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HOLIDAY ATMOSPHERE STILL PREVAILS—Seemingly happy about school opening are these boys and girls on the front of A&M Consolidated High School steps prior to going to their first classes of the 1956-57 school year. Enrollment was up slightly in the Senior high with an increase of six students over last year's first day mark of 226. About 100 students were expected to transfer to the Consolidated Schools from Bryan but did not make the move due to tuition charges.

Increased Enrollment For A&M Consolidated

School enrollment showed a 2.3 per cent increase over first day figures for last year at A&M Consolidated School System, according to Dr. Les Richardson, superintendent.

Total figures for all schools in the system came to 1,416 pupils

for the short half-day session, yesterday morning.

"About 100 pupils from Bryan did not transfer as expected, said Dr. Richardson." This was due to the tuition charge, but if they had we would have cramped for space."

Most of the children were on their way home by 10 a. m. but regular classes were held this morning and a full day of instruction for the rest of the year got under way.

A few last minute changes were made in the faculty since the personnel was announced in July due to resignations. Seven new teachers have been hired.

Registration figures for all schools in the A&M Consolidated System are as follows:

Senior high school yesterday—233—last year—226; Junior high Wednesday—394—last year—403; Elementary yesterday—515—1955-487; Lincoln (Negro) Wednesday 274—last year—222.

"Late registrations will be coming in the rest of the week at white schools", Dr. Richardson said. "Lincoln enrollment is expected to increase for the next two months."

First-day figures last year (1955) in the elementary school

showed an increase from 487 to 506 at the close of the school year and Lincoln School increased from its opening day number of 222 to 355.

School busses made their rounds Wednesday in all neighborhood and rural routes. The cafeteria was closed yesterday but opened today at noon and will be in business for the remainder of the year.

System Officials Travel to Ceylon

Two A&M System officials will be in Ceylon during the next two weeks to serve as consultants for the University of Ceylon at Colombo, assisting in plans to move the university agriculture and engineering facilities from Colombo to Peradeniya, near Kandy, Ceylon.

D. W. Williams, vice chancellor for agriculture, left Tuesday by air and will arrive in Ceylon Sept. 9, while Fred J. Benson, Civil Engineering Department, and vice director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, will depart Sept. 7 and arrive in Ceylon Sept. 11.

New 'Fish' Arrive Tomorrow; More Than 2,000 Expected

Wrong Switch Was Thrown; Twenty Killed

SPRINGER, N.M.—(AP)—A railway worker early Wednesday threw a switch wrong and sent the Santa Fe Chief plunging, brakes screaming, headon into a parked mail train. At least 20 were killed.

The Chief, which officials said was traveling 40 to 45 miles an hour at the time, was supposed to go westward on the main track. Instead it swerved into the bypass where the mail train waited for the go-ahead.

All those killed were train men and dining car employees. Officials said no passengers were killed.

Ten injured were taken to a hospital in this northern New Mexico livestock center, and at least 25 more were hurt.

Railway spokesmen said the fireman on the mail train became confused and set the switch wrong. They added it is not unusual for the fireman, instead of the brakeman, to handle some switching duties on such trains.

Most of those killed lost their lives as they slept in a dormitory car next in line behind the Chief's diesel engines. Carrying a reported 16 waiters and lounge employees, the car was smashed to rubble. It came to rest partly on top and partly underneath a diesel unit and another car.

Santa Fe officials said the mail train—the Eastbound No. 8—entered the siding headfirst, as was customary, and was scheduled to pass on out onto the main line after the streamliner had cleared.

J. P. Reinhold, Santa Fe Railway Vice President in charge of public relations who was aboard the mail train with his family, said the fireman committed an "error in judgment."

More than 300 passengers aboard the Chief escaped with their lives and without serious injury as the silvery cars were scrambled into what a newsmen described as a "fantastic accordion."

The point at which the streamliner left the safety of the main line and crashed into the second train was five miles south of this tiny hamlet. The wreck took place at 3 a.m.

Week of Activity Planned Before Registration Friday

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Tomorrow morning at 8, approximately 2,200 new students will arrive on the campus as the annual New Student Week gets underway.

All this week, civilian and cadet student leaders have been meeting to prepare for the incoming freshmen. Yesterday more than 200 cadet leaders began their two-day course on leadership orientation so as to enable them to better guide and counsel the new Aggies.

Until registration for the "fish" a week from tomorrow, the new students will spend their time getting acquainted with the campus and all of its various activities and phases, plus spending one day taking aptitude and achievement tests.

Dental, Med School Accept 33 Aggies

The Pre-medical, Pre-dental committee has announced the acceptance of 33 students in the 1956 classes of Medicine and Dentistry in the professional colleges of Texas.

Numbers accepted were, University of Texas, Medical Branch, Galveston, 16; University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, 7; Baylor University, College of Medicine, Houston, 4; University of Texas, Dental Branch, Houston, 5; Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dallas, 1.

Present enrollment in the pre-medical pre-dental curriculum here is 150 students.

Dr. Howard L. Gravett, professor of biology, is chairman of the committee and other members are Dr. George E. Potter, professor of biology; D. E. B. Middleton, professor of chemistry; Dr. C. D. Laverty, professor of English; Dr. Joseph M. Nance, associate professor of history; Dr. Henry Rakoff, assistant professor of chemistry and Ralph K. Russel, assistant professor of physics.

