

College Station forecast calls for partly cloudy and mild today through Friday. High today 80 degrees; low tonight 64.

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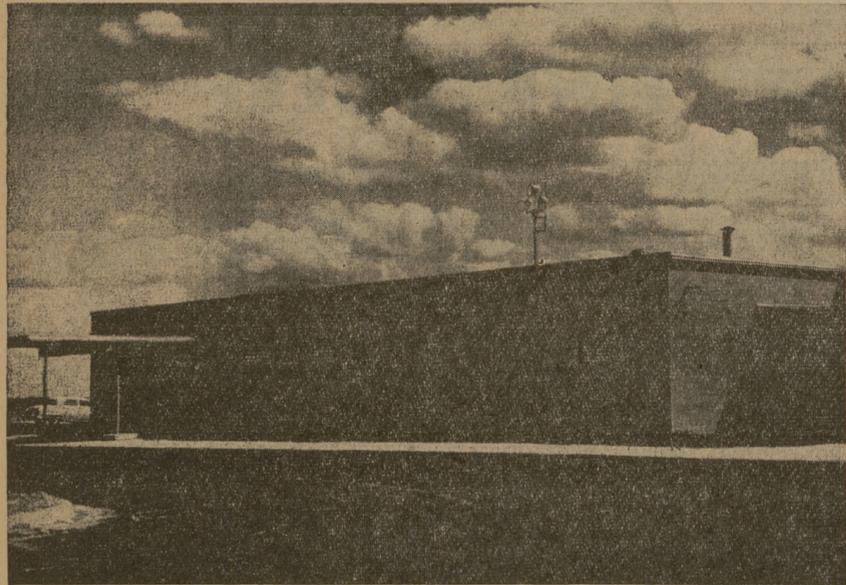
Easterwood Open House Sunday

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New \$100,000 Terminal

The new Easterwood Field Terminal will be thrown open for public inspection Sunday afternoon as part of the Brazos Valley Civil Aviation Day. During the afternoon various aircraft will be on display and military air-

craft will conduct passovers. The new terminal was completed in April as part of a recent \$211,000 expansion program. (See related picture on page 2.)

## 'Cow Pasture, Grows To Thriving Airport

By JOHNNY JOHNSON

From a converted cow pasture to an airport which handled 102,200 landings and takeoffs during the last 12 months is the 19-year progress story of A&M's Easterwood Field.

Sunday, the field will hold open house for its new \$100,000 terminal, which was first occupied April 17, part of a recent \$211,000 expansion. A giant air show will be staged in observance of Brazos Valley Aviation Day, helping the Civil Aeronautics Administration celebrate its 20th anniversary during June.

With four flights daily by Continental Air Lines, Easterwood is the only airport with regularly-

scheduled airline service in a 100-mile radius, giving service to the Brazos Valley.

The new terminal is completely air-conditioned. Its modern facilities include waiting rooms, lounges, space for Continental's office and other offices. The one story building has a brick exterior and tile floors throughout.

The expansion now being completed includes the new terminal, paving of roads, underground drainage system and parking areas, all started in 1957.

The 102,200 airport operations included 4,165 operations by scheduled airlines—Continental and up until April, Trans-Texas Airline. There were 22,983 itinerant op-

erations handled. Itinerant operation are those dealing with private aircraft not based at the field. Of this number more than 2,000 planes were either gassed or oiled or both. The field also houses about 30 private planes yearly, these planes accounting for 75,052 of the airport operations.

The college started the field in 1939 after receiving a contract from the government to give ground and basic training to qualified civilian college students under the Civilian Pilot Training program.

Kadett Aviation Co., formed exclusively for the purpose, was granted a contract to provide the basic pilot training by the college and its first class started in the spring of 1940.

In the spring of 1941 the college began work on a \$229,000 improvement on the airport under funds granted by the CAA, the Works Progress Administration and the college.

In 1941 the field was formally named for James Easterwood, Aggie graduate who was a World War I flying hero.

