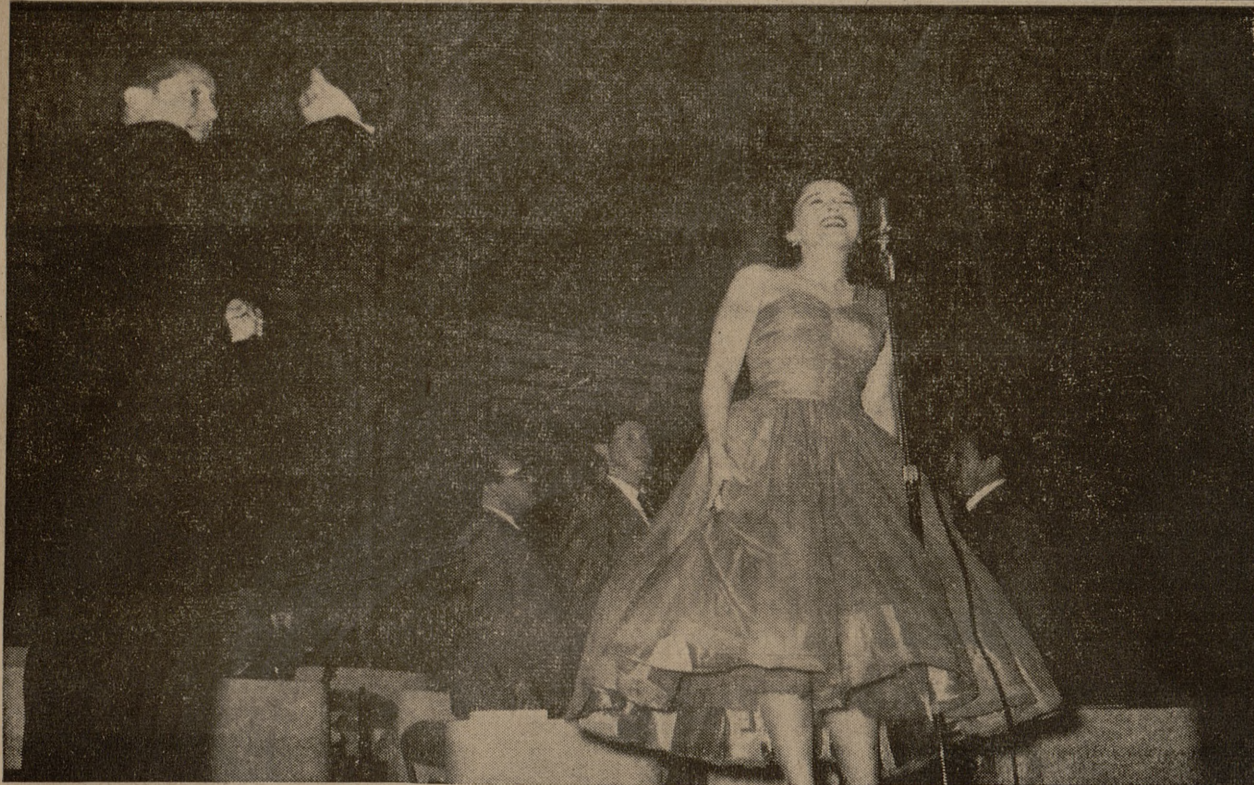


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CAMPAGNE MUSIC—Alice Lon, the "Champagne Lady" with Lawrence Welk's Orchestra breaks forth into song at the Town Hall bonus attraction last night in White Coliseum. An enthusiastic crowd of about 5,000 enjoyed the show, which was called by the Student Activities office as probably one of the biggest attractions here in a long time. The orchestra leader himself is giving a few directions, at the left.

Active Duty Status

Army Releases New Deal

All army graduates, completing four years ROTC, will receive commissions again this year, according to military authorities.

A new active duty status, which goes into effect after May first of this year, allows any student graduating after this time to have a "choice" of either staying in the army for a six months training period or for the regular two years.

One Year Delay

A one year delay may be granted before the student is called to active duty. Graduating seniors receive their orders before being commissioned. This is the first time the officer-to-be learns his date of active duty and the amount of time he will have to spend in the army.

The six months deal consists of three months basic school and three months active duty. Upon completion of this six months training, the officer will be placed in the ready reserves for seven

and one-half years. While in the reserves, an officer must attend a minimum of two meetings a month and summer camp with his unit.

