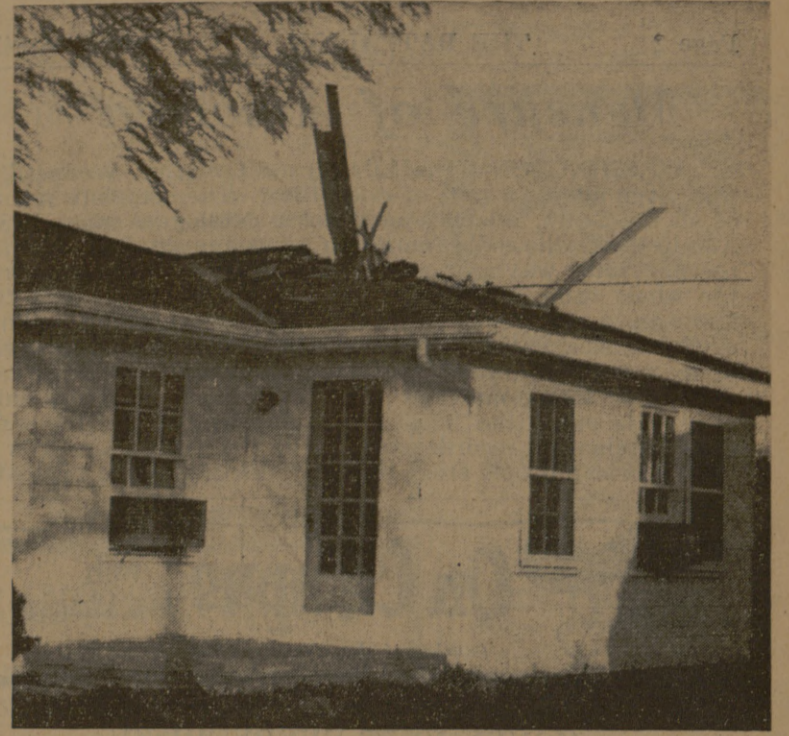




NO TELEVISION TONIGHT—One of the most often hit "victims" of the tornado were television antennas. Very few antennas in the path of the funnel survived being either torn off or bent over. The above antenna came down with part of the roof.



TORNADO TROUBLE—Snapped-off utility poles and shredded roofs were one result of yesterday's tornado in Bryan. The twister ripped through the city a little after 3 p.m., causing considerable damage. —(All photographs by Guy Fernandez.)



ROOFS—Roofs of houses in Bryan took a beating yesterday. What the tornado didn't tear off was smashed by debris flying through the air. A hole was knocked in the roof of this house, but the inhabitants could stay.

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Bryan Cleans Up After Tornado Hits

Cotton Queen Entries Due April 10

Deadline for entering girls in the 1956 Cotton Pageant is April 10.

The Cotton Queen and her Court will be selected this year during the Pageant. Previously, the winner was chosen from girls nominated at Texas State College for Women by a student committee of the A&M Agronomy Society. Selection for the April 27 program will be from entries of technical societies here on the campus, hometown clubs, A&M Mothers and A&M Wives Clubs.

A 3x5 inch, or larger, picture, information form and contestant fee are required for each girl entered in the Pageant.

Holman M. Griffin, senior agronomy major from Hillsboro, will reign as King Cotton for the 22nd renewal of the annual show. The program will be held in the Grove.

Robert Butschek is chairman for the dance. Money received from his year's Cotton Ball will be used to pay transportation for the junior and senior agronomy field trip.

O&M Department Plans Two Trips

The Department of Oceanography and Meteorology will sponsor a field trip to the Gulf of Mexico this and next weekend, as part of classroom work in Oceanography 201. The trip will be under the direction of Dale F. Leipper, head of the department.

No Deaths or Injuries; Damage to Area Heavy

Clean-up work continues today in Bryan following a tornado which struck that city about 3 p.m. yesterday, causing damage estimated to be more than a million dollars. Miraculously, no one was killed and there were no known injuries.

More than 100 homes were damaged by the tornado, which struck for about a three-minute period in a three-quarter mile-wide path through the south-central part of the city. About a half-dozen warehouses and other commercial buildings were destroyed. Much of the damage was reported to have been done by flying debris. The main places hit were the Fin Feather Road area and an area near Stephen F. Austin High School off Texas Avenue.

Preceded by a hailstorm with hail reported as large as an inch in diameter and a heavy rain which almost completely obscured vision, the tornado struck just about the time the high school was to let out. School authorities kept students in the building until the danger from the twister, which was tearing through the city just few blocks away, had passed.

Poultry Judgers Competing Today

Four members of the A&M Junior Poultry Judging Team are participating in the Junior Poultry Judging contest now under way at Mississippi State College. Team members James Beran, Tom Collins, Don Brockman, and Bob Foster. C. B. Ryan, team coach, is accompanying the group.

