

Hurricane Esther's Rains May Flood

NEW ORLEANS—Tropical storm Esther broke up into squalls as it moved inland yesterday, threatening areas of three states with floods.

There was little wind damage as Esther hit the Louisiana coast, but high tides and heavy rains took three lives by drowning and

ran property damage into the thousands of dollars.

The Weather Bureau predicted the deluge that hit the Louisiana and Mississippi coast would spread into east central Mississippi and Alabama during the night, then farther to the northeast tomorrow.

Buras, about 50 miles southeast of New Orleans, received 13.36 inches of rain in 24 hours, while New Orleans got almost 7 inches and Biloxi, Miss., on the Gulf of Mexico, got 8.

A small twister struck Boothville, about 70 miles southeast of New Orleans, during the height of Esther's winds and rain. It damaged one house.

The highest winds recorded near New Orleans were 64 m.p.h. early yesterday morning. Brookley Air Force Base at Mobile, Ala., reported gusts up to 67 m.p.h. during a squall at 1 p.m.

The Weather Bureau said the center of the storm was over southeast Louisiana at 4 p.m. CST with highest winds 35 to 45 m.p.h. in scattered squalls that occurred as far east as the Alabama coast.

In its final advisory, issued at 4 p.m. CST the Weather Bureau said tides of 3 to 5 feet would occur along the Mississippi coast and eastward to Pensacola, Fla. Small craft were advised to remain in port until the winds and seas subside.

Aggie Dancers Slate Twelve Dance Sessions

Registration began last night in the Memorial Student Center for Dance Classes with some 100 Aggies registering for the Basic and Intermediate courses.

Students will dance under the supervision of Instructor Manning Smith, with partners from Bryan and College Station. Dance Class Chairman Bob Moody has announced the following schedule with room assignments for the Fall Semester:

- September 17—Assembly Room
- September 24—Ballroom
- October 1—Assembly Room
- October 15—Ballroom
- October 22—Ballroom
- October 29—Ballroom
- Halloween Party
- November 5—Assembly Room
- November 12—Ballroom
- November 26—Ballroom
- December 3—Ballroom
- December 10—Ballroom
- December 17—Ballroom
- Christmas Dance

The Basic classes will meet from 8 to 9 in the evening and the Intermediate class will be from 9 to 10.

All late registrations may be made at the Directorate Office through September 30, 1957.

What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight, Sept. 19, at 7:30:

Austin Hometown Club meets on the first floor of the Academic Building with a discussion of rides home scheduled.

Colorado-Fayette County Hometown Club will meet in Room 103, Academic Building with a special invitation extended to freshmen.

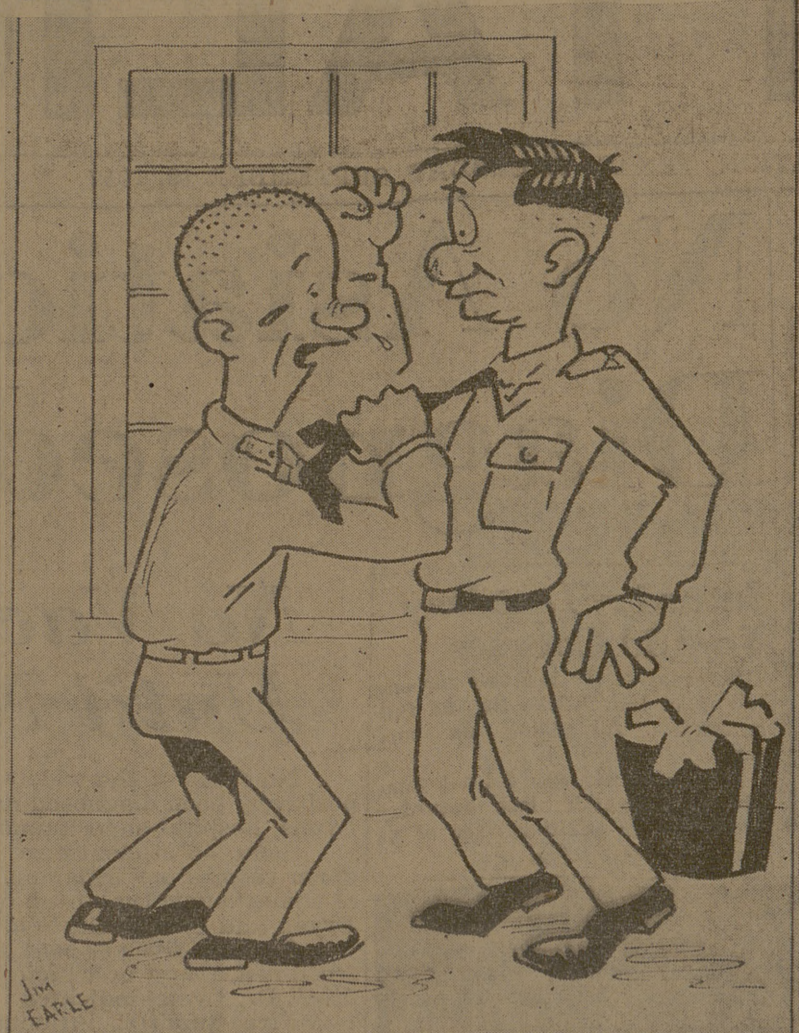
East Texas Hometown Club meets in Room 105, Academic, to discuss a meeting place and "buddy ride" system.

