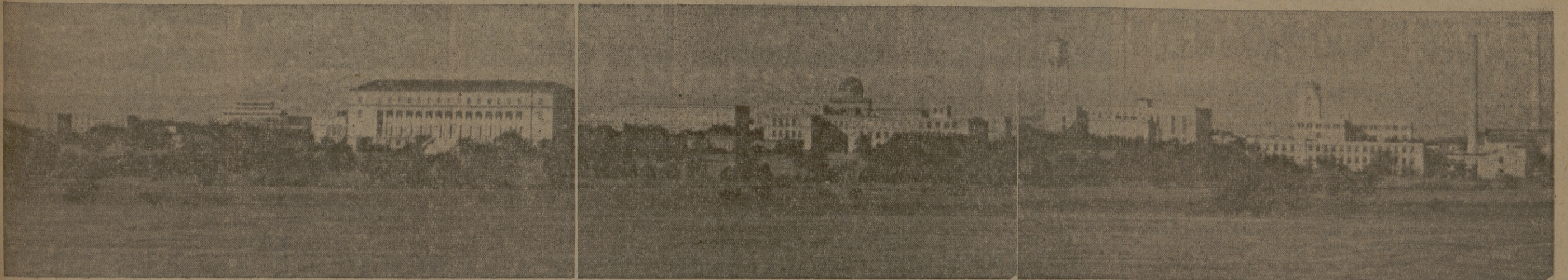


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1,100 FFA Boys Arrive Here Today

FFA, Welcome

It is with real and sincere pleasure that I welcome you to the Texas A&M Campus! It is an inspiration to all of us as we see you earnestly engage in the skills of Agriculture in your contest. The interests, skills and abilities you are developing in Vocational Agriculture now may someday lead you into the front ranks of the men we need in tomorrow's modern Agriculture.

We want you to know you are welcome on this occasion or at anytime you pay us a visit.

We know that many of the A&M students you will meet here were members of the Future Farmers of America a short while back and had their first glimpse of the Campus while participating in this contest.

We hope you find your visit rewarding and enjoyable and that we may have the privilege of welcoming you again some day as students.

D. W. Williams
Acting President

Finalists Picked For Vanity Fair

Twelve girls out of approximately 100 were picked to represent the senior class last night as the preliminaries to the Vanity Fair contest were held, according to Don Burt, Aggie Editor.

Six of the 12 will be eliminated at the Press Club Banquet when the girls will show up in person to be judged by that audience.

The six remaining girls will have full pages in the Aggie '57 and the six who lost in the finals will be placed on two pages, Burt said.

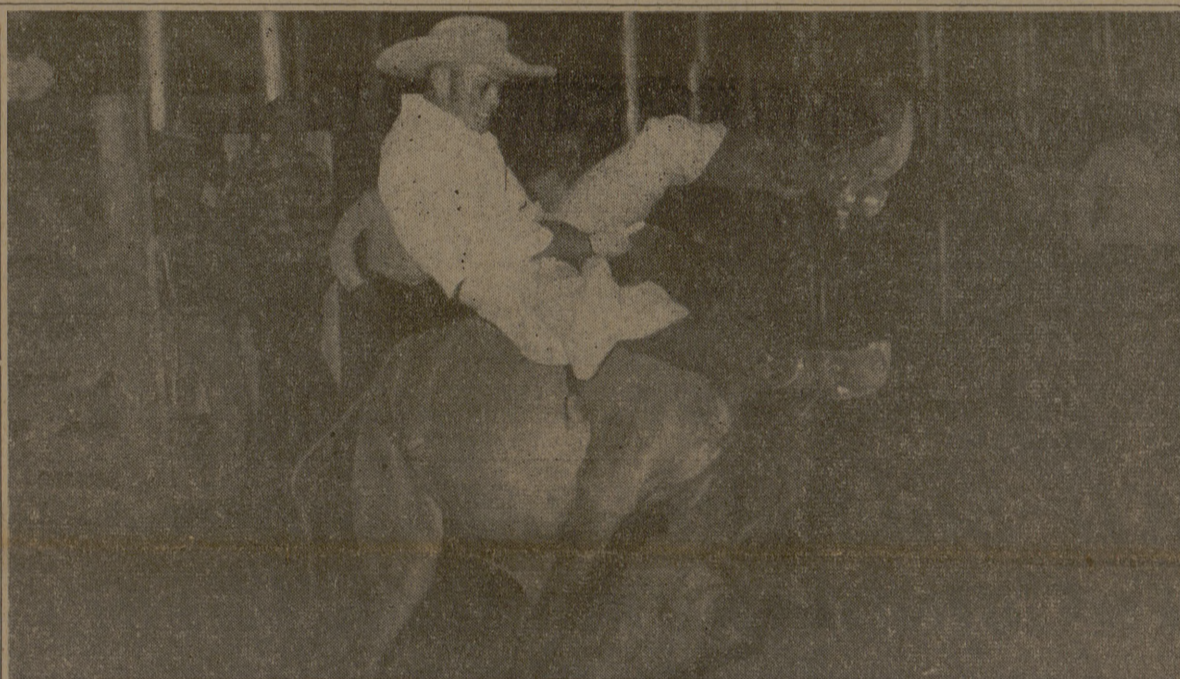
Winning a chance to be in the Aggie '57 were Mrs. Clinton D. White, submitted by Clinton D. White; Miss Marietta Pratt, submitted by John D. Janak; Miss Sandra Dale Cartwright, submitted by Richard L. McGown; Miss Esther Morvant, submitted by Clark E. Holloway; Miss Betty Moers, submitted by Jack Robertson and Miss Jeane Stein, submitted by Stanley J. Stein.

