

Weather Today
Considerable cloudiness, scattered showers through Wednesday. Turning colder tonight.

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'58 Bonfire Ready for Torches at 8

★ Senior Ballot Returns 'Walk' To Old Method

Members of the Class of '59 voted unanimously last night to make Elephant Walk this year the solemn occasion it was in the past.

The Walk, scheduled for 11:30 this morning, was to see seniors form a long line by holding on to the shoulders of the preceding man.

Only 40 seniors attended the brief session conducted by Class President Gary Pepper. They voted unanimously for a motion made by John Partridge asking that the traditional "wandering off to die" be done in a solemn fashion.

Corps Commander Don Cloud and First Wing Commander Jay Roland urged the small group of first classmen present at the meeting to encourage seniors in their outfits to back the decision.

The class voted to wear boots and Class A summer uniforms to prevent soiling winter uniforms for the game Thursday. They also decided to pull their shirt tails out in the manner of Elephant Walks of the past.

Consolidated Band Commander Jack Skaggs was asked to limit the instruments at the walk to one sousaphone and one piccolo.



Tops Trimmed for Double-Stacking

A crew of Texas Aggies make like lumberjacks as they trim the top of the gigantic '58 Bonfire to a level before adding another stage of logs. Five days of similar hard labor will all go up in flames tonight at 8 in the annual pre-Thanksgiving Day burning.

Kerosene Soaking Wraps Up Chore

A&M's 1958 Bonfire—symbolizing each Aggie's love for his school and his burning desire to beat the University of Texas Thursday—will burn tonight at 8 on the drill field behind Duncan Dining Hall.

Cadets from Armor ROTC outfits began soaking logs with oil and kerosene on the stack at 3 this afternoon. Upon completion of the soaking, the Armor companies were to form an arm-in-arm circle around the fire and guard it until it is touched off at yell practice.

The bonfire is double-stacked this year for the first time since 1954. According to R. D. (Smokey) Hyde, head yell leader who is in charge of the bonfire, double-stacking was necessary due to a shortage of big timber.

"I don't think any group of men could have put out any more than these men have. They wanted a bonfire and built it," Hyde commented.

He expressed pleasure at the organization and the manner in which work was conducted this year. The fact that food was served to workers out in the cutting area making it unnecessary to lose working time by coming in to eat in the dining halls, an excess of good equipment, and working crews on an outfit basis helped bonfire construction, Hyde said.

Hyde also commended the Bonfire Committee, AAA juniors and several seniors for their outstanding efforts on the project.

Although Aggies started work on the bonfire three days later than in previous years, more than enough felled trees were piled up in the cutting area Sunday afternoon making it necessary to conclude cutting operations and continue stacking until tonight.

Wood choppers, truck drivers and stacking crews worked under ideal weather conditions to build the bonfire, unhampered by rain or cold as in years past. Roads where crews sunk ankle-deep in mud last year were dusty trails this year.

The percentage of bonfire injuries was lower than in previous years, with only a few minor mishaps occurring during the course of work.

No incidents of vandalism were reported during the building period, as individual outfits took turns guarding campus areas.

383 Due Diplomas After Fall Term

There are 383 candidates for degrees at A&M for the Jan. 17, 1959, graduation.

Of these, 280 are candidates for baccalaureate degrees and 103 are candidates for advanced degrees.

Spirit of 'Sips Up in Smoke--If Aid Comes

"Teasippers" are planning a bonfire tomorrow night from which "flaming clouds will paint the Tower orange and climax a week of pep rallies and intense spirit," according to the Daily Texan, the University of Texas campus newspaper.

The article added however, that "the bonfire will be a flop if everyone doesn't pitch in and collect the wood." Trophies will be given away to the men's or women's group which collects the most wood.

Apparently the "Sips" have trouble finding the right kind of fuel for their "Aggie Funeral Pyres." In 1950 one UT fraternity had to return 340 vegetable crates and 300 crate lids, stolen from an Austin market. And a number of outhouses had to be returned in 1952, the article said.

Austin Moms' Club Slates Aggie Dance

The Austin A&M Mother's Club will sponsor a dance for Aggies and their dates from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. Wednesday night at the City Coliseum in Austin.