Laredo Hometown Club meets in Room 106, Academic.

Red River Valley Hometown Club meets in Room 3D, MSC.

Cadet Slouch

by Jim Earle



"WHY DIDN'T SOMEBODY SAY A&M WASN'T COED BEFORE I REGISTERED?"

Meteorology, Batt To Report Weather

By ROBERT WEEKLEY

"Rain, rain, go away" is a popular saying this time of year. Coaches don't like it, farmers pray for it, but nobody tries to make it their business like the Meteorology Department does.

Wind, rain and temperature are their business, and since The Battalion now plans to use their figures for the daily weather report, we decided to find out how they go about checking the weather.

The Meteorology Department is not a U. S. weather bureau reporting station, but they have the same facilities and equipment that would be used by a bureau. Students in the department check these instruments and record their data. These same students make weather maps using this data for a clear picture of the weather situation.

On the South side of Bizzell are the two boxes that hold the instruments used to record the temperature, humidity and amount of precipitation. There are three types of temperature gauges used.

One is used to measure the daily high, one the low, and another records the temperature continuously during the day. The humidity gauge measures the amount of moisture in the air, while the precipitation gauge is nothing more than a two-bit word for a gauge measuring the amount of rain, if any.

The national weather picture is received daily on the department's teletype circuit. The teletype gives the department such information as the weather, upper air data, and the forecast for the following days. This machine operates seven days a week.

Army Closing Three Ammo, Ord. Plants

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Army yesterday announced plans to close three government owned ammunition plants and to reduce activity in five others.

All of the plants except one are operated for the Army by private industry.

The plants to be shut down are the Badger Ordnance Works, Baraboo, Wis., operated by the Liberty Powder Defense Corp., a subsidiary of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.; and the Milan, Tenn., arsenal industrial activity operated by Proctor & Gamble whose president Neil McElroy will become Secretary of Defense next month; and the St. Louis, Mo., Ordnance Plant operated by the U.S. Defense Corp., another subsidiary of Olin Mathieson.

Phone Worker Pickets Drop In Texas Cities

By the Associated Press

Picketing activity dropped off slightly in Texas cities Wednesday as a strike by telephone workers rolled through another day with no break in sight.

A union official in Dallas said more telephone workers there would walk out as a result of a meeting between his local and officials of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

A Bell spokesman said at least 24 exchanges were being picketed Wednesday. Picketers were withdrawn at Odessa and Mount Pleasant and added at Pecos.

Albert Bowles, president of the Communications Workers of America operators local in Dallas, said the meeting there was called because of letters sent out by the company Tuesday. He said the letters claimed that only a few employees were directly involved in the strike and that there was discriminatory picketing.

Employees of the Western Electric Co. who install equipment for Bell walked off their jobs Monday after a deadlock of several weeks over a new contract. Operators unions have honored the picket lines in most cities.

Bowles said he did not know how many additional Dallas operators would walk out because of the meeting.

