

11th and 12th Books

Dr. Steen Sends  
Two Historical  
Books to Press

"Many of the more colorful stories from out of the Texas past are undoubtedly the results of some vivid imaginations," according to a noted historical writer here on the campus.

Dr. Ralph Steen, professor and head of the Department of History and president of the Texas State Historical Association, has just had his 11th and 12th historical books published.

One of the books, "The United States: A History," is published by Prentice-Hall of New York, and the other, "Government By the People," is published by the Steck Company of Austin.

Ten of the twelve books written by Steen are on the history of Texas and in his efforts to give authentic accounts of the state's background, he has poured thru hundreds of frayed manuscripts and newspapers yellowed with age.

The authenticity of these books is borne out by the fact that five of them have been adopted as textbooks in the public schools of Texas. One of these books, entitled "History of Texas," is in two editions and was first used in Texas schools in 1939.

One of the better known stories in which Steen takes little credence is the one about Col. William Barrett Travis using his sword to draw a line on the dirt floor of the Alamo and then giving his men a chance to cross the line and fight for Texas liberty or to escape from the Alamo before the Mexican assault.

Steen gives several reasons for not accepting this widely-known story as factual. "First, on March 8, the date on which Travis supposedly drew the line, the Alamo was completely encircled and escape was virtually impossible. Second, the story didn't come to light until 1877, a year after the death of Mrs. Suzanna Dickinson, the only white adult survivor of the Alamo," he said.

In addition to his 12 books, Steen has written numerous historical articles. About 40 of his articles have appeared in the "Handbook of Texas." Others were in the "Southwestern Historical Quarterly," "Collier's Encyclopedia" and "National Encyclopedia."

He has had book reviews in the "Southwestern Historical Quarterly," "Southwestern Social Science Quarterly," "American Historical Review," "Mississippi Valley Historical Review," "Journal of Southern History" and "Pacific Historical Review."

Steen is known throughout Texas and the South as an authority.

Aggie Players  
Set Production  
Of 'Rainmaker'

The Aggie Players will present their version of the motion picture and former Broadway production, "The Rainmaker," Nov. 3-5 at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, C. K. Esten, director of the group, said yesterday.

The play's cast includes Harry Gooding as H. C. Curry; Jimmy Best as Noah Curry; Raymond Simmons as Jim Curry; Janet Folweller as Lizzie Curry; Al Risien as File; Don Denning as Sheriff Thomas; and John Gladwell as Bill Starbuck.

Esten will direct the play written by Nancy Beard. Don Reynolds and Sophie Boecher are in charge of lights, Max and Shirley Cook are handling publicity and costumes are under the supervision of Jim Pitts.

Stage manager for the production is Toby Mattox. The stage crew consists of John Marino, Manuel Rodriguez, Marshal Knapp, William Routt and Howard Hays. House manager is Dorothy Ashworth.

"The Rainmaker" is a laugh-packed comedy in which Bill Starbuck, a fast talking con-man who strangely seems to have faith in his ability to make rain, draws the Curry family into his confidence. The Currys hire Starbuck to make rain.

Lizzie Curry, who is fast becoming an old maid in her family's eyes, is attracted to Starbuck by his strange philosophy of life, a philosophy that encouraged her to have faith that she could have anything in life she wanted bad enough and believed in.

File is literally drug into the picture because the Curry's are trying to marry Lizzie off to him. He is the reluctant suitor. Lizzie's brother tells her that she is destined to be an old maid, and that Starbuck's philosophy is just

Executive Council Votes  
Working Day for Bonfire

Move Designed  
To Reduce Cuts

The Executive Committee of the Academic Council has declared Monday, Nov. 24, a holiday from classes for undergraduates to allow them to work uninterrupted on the 1959 bonfire.

Dr. John B. Page, dean of the college, made the announcement of the holiday Tuesday. He said the move came after several suggestions on methods to curb unnecessary class absences during the week prior to the A&M-Texas football contest.

"We believe and feel that most of the students agree with us that the bonfire is a fine tradition, but that it can be built without disrupting the school," Page said.

He pointed out that the "bigger than last year" idea could get out of proportion to the purpose of the symbol of every Aggie's desire to beat the University of Texas. The dean said the day of uninterrupted work seemed to be a reasonable solution to the problems of conflicting loyalties to studies and work.

Undergraduate Holiday  
Page said the undergraduate holiday was being granted only on the condition that work on the bonfire proper be started no earlier than Thursday, Nov. 20.

"With proper organization, this should be enough time to build a bonfire and have some fun—without losing two weeks of recitation," he said.

Classes Resume Tuesday  
Classes will resume Tuesday and Wednesday, with the Thanksgiving recess to begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday as scheduled on the All-College Calendar, Page said.

He promised that "if students cooperate by working on the bonfire only during off-periods in the five-day period from Thursday until Tuesday, recitations and examinations on Tuesday and Wednesday will be held to a minimum."

Yell Leader Pleased  
Dan (Smokey) Hyde, head yell leader and bonfire organizer this year, expressed concern over the length of the work period but indicated that the free day of work would be an advantage over conditions in the past.

"If we could use juniors and seniors on a strictly voluntary basis before Thursday felling trees in the cutting area before the entire group began hauling them out—and if we can get enough trucks—we should build the biggest bonfire in the history of A&M," Hyde said.

80-Foot Blaze Planned  
He said plans were to raise an 80-foot bonfire. The biggest bonfire in history was the 1954, 71 foot blaze, he said.

The yell leader is seeking students owning or having access to flat bed trucks suitable for hauling logs during the work week and has asked that anyone with such equipment contact him in Dorm 2.



