

## Institute Head Dies On Way To Hospital

Services were held yesterday afternoon in the Callaway-Jones Funeral Home for Thomas H. MacDonald, 76, head of the Texas Transportation Institute at A&M and former commissioner of U. S. Public Roads.

MacDonald was stricken by a heart attack while attending a play in the Memorial Student Center Sunday night and died enroute to a Bryan hospital.

The Rev. Norman Anderson of the A&M Presbyterian Church conducted the services, after which the body was shipped to Washington D. C. where interment is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon in the Cedar Hills Cemetery.

A native of Leadville, Colo. MacDonald headed the Bureau of Public Roads in 1919 and was the first man appointed to that position. Under his direction the Bureau grew and he had the reputation of being the nation's greatest roadbuilder.

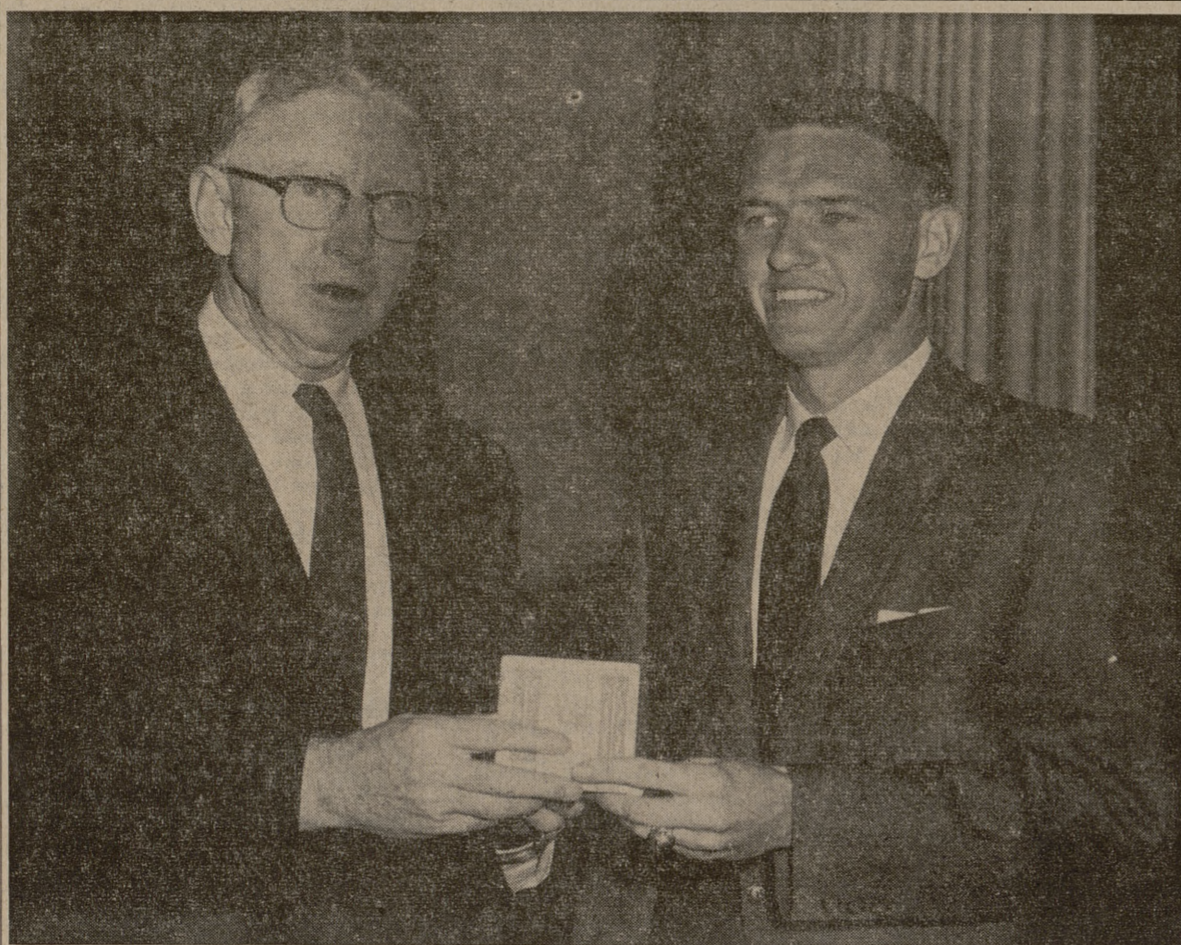
He served as chief of the Bureau until his retirement in 1953 when he came to A&M and took up the reins of the Texas Transportation Institute, official research agency for the Texas Highway Commission.

