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TRIUMPHANT JUDGERS—The four-man A&M Range Plant Identification team, which won national honors last week, is shown with their advisor, Don Huss, right. Team members are, left to right, Fritz Landers, Orville C. Lindsey, Dean Bibles and John A. Buck.

Red Brick House

Mom Claghorn: Fairy Tale Comes True With Gift Home

by VAL POLK
After 38 years of caring for Aggies throughout all their sicknesses and troubles, Mrs. Irene "Mom" Claghorn now has a home. Jack Blankfield, class '42 and a Pasadena doctor, gave "Mom" a house this past week. For "Mom" this will be a home within a home since the house is in College Station where her Aggies are.

"Mom" said, "this is like a fairy tale come true for me. I never dreamed that someday someone would give me a home." Her joy and appreciation about the gift can still be seen when tears almost fog her eyes when she tells about Blankfield giving her the house.

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Two bills were introduced to the state legislature this week proposing higher tuition for state colleges. Basic fee now is \$25 a semester for Texas students. One bill, by Murray Watson of Mart, would double fees, bringing in about \$5,000,000 more a year. Another, by Rep. Harold Parish of Taft, would allow the college governing boards to set the tuition fees.

Other proposed measures include one to prohibit the sale of merchandise at less-than-cost price if the quantity purchased is limited or if the merchant refuses to sell to any "willing customer" and one to have brake fluid sales regulated by the Department of Public Safety.

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Judge Ware Talks To Jour. Students

Brazos County Judge A. S. Ware will speak before the sophomore reporting class in Journalism tomorrow morning at 10.

Covering the general subject of reporting on public affairs, Judge Ware will give special emphasis on the County Commissioner's Court which plays a big part in all county affairs.

His talk is open to the public, said Otis Miller, instructor for the course.

With Piper at a statewide Texas Tribute to Freedom meeting last Tuesday in Dallas were representatives from the University of Texas, Texas Tech, Baylor and Southern Methodist University. Piper said representatives from UT, Texas Tech and SMU were named to a special committee to draft specific proposals for administering the scholarship fund and for expanding its activities to other Texas colleges and high schools.

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Weather Today

Forecast calls for partly cloudy skies. Yesterday's high was 82 degrees and this morning's low, 64. At 10:30 a.m. the reading was 73 degrees.

Sen. Blakley May Stay Until General Election

Irate Aggie Wife Attacks Writer Of 'Sex' Story

A story published in the latest issue of the Commentator has stirred up enough resentment from one of its reader-critics to draw a letter of protest from an Aggie's spouse.

In a letter to writer James Provard, signed "A married Aggie wife", the criticism goes farther than the traditional "The story is lousy" and attacks even the personality of the author. Provard's story, "L'Affaire Unique", is an intricate account of how a connoisseur of fine women makes out with a fine French female, fiction of course. (See AGGIE WIFE, Page 2)

Piper Selected For Refugee Aid Program

Larry D. Piper, president of the Student Senate, has been named a member of a student board to govern a program of aid to refugee Hungarian students.

Governing board members include student leadership of Texas Tribute to Freedom, a collegiate group formed last fall to honor Hungarian students who sparked the uprising against Red tyranny, Piper says. First of its kind in the nation, the scholarship project will be financed and administered largely by students. It was organized as the Texas Hungarian Scholarship Division of the International Rescue Committee. The fund will be administered in connection with the World University Service, he said.

Basis of the fund for providing scholarships to Texas colleges and universities will be \$8,000 collected during the football season by Texas Tribute to Freedom and assigned to the International Rescue Committee, non-sectarian refugee resettlement agency, Piper said.

He said \$6,000 was collected at the A&M-Texas game for the refugees. Some A&M students contributed then. "I would like to see some effort made to collect more money for A&M's share of the fund," he said. "At this time I don't know what kind of campaign could be conducted but it could be arranged."

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English Exam Set For Class of '58

Arts and Sciences juniors, including Business Administration majors, who graduate after Jan. 30, 1958 must take an English Proficiency Examination next week, Dean W. H. Delaplaine says. Exams will be given by students respective departments and department heads should be consulted by Feb. 9 to schedule examinations, he says.

Juniors affected must pass the examination to graduate. Failure to pass the exam will result in a student having to take a remedial course with no credit, Dean Delaplaine said.