Admission price is \$1 "Ag or stag". Tickets may be purchased at the door. J. Leutwyler's Orchestra will furnish the music for the dancers.

Midnight yell practice will be held inside the coliseum at 11:30 p. m. The coliseum will remain heated after the dance and blankets will be available at no charge for cadets who wish to spend the night there.

News of the World

By The Associated Press

Legislators Veto School Report

AUSTIN—Two legislators voted Monday against the final report of the Hale-Aikin School Study Committee which recommended more classroom instruction and higher teachers' salaries.

The four other lawmakers on the committee of 24 had voiced objections to sections of the report which will face a stern fight in the 56th Legislature.

Enough Bombs Stored to Destroy Earth

WASHINGTON—There are now enough nuclear bombs stockpiled to destroy the entire human race, the Council of the Federation of American Scientists reported Monday.

It added that there is not, and probably never will be, any defense against massive atomic attack.

Schoolgirls, British Troops Clash

NICOSIA, Cyprus—Greek-speaking schoolgirls fought with British troops in strikebound Nicosia Monday.

The girls paraded with anti-British posters. The troops were ordered to disperse them and used tear gas. Several hand-to-hand skirmishes took place. No one was reported hurt on either side. After 90 minutes of chasing around the narrow streets of Nicosia's walled city, the girls took refuge indoors or were rounded up.

Schools, shops and factories were closed by the strike, which the island's Greek-speaking majority is staging to coincide with the start of debate on Cyprus in the United Nations.

Lightfoot's Entry Wins 'Ad' Prize

Bill Lightfoot, junior business administration major from Bryan, was selected the most proficient copywriter at A&M in Mennen Company's "There'll Always Be a Playboy" ad writing contest.

Lightfoot competed with 3,700 college students from coast to coast.

The contest, launched on 300 campuses this spring, offered the individual winner a year's subscription to Playboy and the three national finalists prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100 respectively.

Students who entered the contest were requested to write an ad based on a mythical or historical incident with a humorous story line, into which was woven any one of the company's men's products.

Library Announces Holiday Schedule

Cushing Memorial Library will observe a special schedule during the Thanksgiving holidays, according to Michael V. Krenitsky, assistant librarian.

The library will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Wednesday and from 8 to 12 a. m. on Saturday. It will be closed on Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Guide Posts

"It is the age that forms the man, not the man that forms the age. Great minds do indeed react on the society which has made them what they are, but they only pay with interest what they have received."—Thomas B. Macaulay

Action Promised

Petition for Street Bond Vote Presented to CS City Council

By DAVE STOKER
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A petition requesting the City Council to order a \$500,000 bond election for immediate improvement of streets was presented to Mayor E. R. Langford and members of the council at last night's meeting.

The petition, containing the names of 265 citizens, was presented to the council by Fred Farrar, spokesman for the group requesting the bond issue.

Farrar spoke out for the group and especially asked the council to give the people of College Station a chance to "say what they want."

"I want the council to know that we cannot be labeled a pressure group but simply a

group that is dissatisfied, Farrar said.

Farrar said the group felt confident that the council was able to fulfill the desires of the citizens.

Want Good Streets

"We don't think, however, that the council really knows what the citizens want. What we want is some good streets. The town belongs to the people and the people are ready for some new streets," he remarked.

He said the council's policy for street improvement was good as far as it goes, but that it did not go far enough. He suggested that the council find out what the people want and to give them a chance to say what they want.

Mayor Langford told Farrar that the council was certainly willing to let the people speak.

Accepts Petition

"We will accept the petition. We positively want to hear what the citizens have to say. When we get where we are not willing to listen to the people, then it is time for a new council," Langford said.

Farrar asked the council to put the bond up for election.

"If the bond is defeated you will never hear from us on the matter again. Personally, I don't see how the bond can be defeated. I'm sure that it is what the majority of the people want," he told the council.

In other business the council discussed erecting school crossing signs near the crossing at Jersey Street and Highway 6.