Graduating in 1904 from Iowa State College, MacDonald taught there for a year before joining the Highway Commission of Iowa. Seven years later he was named chief engineer and it was from this post that he moved to head the nation's road system.

For his services during World War II MacDonald received the Medal of Merit from President Harry Truman. In addition, he received several decorations from France, Norway and Czechoslovakia.

He was a member of the executive committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials and belonged to many highway and engineering societies.

Survivors include Mrs. MacDonald, of College Station; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Weidinger of Staunton, Va.; one son, Thomas H. MacDonald, Jr., of Washington, D. C.; one brother, Ross MacDonald of Montezuma, Iowa and two sisters, Mrs. Jean Wade of Montezuma, Iowa and Mrs. Florence Van Feltus of Clearwater, Fla.



OUTSTANDING SENIOR of the Petroleum Engineering Department, Joe Bill Foster receives the George P. Mitchell Scholarship Award, a \$125 gold watch, presented to him by Mr. Harold Vance, vice president of the Bank of the Southwest.

## Don McGinty Elected Student Center Prexy

Don McGinty last night was unanimously elected president of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate for the 1957-58 school year.

In assuming his position, McGinty is given full responsibility for all student activities that originate in the Center which number 19 regular committees and numerous special ones, including the fast-growing Student Conference on National Affairs.

The Council establishes all policy for the Center in addition to governing the budget for the Center. The Directorate, composed of all the committee chairmen, acts as the coordinating body between the Council and the actual operation of the activities, all of which work under separate budgets.

Requirement for committee chairmen is that they have a 1 point gpr for the previous semester to their election and that they be free of scholastic probation.

All chairmen elected last night were first screened by the nominating committee. The choices were then submitted to the Council for final decision. Each of the applicants were interviewed and questioned as to show their ability and plans for their position.

McGinty will formally take office at the annual Council-Directorate banquet planned for April 25 with the theme of "An American in Paris" complete with a plaster of paris Eiffel Tower.

In other action, the Council elected Don Cloud as vice president

and Jack Nelson as SCONA III chairman for the coming year. Both men also were approved unanimously.

Committee chairmen named for next year are Hal Wallace, Table Tennis; Bill Richardson, Chess; James Bethel, House Committee; William Hampton, Public Relations; Frank Buchanan, Bridge; Robert Kidd, Great Issues; Ronald Buford, Browsing Library; John Greenwalt, Radio; Hiram French, Dance; Joe Harris, Music; Alfred Padbury, Camera; Carl Pehnke, Personnel Bureau; Wesley Simpson, Recital Series; Gladen R. Hamilton, Flying Kadets; Floyd Hardimon, Bowling; Weldon Ken Curry, Jumbo; James D. West, Film Society; and Miron J. Fenton, Creative Art Group.

Council members elected to serve next year are Hugh Wharton and Roy Davis.

## School Planner To Speak Tonight

Dr. Stanton Leggett, educational consultant for the planning of school buildings and participant in educational surveys, will speak tonight at 8 in the Animal Husbandry Lecture room on the "Human Scale in Educational Institutions," sponsored by the division of Architecture.

A graduate of Columbia University, Leggett is the author of several books on school systems and planning school buildings. He is a member of the American Association of School Administrators, New York Academy of Education and the National Society for the Study of Education.

## Jobs Now Open On Commentator

Students in the School of Arts and Sciences interested in holding top staff positions on the 1957-58 Commentator are requested to make arrangements for interviews at the Office of Student Publications on the ground floor of the YMCA before 5 p.m. Friday, Apr. 12, according to Dave McLain, next year's editor. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Maj. Gen. Meloy RV Guest Speaker

Maj. Gen. Guy S. Meloy, Jr., ex-commandant of A&M will be guest speaker at the annual Ross Volunteer banquet April 27, in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

## Weather Today

PARTLY CLOUDY  
Yesterday's high and low temperature readings were 71 and 42 degrees. At 10:30 this morning the mercury stood at 59 degrees.