Texas Senate Bill Proposes Change

AUSTIN, (AP)—A proposal which might keep U.S. Sen. William Blakley in office until after the next general election—blasting Republican hopes for control—was introduced in the Texas Senate yesterday.

Sen. Charles Herring of Austin submitted the bill, which would do away with special elections to fill vacancies in the U. S. Senate. He said the elections "involved needless and burdensome expense."

Under the bill, the Governor would name a successor within 15 days after the vacancy and his term would expire after the results of the next general election were declared. It also said, if the act becomes effective, if Texas has an appointee in the Senate he will hold office until the next election.

That apparently means if the bill is passed before April 2, date of the special U.S. Senate election to fill Gov. Price Daniel's remaining time, Blakley will stay in Washington.

Daniel declined to comment on the bill. During the Democratic primaries last year, Daniel promised he would resign in time for his successor to be elected. After winning the nomination—usually tantamount to election in Texas—Daniel offered a conditional resignation.

Gov. Allan Shivers said it was not valid until Daniel was inaugurated. Daniel went to Washington and voted with the Democrats to organize the Senate, giving them a 49-47 majority. The day Daniel took office as governor, Shivers appointed Blakley, a Dallas man who had crossed party lines previously but took his place with the Democrats.

A special election was called for April 2 to fill the seat. Thad Hutcheson of Houston, a Republican, is running against a wide open field of Democrats. Blakley is not a candidate.

Under present law, no majority is needed and Hutcheson is rated a chance against a split Democratic vote. Should he be elected, the Senate will be split 48-48 and Vice President Nixon could cast the deciding ballot for the Republicans.

Legislation is pending to require a runoff in such an election. Herring told a reporter, "I have talked with several senators and members of the House and I have not found any one against it."

Yarborough and Blakley were not immediately available for comment.

Rep. Teague Signs Petition Against Tito

Olin E. Teague is among signers of the petition protesting a proposed invitation to Marshall Tito of Yugoslavia to visit the United States.

Teague is member of the House of Representatives from the Sixth District of Texas which includes Brazos County.

The visit was never officially arranged but indefinitely postponed after opposition arose and Yugoslav circles indicated the time was not right. Teague said in a newsletter "It is therefore a questionable action on the part of the Chief Executive to even consider receiving a man who has been an accomplice of the Communists on an official basis and worse yet, a man who has played the United States for every cent he was able to eke out of us."

Dean Explains Grad Assistants To A&S Council

The old Aggie problem of "too little too late" made itself known in another form at last night's Arts and Science Council meeting when the question of how effective are graduate assistants in teaching classes arose.

Dean Walter Delaplaine, of the School of Arts and Sciences and faculty advisor to the Council, rose to explain the situation which has forced the college to resort to the extensive use of graduate assistants.

The skimpy budget is the direct cause of the situation. As an example of this situation Dean Delaplaine cited the Economics Department.

"We will have to pay at least \$1,000 per year over what we now pay to get a replacement in that department," Delaplaine said. "Until the legislature makes more money available the trend at A&M will be toward more graduates teaching rather than less," he added.

This problem of graduate assistants is not common only to A&M (See DEAN EXPLAINS, page 2)

Sen. Paul Douglas Discusses 'Our Trouble Spots' Friday

U. S. Sen. Paul H. Douglas, Democrat from Illinois, will discuss "Our Trouble Spots" Friday night in the Birch Room of the Memorial Student Center at 8.

Another Great Issues Committee sponsored speaker, the senator, termed by some as a "fighting liberal and New Dealer", is a former economics professor and the author of several books.

Sen. Douglas was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1913 and did graduate work at Harvard and Columbia Universities. He received his Ph. D. degree from the latter. In 1925 he became a professor of economics at the University of Chicago.

His books on economics are popular throughout the nation. Some are on display at the entrance of the MSC Fountain Room and are available for reference.

Sen. Douglas came to be highly regarded in Democratic circles as

a possible 1952 standard bearer. But he said:

"I do not regard myself as fitted for the position." He explained that in his opinion a presidential nominee should be first, a unifier, and second, a non-worrier. He claimed he couldn't qualify on either count.

