

THE RAINS CAME--In the fashion, College Stations own thunderhead welcomed students to summer school with a shower while standing in the usual line outside Sbisa Hall Monday morning. Well, that will probably be the last rain until September, or the next registration.

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SUMMER SCHOOL ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL — Mary Ann McClure, of Bryan, tries to figure out the maze in Sbisa Hall as she stops at the English Desk to ask directions.

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Enrollment Records Fall As 1,802 Enter Summer School

Junction Enrollment; Aggie Co-eds Increase

Enrollment figures for the first term of summer school show a substantial increase over last years record-breaking attendance is in the making. At this time last year 1,651 students had registered and this year 1,802 had officially entered the registrar's office.

"We expect a few more to come in," said H. L. Heaton, registrar, "but as of Tuesday afternoon at 5 p.m. 1,802 had officially entered the first summer term."

At Junction Adjunct enrollment is up also, 190 students are currently enrolled as compared for 176 for the same period in 1955.

The 1,802 does not include the number at Junction, but only those students on the campus at College Station.

An official breakdown was not available as the paper went to press, but it is estimated that some 175 girls are among those attending this semester. Last year 102 girls attended summer classes.

Male students are living in Law, Puryear, Walton and Dormitory 16 on the campus while the ladies are living in private homes in the areas.

An official list of how many students, married or single and sex will be available later in the week.

While attendance records are going up the number of Student Activity cards sold was 3 less than the number sold last year. In 1955, 678 cards had been sold for the outdoor movies, operetta and other summer activities while this year only 675 have been sold.

Students that wish to, may still pay their Student Activity Fee at the Fiscal Office in the College Administration Building. If only the season ticket to the Grove is

wanted these are available at the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of the YMCA.

Safety Urged By Kiwanians; Rifle Club

Kiwanians in particular and everyone in general was urged to help with the safety program being carried on by the Twin Cities Junior Rifle Club by Edward Zatopek, president of the Rifle Club, at the regular meeting of the College Station Kiwanis Club this week.

Young Zatopek and three other members of the rifle club were introduced by Sid Loveless.

Patsy Porter, Timmie Moore and Joan Loveless spoke to the club on "Aims of the National Rifle Association Junior Program." They told of the aims and what progress the local club is making toward achieving this goal.

Club members were urged to cooperate in the "Slow Down and Live" campaign being conducted in College Station and Bryan by the local civic organizations. A national effort is being made to lower the number of fatalities on our highways. This program began May 30 and will continue through Labor Day.

Dr. Charles LaMotte, president of the local Kiwanis Club, and W. E. (Woody) Briles, first vice-president, left Tuesday for the West Coast where they will attend the Kiwanis International Convention June 17-21 in San Francisco.

Recreation Program Planned For Students

This summer the Department of Student Activities has planned an extensive recreation and entertainment program for summer school students and staff members.

Some of the activities include the Grove program, the community operetta, the College Golf Course, swimming, tennis, handball and intramural softball.

The Grove program consists of the showing of movies on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. First rate features, comedies and short subjects will be shown. Adult season tickets will be sold for \$2 each term. The ticket entitles the holder to nineteen movies and the operetta the first term and twenty-three movies the second term.

The community operetta for this summer is The Mikado and will be under the direction of Bill Turner.

Need Cast, Stage Hands For Musical

There are still openings for the cast of the summer musical, "Mikado," according to Bill Turner, director.

The cast rehearses at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Music Hall.

Singers, musicians and persons interested in stage sets and direction are still needed. Anyone interested in participating may call VI 6-4751 for appointments.

The musical will be presented July 10 and 11 in The Grove with curtain time at 8 p.m.

Members of the cast are made up of people living in the community and anyone interested in taking part in the production is urged to contact Turner.

Summer memberships to the College Golf Course are available and may be obtained at the Golf Shop. Joe Fagan, pro manager of the course, will instruct both adult and student classes under the sponsorship of the College Station Recreation Council. He will be available for private instruction.

P. L. Downs Natatorium will be operated by the Department of Physical Education and is open Monday through Friday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m. and from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The department also has available several concrete tennis courts and five handball courts which may be used for free time play without charge.

Intramural softball will be sponsored for summer school students and games are scheduled every night starting at 7:30 p.m. on the lighted softball diamond.

Auto Mishap Injures Aggie After Finals

Julian D. Driscoll, junior geology major from Houston, is in St. Joseph's Hospital in "serious condition" following a wreck on State Highway 6, six miles south of College Station, Saturday morning at 9:30.

Driscoll had taken his last final exam at 8 a.m. and started home for the summer when the accident occurred.

According to investigating officer of the Highway Patrol A. L. Luther "no immediate cause was found for the crash."

