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Off the Cuff What Goes On Here

Working under the old "Save While You Pay" plan, the Intercollegiate Talent Show ticket committee is supposedly meeting great success in the Corps with their "incentive" ticket sales plan.

Offered to units in the Corps, the plan is: Each unit first sergeant is given tickets. If he can sell one to every member in his unit, the unit gets a percentage for the unit fund and the sergeant gets two tickets free.

Time will tell whether or not the weatherman is right—last night the "word" was passed around the campus that a hail storm was heading toward College Station. Immediately the cavernous spaces under Kyle Field football stadium were filled to overflowing with cars trying to escape the downpour of the white pellets.

Here's hoping that Bear and Bones don't mind the extra-curricular use of the stadium for a storm cellar.

Seems like George (Swish) Meahaffey has kept one of his better social accomplishments under a basket while plying his "round" (See OFF THE CUFF, Page 2)

Group Studies Grass Problem

Representatives from the student body, faculty and staff met yesterday afternoon for a "brainstorm" session to produce a solution to the paths that have now become "distinct lines" across the drill field and Spence Park in the Corps area.

Those present were Dean Robert B. Kamm, Col. Joe Davis, Bennie A. Zinn, W. L. Penberthy, Howard Badgett, Larry Piper, L. E. Sheppard and Jim Bower.

Several suggestions came forth during the meeting and the general consensus of opinion was that students themselves were going to have to realize the necessity for helping keeping the campus "something we can be proud of."

Maintaining the thought for student initiative, a committee composed of Larry Piper, Student Senate; Bill Clark, Civilian Council and L. E. Sheppard, Corps, was appointed to work with the Senate Beautification committee for possible solutions to the problem of students walking across grassed areas.



NEW SUPERINTENDENT—W. Taylor Riedel is shown at home last night shortly before he was notified of his appointment as A&M Consolidated School System Superintendent. At present Riedel is principal of Consolidated Jr. High.

School Board Hires New Superintendent

Daring Flier Richard Byrd Dies In Sleep

BOSTON, (AP) — Retired Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd, USN, 68, the first man to fly over the North and South Poles, died peacefully in his sleep last night at his Brimmer street home.

His wife and four children were at his bedside when he passed away at 6:20 p.m. His death was attributed to a heart ailment brought on by overwork in connection with his man activities.

The family said that he had worked without a holiday for three years and only recently was able to get any rest. Although he had kept up his work in connection with the United States antarctic programs of which he was officer in charge, he gradually weakened and finally his heart failed.

His son, Navy Lt. Richard E. Byrd, Jr., said that although his father had been in ill health, his death "came as a blow because he was talking by phone with Sherman Adams (presidential aide) and my Uncle (Sen. Harry F. Byrd) as late as Feb. 28. Recently he had been sending out messages to friends."

W. Taylor Riedel Takes Over Reins

By WELTON JONES

W. Taylor Riedel, principal of A&M Consolidated Junior High and a member of the Consolidated school system for 10 years, was named superintendent of the system last night by the School Board after a tedious three and one half hour session.

He succeeds Dr. L. S. (Les) Richardson, who resigned recently to accept a similar position with the Cuero schools.

The meeting was closed to the public during discussion of Riedel's application when School Board member J. R. Jackson moved, and the Board approved, an "executive session."

"I think I can do a good job, otherwise I would not have asked for the job," Riedel said when notified of his appointment to a one-year contract beginning July 1, 1957. His salary was set at "well above" the minimum set by the Gilmar-Akin Bill.

"The Board worked hard at picking Riedel," Dr. J. S. Rogers, president of the Board said. "We have been well impressed with his 10 year performance in the system and consider his promotion a just reward for his good work."

Riedel will meet with the Board at all their remaining meetings until he takes over in July, Dr. Rogers said. He will present and be responsible for action to be taken next year, while Dr. Richardson will continue to care for business affecting this school year.

"He will probably do better on the financial and business end than I did," said Dr. Richardson, who recommended Riedel for the job "without reservations."

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R. E. Callender Named Manager CS Civic Assn.

R. E. Callender, retired member of the Extension Service, was appointed manager of the College Station Civic Association yesterday at the Association's Board of Directors monthly meeting in the College Station State Bank.

Callender retired from his position as wildlife specialist with the service last May, after serving in that capacity since September, 1936. He replaces Nestor McGinnis, who resigned because of ill health.

Other items discussed by the board were the 1957 budget, chances of attracting industry here, a brochure describing College Station, the annual College Station clean-up drive and sidewalks for the city.

Items in this year's budget include A&M Consolidated School, summer recreation program, civic improvement, membership drive expenses, publicity, the Carnegie Library in Bryan, the College Station brochure, the manager's salary and miscellaneous expenses.

President W. S. Manning appointed Herbert G. Thompson to head a committee to work on the proposed brochure and H. E. Burgess to make arrangements for the annual clean-up drive set for the latter part of April.