Judging consists of market eggs, live market poultry, dressed market poultry, production hens and breeder pullets.

The dressed birds and market eggs were judged yesterday, and the live birds were to be judged today.

The awards banquet will be held tonight and the group will return to College Station tomorrow.



VOCALIST—One of the featured acts for next Friday's Intercollegiate Talent Show is Miss Betty Harrison, vocalist from Texas State College for Women. A Rosebud princess and class beauty at TSCW, she will sing "Lover Come Back To Me" in the talent show. Tickets are on sale at the MSC, and are \$1 for general admission and \$1.50 for reserved seats.

Bryan Victims

What They Saw, How They Felt

By WELTON JONES
Battalion City Editor

What do people think about when they have just sat through a "million dollar" tornado, which literally tumbled their world about their ears?

With this question in mind, we set out yesterday afternoon to record some thoughts of Bryan residents living in the areas hardest hit by the twister.

Brazos DiLeo of 1411 Bennett was rushing home when the storm struck his house and two-car garage. At home Mrs. DiLeo and her nine-year-old son crouched in the kitchen and heard "ticking, crackling noises." They watched the air fill "when the windows caved in and everything started flying around the room."

"We found parts of the garage four blocks away," said DiLeo, who said he carried no insurance.

Two blocks down the street, Mrs. A. E. Lucas, of 1411 E. 29th was looking through the heavy rain at what she thought was smoke from a train.

"It looked so real, and I could even hear a noise that sounded like a locomotive coming toward us," said Mrs. Lucas, whose house was undamaged. "Then the air filled up with stuff."

Also in Mrs. Lucas' house was Bryan high school freshman Sloan Crim, whose house across the alley was practically a total wreck. The Crim house, at 312 Hoppers, lost most of its roof and all of its windows.

On Leonard Road, near the site of the demolished Fin-Feather Country Club, grim-faced men

worked swiftly to repair power-line breaks which had plunged the northeast part of Brazos County into darkness.

Later last night, by the light of flares, car headlights and spotlights, district Rural Electrical Association superintendent Robert Pohl estimated that power would be restored by 4 a.m. today.

Nearby, Adolf Denk's Grocery and Cafe carried on business as usual—by the light of candles stuck in beer bottles.

Most of the hushed talk at the grocery was, of course, about the tornado. Everyone agreed that the sound was just like a train on the nearby railroad. Talk died out around 9 p.m., and everyone went home.

In spite of protests by his wife, we helped him kick in the badly-twisted door, and went up the shaky stairs with him. Instead of a scene of desolation, we found everything in order, with even the glasses in the cupboards sitting upright. Later last night, the Smiths lit candles like the rest of the neighborhood and settled down for the night.

At the National Guard Armory, headquarters of the 386th Armored Engineer Battalion, M/Sgt. E. H. Cox, of the headquarters company told us that Guard personnel along

(See TORNADO, Page 3)

Requests for Memorial Student Center guest room reservations for football weekends and other major events weekends for the 1956-1957 school year will be accepted from May 1 through May 31, according to Mrs. Mozelle Holland, MSC guest room manager.

The drawing to determine who will receive accommodations will be held after the May 31 deadline. Following the drawing, notices will be mailed to each person submitting requests for guest room reservations, indicating whether they are to get a room in the MSC. The rest of the requests will be placed on the waiting list and will be notified to weeks before the event if a room becomes available due to a cancellation.

A deposit is required of these persons receiving reservations. The reservation will be cancelled if no deposit is received at least two weeks before the event.

Series On Marriage Starts Monday Night

Dr. Sidney Hamilton, professor of psychology at North Texas College, will speak at 8 p.m. Monday in the YMCA, second floor.

The program is the first session of a YMCA marriage forum. Dr. Hamilton, who was discussion leader for married students and wives during the Religious Emphasis Week services last month, will speak on "How Can You Tell It's Love?" No admission will be charged.

The forums will consist of a lecture by some authority on marriage relations with a question and discussion period following each talk. Questions to be considered will be written but unsigned so that personal problems can be discussed without embarrassment.

Each session will have a different leader and consider a different subject.

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Weather Today
COLDER
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News of the World

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NEW YORK—A 7-year-old boy admitted yesterday, police said, that he set a fire last night behind a Bronx factory where six firemen died and 14 were injured. It was the Fire Department's worst tragedy in 24 years.

OMAHA—Sen. Estes Kefauver appraised his relative strength



HANGING HIGH—Among the stranger products of yesterday's disaster in Bryan was this automobile hood which was lodged over a telephone cable. Below it is the remnants of a sign. The area was along Highway 6.

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