After serving two years active duty, the young officer would

Exec. Course To Open Here Has Top Men

Dillon Anderson, assistant to President Eisenhower, and William McChesney Martin Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, will serve as members of the "visiting faculty" for the 4th annual Executive Development Course sponsored by A&M College, Jan. 29 through Feb. 18.

More than 30 leaders of Southwestern business and industry will serve as "visiting faculty" for this year's three-weeks training course at College Station. They will lecture on all phases of the Southwest's rapidly expanding economy and problems encountered in this fast expansion. The visiting professors have been chosen on the basis of their successful careers in Southwestern business and industry.

Students at the course will be executives of Texas and Southwest business and industry, nominated by their companies and approved by the course's Steering Committee. They will participate in three weeks of case studies and lectures on subjects ranging from administrative practices to employee selection.

AIME To Meet Here Jan. 9-10

The American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers will hold a short course in the Memorial Student Center, Jan. 9-10. The meeting is sponsored by the Petroleum Engineering Department.

Registration will be held in the Serpentine Lounge on the second floor of the MSC from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9. Registration fee will be \$5 per person.

Meetings will be held in the MSC Ballroom. A banquet will be held Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC. Tickets may be purchased at the registration desk for \$2.50 each.



ANNOUNCEMENTS READY—Taylor Gillam, senior civil engineering major from Athens, Tex., is shown receiving his graduation announcements from Doris Bahlmann, of the Student Activities Department. Students who did not order announcements can place their name on a list for any extras. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Saturday when it is closed at noon.

Aggie Players Have New Play Jan. 16, 17, 18

The Aggie Players will present "The Importance of Being Earnest" in the round in the Memorial Student Center ballroom Jan. 16, 17 and 18.

This Oscar Wilde comedy promises to be the most experimental theater in the history of the Aggie Players. Rehearsals have been underway three and a half months.

Vic Wiening of the English Department is directing the play and will take the part of Algernon Moncrief. C. K. Esten, faculty advisor to the Players, is assistant director.

Other members of the cast are Mary Tanguy, Judy Henry, Kenneth George, Chris Pavelka, Don Fisher, Gene Logan, Hugh Lanctree and Pete Justice. Entree act cast will include Don Powell, Connie Eckard, Jerry Neighbors and Clint White. Lester Cochran is stage manager.

The Aggie Players, with a growing membership corresponding to an increasing public response to its dramatic efforts, are in the midst of their most ambitious season.

A drama with deep religious significance, "The Family Portrait," is scheduled for pre-Easter presentation. It is the story of the family life of Christ, showing the reactions of his mother and brothers to his ministry.

Over the Mother's Day weekend in May the Players will again have charge of the traditional Aggie Follies.

The Players have also been invited to whip up a one-act play for the Texas Folklore Society which will be having its convention here in April.

Grapefruit Study Planned in Future

Dr. H. B. Sorenson, fruit and vegetable marketing specialist with the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, and Dr. A. H. Krezdorn of the Department of Horticulture have planned a study of a grapefruit's life from the time it leaves the tree until it reaches the dining table.

A new state law requiring the branding of grapefruit by state of origin makes the first step of study possible. Once each month the team visits several retail outlets and wholesalers, where they buy representative samples of grapefruit on display. These samples are analyzed for quality by the Horticulture Department.

The second step will be to select a typical example of fruit in the orchard, then follow it's marketing process, to see what causes changes in quality and condition.

News of the World

WASHINGTON, —(AP)— President Eisenhower laid before Congress yesterday a massive "program for the Republic" that contemplates a balanced budget, a token payment on the national debt, but no tax cuts now.

In language paralleling that of some leaders of both parties in Congress, Eisenhower spoke against lowering taxes at the expense of "fiscal integrity" and a balanced budget; against "going further into debt to give ourselves a tax cut at the expense of our children."

He forecast that government income will match outgo by mid-year, and said he would propose a continued balance for the year following. Many Republicans and some Democrats applauded that, but the reaction to the message in general was the usual melange of plaudits and digs, keyed pretty much to party allegiances in this election-year Congress.

The presidential report encompassed recommendations — some new, some old, most of them advertised in advance — for a stepped-up, "many-sided attack" on the farm problem, for highway, school, housing, health and disaster relief programs.