Miss Peggy Ann Meehler, submitted by Joe W. Joeris; Miss Donna Kinard, submitted by Edwin G. Pierson Jr.; Miss Martha Montgomery, submitted by Dale McCullough; Miss Nancy Mitchell, submitted by Charles Jenkins; Miss Ann Gordon, submitted by R. B. Penland and Miss Cathy Konecny, submitted by Ben H. Allen.

Selection of these 12 girls was done by a committee composed of the Aggie '57 section editors. They were Don Burt, Jimmy Stewart, David Cox, Val Polk, Bill Hampton, Roy Davis and John Jefferson.



LEARNING THE ART of laying out terraces for use in the soil conservation are (left to right) Konrad Losen and Emmitt Galzener.



SPILLS LIKE this are typical at most rodeos but at A&M it really pays off. The championship Aggie team always welcomes new comers to its ranks.

(Photo by Bob Stansberry)

Student Senators Pick Non-Compulsory Policy

By GAYLE McNUTT

Citations Given At SDX Dinner

Seven citations of merit for outstanding entries in various student publications during March will be presented tonight at the first Annual Sigma Delta Chi Awards Banquet to be held at 7 in the Western Restaurant.

Each winner will be presented a certificate from the A&M Chapter of the national fraternity. This is the second month the awards have been given.

Best news story award for the month will go to Joe Tindel, new Battalion editor, for his account of the ditch cave-in during construction of the power plant addition. Jim Bower, whom Tindel succeeded as editor, will collect the best photo award for his shot showing the rescue of a trapped worker in the same cave-in.

Sports story prize will be given to Bob Clendennen for his rundown on the Aggie football team outlook, while Leland Boyd will receive best feature story token for his story on Holim Kim, ex-ROK soldier now attending A&M.

T. W. McCordle's cartoon, picturing an Aggie wife's latter criticizing a writer's unique "sex outlook" after reading his story in the Commentator, wins the award in the cartoon field.

For his article, "Helminth Parasites of the Domestic Cat," appearing in the Southwestern Veterinarian, Thomas J. Galvin will receive the award for best magazine story.

Welton Jones, past city editor for the Battalion, will be commended as best reporter of the month.

After an eight month search for the "right" plan, a 12 month, non-compulsory, student insurance policy was chosen by the Student Senate last night to go into effect for A&M students next fall.

Lloyd's of London got the senate

Cleland, Ellison Win First Place In Math Contest

Wilfred E. Cleland, sophomore physics major from Genoa, and Tommy Ray Ellison, freshman mechanical engineering major from Dallas, captured the first place spots in the annual Mathematics Contest sponsored by the Math Department.

Both first place winners were awarded gold watches.

Second place went to James D. Chlatek of Temple in the sophomore contest, who won \$15 in cash. Chlatek is a mechanical engineering major.

Jack D. Bryant won third place in the second year contest and was presented a \$10 prize. Bryant is a math major from Wichita Falls.

In the freshman contest Joe W. Woodward won second place. Woodward, an electrical engineering major from Nederland, was also presented \$15 in cash.

A \$10 prize honored Hubert J. Bowles as third place winner in the freshman contest. He is a chemical engineering major from Dallas.

The tests were given Tuesday, April 23, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Academic Building.

approval over all other policies studied by the Insurance Committee. The policy gives a more complete coverage, better overall benefits and a better rate than any of the others studied, the Senate agreed, as they voted unanimously to accept the plan.

"After spending eight months seeking a student insurance plan which would be acceptable to all students, we believe we have now found the answer in this policy," said Larry Piper, Student Senate president.

