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Wind-Swept Flames Cause \$150,000 Damage To Downtown Bryan Store



Bryan Clothiers Guttied by Fire

W. S. D. Clothiers, 108 N. Main St., was ravaged by a wind-swept fire last night, causing an estimated \$150,000 damage. Cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Cause Not Known; Shop Total Loss

By GAYLE McNUTT

Wind-swept flames raged out of control for an hour and a half last night, gutting the W.S.D. Clothiers store in downtown Bryan, causing an estimated \$150,000 damage.

The clothing store was a complete loss, firemen said. All inside walls and the roof of the two-story structure were destroyed by the fire. Only the outside walls were left standing, and for a time, firemen feared the east wall would collapse. It cracked in several places but did remain standing.

The fire was believed to have broken out in a storeroom at the back of the building on the ground floor. Cause of the blaze is not known.

Sam Noto, Bryan fire chief, said the alarm was turned in about 9 p.m. By 10:30, firemen from Bryan, College Station and Bryan Air Force Base had the blaze under control.

Firemen battled the flames, fanned by 40 mile per hour gusts of wind from a fresh norther, for more than three hours before they were extinguished. No one was injured.

Using gas masks, the Bryan Fire Department entered the building immediately after arriving on the scene, and attempted to salvage some of the store merchandise. However, flames forced them out of the structure, causing the loss of several salvage covers, gas masks and other equipment.

"The fire seemed to race upward through the building, breaking through the ceiling and threatening nearby stores," an unidentified fireman said.

Flames on the west side of the building were brought under control first and later the blazing eastern front of the store.

Firemen fought the blaze from adjoining roof tops and from the front and back of the store. Wind hindered the men handling hoses, making it difficult to direct a constant stream of water in one place.

Smoke filled the adjoining buildings, but the thick, brick walls and speedy work of firemen were credited with saving them from the flames. Slight water damage was also reported by both adjoining stores, Caldwell's Jewelry and The Fabric Shop.

Weather Today

The mercury plunged to a low of 27 degrees at 7:30 this morning, and more cold weather is expected today and tonight, the college weather station reports.

City Council To Discuss Streets Friday

A special meeting of the College Station City Council has been called by Mayor Ernest Langford for Friday night to discuss ways of financing street improvement in the city.

The council was adjourned at its last meeting on Nov. 25, subject to call of the mayor. After hearing reports and recommendations from two firms on city street improvement costs and ways of paying for them, the council decided to take time out and think over reports to get a better idea of which plan would be best before taking action.

At the Friday meeting, the council plans to put their heads together and compare notes on individual decisions. Street improvement action may be forthcoming if the council reaches a definite conclusion at this meeting.

Before any of the proposed plans could go into effect however, the measure would have to be approved in a citywide election.

Daugherty Rejects Job As Coach

Chicago, (AP)—Hugh Duffy Daugherty today announced he is passing up a head football coaching job and athletic directorship at Texas A&M to remain head football coach at Michigan State University.



Top Aggie Talent

Dave Woodard, "dressed" for the big occasion, won first place in the Aggie Talent Show last night with his combination of magic tricks and a hot set of drums. He will represent A&M in the Intercollegiate Talent Show here next March.

Magic, Drumming Wins Talent Show

By JOHNNY JOHNSON

Dave Woodard, '60, combined magic and mastery of the drums to win top honors in the Sixth Annual Aggie Talent Show last night in Guion Hall.

John Warner, '58, pianist, and James Hickey, '58, vocalist and guitarist, won second and third places, respectively.

Woodard's first place entitles him to represent A&M in the Intercollegiate Talent Show next spring.

The nearly full house was entertained by 10 acts, with Toby Hughes and Don Friedrich, WTAW announcers, serving as masters of ceremonies and providing extra laughs.

Woodard, designated by a sign as "Official Sputnik Spotter", fit into the general theme of the show—rocket travel. The show started with a countdown that ended with a dud blastoff.

A special honorable mention went to Mrs. Rene Olds, stage as-

stant and who received more applause than any of the performers. In the course of the program an overzealous Aggie came out of the audience in a seemingly unplanned bit and chased Mrs. Olds across the stage and then backstage.

A party-crasher, obnoxiously dressed kept wandering across the stage throughout the program until he received an answer to his whispered question. After receiving the directions he wanted, the character left.

Jerry Hatfield, '60, last year's winner of ATS, gave a special return engagement act on various sounds.