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Aggieland Overlooked In Current Coed Trend

By FRED MEURER

A&M has a great football team. It also has an outstanding educational system. Facilities here are out of this world. The Corps of Cadets is tops, not to mention the spirit.

But let's face it, Aggies. There is one glaring element missing around the campus this sun-splashed autumn as in every autumn before; an element which more and more colleges and universities around the "48" are adding to their ivy-studded landscapes to keep everyone happy.

It's women—better known as coeds!

Following World War II, for reasons still unknown, life became

a "woman's world." At about the same time, many educational institutions which had been barring their doors to the fair sex began realizing this fact, and quickly opened their doors to them, hiding a sly grin all the while. During this swing A&M remained staunch.

According to an article in the Sept. 23 issue of NEWSWEEK, this flood of coeds isn't all in the direction of women's colleges. In fact, the tide turned the other way. Of the 1,170,000 college coeds on U. S. campuses this year, only 169,000 signed for their college days in schools for women.

Not only are men's colleges laying out the welcome mats for women. Women's institutions are also getting together with men's institutions with coordinate programs of joint classes and extracurricular activities. This fall, five of the largest schools for ladies in the U. S. will have joined in such programs with nearby men's schools.

Why such a trend to co-education? As Katharine E. McBride of Bryn Mawr in Pennsylvania, one of the big women's colleges, put it: "I think the easy, regular association of men and women in college is excellent, distracting to some, stabilizing to others—but far superior to isolation. . . ."

Male faculty members of other universities agree. For instance, according to the NEWSWEEK article, J. Paul Mather of the coed University of Massachusetts said "Coeducation is good, natural and the thing to do."

And Nathan M. Pusey of Harvard commented: "We have come a long way since the day when Americans of both sexes had to be convinced that the female of the species had as much right and need for higher education as the male. . . . It is quite natural, I think, that there should be an increasing trend in the direction of coordinated programs."

Taking a quick look at the figures, Pusey's remarks aren't unbiased. According to recent calculations, of the perfect 4.0 grade in effect, the annual average for women is 2.37, as opposed to the men's 2.31.

The article points out four ways in which men and women students differ in class. The facts were gathered by Dr. Alexander Jones of MacMurray College in Illinois, a new coed school. They are:

1) Women are more imaginative and emotional and hence interested more in self-expression. He says women enjoy such things as descriptive composition writing, while men are content to discuss taxes or the proper method of installing an electrical switch.

2) Women are inclined to accept the instructor's lectures as supreme authority, and scribble lectures word for word. . . . Men are inclined to challenge dogmatic statements and pop up with "Why?"

3) Women are less aggressive in presenting their ideas, and in a mixed class they remain silent while men monopolize discussions.

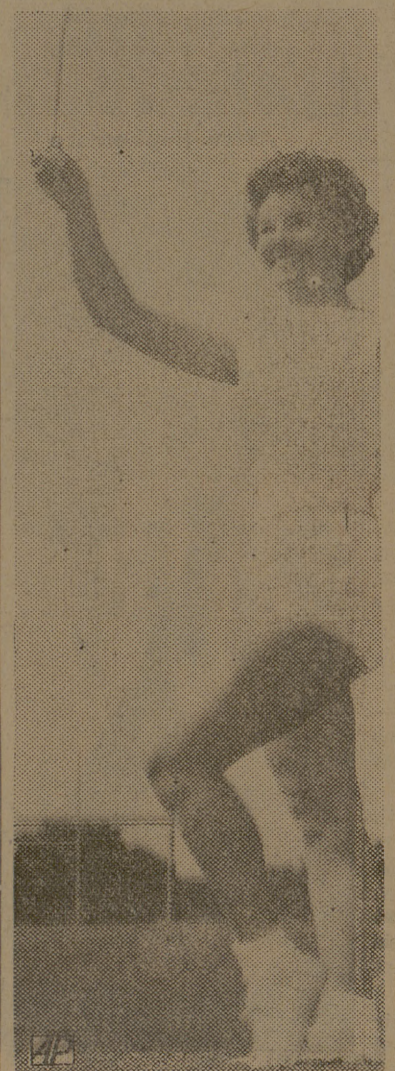
4) Women are more sensitive to criticism, sometimes feeling that a dissatisfaction with work implies a dislike to them personally. Therefore, they require more encouragement.

