

## Weather Today

Mostly cloudy with little temperature changes through Wednesday.

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## Insurance Plan Payments Tally \$2,100 to Ags

Claims paid off by the voluntary insurance plan have netted average payments of almost \$100 each to 22 Aggies since the plan was adopted last spring.

Claims ranging from a fall down a stairway to an auto accident have amounted to \$2,147.80, with \$125 in claims still unpaid early today, Mrs. Gene Taylor, secretary to Dr. C. R. Lyons at the College Hospital, said.

At the beginning of the fall semester 1,623 students enrolled in the voluntary plan. The same policy was offered to new students at the beginning of this semester, but no policies were taken out.

Mrs. Taylor said the 22 claims ranged from \$458 to about \$12, with an average of \$97.63 paid to

each student making a claim.

"The students who have received payment under the plan have been well-pleased," Mrs. Taylor said. "The time lapse between the filing of the claim and the time students received payments was usually very short."

For example, the \$458 claim was completely transacted in a period of three days, she continued.

Students who took out the policy at the beginning of the year paid \$4 for a \$1,000 investment in case of an accident within a one-year period. The policy will officially expire three days prior to registration next fall.

The policy, underwritten by a reputable national firm, has no effect on policies under which students may currently be enrolled or plan to participate in the future. The program complements present health services offered by the College Hospital.

The program was endorsed last spring by the Student Senate and approved by a student-staff committee authorized by President M. T. Harrington and the Board of Directors.

## Blood Drive Plans Begun By CS Lions

College Station Lions yesterday laid preliminary plans for a blood drive in cooperation with the A&M Student Senate, which drive leaders hope will net 450 pints of life-saving blood for the Texas Leukemia Research Foundation.

The collection will take place March 11 in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Aggies who wish to contribute to the drive may sign up at a Student Senate-manned booth to be located in the Memorial Student Center next week.

Last year in a similar drive, Aggies contributed 200 pints of blood and more than 500 Aggies were turned away due to the flu epidemic at that time. At least 14 children, victims of the "blood cancer" disease, are alive today thanks to the blood donated last year.

A bloodmobile from the Wadley Research Institute and Blood Bank in Dallas will be here March 11, with a crew to collect the blood. Lions club members will set up the physical facilities for the collection and serve as assistants to the Wadley staff.

David R. Fitch, Lion president, and Don Rummel, chairman of the Student Senate Welfare Committee, are co-chairmen for the drive.

## \$25 Tuition Grants Open to Students

A limited number of tuition scholarships will be available this spring according to an announcement by the Faculty Scholarships Committee.

These scholarships take the form of refunds for the additional \$25 which was added to the matriculation fee under terms of a bill which was passed by the Texas Legislature in 1957.

To qualify for the refunds students must show that the added tuition created a serious financial hardship for them. Other requirements are: (1) applicants must have completed at least one semester or more at A&M with an overall grade point average of 1.00 on work taken at this college, (2) applicants must be legal residents of Texas and (3) applications must be filed with the secretary, Faculty Scholarships Committee, Office of the Registrar, on or before March 15.

Application forms are now available in the Registrar's Office.



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## YMCA Lawn Getting a New Face

Physical plant workers are shown above leveling dirt on the northwest side of the building. Also the curbs in front of the YMCA are being replaced. The lawn is being refaced after being torn up when new sidewalks were

## Applications Now Available For Publications Editorships

Applications for the editorships of A&M's four magazines, daily newspaper and year book officially opened yesterday morning, according to L. A. Duewall, director of Student Publications.

Duewall said editorships for the publications are available to capable and qualified Aggies for the 1959-60 school year, and applications must be filed by 5 p.m., March 16.

Students interested may file for editorships of The AggieLand, The Agriculturist, The Commentator, The Southwestern Veterinarian, The Engineer and The Battalion.

Duewall said a student must meet the following minimum requirements to hold one of the positions:

- Junior or senior academic classification.
- Free from academic and disciplinary probation.
- Must have clearly demonstrated above average achievement and ability.
- A minimum of one year's experience on the staff of any publication and proven ability to carry on the work of publication in a manner deemed creditable by the Student Publications Board.

Procedure for selection of the six publications editors is as follows:

Nominations for editor or editors of The AggieLand and The Battalion will be made to the SPB by the Director of Student Publications. After approval by the board,

final appointment is made by the vice president of the college.

Nominations for editor of The Agriculturist, The Commentator, The Engineer and The Southwestern Veterinarian will be made to the SPB by the board members representing the academic schools which sponsor the individual magazines. The SPB, upon approval, will submit the nominations to the deans of the schools concerned.