DR. RALPH W. STEEN  
... completes latest history books

Band Boosters Sponsor  
Band Carnival  
Set for Saturday

Final preparations are being made for the annual Band Carnival to be held Saturday at A&M Consolidated Schools under the sponsorship of the Band Boosters Club.

Features of the show will include a community supper at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria and a puppet show by Miss Doris Goodrich Jones, of Waco, as well as the usual booths of the carnival, said Mrs. Robert A. Darrow, president of the Band Boosters Club.

Other special events will include game booths operated by the College Station Lions Clubs; Ernest Tanzer and his live "snake pit";

Keith McCrary sketching pencil portraits; the "country store" operated by Mrs. Roy Hagler and Mrs. Marilyn O. Hoffman; and the "fish pond" under the supervision of Mrs. John Sperry and Mrs. James Brazzel.

A "beauty bar" for the youngsters attending will be operated by Miss Janet Darrow and Miss Ann Holdrege. Dr. Charles LaMotte and Eugene Rush will be in charge of the "spook walk."

Refreshment and pie and cake stands will be under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Perry, Mrs. Floyd M. Stephens and Dr. John Sperry.

Carnival barker will be John H. Southern.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dehlinger will be food chairmen for the community supper.

Funds from the projects will be used to purchase instruments and uniforms for the 50 members of the band, under the direction of Walton Hinds, said Mrs. Darrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Holdrege are general chairmen of the carnival.



Army Commanders Meet

Commanders and school commandant of the Fourth U. S. Army Reserve are shown as they met in Dallas to discuss major policies and plans for Army Reserve schools and troop program units. Three of the top officers at the meeting were, left to right; Maj. Gen. Earl Rudder, commanding general

90th Infantry Division; Maj. Gen. Robert G. Gard, commanding general 8th U. S. Army Corps Reserve; and Maj. Gen. Ralph A. Palladino, chief of the U. S. Army Reserve and ROTC Affairs Division Department of the Army. Gen. Gard gave the opening address to the group. (AP Photo)

Greyhound Opens  
North Gate Stop

Greyhound buses began stopping at North Gate yesterday afternoon moving the terminal from Black's Pharmacy at East Gate to the Frostop Drive-In.

The change was made because of the advantage of having buses stop nearer the business section of College Station and to make bus connections easier for Aggies. E. T. Hudson, traveling sales representative of Southwestern Greyhound Lines, Houston, said.

Paul Lowry, manager of Frostop, is the new agent for the College Station terminal, Hudson said.

The terminal will be open from 8:45 a.m. until 10 p.m. each day with seven schedules available, running both north and south, he said.

News of the World

By The Associated Press

Dulles, Chiang Enter Fourth Meeting

TAIPEI, Formosa—Secretary of State Dulles and President Chiang Kai-shek headed into new talks Wednesday while fresh artillery duels blazed in Formosa Strait.

Wednesday's conferences followed three meetings between Dulles and Chiang Tuesday, the day Dulles arrived on his Formosa mission.

Following Tuesday's talks between Dulles and Chiang, a spokesman said the whole political and military situation in the Formosa area was reviewed. In reply to a question, he said it was possible the two discussed possible resumption of U.S. warship convoys for supply ships to Quemoy.

Daniel Confident of Sales Tax Rejection

AUSTIN—Gov. Price Daniel said Tuesday that he was confident the next legislature could solve Texas' most pressing financial problems without passing a general sales tax or a state income tax.

"I am strongly opposed to a general sales tax or a state income tax and believe we can do the job without them," he told a press conference.



BUCK BUCHANAN  
... SCONA IV assistant

Buck Buchanan  
Appointed Aide  
To SCONA IV

Frank B. (Buck) Buchanan, junior economics major from San Antonio, Tuesday night was appointed vice-chairman of the Fourth Student Conference on National Affairs, to be held Dec. 10-13.

After extensive interviewing Robert (Bob) Pfeuffer, chairman, SCONA IV, appointed Buchanan because of his interest in the conference and because he has been a good worker, Jack Teague, SCONA IV publicity chairman, said.

Buchanan, who is intelligence sergeant, 2nd Regiment staff, is a member of the Finance Committee this year. He played a major part in getting sponsors for the conference in Corpus Christi.

He will assist Pfeuffer in the overall operation of the conference. As a leader on the campus, Buchanan was chairman of the Memorial Student Center Bridge Committee and MSC director's assistant last year.

Waco A&M Club  
To Host Aggies

The Waco-McLennan County A&M Club will be host to all former students and present-day students, faculty and parents, prior to the A&M-Baylor football game played on the Saturday night at Waco, Dick Hervey, executive secretary of the Assn. of Former Students has announced.

Headquarters will be at the Texas Power and Light Co. Service Center of 3600 Franklin Ave., Waco, from noon until game time. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m.

R. E. (Bob) O'Connell, '33, is president of the club; Cecil I. Parker, '46, is vice president and M. A. Taylor, '48, is secretary-treasurer.

Corps Color Guard  
For Year Picked

The Corps Color Guard for the 1958-59 school year was chosen recently by Corps Staff juniors.

The guard consists of two juniors who are flag bearers and two sophomores who bear arms. The Corps Color Guard marches immediately behind the Corps Staff in all reviews and parades.

Larry Winkle, C-AAA junior, is Color Sergeant and was chosen to carry the U. S. flag. Bob White, B-FA junior, was chosen to carry the Texas flag. William Phillips, Squadron 8, and Harris Haynes, Squadron 12, were chosen to guard the Colors.

These men represent their respective regiments and wings as the best drilled sophomores and juniors, said Corps Commander, Don Cloude.