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Untimely Snowfall Leaves Delight, Tragedy Behind

Talent Hunters End Job On Trip North

Talent from seven colleges in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas will be auditioned this weekend in the final talent quest for acts for the 7th annual Intercollegiate Talent Show.

The judging group left this morning and auditioned talent at Texas Christian University shortly before noon today. Texas Tech talent was also auditioned at TCU. This afternoon, talent from Texas Woman's University was auditioned by the group before driving to Stillwater, Okla., where they will judge Oklahoma State University talent tomorrow morning.

Final stops on the trip are at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Arkansas before returning to A&M Sunday. Some 16 campuses in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas will have been visited when the group returns.

From these auditions, 10 acts will be selected for the ITS to be held March 14, in G. Rollie White

RV's Aim For New Orleans, Mardi Gras

Ross Volunteers are going through final drills this week prior to their Friday departure for New Orleans and the Mardi Gras.

The RV's will serve as honor guard to King Rex, ruler of the Mardi Gras, in the parade Shrove Tuesday. Though this is their primary duty, the cadets also have many social activities mapped for them.

After their invasion of New Orleans, the volunteers will be free to roam around the old city until check-in time Sunday. On Monday, they will be treated to a dinner at Arnaud's Restaurant by the New Orleans A&M Club. Following the parade Tuesday, they will be honored guests at Rex's ball.

About 95 RV's will make the trip. Most of the expense is paid by the individuals.

The group will begin the journey back to Aggieland Wednesday and are scheduled to be back for classes Thursday.

Coliseum. Feature act for the show will be the Kilgore College Rangerettes.

A well-known area disc jockey will serve as master of ceremonies for the show.

Math Prof Named To Academy Post

Col. W. S. McCulley, commander of the 9807th Air Reserve Squadron in Bryan, has accepted an appointment as liaison representative for the U. S. Air Force Academy, at Colorado Springs, Colo.

An associate professor of mathematics at A&M, Col. McCulley has been here since 1937. His present staff duties include mathematics research in the study of partial differential equations.

Col. McCulley can be contacted at his home in Bryan, 205 Hensel Drive, or at his office, room 220 of the Academic Building, between 11 and 11:30 a.m.

Battalion Wins Third Prize In Safety Contest

The Battalion was informed by telegram last night it had won third prize of \$100 in this year's annual National College Newspaper Safety Contest sponsored by the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Co.

The prize winning newspaper of Dec. 19, 1957, marked the seventh time in eight attempts that The Battalion has placed in the top three entries in the contest.

Twice, in 1953 and 1957, the A&M publication walked off with the first-place money of \$500; it placed second in 1950; third in 1952, '54, '55 and '56, and received honorable mention in 1951.

A special feature carried by The Battalion in this year's safety edition, Dec. 19, was a personal message from Gov. Price Daniel praising Aggies for safety in the past.

"Though The Battalion did not cop top honors, it feels especially rewarded in that no Aggies died on the highway during the past Christmas holidays," Editor Joe Tindel said last night.

Five Die in Texas; Crops Threatened

"Snow" was the big word around Texas yesterday as a white blanket was spread from the Panhandle to the Gulf in an off-season fantasy, causing five deaths and bringing mixed emotions to many.

The greatest crop devastation in 17 years was feared in the Rio Grande Valley when 30-degree temperatures were expected last night.

The snowfall, odd for the whole of Texas in February, was caused when a sluggish high pressure area moved in five days ago and mixed with warm, moist air from the Gulf.

Here at A&M, where .8 of an inch of snow fell, predictions were that the area would not receive another snowfall until January, 1965 if custom holds true. The last noticeable snowfall was in January, 1951.

At any rate, many Aggies admitted this was the first snow for them in some years, while others said they had never seen the stuff.

Enthused over the snowfall, Aggies all over the campus tested their pitching arms in snowball fights. In the new Corps area, two outfits suddenly broke ranks as they were marching to the noon meal and engaged in a blistering battle.

In other parts of the state, the sudden change turned into tragedy. Two traffic deaths were attributed to the winter's latest onslaught in Dallas and McCoy, and three coast guardsmen drowned in the collision of their patrol boat and a barge during fog and rain off Galveston.