Driscoll was traveling alone in his 1950 Chevrolet and approaching the top of a hill when, according to the driver of an oncoming Greyhound bus, his car went out of control and careened across the highway smashing into a tree and overturning.

The car was totally wrecked. The motor was driven into the front seat, front wheels were shorn loose and windows smashed.

The son of J. O. Driscoll, 2211 Jean St., in Houston, Julian lived in Mitchell Hall and is active in the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Battalion, 143rd Inf. Regt. of the Texas National Guard in College Station.

Weather Today

Continued clear is the forecast for College Station area. Yesterday's high of 94 degrees dropped to 66 degrees last night.

State Will Ask For Death Penalty In Aggie Slaying

By ED RIVERS
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LIVINGSTON—The trial of Ronald Edward Menter, confessed slayer of Jan David Broderick, senior business administration major, killed near Hempstead on Dec. 31, began here Monday morning at 10 in the Polk County Courthouse.

Monday and Tuesday were spent trying to select a jury from some 175 veniremen.

Presiding over the trial is Judge Earnest Coker, of the Ninth Judicial District.

Attorneys for the state are Robert D. Willis, Polk County District Attorney and assisted by J. W. Simpson. Defense attorneys are Robert Lyles, of Conroe, and Ross Hightower, of Livingston. The state will seek the death penalty.

The case, originally set to be tried in Hempstead, was changed when the defense called for a change of venue earlier this spring. The first thing the defense did in Livingston was to call for another change of venue, which Judge Coker denied, and then the defense

called for a continuance of the trial, which also was denied.

Several witnesses have been called from A&M and three defense

Counselor Election Is Being Discussed

Election of Civilian Dormitory Counselors during the spring semester is being discussed by the Department of Student Affairs.

This would replace the present system of Counselor election under which the election occurs soon after the beginning of a new school year.

But the counselors will again be elected after the fall semester starts next year.

Both systems would pose problems: election during the fall is held before the dormitory residents are well acquainted with others living in the same dorm, and the proposed system would have the counselors elected by students who would often not be sure they would live in the same dormitory for next year.

witnesses were missing at the trial Monday morning. Among these was Miss Nadine Smith, of Houston, and two police specialists from Austin. These witnesses have been called.

Broderick, from the Panama Canal Zone, was killed by a shot from a .38 cal pistol at close range. He was found early on the morning of Dec. 31 about 50 feet from a blacktop road near Hempstead and was still breathing. The victim was headed to Houston where he was reportedly supposed to spend the remainder of the holidays with friends.

Menter, defendant in the trial, is a former mental patient having spent some four months in a New Hampshire institution following a nervous breakdown several years ago.

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

Leaves in July

Dean Abbott New Member Of Education Commission

Dr. John Paul Abbott, dean of Texas A&M College, has been appointed program examiner on the staff of the Texas Commission on Higher Education. He will take over his new duties in July in Austin. He will be on leave of absence from the college.

Dr. Abbott, one of the most widely known school men in Texas

and the southwest, became dean of A&M on September 1, 1953. He succeeded Dr. David H. Morgan who was then made president of the college. He was dean of the School of Arts and Sciences from Sept. 1, 1950 to Sept. 1, 1953.

The Texas Commission on Higher Education, established by act of the last Texas Legislature, is headed

by chairman Al Muldrow of Brownfield, former secretary of state.

The state-wide commission deals with all state supported institutions of higher education in Texas. Members are appointed by the governor. Director Green will have two top assistants, the program examiner and a financial officer.

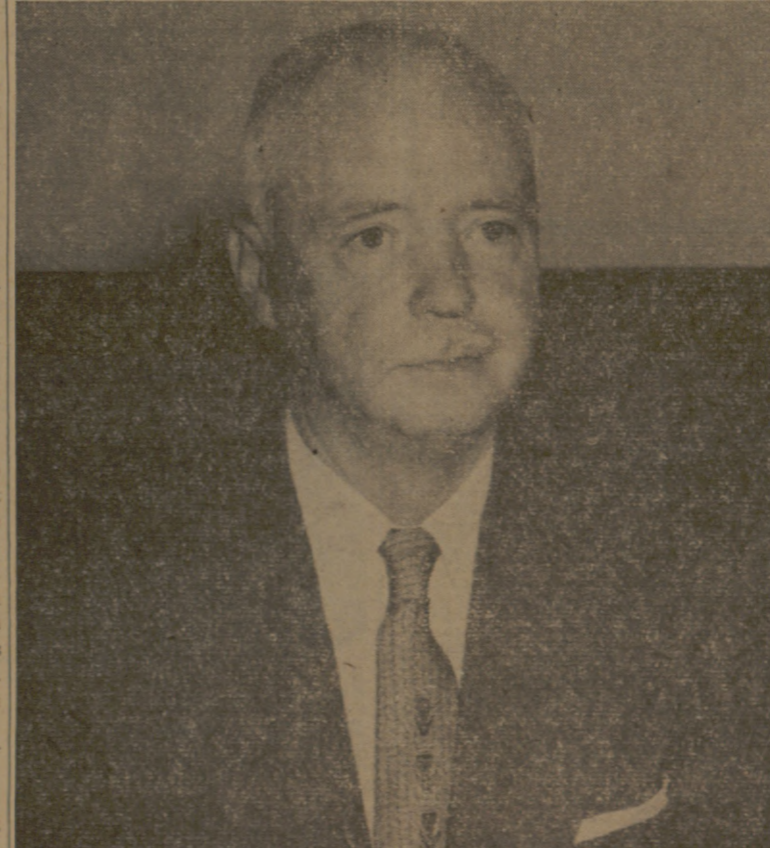
Dr. Abbott, a native of Nashville, Tenn., was graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1925 and took his PhD at the State University of Iowa in 1939. He did additional graduate work at Tulane University and the University of Wisconsin. He joined the A&M faculty in 1926 as an English instructor.