The article says that the old myth saying college women couldn't catch a man is wrong, and that the old adage that women go to college to find a husband is partly right. Of the 2.5 million women college graduates now living, over 1.6 million are married.

Why do women go to college? Mrs. Kate Hevner Mueller of Indiana University, professor of education, explains that "all the school and college girls of the present decades will work not three or five or ten, but at least 25 years." Many young women today are studying to become teachers or nurses with the specific idea of returning to their professions after their children are grown.

So where does A&M fit in? Your guess, reader, is as good as anyone else's. But A&M does have a start. This past summer, 142 women enrolled at A&M for the first semester of summer school, and 70 signed for classes in the second semester. The 212 total exceeds the 1956 A&M summer school women registration by quite a number.

Where we go from here is anyone's guess!



—AP Wirephoto

Added Attraction
Shirley Snipes, a freshman at the University of Texas and "Miss Lockhart of 1957", will capture more than one glance at the annual Turkey Day football game this year when she performs as a Longhorn Band marjorette. Her brother is a 1956 graduate of A&M.

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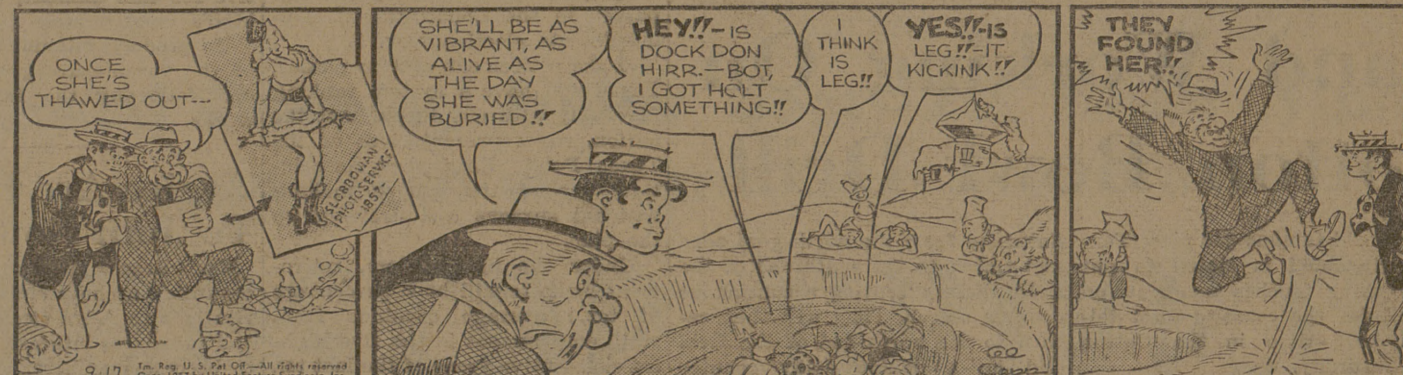
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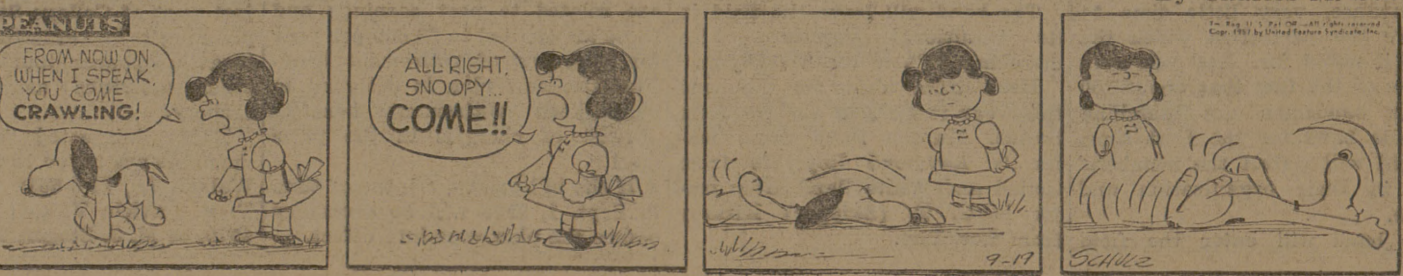
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