

College Dining Club Sets Thursday Fun

The College Employees Diner Club has planned a "night of fun" Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Bryan Country Club, according to committee co-chairmen H. E. Hampton and Stanley Clark.

This party will be an informal refreshment dance with sports clothes or western attire the order of the day. Music will be furnished by Bill Turner's Aggie-land Combo and Manning Smith, popular square dance caller, will be on hand for that job. Hot coffee, punch and doughnuts will be served.

Season tickets for the remaining four events may be purchased for \$6.60 by contacting the committee chairmen (VI 6-5117 or VI 6-7413) or Dr. E. E. Burns, VI 6-5016. Single tickets at \$1.50 may be purchased at the Main Desk, Memorial Student Center.



Henry 'Rip' Collins
 ... sports figure checks scrapbook

Now Bryan Police Chief

Rip Collins Recalls Great Sports Past

By JAY COLLINS
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Outstanding professional baseball player ... great Texas A&M halfback ... member of the Texas Rangers ... sheriff of Travis County ... present Bryan Chief of Police ...

These are some of the positions held by Henry Warren (Rip) Collins, Class of '19, during his illustrious career.

In an interview with Collins yesterday at his home, 202 Glenwood in Bryan, the 62-year-old police chief relaxed in his favorite chair, lit a cigarette and reminisced about the past years which he holds so dear.

First Starring Role
 It was during the A&M-Texas game in 1915 that "Fish" Collins, who played with the varsity, wrote his name into football immortality at A&M. The Aggies went into the game despite the odds of 3 to 1 against them and opened a hole in the Texas line big enough to drive a wagon through.

"Fish" Collins, hugging the ball against his crimson-and-white jersey, passed through Texas territory unscathed for the first Aggie score of the game. A&M went on to win that game 13-0.

The 1915 Aggie varsity collected 270 points that year to their opponents' 0. It was one of A&M's best teams in history.

Dana X. Bible, former Aggie head football coach, said of Collins, "He was one of the all time great football stars at A&M during the three years he played here."

Harold Ratliff in his book "Towering Texas", a story of the Southwest Conference, said, "Rip Collins was the man who beat Texas University single-handed in the memorial game of 1915."

Baseball Since 1920
 Collins began his well-remembered baseball career during the

1920 season when he broke in with the New York Yankees as a pitcher. It was during this era that such notable stars as Ruth, Gehrig, Peckenpaw, Sharky and Musual played with the Yankees.

"The Yankees won their first pennant in 1921 under the management of Miller Huggins, "who is one of the greatest persons I ever met," Collins said. "It was a great experience being able to play with those boys."

Collins was traded to the Boston Red Sox in 1922 and played with them until 1923 when he was sold to the Detroit Tigers.

"It was with the Tigers that I met Ty Cobb, who was the greatest ballplayer I ever knew," said the great pitcher.

In 1928 he was traded to the St. Louis Browns where he finished out his playing career, retiring from baseball in 1931.

Becomes Law Officer
 Collins became a member of the Texas Rangers in 1931 and stayed with the Rangers until 1933 when he took the job as deputy sheriff of Travis County.

He remained in that position until September, 1937, when he went back into Ranger service once more.

In July 1940, he was elected sheriff of Travis County and held that office until Jan. 1949.

In December of 1950 he became Bryan Chief of Police, the position he holds today. Collins was born in Weatherford, Tex., on Feb. 12, 1896.

A&M Prof Helps Eastern Paper Solve Odd '58 Coastal Weather

A metropolitan newspaper on the Eastern Seaboard has come all the way to Texas to find part of a scientific answer for unusual weather conditions on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts last summer.

Dr. Hugh McLellan of A&M was one of three of the nation's more eminent oceanographers and meteorologists asked by the Baltimore Evening Sun to explain the weather phenomenon that caused vacationers to shiver in unusually cold water on beaches along the mid-Atlantic coast last June, July and August, while at West Coast beaches the water was much warmer than usual.

Vet Medicine Profs To Attend Seminar

Two staff members of the School of Veterinary Medicine will spend the Thanksgiving holidays in Chicago attending the annual examining seminar of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

They are Dr. Hilton A. Smith, head of the Department of Veterinary Pathology, and Dr. Charles H. Bridges, associate professor in the department.

They will also present papers at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases which will be held during the first two days of December.

Briefly, their combined explanation was that a combination of most unusual weather conditions literally blew the top right off large sections of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans last summer.

The A&M research scientist explained that normally the coastal waters of the Atlantic Ocean from Cape Hatteras to the Canadian Arctic consists of two layers—a shallow top layer of warm water and a bottom layer of colder water.

In the normal pattern the warm top layer breaks over the beach and brings delightful bathing conditions during the summer.

The situation was radically different last summer and abnormal westerly winds were cited as the principal cause. These offshore winds drove the warm surface water out from the beaches on the Atlantic Coast.

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