It urged immigration legislation, aid for chronically depressed communities, labor law changes, an atom-powered commercial ship,

water and power projects, equal pay for equal work for women, and an investigation to determine whether Negroes are being deprived of their right to vote and are being "subjected to unwarranted economic pressures."

With Russia's leaders following "tactics of retreat and zigzag" and still unwilling "to create the indispensable conditions for a secure and lasting peace," Eisenhower proposed "constant improvement" of America's defenses and those of the free world.

He backed this up with a bid for limited authority to make longer-term foreign aid commitments, a request for a substantial boost in funds to spread understanding of America through the U. S. Information Agency, and a promise to keep up the pressure against the "vast wrongs" of a divided Germany, the "bondage of millions elsewhere, and the exclusion of Japan from United Nations membership."

The 8,500-word document was plunked down in Senate and House and read to the legislators while the President continued recuperating from a September heart attack at Key West, Fla.

Nowhere in it was there a definite clue as to how long Eisenhower proposes to stay around to give stewardship to his program—the biggest political puzzle of a politically-minded Congress.

Famed USDA Agronomist With TAES Dies at Home

Funeral Tomorrow at 10 In CS Presbyterian Church

By JOE TINDEL
Battalion Staff Writer

The man who saved an estimated 25,000,000 people in the world from death and starvation by the development of rust-resistant Hope Wheat died in his sleep shortly after 8 a.m. yesterday at his home, 500 Ayrshire, College Station.

Edgar S. McFadden, 64, USDA agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station since 1935, suffered a heart attack in October, remained in the hospital until November and has been bedridden in his home since.

McFadden, called the "Burkank of the Wheat Field" because of his work, was given international recognition on Dec. 28, 1955, through receipt of the John Scott medal awarded by the American Association of the Advancement of Science.

Christmas Seal Drive Closes With \$5,011

The 1955 Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale has been closed with total receipts of \$5,011.07, according to Mrs. A. V. Moore, chairman of the sale.

"The mail receipts compared favorably with last year's mail receipts," said Mrs. Moore, "however we will miss contributions from the College Station Community Chest this year."

The board of directors for the College Station Chest voted not to include the TB association this year, as many residents did not understand that they obtained the Christmas seals mailed to them free, through their donation to the Community Chest.

A&M students contributed \$542.80 to the drive, \$146.25 of this came from college apartments, and the remaining \$396.55 came from dormitory students.

"Many students have mailed contributions since they returned to school," Mrs. Moore said, "and we want to stress that we will accept contributions that were forgotten in the rush before the holidays."

Eighty-two per cent of the funds raised in the drive will remain in Brazos County to aid in the local association's work, and 18 per cent will go to the state and national associations to support their work.

Projects of the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association include the annual x-ray survey, year-round case-finding, various educational projects, free literature and films on TB, work for better hospitals and adequate care for patients. The National TB Association supervises research grants.

Weather Today

CLEAR

Clear winds diminishing after dark is the forecast for College Station. Yesterday's high was 76°, low, 57°. Temperature at 10:30 a.m. was 65 degrees.

Fish Election For Officers Next Tuesday

The run-off for freshmen class officers will be held Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the MSC voting booth.

Twenty-five candidates will vie for positions nine including two candidates for the election commission.

Fred Hunter, Robert E. Arevalos and John G. Thomas are the candidates for class '59 president.

Vice-presidential aspirants are Len Layne, Thomas A. Adams and Ted F. Lange.

Joseph E. Minor, Bill A. Myers and George K. Garner will be in the run-off for recording secretary.

Social secretary nominees are Charles H. Robison, Robert Lassiter and Donnie R. Duplissey.

William R. Markillie, Gary W. Hipps and Richard C. Vaughn are candidates for treasurer.

Parliamentarian candidates include James E. Fallin, Robert M. Peevey and John R. Johnson.

Ronald Stallings, Charles Messer and Harry C. Russell are candidates for reporter.

Sergeant-at-arms position will be decided between Ben Trotter and James P. Smith.

As Samuey Martinez and Robert P. Ratcliff tied for last place on the election commission they must be voted on to decide that position.

Pet E Department Adds Professor

Robert B. Bossler has been named a professor of petroleum engineering here. He will devote his principal attention to petroleum engineering courses in valuation and secondary recovery, said Robert M. Whiting, head of the department.

"We have been seeking a man of Bossler's calibre for several years," Whiting said, "and feel that his influence will be felt in both the classroom and research laboratory."