Some entries for College Station's man and woman of the year have been received, according to Manning. The contest, sponsored by the Association, closes March 20.

Announcement Orders to End

Tomorrow at 5 p.m. is the last day for seniors to order graduate announcements, according to Mrs. Doris Bahlmann, cashier-bookkeeper for Student Activities.

"As many announcements as desired may be ordered," she said. "But personal cards must be ordered in lots of 100. The cost of personal cards are not included in the announcements."

The price of leatherbound announcements is 75 cents each; cardboard, 40 cents each and French-fold, 10 cents each. All three types of announcements are printed in Old English type letters.

"Lettering for personal cards may be selected in about 15 different type styles," she said.

The price of engraved personal cards is \$2.50 per hundred and printed cards \$1.50 per hundred.

Talent Show To Go Video

By JOE BUSER

"KITS-TV," the "Kadet Intercollegiate Talent Show," which originates from G. Rollie White Coliseum, will be on the air Friday night at 7 with an even dozen acts of fresh talent for the collegiate set and their dates. The program will sign off before the Combat Ball begins.

The visiting talent will perform against the backdrop of a television studio—with cameras, boom mikes and wires to trip on. A touch of realism is being added by two TV scouts from local stations, who will be seeking new talent for their programs. Studio music will be provided by the Aggieband Orchestra.

Master of ceremonies for the sixth annual show will be Bob Cooper, a disk jockey for KTSA, San Antonio. He will be introducing such acts as the Apache

Belles from Tyler Junior College; Don Reis, drummer extraordinary, University of Oklahoma; and the Four Hits, four sophomores from Oklahoma A&M who have just signed a 10 year contract with ABC Paramount Recording Studios.

Also included in the two hour show will be the Flying Matadors, a trampoline act from Texas Tech; June Pence, a piano-playing lass from TCU; The Bunch, a calypso combo from the University of Arkansas; and Jerry (Impersonator) Hatfield from Aggieband. Also featured will be Carol Cunningham and Harry Theard from Loyola University in New Orleans, doing a medley of songs from "Oklahoma"; a modern dancer from LSU, Jeanette Pillierin; and the Bruin Airs, a quartet from Baylor.

A special attraction for the show will be Beverly Montgomery from Rice. "Beverly sings, but the Aggies may not notice that," Shirley Cannon, MSC program Director, says.

Tickets for the talent show are on sale through all 1st Sergeants. Admission is 75 cents for regular seats; \$1 for reserved seats.

Methodists Discuss Racial Integration

First in a series of Wesley Foundation programs on integration and segregation will be presented tomorrow night at 7:15 in the Foundation building.

The program on the topic, "Introduction to Racial Problems," will be presented by the Interracial Strategy Committee of the Austin YMCA.

Deadline Friday for SCONA Applicants

All Aggies who wish to apply for membership on the committees for the Third Student Conference on National Affairs must have their applications into the Memorial Student Center Directorate Office before March 15. All SCONA 11 members who want to work on SCONA 111 must also fill out an application.

Weather Today

RAINY

Cloudiness and possible showers are forecast for the area. The high yesterday was 79 degrees, and the low last night, 61. At 10:30 this morning, the mercury stood at 63 degrees.

Car Crash Hurts 2 Corps Juniors

James M. Teague, son of Congressman Olin Teague of College Station, is in fair condition at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont today following an automobile accident Sunday at 4 a. m. near Beaumont, hospital officials said last night.

John Jefferson, who was riding with Teague received only minor injuries and was scheduled to return to class today, according to Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant.

Both are 'D' Field Artillery juniors. Teague, who was driving the car, received an injured lung, possible fractured vertebra and cuts on the face and right arm, hospital officials said.

Col. Wilkins said he heard that Teague was thrown from the car but Jefferson remained inside. Jefferson said he had fallen asleep and thought Teague must have also.

Ag Debaters Fail To Win At Tulane

Jay Hirsch, A&M freshman, advanced to the finals in afterdinner speaking, but failed to place in the debate tournament held last weekend at Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

Rice Institute won sweepstakes in the tournament by taking both first and second place in the senior debate division and several places in individual events. The University of Houston won the junior debate division with Southern Methodist University second.

Besides Hirsch, David Dannenbaum, E. M. Huitt and John Warner, also made the trip, representing A&M. William B. Kadow, of A&M's English Department acted as sponsor.

AF Begins Flight Training March 15

Flight training begins for those students eligible in the Air Force ROTC March 15.

The Whiterock Flying Service of Dallas was awarded the contract under which 125 senior Category I (pilot) contract cadets will participate in the program.

The program will get underway with a ground school. The first sessions will begin in the Biological Science Lecture Room at 7 p. m., March 15.

Actual flying training will begin upon completion of this ground

course which will review weather and navigation training taught during the junior year of air science.