Douglas is said to have been devoted to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and supported most of the policies of President Truman. He especially agreed with Truman on the Korean action. In regard to the action he said:

"The disintegration of the whole non-Communist world would have

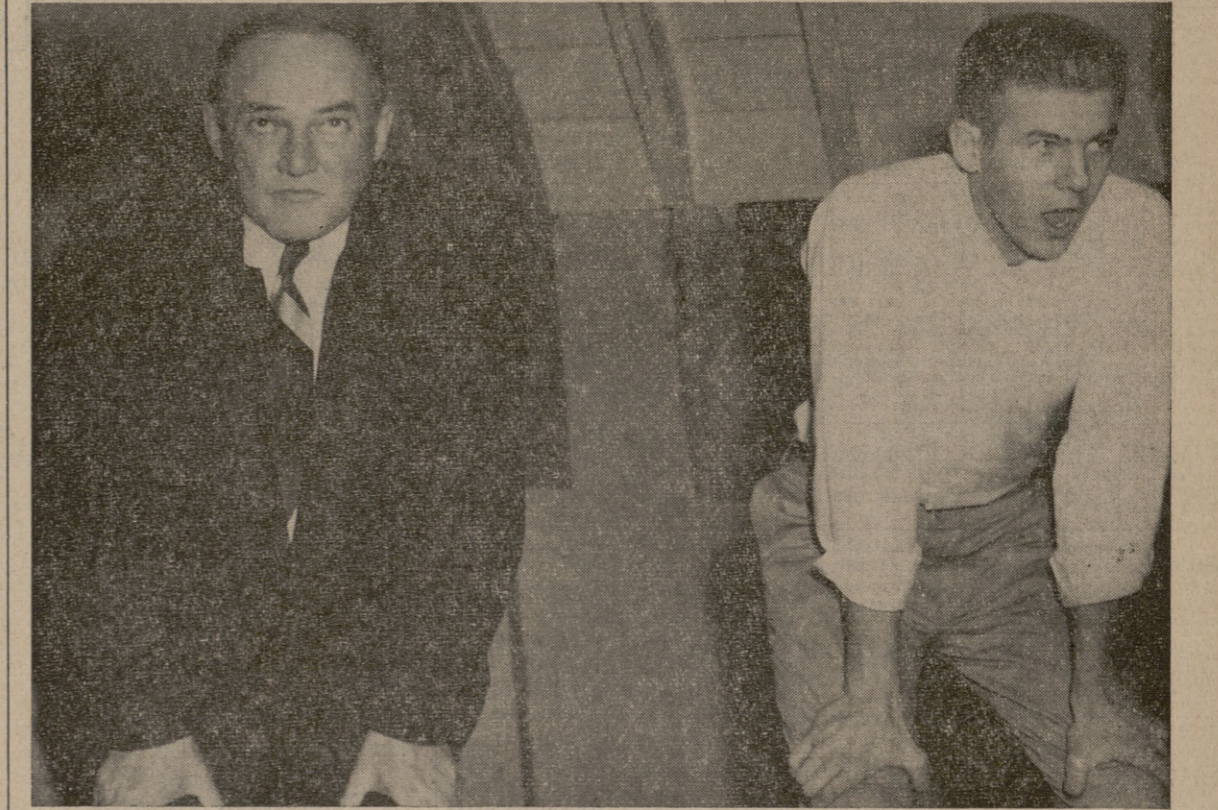
begun had we not sent our troops to Korea."

Sen. Douglas combines the attributes of a quiet professor and a fighting Marine. He has been both.

In 1942 at the age of 50, he enlisted in the Marine Corps as a private. Before retiring in 1946, he had attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served in the First Marine Division and was awarded the Bronze Star for "Heroism in Action" in the campaign at Pellelieu.

More recently Sen. Douglas became known to the nation of television viewers who watched coverage of the Democratic National Convention. He was one of the principal supporters of a more liberal Civil Rights plank in the Democratic Party platform.

Admission to the speech will be by Great Issues season ticket or tickets purchased at the Office of Student Activities or at the door.



COACH 'HUMPS IT'—Head Basketball Coach Ken Loeffler and one of his hopes for the future, 6-foot-9-inch "Fish" basketballer Wayne Lawrence, "hit a hump" as they spell it out for George (Mehaffey). Mehaffey had just spoken to Aggies gathered in the Grove for Yell Practice last night.