In 1943 the runways were paved, they were lighted in 1948 and the present hangar was also erected in 1948 to replace outdated hangars on the field. The hangar was moved here from an old U. S. Army flying field in Corsicana.

H. Guy Smith, present manager of the field, has been manager since the college assumed operation from the Kadett Co., when the government terminated its contract under the War Training Service program in Sept., 1944. He came to Easterwood as chief pilot for Kadett Aviation Co. in 1940 and has been here since.

## SCONA Members Return From Trips

Members of the Fourth Student Conference on National Affairs, which will be held this fall, have returned from publicity and fundraising trips to New York City, Washington, D.C., Mexico City and Monterey, Mex.

According to Kenneth Keller, finance committee member, the trips were successful in all respects. Each year numerous trips are made throughout Texas and other parts of the United States publicizing SCONA and soliciting sponsors.

Last year was the first time a group had gone to Mexico. Keller said trips are planned to Dallas and Houston very soon. Besides

soliciting sponsors and publicizing SCONA, the members are telling about SCONA IV and explaining its purpose, "to help promote a generation of responsible leaders. . ."

Visiting prominent men in New York City and Washington, D.C., were Jack Teague, publicity chairman, and Bill Myers, secretary. They talked to Frank Pace, president of General Dynamics; J. W. Foley, president of the Texas Company; Ogden Reid, editor of the New York Herald Tribune; and Arthur Hadley, daily editor of the Tribune and well known author.

Making the trip to Monterey were Jay Bisbey, finance committee chairman; Gray Peebles; Frank Buchanan; and Jarrell Gibbs. Sam Clark, president of the Monterey A&M Club, has aided SCONA members the last two years in contacting sponsors and making appointments. The members appeared before the Rotary Club, and contacted numerous prominent businessmen.

Going to Mexico City were Bob Pfeuffer, executive committee chairman; Charles Robinson, transportation committee chairman; Harley McAdams; and Maj. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Edwards Jr. Maj. Edwards is faculty advisor.

E. K. Goodrich, president of Anderson, Clayton and Co., Mexico City, acted as contact and was assisted by W. J. Underwood. Goodrich visited SCONA III last year.

This group of SCONA members visited with the president of the University of Mexico, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Rotary Club, Pan-American Airways, Dupont of Mexico, Coca-Cola of Mexico, and other well-known companies.

## Local July 4 Festivities Set

College Station families will hold their annual July 4th celebration next Friday at the A&M Consolidated High School Stadium.

With a gigantic fireworks display to be set off at 8 p. m. climaxing the days activities. The yearly community get-together is designed to bring the residents closer together and maintain the community spirit, according to Mrs. W. A. Varvel, a member of the College Station Recreation Council, sponsors of the affair.

Also planned for the program are displays and demonstrations on the various phases of the Summer Recreation program.

A dance is planned after the fireworks display on the A&M Consolidated School slab.

The College Station Lions will operate a concession stand during the activities.

## Robinson Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Hillier Funeral Home Chapel of Bryan for Frank Robinson, associate professor of architecture, 45, who died Monday afternoon at his home in College Station.

The Rev. Charles A. Sheldon of the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan conducted the services. Interment was in the College Station Cemetery.

Robinson, who had been ill for some time, had been with the Division of Architecture for 10 years.

A graduate of A&M in 1939, he is survived by his wife and two children, a girl, 5, and a boy, 3, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Robinson of Mexia.

# Easterwood Observes Brazos Aviation Day

## Beauty Contest Highlights Show

The welcome mat will be out Sunday at Easterwood Field as a gala open house in the new \$100,000 terminal and an air show will help the Civil Aeronautics Administration celebrate its 20th anniversary on Brazos Valley's Civil Aviation Day.

Free airplane rides, a guided missile display, model aircraft flying demonstrations, a beauty contest to select "Miss Prop Wash", static displays of 25 private executive and the latest in crop-dusting aircraft and fly-overs by military planes will all be part of the big show from 1 to 5 Sunday afternoon.