Application blanks for the editorship of The Agriculturist may be obtained in the office of O. R. Kunze, Department of Agricultural Engineering.

Those interested in filing for the editor's post of The AggieLand and The Battalion may do so by picking up blanks in the Office of Student Publications, ground floor, YMCA.

Students wishing to apply for editor of The Commentator should see Harry L. Kidd, Department of English.

Application blanks are available in the office of J. W. Amyx of the Department of Petroleum Engineering for students interested in applying for the editorship of The Engineer.

Application for The Southwestern Veterinarian editorship may be picked up in the office of Dr. E. D. McMurry of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Further information may be obtained in the office of Student Publications, Duewall said.

## Story of AggieLand

## Ags Try for Prize In Essay Contest

"Texas A&M—What It Means to Me."

Some student now enrolled at A&M will receive a \$250 award in May for the best essay using this theme and submitted to The Battalion office not later than April 1.

The award has been made available by C. L. Babcock '20, former editor of The Battalion and presently an insurance agent in Beaumont.

Screening of the essays submitted will be done by The Battalion staff and final judging will be done by a committee to be appointed by Vice President Earl Rudder.

"I believe the papers prepared by students will contain constructive and useful information for publication, especially in pamphlet form," said Babcock in announcing the award which bears his name.

Babcock added that a collection of the better papers may be used to tell the story of A&M from the student standpoint to prospective Aggies in high schools of the Southwest.

Certificates will be awarded to the top 10 entries in the Babcock Award contest in addition to the single \$250 cash prize.

Judging criteria as set up by the donor are truthfulness, fairness, good will building and its benefit.

April 1 is the deadline for entries in the contest. Entries should be prepared in regular manuscript form, double spaced, with an original and two carbon cop-

ies. The essays should be turned in to The Battalion office in Room 4 of the YMCA. Manuscripts should be no less than 250 nor more than 1,000 words in length.

With exception of members of The Battalion staff, any full time student now enrolled is eligible to enter the contest.

## Petition Urges City to Begin Paving Streets

### Council Sets April 7 Vote To Pick New Councilmen

A petition was presented to the College Station City Council last night calling for the paving and construction of curbs and gutters on Kyle Drive and Walton Street from the intersection of Highway 6 and Kyle around to Walton to the intersection of Walton and Foster Avenue.

The council also set April 7 as the date for a general municipal election to elect three new commissioners, and appointed a Board of Equalization.

The petition was signed by 73 per cent of the property owners along the streets. Length of the job will cover almost 1 1/4 miles.

City Manager Ran Boswell was authorized by the council to secure legal descriptions

## Fish Drill Team Takes Honors At Laredo AFB

A&M's Freshman Drill Team won first place honors over the Texas University Army ROTC drill unit in competition at Laredo Air Force Base last weekend.

Out of a possible 100 points, the Aggie cadets accumulated a total of 92. The drill unit from Texas had a total of 87 points.

Cadet Ben Rice from Orange is commander of the A&M unit.

The drill competition was originally scheduled for Saturday afternoon following the Washington's Birthday Celebration parade scheduled for that morning. However, the parade was cancelled due to unfavorable weather and the drill event was rescheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Other drill units from various colleges in Texas who were to have participated in the competition were unable to do so because of the change in date. The Aggie team and the Texas drill unit competed solely against each other.

The Aggie team and others who were to participate in the parade were honored with a dinner Saturday evening given by Martin High School.

For the remainder of the Laredo trip, the freshman team toured Laredo Air Force Base, a T-33 training base. They also took in the sights of near-by Laredo.

The group was furnished housing at the base, according to Gregory A. Garcia, executive officer of the team.

Captain Grange S. Coffin, Sgt. Richard M. Temple, Sgt. Clarence C. Lee and the drill team advisor, Cadet Major Hoy Richards, accompanied the group to Laredo.

to secure legal descriptions and names of property owners along the streets to be paved as a means to insure action to secure payment from all of the property owners. Cost of the paving will be \$3 per running foot for each property owner as well as the city.

Councilmen L. J. McCall, J. A. Orr and D. A. Anderson are the councilmen whose terms expire and who must seek re-election or drop from the council. Deadline for filing for the office is 30 days prior to the election.

Three Terms Expire

H. E. Hampton, Ed Kidd and B. J. Fluker were appointed to the Board of Equalization. Purpose of the board is to hear complaints of citizens who think personal taxes are too high, and to take action on the matter.