## Cadets Petition Against Mixed Seating Plan

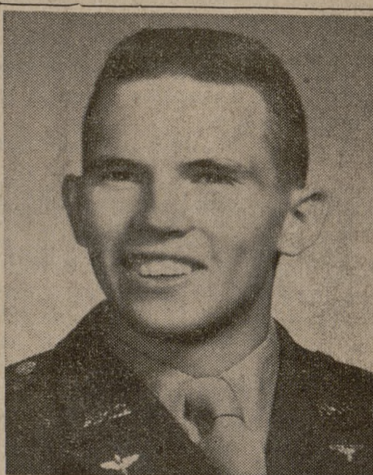
### Piper Refutes Petition Leaders

By JOE TINDEL

About 1,200 Corps students have signed petitions backing the Student Senate's plan for integrated Corps and Civilian junior and senior seating at Kyle Field next year.

Larry Piper, Senate president, struck back at the instigators of the petition charging they hadn't given the signers enough time to think out the plan.

He said the senators who were in the minority in voting on the seating plan started the petition directly following the Thursday night Senate meeting at a dormitory meeting and enough names were obtained there to get a referendum. Another petition was supposedly being circulated at the same time.



Don McGinty

## C. L. Hurley Wins Award For Poem

Charley Lee Hurley, of the English Department, has been named the winner of the Critics Award for his poem "The Plaza".

In addition to Placing first in the Critics Award he also won first prize in a contest conducted by the Poetry Society of Texas. Hurley's poem, along with other winners, will appear in the yearbook of the society, "A Book of the Year."

Hurley, a professional member of the National Writers Club, is the author of "I Shall Remember," a book of his collected poems.

Two narrative poems, "The Lost Elizabeth," which won the Hilton Greer Award, and "Jimbo: The Wild Man of the Navidad," the story of a runaway slave who lived in Devil's Pocket, a dense thicket on the Gulf coast of Texas, are also the works of Hurley.

Hurley is the winner of more than 30 first prizes in poetry contests. He has won the New York National Poetry Center Gold Medal, the Old South Prize and the top award for poetry in the Southwest Writers Conference.

Tom Upchurch, junior class senator, started one petition shortly after the Senate meeting. He is among the senators who opposed the plan for integration.

Upchurch said the main purpose of the petition was to call for a referendum to stop plans for integration of Corps and civilian juniors and seniors. It has nothing to do with the rest of the plan, he said.

"There is no animosity meant by those signing the petition toward the civilian students," Upchurch said. "We who signed the petition are not among the ones who think civilians are not Aggies."

He said the reason signers didn't want integration was that they wanted the Corps to remain one body at a football game.

"I think the civilians ought to realize that the Corps is a selling factor for A&M," Upchurch said. "If it remains one body it will present a better picture at football games."

Concerning the "better picture at the games," Piper said he "didn't see" Upchurch's argument.

"They have their dates sitting with them," he said. Piper said the main purpose of the integration plan is to make a big step toward unifying the Corps and civilian students and promote harmony.

"You can't work with anybody you don't know," he said.

Upchurch said he didn't think the plan would unify Corps and (See PETITION, Page 3)

## Orr, Anderson Confirm Seats; One Is Vacant

J. A. Orr and D. A. Anderson were officially elected to the College Station City Council yesterday at a special Council meeting for canvassing votes of the recent city election, but the glaring problem of what to do about a ward three councilman was not solved.

Ernest Seeger, incumbent and unopposed for that seat on the ballot, died last Thursday. Col. Frank H. Mathews received the most write-in votes, but failed to get a margin since the 33 votes were split among six candidates.

Declared ineligible for a runoff election were Matt Warman, nine votes; Robert Andrews, five votes and Bill Magee, two votes. Warman and Andrews did not have poll tax receipts or exemptions and Magee could not fulfill the length of residence requirements. Seeger received six votes.

"There are two things that I see about this case after careful study," City Attorney C. E. Dillon said. "The Texas Election Code says the winner must have a majority and, after ruling out ineligible candidates, there are only two people who can run."

Dillon referred to Col. Mathews and Rev. R. L. Brown. Rev. Brown got two votes.

## Petroleum Engineers Take Away \$6,700 in Awards

More than \$6700 was awarded last night at the annual Petroleum Engineer's Award Banquet in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

Frank M. Pool, the principal speaker is an independent oil operator from San Angelo and a graduate in class of 1941. "Leadership and Lethargy" was the title of his talk to the 200 guests and students attending the banquet.

He said, "Industry is now using people in the industry for leadership. To you and I it offers a great opportunity." To be a success as a leader in the industry, he said, "You can't live with yesterday's mistakes and tomorrow's fears and be a success. Many of our leaders fail because they are seeking perfection instead of proficiency."