Planned by officials of Easterwood, the Bryan Chamber of Commerce and the College Station Civic Association, the

Valley area are eligible to enter the contest. Winner and runner-up in the Miss Prop Wash contest will receive airplane luggage. They will be announced at 4.

President M. T. Harrington will welcome the visitors during the afternoon with an address.

Winners of the six free airplane rides will be chosen by drawing numbers of tickets to be dropped in the College Station-Bryan area Saturday by airplanes.

Three additional airplane rides or lessons will be given to winners in a poster contest for children in three age groups between six and sixteen. The posters are to depict the 20 years of the CAA.

Entries in the poster contest will be judged at 4 and entries may be made up until the time of the judging. Complete rules on the poster contest may be obtained at the Bryan Chamber of Commerce.

Included in the military craft to make fly-overs are two types of Air Force jets, F101's and F86's, and a navigator-crew training propeller-driven T29. The Navy will send over a PV2 Neptune, a twin-engine submarine hunter.

On the ground will be various types of private craft, including the new Grumman crop-dusting plane, the first airplane designed exclusively for dusting. Also, on display will be an old-type aircraft converted to crop dusting use, helicopters and private executive planes.

Two refreshment stands will be manned by volunteers from six civic clubs in the College Station-Bryan area with proceeds going to the Brazos County Crippled Children's Clinic.

The Civil Air Patrol, Ground Observer Corps, the Aggie Flyers and the Bryan Model Airplane Club will also stage exhibits and demonstrations.



MISS LINDA POTTS ... to present recital Sunday afternoon

In MSC Main Lounge

## Harpist To Play Sunday Recital

Linda Potts, harpist, will be featured in the Memorial Student Center Summer Music Series' third presentation, scheduled for Sunday at 3 p. m. in the Main Lounge. She will be accompanied on special numbers by Frances Ann Visoski, flutist, and Leo Nitch, violinist.

Introducing the program will be Pat Resley. Miss Potts and Nitch will open the recital with "Sicilienne and Rigaudon" and "La Plus Que Lente." Included in the presentation will be "Piece en Forme de Habanera" with Miss Visoski and "En Bateau," "Menuet d'Amour," "Arabesque," "The Swan," "Malaquena" and "Thais Meditation."

Miss Potts will present numbers which she will give in her graduation recital at the University of Texas. This concert will complete all work required by the fine arts department of the U. of T. for the awarding of her bachelor's degree in applied music. Her major instrument is the harp. At the University of Texas she was a member of the Harp Ensemble, University Orchestra, Girls Choral Group and the Austin Symphony. She was harp soloist for the University Orchestra and was on the dean's honor roll. She represented Texas in the 1956 Intercollegiate Talent Show at A&M.

While in high school, she was a member of both the all-state band and orchestra; was a guest artist with the Sam Houston State Band and Texas Technological College Orchestra; harpist for the Houston Youth Symphony, made many radio and television appearances; and played with the University Harp Ensemble for three years before being a student there.

Miss Potts is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Potts, Old College road, Bryan.

Miss Visoski is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Visoski, 400 W. 30th Street, Bryan. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1956 and will be a junior at Sam Houston State College this fall, where she is a member of the Bearcat Band.

In high school, she was a member of the all-district and regional bands and appeared many times as soloist and as a member of ensembles. She has studied under David Colvig, first flutist, Houston Symphony, and played for the Houston Youth Symphony.

At Sam Houston Miss Visoski is a member of Tau Beta Sigma, national honorary sorority for bandswomen, and is majoring in Business administration.

Nitch attended Del Mar College in Corpus Christi on a music fellowship. (See MSC Recital Page 4)



## Rural Minister of the Year

Rev. R. Bruce Harper, minister of the Bethel Christian Church, Athens, right, receives the Texas Rural Minister of the Year Award from Eugene Butler, editor of The Progressive Farmer, presenters of the award. The award is given annually to the

outstanding rural minister. More than 140 rural ministers attended the three-day meeting Monday through Wednesday of the 13th annual Rural Church Conference. The award was presented Tuesday at a special luncheon.