Stripper Invented By Grad

A 1949 graduate of A&M, E. L. (Red) Wilson, Jr., has been issued a patent to an interesting sounding machine—a Stripper.

Although not having to do with what the title sounds like the machine actually is used to remove traces of gas from fluids during cracking of gasoline and not to be confused with burlesque.

Official name of the machine is Countercurrent Cascade Stripper.

Wilson received a B. S. degree in chemical engineering at A&M is presently president of the Baytown A&M Club.

President Names Quick As Assistant

Dr. N. W. Quick has been named assistant to the president of A&M for the 1956-57 fiscal year. Dr. David H. Morgan, president, has announced. Dr. Quick has been assistant to the president since July 16, which was effective throughout the summer.

Dr. Quick came to A&M in 1947 as assistant professor of English and in 1955 was named associate professor.

Weather Today

A weak cool front passing over College Station at 1:30 p.m. today will drop temperature slightly. Isolated, widely scattered showers forecast. Yesterday's high was 94 degrees and dropped to 72 degrees last night. Temperature at 11 this morning was 90 degrees.

Social Security Explained To Kiwanians

Warning fellow Kiwanians that their sons may have to pay as much as four times the taxes they are now paying if the situation isn't changed, John Longley explained the new Social Security Bill at the regular meeting Tuesday.

Meeting in the Ballroom of the MSC Kiwanians heard Longley warn "although the Social Security program is a valuable part of our financial plan it should not be treated as a political football."

Two major changes made in the program were the lowering of age limits for women from 65 to 62 and insurance against disabling injuries.

As it now stands Social Security affects everyone in the nation except doctors, Longley said.

Longley went on to explain a few details of the new act and answered questions after his talk was completed.

W. E. (Woody) Briles and Charles Krueger took the floor after lunch in their "Box Lunch Appearances" to remind members of football season and took names of workers to serve during the four home games at Kyle Field.

Charles LaMotte, president of the club, reminded members of the approaching "Kids Day Activities" planned for Sept. 22 at Bryan AFB.

Aggies Featured In TV Programs

A&M's Fighting Aggies will be featured on two occasions this season over regional TV broadcasts according to information from the Humble Oil and Regining Co., who will sponsor the telecasts.

The A&M-Arkansas game, Nov. 3 and the annual Turkey Day game with Texas University are scheduled to be telecast by Humble.

These games, in addition to four others were selected by conference officials under rulings from the NCAA earlier in the summer.

Other Southwest Conference games which will be telecast will be Baylor vs Texas Tech, Sept. 29; Texas - Oklahoma, Oct. 13; Rice-SMU, Oct. 20; and TCU-Texas, Nov. 17.

Turkey Course Set

Reid Laboratory will be the site of a Turkey Production Short Course beginning Sept. 10 until Sept. 14 under the direction of E. D. Parnell of A&M's Poultry Science Department it was announced recently. About 25 turkey raisers from over the state are expected to attend.

Cadet Officers Gather For Two-Day Course

More than 200 cadet officers and non-commissioned officers are on the campus for the annual leadership orientation course and to assist college officials with new students who arrive tomorrow.

The two day course, which started yesterday, covers all phases of training in the corps of cadets with emphasis on leadership and responsibilities of leaders.

Included in the group attending are the corps staff, all cadet chaplains, wing and regimental commanders, battalion and group commanders, company and squadron commanders, regimental and wing and battalion and group scholastic officers, all sergeant majors and all first sergeants.

President David H. Morgan launched the talks yesterday. Other talks were given by Col. Joe E. Davis, Commandant; Dr. Robert B. Kamm, dean, Student Per-

sonnel Services and Basic Division; Col. Henry Dittman, professor of Air Science; Col. Delmer Anderson, professor of Military Science and Tactics; Cliff Harris, 1947-48 Corps Chaplain and Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, Assistant Commandant.

Col. and Mrs. Davis held open house for the cadets at 7:30 last night.

Program for today included talks by Wilkins; W. L. Penberthy, head of student activities; C. H. Ransdell, associate dean, Basic Division; Wayne Stark, director, Memorial Student Center; J. B. Hervey, executive secretary, Association of Former Students; Paul Bryant, head football coach and Athletic Director and Col. Davis.

A steak fry this evening in Hensel Park concludes the leadership sessions.

Rehling Promoted By Forest Service

Henry W. Rehling has been promoted to district forester by the Texas Forest Service at District 2 with headquarters at Henderson.

Rehling has served as assistant forester in District 2 since 1950. Prior to that position, he served as assistant forester in District 6 at Conroe, and as assistant superintendent of the Texas Forest Service's Indian Mound Nursery near Alto.

district forester, Rehling will be in charge of all Texas Forest Service activities in Administrative District No. 2. This district embraces all of Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Rusk, Smith, and Wood Counties and the northwest portion of Nacogdoches County.



DON'T LOOK SO DOWNHEARTED, IT'S ONLY THE FIRST DAY!—Boys in Mrs. N. W. Quick's first grade class seem a bit apprehensive as they sit (?) in their chairs during yesterday mornings registration at A&M Consoli-

dated Elementary School. School enrollment for the entire System was up 2.3 per cent over last year for the same day. Enrollment in the Elementary School was 515 as compared to 487 last year.