The snowfall was an oddity in many Texas cities. It had not snowed in Houston since January, 1949.

The first heavy snow since 1945 hit Corpus Christi where one resident said his children were afraid to go outside. Galveston, which received .8 of an inch of snow had not seen the white crystals since January, 1949.

Wednesday morning's lowest temperatures ranged down to 4 above zero at Floydada on the plains. Other readings varied from 9 at Lubbock and 10 at Amarillo to 43 at Brownsville. The temperature here was 27 degrees.

Fees Now Payable

Installment fees are now payable in the Fiscal Office for the second payment of the spring semester. The fee is \$52.45 and covers room, board and laundry for March.

Feb. 21 is the last day for payment without penalty.



Practice Makes Perfect

And that's the case of the Ross Volunteers, who are practicing despite the cold weather, striving for the perfection for which they are noted. They leave Friday for New Or-

Bandsmen Blast Into Space Saturday

By JOE BUSER

Aggie bandsmen are preparing for a travel into outer space Saturday night—with blast off time for their annual dance set at 9 p. m. from the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Developing a theme from current news, the band will decorate the Ballroom with a galaxy of paper stars and several space ships. The two door attendants will wear

pressurized space suits.

Presentation of awards for the sweetheart finalists will be made via spaceship, appropriate enough since they will be stuffed animals—"muttniks."

There are five finalists, and competition should be keen, judging from pictures.

The finalists, and their escorts are: Kim Hawkins, by Joe F. Lowe; Lyndell Walker, by Caldwell (Butch) Ray; Eunice Robinson, by

Don Copley; Margene Faggard, by Fred Hunter and Martha Berry, by Eddie Thorpe.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the Aggieland Combo, under the baton of Charlie Voelter, a former bandsman.



Kim Hawkins
Joe F. Lowe, escort



Eunice Robinson
Don Copley, escort



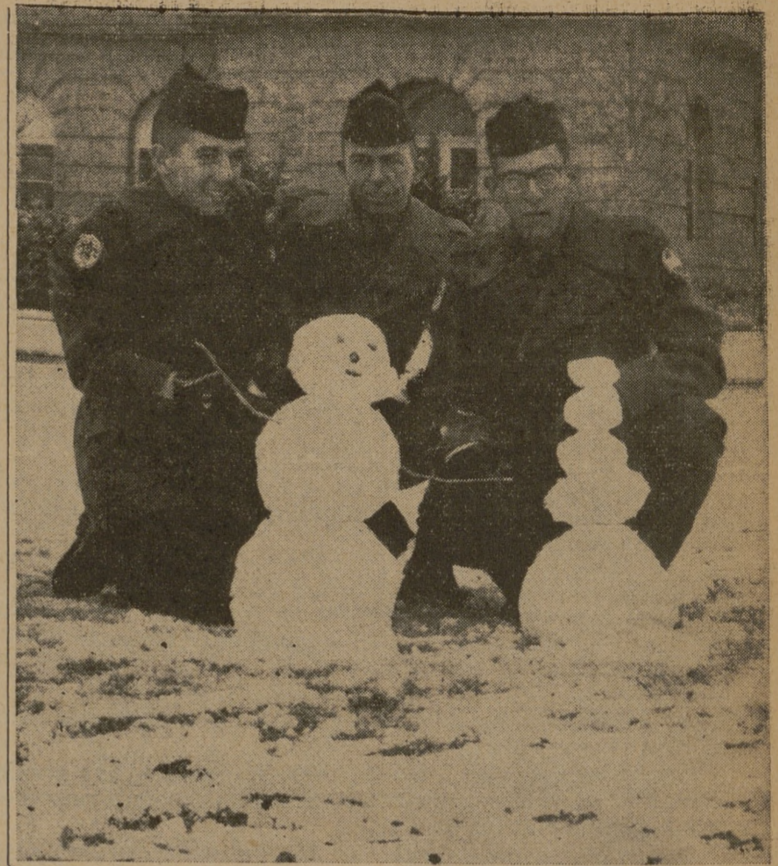
Lyndell Walker
Butch Ray, escort



Martha Berry
Eddie Thorpe, escort



Margene Faggard
Fred Hunter, escort



Snow Fights and Snowmen

Three "C" Engineer freshmen take time out from snowball fights raging on the campus to admire two snowmen built yesterday on the lawn in front of the Academic Bldg. The freshmen are, left to right, Wheeler Sears of Hereford, Doug Cox of Houston and Don Porter of Corpus Christi.