In 1954 he was named director of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, Bradford, Penn., which is a research organization directed to prolonging the life of oil fields by improving recovery methods.

New Dog License

Dog license can now be purchased in the City Hall if the animal has been vaccinated for rabies, according to Ran Boswell, city manager.

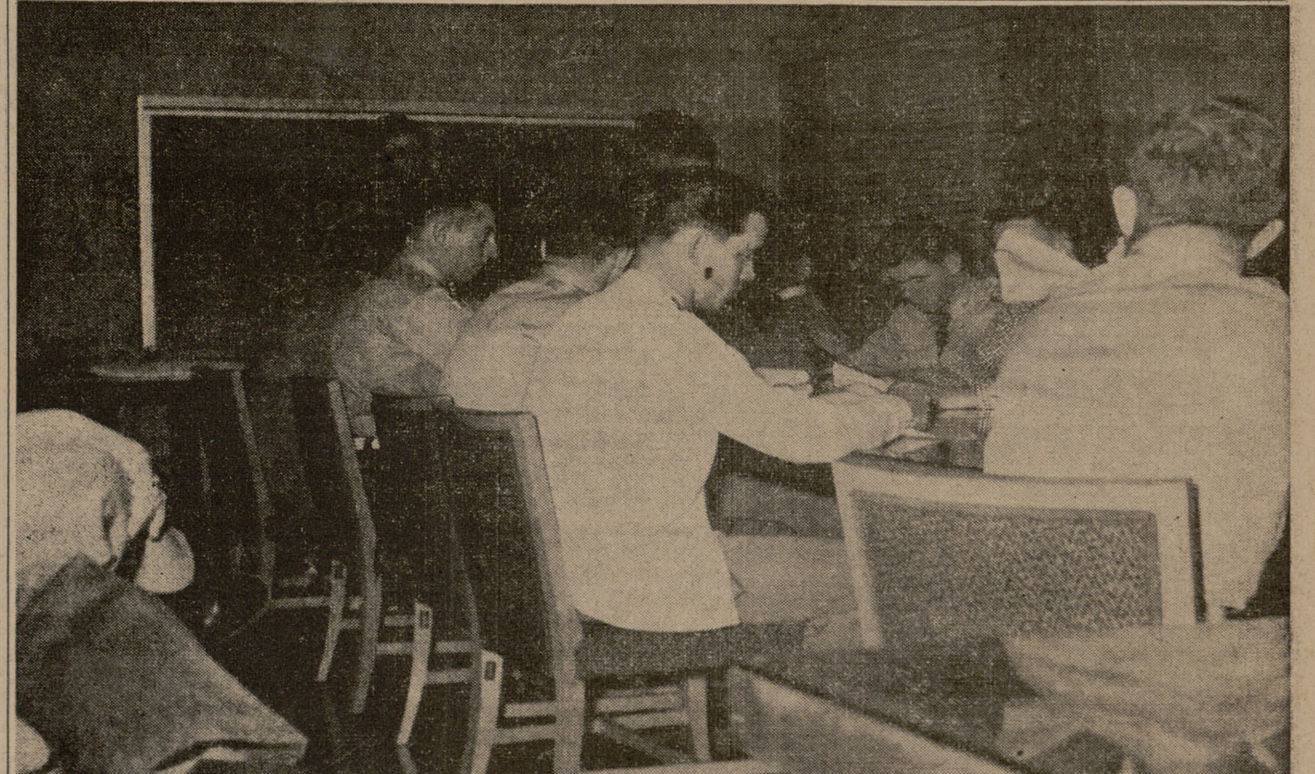
Cost of the license is \$1. Police will begin enforcing the license ordinance at the end of this month.



Edgar S. McFadden

primitive wheat, which was immune to rust but used only for livestock feed, and the bread wheat which fed the country. After long work he finally obtained a stalk of the new cross and from this stalk he furnished the seed that was to feed the world. The new wheat was named Hope wheat, for it raised the hopes of the world. By developing this wheat, McFadden saved American farmers \$400,000,000 during the war.

McFadden came to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1935. He had graduated from South Dakota Agricultural College with B.S. and D.S.C. degrees. He has led the battle against grain rust.



THE CHAIR STANDS—Byran A. Parham, Student Senate president is shown presiding over the Senate session held last night in the Memorial Student Center. Committee reports were the main discussion of the meeting which lasted less than an hour. Jim Rowland, far left and seated, is Senate recording secretary.