The policy is strictly an accident policy and does not include sickness benefits, but is designed to include Aggie wives, professors and day students who do not pay the medical fee. The plan will cost only \$3.15 per person for a 12-month period, and will cover all accidents, no matter how small, during the school year and summer vacation, on or off the campus, except while participating in inter-collegiate athletic contests and group travel connected therewith.

Total disability, dismemberment of any sort, loss of one or both eyes and death are included in the policy. This coverage includes all athletic events which are not considered by the college as intercollegiate. There is no deductible clause in the policy, assuring the holder that an accident will cost him no charge of any sort.

The insurance committee presented the two best policies available to the Senate for a vote, and after discussion, they showed no doubt that Lloyd's was their choice. Not one member voted against it.

Lloyd's, the largest insurance company in the world, is located in London. Their policy was especially drawn up and submitted to A & M by Baytes Insurance

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350 Teams Come For State Contest

By DAVE McREYNOLDS

Blue corduroy jackets and Levi trousers will be a common sight on the campus this afternoon and tomorrow morning as an estimated 1,100 Future Farmers of America begin arriving for the State FFA Judging Contests.

An annual affair, attracting boys from over 350 teams from Texarkana to Brownsville, the contests are held each spring here at A&M.

The contests will be divided into five divisions including livestock, dairy cattle, dairy products, poultry and meats judging.

The FFA teams which will appear are the top judges from their respective areas. Ninety teams—the top 10 per cent—will judge livestock,

dairy cattle and dairy products; 50 teams—the top five teams from each area—will judge poultry and 40 teams—the top four teams from each area—will judge meats.

All judging will be completed tomorrow morning. Local faculty members on the campus will supervise the judging in their departments, assisted by A&M students.

Local men in charge of the divisions are W. T. (Dub) Berry, of Animal Husbandry Department, in charge of livestock; A. L. Darnell of the Dairy Science Department, in charge of Dairy Cattle; E. D. Parnell and C. D. Ryan of the Poultry Science Department will split the Poultry Judging duties; Dr. A. V. Moore will supervise Dairy Product Judging and G. T. (Gene) King will be in charge of meats judging.

Contest chairman for the overall contest will be J. R. Jackson of A&M's Agriculture Education Department.

Acting President D. W. Williams of A&M, who is vice-chancellor for agriculture, will serve as host for the 300 visiting sponsors and vocational agriculture instructors accompanying the teams at a coffee slated to be held in The Grove tomorrow morning at 9:30.

Members of A&M's Collegiate FFA Chapter will preside at Saturday afternoons' entertainment which will begin at 1 in Guion Hall. Kenton Harvey, president of the Texas Association of Future Farmers will introduce other state FFA officers and past officers who are now attending A&M.

At 3 p.m. results of the morning contests will be announced. The winners in each division will represent the State of Texas in the National FFA Contest which will be held next fall in Kansas City, Mo.

Charles Gentry, A&M Consolidated FFA member, won first place for his talk on "Farm Surplus, Our Enduring Paradox," in the District I, Area III, FFA Public Speaking Contest held recently in Hearne.

Charles will represent the district with his 10-minute talk in the Area III contest scheduled for Blinn College on May 18.

Silver Taps Held For Vet Last Night

Silver Taps was held last night for Marshall Putman Magers, 36-year-old junior pre-vet medicine major from Barry.

Magers, a resident of Mitchell Hall, was found dead in his bed by his roommate, James Thomas Jones at 5:15 yesterday morning. Jones said as far as he knew Magers had not been previously ill, but he had been taking medicine for a back condition, which he hadn't considered serious.

Wednesday afternoon at 5, Magers complained of a headache and took an aspirin. Last night he indicated a slight nausea. The exact cause of death was not determined. Dr. Henry McQuade and Dr. H. L. Graham, justices of the peace, returned a verdict of death by natural causes.

Magers was a veteran of World War II. He was discharged as a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force. During the war he was awarded the Air Medal.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Helen Hagers of Barry; his mother, Mrs. Sara Frances Magers of Gainsville and a brother, Dr. M. E. Magers of Dallas.

Funeral services for Magers will be announced later today.

TSCW Singers Perform Tonight

Members of the TSCW Singing Stars will present a program in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Student Center tonight at 8.

The Stars program consists of selections from "Carousel," "Brigadoon," modern theatre and American Folk songs, said J. M. Kendrick, director of the Stars.

Weather Today

SHOWERS
Partly cloudy skies with scattered rain showers this afternoon, are forecast. At 10:30 a.m. the mercury stood at 77 degrees. Yesterday's high was 80 degrees, and this morning's low, 64.