Others on the program were Richard Smith, vocalist accompanied by the Collegiates; Ed Moerbe, juggler; Lane Lynch, baritone accompanied by Anita Mowery; J. D. Nunnelee, dancer; Richard Hoff, pantomimist; and El Tropicana, made up of Armando Quiros, Raul Villarronga, Cesar Nunez, Andres Carillo, Mike Belle, and Jack Nelson.

Wainerdi Gives Plan For Nuclear Plant

Dr. Richard E. Wainerdi, head of A&M's nuclear program, today outlined to College Station Kiwanians a plan for future nuclear programs, which could go into effect within two or three years and would put A&M ahead of any other college nuclear program in the nation.

The only thing lacking is money, Wainerdi told the group at their luncheon.

The new nuclear plant would probably be located west of the college near the Brazos River, Wainerdi said. He showed the club slides of diagrams and sketches of the proposed plant.

It would include the most modern advancements in nuclear equipment and possibly the largest accelerator in the world. He said the Atomic

Energy Commission agreed that A&M was an excellent locality for such an elaborate reactor. The reason is because A&M is not located near a heavily populated area, but is within the center region of several principal cities.

Wainerdi explained that such a reactor would be used for research and student training. He said they were trying to get a master's and Ph. D. degree in nuclear physics for A&M.

Besides using the reactor for energy purposes, it will be used by many departments such as physics, chemistry, agriculture, biology, engineering, industrial training and medicine. One of the principal uses in medicine is the treatment of cancer by bombard-

ments of radioactive rays, which would be included in the program, Wainerdi said, especially in seeking new and better ways of curing cancer.

Another important use for the reactor would be in analyzing unknowns. Wainerdi said that within five years he believed they could have a system developed by which an analysis could be completed every five minutes up to 50 indentifications at an approximate cost of \$7 per identification. This is tremendously fast with an amazingly low cost, he explained.

Also on the Kiwanis program was Wayne Stark, Memorial Student Center director, with a talk on what the Student Conference On National Affairs offered college Station citizens.

Third Annual SCONA Convenes In Center

By JIM NEIGHBORS

Three years of dreams, sweat, long working hours and tireless efforts became operational today as the Third Student Conference on National Affairs began its first session.

SCONA III opened at 2:30 this afternoon in the Memorial Student Center with a keynote address by former secretary of the Air Force Eugene M. Zuckert. The retired Atomic Energy commissioner spoke on "The World Today."

Dean of the college J. B. Page welcomed the delegates prior to Zuckert's kickoff speech.

Highpoint of today's activities is the panel discussion at 8 p. m. with Joseph E. Johnson, Dr. Charles L. Dunham and Zuckert. Topic of the hour: "What is the Role of Nuclear Energy in Foreign Policy?"

Other first day events include the first meeting of round-table groups for orientation, a smorgasbord for SCONA participants and

a reception following the panel meeting.

Schedule of events for the rest of the week is as follows:

● 8:30 a. m., Thursday, Dec. 12, the second round-table meetings will be held.

● 1:30 p. m., Thursday, the third round-table meetings are scheduled.

● 4:15 p. m., Thursday, a guided tour of the campus for delegates is planned.

● 6 p. m., Thursday, a Texas-style barbecue on the MSC lawn.

● 8 p. m., Thursday, Gen. John P. Daley, director of Special Weapons for the Department of Defense, will speak on the topic, "Why Army Missiles in the Space Age?" This address is open to the public and is also a Great Issues sponsored talk.

● 8:30 a. m., Friday, Dec. 13, the fourth round-table meetings will be held.

● 2 p. m. Friday, Sen. Hubert

Humphrey will speak on the topic, "How Can the Situation in the Middle East Affect the Rest of the World?" A jointly sponsored meeting open to the public, this session will be one of the highpoints of the conference.

● 4:15 p. m., Friday, the Corps of cadets will hold a special review on the main parade ground.

● 8 p. m., Friday, Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine Security Council representative and chairman of delegation, will speak on "The United States and World Affairs" in G. Rollie White Coliseum. His speech is open to the public.

● 8:30 a. m., Sat., Dec 14, the fifth and final roundtable discussions will be held.

● 12:30 p. m., Saturday, John Scott, special assistant to the publisher of Time Magazine, sums up the conference at the final luncheon. The closing speech is open to the public, however, tickets to the luncheon are limited.



Sen. Hubert Humphrey



Gen. Carlos P. Romulo