The issue was put off until the crossing could be studied more. The highway department had earlier requested speeds from 45 to 55 along Highway 6, but council members voted against

Research Engineer Suffers Concussion In Two-Car Crash

L. S. Paine, research engineer for the A&M Engineering Experiment Station, was hospitalized at St. Joseph's in Bryan yesterday with a brain concussion received in a two-car collision on Highway 50, fifteen miles southwest of Bryan at 8:45 a. m.

Paine's car collided with another auto driven by Jack Castoria of Caldwell after Castoria pulled to the right and started into a left turn, according to highway patrolmen. Both cars were total losses.

Castoria and his children, Virginia, 7, and Paul, 4, were released from St. Joseph's after treatment.

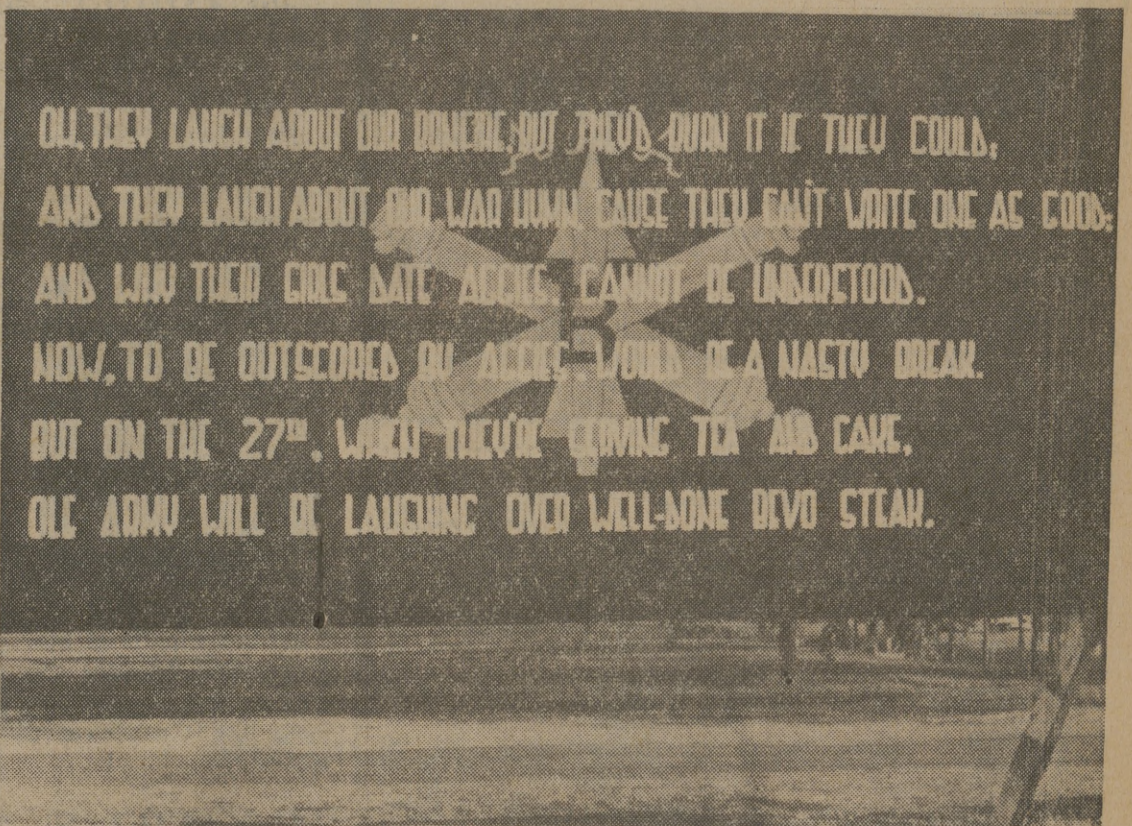
John W. Tippit, assistant research engineer, was riding with Paine and was also released after treatment of a cut over his eye.

the proposal because of the school children.

Members of the council also passed a motion to clean up the various streets in College Station that are badly littered.

The council was requested to improve the conditions of the sidewalks and drainage system around the Consolidated School District.

Mayor Langford said the council would look into the situation.



Turkey Day Sign Winner

This sign, originated and drawn by B-AAA, Aggie bonfire tonight. The winning sign won a \$10 prize from Loupot's for the outfit's use.