Hunt, class of 1946.

Allan Madeley of College Station, class of 1939, is the first president of the Association. Plans for its first year of existence are now under way.

Other officers who will serve with Madeley include Lou Burgess Cashier, '49, vice-president; R. L. Hunt, Jr., '46, secretary-treasurer.

### Fertilizer School Opens Tomorrow

A Fertilizer Short Course will be held by the A&M Agronomy Department tomorrow and Friday.

Registration will be in the Serpentine Lounge on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Meetings will be in the Assembly Room of the MSC. A banquet will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 in the MSC ballroom.

### Silver Taps Held Here Last Night

Silver Taps was held last night for three A&M students killed during the Christmas vacation. Two of the students, Norman S. Daigle and Richard H. Burlin, died in a fiery crash near Ellinger, about 12 miles east of La Grange on highway 77, Dec. 18.

The other student, Jan David Broderick, was killed by a shot fired from a .38 caliber pistol early Saturday morning. Ronald Edward Menter Sr., confessed slayer of the victim, was to be returned to Houston early today.

Menter is a former mental patient. He said he had spent four months in a New Hampshire institution after a nervous breakdown several years ago. The victim was shot in the forehead at close range.

Broderick was a senior business administration major from the Panama Canal Zone. He was found early Saturday morning about 50 feet from a blacktop road near Hempstead, and was still breathing when discovered. A clothing bag, blood-stained pillow and a school book lay close by.

Menter said, in a written statement, that he had met Broderick in El Paso. They headed for Houston where the victim planned to stay until school opened again.

He said they drank from a whiskey bottle and pulled off the main highway near Hempstead. An argument developed over buying beer before going to sleep. Menter quoted Broderick as saying, "I ought to shoot you."

There were three loaded guns, all belonging to Broderick, in the car, Menter said.

"I picked up the .38 and fired over my shoulder, shooting him in the head," Menter said.

Investigators said an autopsy showed that the gun was held against the victim's head.

### Hocks Guns

After the shooting, Menter said he drove to Shreveport and hocked the guns in a pawnshop there. He later purchased a .25 caliber pistol in Vicksburg, Miss.

He then drove on to Norfolk, Va., where he said he picked up two women and two sailors. The two women were with him when he was arrested in Newark, N.J.

He was arrested when a Newark motor vehicle inspection officer noticed a radio transaction between Menter and a junk dealer. When asked for his license, Menter gave the officer that of Broderick's but was unable to give the correct birth date listed on the license.

The slug recovered from the victim, will be used for ballistics comparison.

A 17-year-old girl identified the slain student as her boyfriend. She said she had met Broderick last summer and had been going with him ever since.

Funeral services were held yesterday in St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel for the 20-year-old student. He was buried in full dress uniform with military honors. Seniors in Company infantry, the slain cadet's unit, acted as pall bearers.

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### Phone Numbers Changed During Aggie Holidays

The New Year in our area finds everyone searching diligently through the phone book to be sure to call the right number. Numbers in the area served by the Southwestern States Telephone Company were changed to the new seven-digit metropolitan numbering plan at 10 p.m. Dec. 28 of last year.

The new equipment in College Station was formally cut into the new system, with about 100 city leaders including city officials of College Station and Bryan gathered for the ceremony at the recently opened building on Sulphur Springs road.

A&M Chancellor M. T. Harrington threw a switch; College Station Mayor Ernest Langford pulled some fiber cards from the number relays; workmen of the company pulled out thousands more; and the new Victor 6 exchange was in operation.

At the same hour Bryan phones were put on the new system through existing equipment, some of which was installed recently. Few number changes were made, most of them having been taken care of when the equipment was put in.

The switching for the seven-digit system is in preparation for joining the inter-toll network which goes into effect Feb. 5. This system is only one step removed from eventual customer-toll dialing, according to company officials. Operators will still put through long-distance calls, but with greater speed and efficiency.

### Weather Today

CLEAR

Continued clear and cool is the general forecast for the College Station area. Yesterday's high of 72 degrees dropped to 34 degrees last night. The temperature at 10:30 this morning was 55 degrees.

### Annual Dinner For Kiwanians Set for Monday

The 11th annual College Station Kiwanis Club installation banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 10, in the Memorial Student Center ballroom, according to Joe Sorrels, chairman of the Education and Fellowship Committee.

Main speaker for the event will be Jim Bowmer of Temple, former lieutenant governor of Division IX of Kiwanis International. He will be introduced by Sid Lovelless of College Station, also a former lieutenant governor.

"Tickets for the banquet are \$1.75 each," said Sorrels, "and we urge all members to bring their wives and any guests."

Officers to be installed include Charles LaMotte, president; Woody Briles, first vice-president; J. B. Longley, second vice-president; K. A. Manning, secretary; and Charles Richardson, treasurer. Installing officer will be Earl Huffer of Huntsville, present lieutenant governor of Division IX.

Outgoing officers are Bob Cherry, president; LaMotte, vice-president; Briles, second vice-president; Bob Shroyer, secretary; and Ed Ivy, treasurer.

### UT Graduate

## Talented Shirley Lands A&M Job

By BILL FULLERTON  
Battalion Editor

A&M's been called a lot of names, but it has a new one now: "A Place To Get Away From It All."

The pretty girl with the pony-tail haircut didn't know she was talking about A&M at the time she made the above statement. She merely meant that she wanted to take a long vacation from school, after getting her Baccalaureate De-

gree in speech at the University of Texas.

Another prediction, or intention, Miss Shirley Cannon told The Daily Texan, UT's student newspaper, was "I'll probably come back and work on my Master's Degree."

Well, she did go back to the University, but she didn't stay—and no one at A&M will have any complaints. For Miss Cannon, who turned 21 only six days ago, is the new program consultant for the Memorial Student Center.

She is just now beginning to get acquainted with the job, and declined to make any observations about Aggieland and future plans in her work until a little more time has elapsed. But A&M is not new to her, since she appeared here last year on the Intercollegiate Talent Show. Her performance there, a Spanish dance routine, endeared her to the heart of the entire audience.

Miss Cannon's talent is not confined to taking part in shows; she has been on the organizing and directing end of stage productions also. She was an assistant to the director for the annual Round-Up Review at UT, and had charge of organizing the Blue Bonnet Belles.

But she has said that she loves show business, either being in the shows or just watching them. Her record at Texas would indicate that probably the only watching she was able to do was from the wings—waiting to go on with her number.

Some of the activities she has participated in include, besides last year's Talent Show here, Texas Stars twirling team, Texanne tap-dancing team, Union Charm Com-

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Alice Lon, Champagne Enchanter  
Sings Here Thursday Night With Lawrence Welk



Miss Shirley Cannon  
University of Texas Graduate Joins MSC