Final RE Leaders Round Out Program

By JOHNNY JOHNSTON

Two religious leaders who will counsel with faculty members and married students complete the quota of 18 religious leaders who will visit the campus Monday through Friday for Religious Emphasis Week.

Dr. DeWitt C. Reddick, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Texas, will lead the forums and discussion groups for faculty members. Meetings will be in the YMCA.

Reddick, who holds a bachelor of journalism and an M. A. from the University of Texas and a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri, became a member of the Texas journalism faculty in 1927.

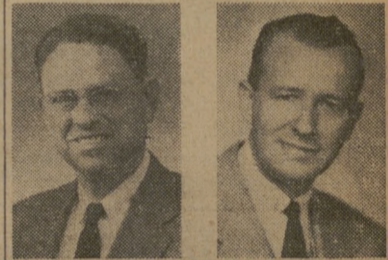
Besides duties at Texas, Reddick writes articles for religious magazines and is a correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor.

He will live in the board of directors' house and will be avail-

able for counseling throughout the week.

Married students will be counseled by Dr. Sidney Hamilton, professor at North Texas State College, who holds both a B.A. degree and a M.A. degree from North Texas and his doctorate, with emphasis in psychology, from New York University.

Hamilton is author of a book on marital psychology and co-author of two books on adolescence.



Reddick Hamilton

Hamilton teaches courses in mental testing, clinical psychology, projective techniques, adolescent development, guidance and marital psychology.

He will also live in the board of directors' house and be available for conferences during RE week while conducting forums and discussions in the YMCA.

Friday Deadline For Civilian Pics

Friday is the last day for Civilian portraits for the Aggieland '58.

Portraits will be made at the Aggieland Studio between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Coats and ties should be worn.

Meeting Plans Set By Civilian Council

Civilian Student Council members face a full slate of business tonight when they gather for their regular meeting in the Senate Chamber of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

Discussion of Civilian Weekend, March 22, in the form of committee reports will take top priority at the meeting. Committees to give reports include the publicity, tickets, dance and sweetheart selection groups. The Sandy Sanifer Band has been signed to furnish music for the dance that weekend.

Other committee reports to be heard include the election and constitution amendment committees. A new vice-president and a treasurer will be elected tonight.

Old business will be climaxed by a Student Senate report and selection of representatives to meet with the College Board of Directors to discuss compulsory Corps.

New business on the agenda includes talks on attendance at council meetings. The Election Committee will also set the date for the election of a Project House member and a freshman member.

'Macbeth' Still Tops; Two More Performances

After three performances, the Aggie Players' production of Macbeth still ranks among the best drama ever to play on the Guion Hall boards, campus critics say.

Using an unusual though not objectionable staging, the Players present well one interpretation of Shakespeare's motives in writing the play, that of showing the futility of mankind.

Through the use of a darkened stage and a minimum of physical movement, the beauty of Shakespeare's poetry is easily accessible to the audience.

Probably one of the most praiseworthy elements of the show is the subtle background music, which prepares the audience for the action to come. Written and scored especially for the production by Allen Schrader of the English Department, the sounds are a bit of dessert with a filling meal.

The last two performances of the show will be tonight and tomorrow, beginning at 7:30. Admission is \$1.

Weather Today

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer this afternoon is the forecast for the local area. A high of 50 degrees and a low tonight of 35 are expected.

Tomorrow it should be cloudy with possible light rain the college weather station reports.

This morning the mercury fell to a low of 21 degrees at 5 o'clock. Yesterday's high—at 2 p. m. was 41 degrees.

Naval Reserves Needs One Man

Lt. T. E. Comfort, commanding officer of the Naval Security Group 8-19S of A&M, said yesterday that there is one opening for an enlisted man in the reserve unit here at the college.

Persons interested may see Lt. Comfort in room 130A of the Academic Building or call him at his home, VI 6-4357.