Joe Bill Foster received the Magnolia Petroleum Company Scholarship of \$400 plus fees to a maximum of \$500 and \$400 unrestricted funds to the department. Foster also received the George P. Mitchell Scholarship Award as the outstanding Petroleum Engineer

Senior, a \$125 gold watch. Joe K. Moore received the Lane-Wells Company Scholarship of \$500.

Larry Piper and R. L. Ridings were awarded the Standard Oil Company of Texas Scholarships of \$500 each.

The George P. Mitchell Scholarship Award to the petroleum engineering senior who has made the most improvement in scholarship

## KK's Find Missing Car

Campus Security patrolmen last night solved a car theft case—without getting out of their car.

It seems that a student came over to their office, declaring his car had been stolen from in front of White Coliseum where he parked it. The college sleuths found the car—half a block down the street. "Elementary Watson,"

ship during his senior year was won by David Gore. The award was a \$125 gold watch.

Receiving the Mission Manufacturing Company Scholarship for a junior was George E. Detwiler. His scholarship included \$800 cash and \$400 unrestricted funds to the department.

Robert C. Schlaudt, James Clark, and G. W. Tuttle received petroleum engineering hand books for winning the George P. Mitchell Scholarship Awards for outstanding junior petroleum engineering students.

The Socony Mobil Oil Company Scholarship was given to Delvin J. Lefner. It included \$400 cash plus fees to a maximum of \$500 and \$400 unrestricted funds to the department.

Marion D. Arnold was awarded \$450 cash plus fees, tuition and books to a maximum of \$500 by the California Company.

The George P. Mitchell Award to a teacher in the Petroleum Engineering Department, an award of \$150, was awarded to James W. Amyx.

## Latin Atmosphere

### Pan American Countries Pictured in MSC Program

Aggies desiring to visit the 21 Pan American Countries can do so this week—without leaving the Memorial Student Center, according to Hugh Wharton, chairman of the Pan American Week Committee.

Wharton explained the "tours" to the countries will consist of exhibits, movies, Mexican food, Latin American music, art displays and speakers designed to celebrate the friendship between the United States and the Latin American countries. The program replaces South of the Border Week and is the result of a presidential proclamation declaring April 9-14 Pan American Week.

## Aggie Speakers Gain Recognition

David Dannenbaum and Jay Hirsch, A&M freshmen, won "superior" ratings in oral interpretation of poetry and after dinner speaking respectively at the Southern Speech Association's speech and debate tournament held at the University of Georgia last week.

E. M. Huitt and John Warner, juniors, were rated "excellent" in debate. Dr. Harrison Hieth of A&M's English Department acted as sponsor for the trip.

The annual tournament featured entries from nearly 20 states. It will be held in Houston next year.

Highlights of the week will be Grace Kelly in "Green Fire" and "Honeymoon in Havana," on the starlight terrace, sponsored by the Film Society and Cafe de Monte Carlo, Rue Pinalle a la Latin America with an all girl floor show and popular music by the High-Five in the ping pong area of the MSC.

His excellency Julio A. Lacarte, Ambassador from Uruguay, will be the chief speaker for the celebration. He speaks Sunday at 2:30 p. m. on "The Western Hemisphere—Bulwark of Defense."

## Local Lions Club Elects Officers

Charles G. Haas was elected president of the College Station Lions club in their annual election yesterday at a luncheon in the Memorial Student Center.

Other officers elected were D. E. Davis, first vice president; D. R. Fitch, second vice president; G. L. Huebner, third vice president; S. M. Gaafar, secretary-treasurer; J. R. Watkins, assistant secretary-treasurer; R. P. Foster, tail twister; H. A. York, assistant tail twister; R. A. McCaulley, lion tamer; E. A. Svendsen, assistant lion tamer and R. P. Scoggins, board member for a two-year term.

Featured all week will be a Mexican art show, displays from the countries of Latin America, music from Latin America played over the MSC sound system and Mexican food served in the fountain and dining room.

PAW is a project of the MSC Directorate and is working in coordination with local chapters of the American Association of University Women, Pan American Round Table and the International Affairs Committee. Students from Pan American countries also have helped prepare the exhibits, Wharton said.

Members of the PAW committee are Hiram French, Bob Kidd, James West, Brady Armstrong, Carlos Salina, Bill Hampton, Bob Surovik and Billy Fernandez. Representing the Pan American Club are Jesus Vega, Mexico, and Hector Marciaq, from Panama.

Miss Sue Albright and Miss Sadie Hatfield from the Pan American Round Table and Mrs. Horace R. Blank, Mrs. John Ashton and Mrs. Robert Bossler form the Association of University Women are assisting in the celebration.