Dr. Abbott is the author of "A Manual for College English" in collaboration with Dr. George Summey Jr., of the English Department.

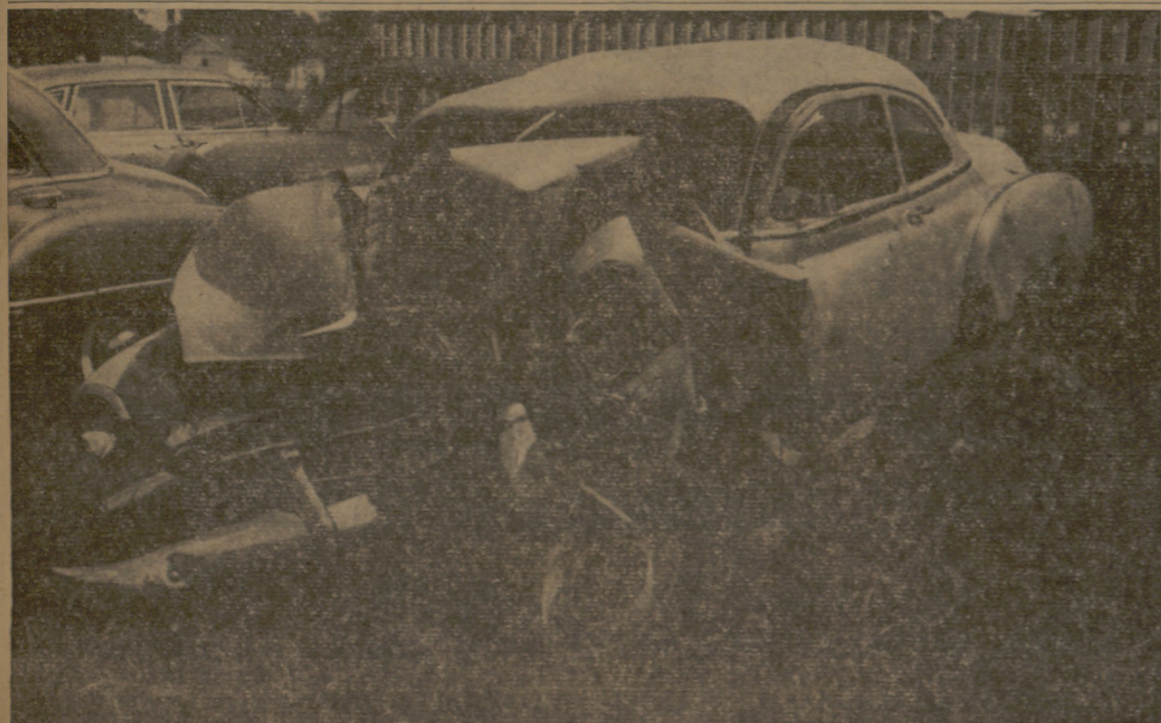
He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, American Association of University Professors, South Central Modern Language Association and Texas Conference of College Teachers of English.

He is president of the National Association of Texas Colleges and a member of the National Commission on Safety Education.

Dr. Abbott is a member of various committees of Arts and Sciences Faculty and General Faculty 1939-1947; member and one time president of the local chapter of AAUP; founder and faculty advisor A&M chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman scholastic honor society and was a recipient of one of The Battalion awards in 1949.



Dr. John P. Abbott, dean of the college. Will leave in July



THIS WAS A CHEVY AT 8 LAST SATURDAY MORNING—this is it now. The car belonged to Julian D. Driscoll, confined to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan, in serious condition following a crash on Highway 6 last week. SLOW DOWN AND LIVE!