All senior cadets in Category I are eligible to participate in the program, including those classified as "academically incomplete." This refers to those who have completed their required air science courses, and will graduate between now and January 1, 1958.

A roster of the names of cadets is carried on page 3 of today's Battalion.

Egypt Bucks U.N. With Gaza Control

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. —(AP) —Egypt yesterday challenged the authority of the U. N. Emergency Force in the Gaza Strip and said it is sending its own administration in to take charge.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser set forth Egypt's intentions in a cable from Cairo to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold here.

The formal Egyptian move followed a weekend of tumultuous demonstrations for Egypt by Gaza residents. Many are refugees of the 1948 Palestine war.

Israel officially expressed grave concern.

The Mediterranean coastal strip was given up by Israeli troops last midweek under an Israeli "assumption" that it would not revert to Egyptian control. Egypt was the occupying power in Gaza under the 1949 armistice until Israel invaded the strip and Egypt last fall.

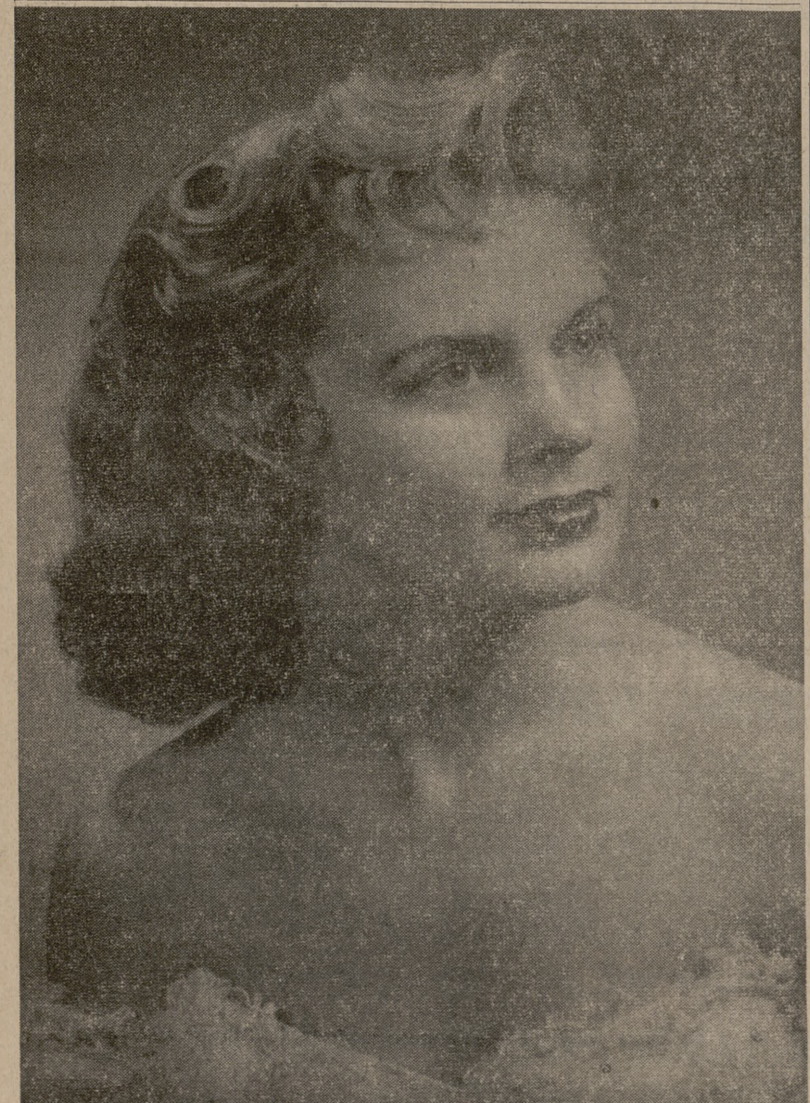
The new turn caused apprehension among U. N. diplomats. A

serious new Middle East crisis may be in the making.

JERUSALEM — Israel officially expressed grave concern at the Egyptian step. Israel evacuated the strip last midweek on an "assumption" that it would not revert to Egyptian control.

WASHINGTON — U. S. officials expressed alarm, fearing the Egyptian move may provoke retaliation. It was reported Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi had assured U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold that Egypt would do nothing to create new difficulties after the Israelis withdrew.

UNITED NATIONS — Diplomats voiced fear that a new Middle East crisis may be in the making. Hammarskjold conferred with his seven-nation advisory committee on the Middle East and told them Egypt's President Nasser had cabled he took the step because the U. N. General Assembly did not give UNEF administrative authority.



BEVERLY MONTGOMERY, Rice freshman from Houston, will be one of the many beauties vying for the talent crown at the Intercollegiate Talent Show Friday night. She even sings too.



RAFAEL HUEZO—tells the Pan American Roundtable about the progress that Nicaragua is making and plans to make at the Table's banquet Thursday night in the Charcoal Room of the Western Restaurant.