Mayor Ernest Langford was authorized by the council to study the possibility of enlarging the office space in City Hall by remodeling the area now occupied by a maintenance and workshop area.

The council also authorized the purchase of four lots and a building immediately behind City Hall at a cost of \$10,500—\$1,500 each for two of the lots and \$7,500 for the two lots on which the building is located.

New Street Lights

Boswell asked permission to secure bids for eight more street lights along Highway 6. The council okayed the project. Boswell estimated the lights will cost approximately \$160 each.

City Attorney C. E. Dillon recommended the city pay the Dominick brothers \$3,500 for right-of-way for the new farm-to-market road off Highway 6 running east.

Parking along Boyett Street from Sulphur Springs Road to Church Street will be changed to a 6-hour limit at the next meeting of the council.

Civic Improvement

A letter was read by Mayor Langford from Mrs. B. B. Hamner, a member of the Civic Improvement Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, asking the mayor to declare the week of March 22 as Civic Beautification Week as part of the state-wide program at that time.

Mrs. Marion Pugh, chairman of the committee, appeared before the council with a list of suggested improvements in civic beauty.

Mayor Langford said he would make the proclamation including some of Mrs. Pugh's recommendations in it.

## Sophs Call Meeting With Earl Rudder

Sophomores will meet with Vice President Earl Rudder tonight at 7:30 in The Biological Sciences Lecture Room.

## Guide Posts

And he that neither coveteth to please men, nor feareth to displease them, shall enjoy much peace.—a Kempis.

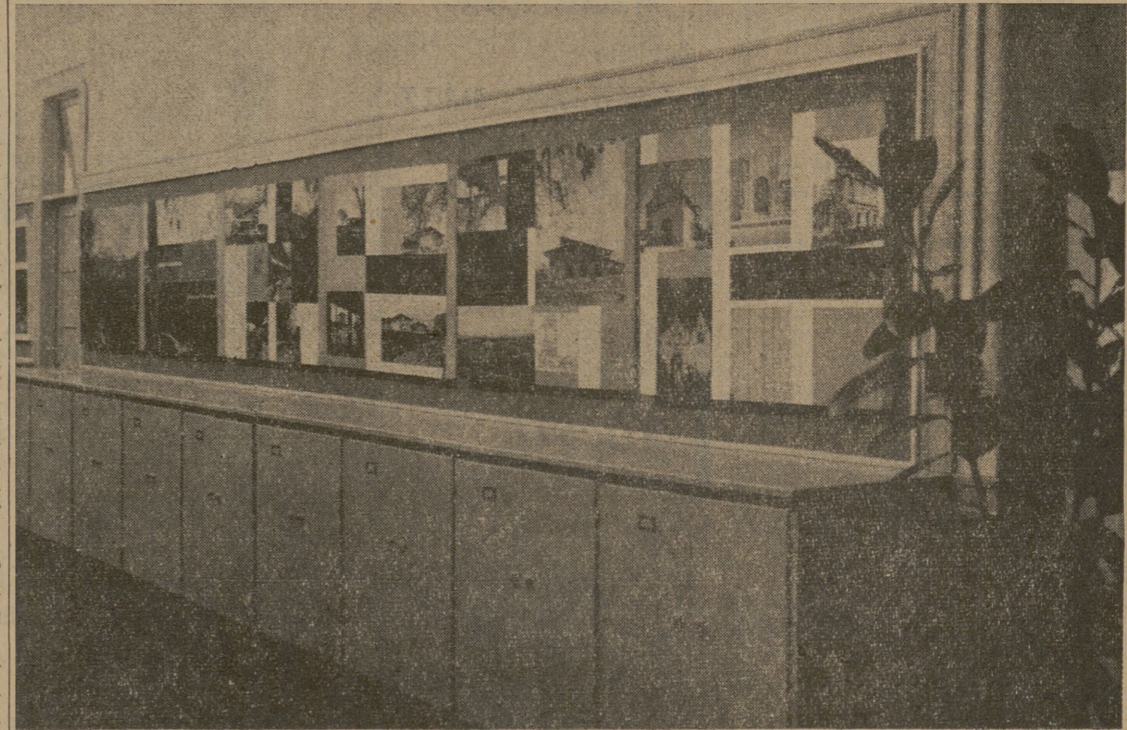


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## Architecture Exhibit

Currently on display in the Division of Architecture, fourth floor of the Academic Building, is the exhibition, "Architecture in Venezuela," sponsored by the Venezuelan Society of Architects and the Creole Petroleum Corporation. The exhibit will continue through March 10.