

Weather Today
Warm, cloudy to partly cloudy
through Friday.

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The South Shall Rise Again

This group injected the spirit of Dixieland setting for the annual Fish Day activities into April Fool's Day festivities in Duncan when the freshmen became sophomores for Dining Hall yesterday. The day was the day and the sophs took the role of fish.

Final Show of Year

Town Hall to Present 'Li'l Abner' Tuesday

"Li'l Abner", an original musical comedy that features all of Al Capp's famous hillbilly characters, will be presented at Town Hall Tuesday at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The "zip and zingo" show will be Town Hall's final attraction of the year.

"This will be by far the most entertaining of any attraction ever offered by Town Hall," C. G. (Spike) White, manager of recreation and entertainment, said yesterday.

"Li'l Abner" brings to life the lovable characters in the "Li'l Abner" comic strip created by Al Capp. The characters include Li'l Abner, Daisey Mae, Mammy and Pappy Yokum, Earthquake McGoon, the Skaggs Brothers, Moonbeam McSwine, Available Jones and his sister Stupefying Jnes.

"I saw the show in New York a year ago and to me it was more entertaining than 'My Fair Lady', 'Westside Story', 'New Girl in Town', 'Damn Yankees' or any of the other big Broadway musicals",

White said of the show.

The show is being presented by Lee Guber, Frank Mord and Shelly Gross, producers of the successful Music Fairs at Westbury, N. Y.; Valley Forge, Pa.; and Camden, N. J.; in association with Norman Panama, Melvin Frank and Michael Kidd.

Panama and Frank are the creators of the book entitled "Li'l Abner". Kidd, director of choreography, is known for his dances in productions such as "Guys and Dolls", "Can-Can" and "Finian's Rainbow."

One of the nation's top song writing teams, Johnny Mercer and Gene de Paul, created the musical scores for the show. Lyrics are by Mercer, music by de Paul, including such great hits as "The Country Is in the Very Best Hands", "Love in a Home", "Namely You", "I'm Past My Prime", "If I Had My Drouthers" and several more.

Both Mercer and dePaul are famous for their Broadway productions, and Mercer has written various popular songs.

William and Jean Eckart, created the scenery and lighting. Tickets for "Li'l Abner" are on sale at the Department of Student Activities in the YMCA. Admission for adults is \$2 and student tickets cost \$1. Town Hall tickets will be honored.

A&M Appropriations Face \$1 Million Cut

House Measure Hinges on Senate

By JOE BUSER
Battalion Editor

Figures released this week show more than a million dollars may be trimmed off requested appropriations for A&M for the 1960-61 biennium.

Taken from the committee report on House Bill 216 which is currently before the House for approval, the figures show \$7,391,805 budgeted for the college for the first year of the two-year fiscal period. The college had requested \$8,592,977. Figures for the second year (1961) are also separated by more than a million dollars.

Funds for teacher salaries for the 18 state-supported colleges were increased by 9.6 per cent by the House Bill. The additional monies were available on a student semester hour formula basis.

Salaries at Texas A&M were cut \$278,307 from a requested \$3,395,207, based on projected enrollment for the 1960 term. The second year of the biennium showed a similar cut in salaries here.

Departmental operating capital, instructional administration and organized activities funds also suffered severe slashes on the basis of low enrollment for the upcoming fiscal period.

Library funds for 1960 suffered a \$32,648 cut for the same reason.

Vice President Earl Rudder said yesterday that the cut in appropriations in the House bill was the result of a drop in projected enrollment as well as the drop in students in the current school year. Enrollment was estimated to be 7,700 by 1960 but the 400-student drop this year did not support this projection, he said.

No appropriations were made for student health services or intramural athletics but the language of the bill does not prohibit spending appropriated funds for these purposes. The House committee said they deleted the two from public fund financing because (1) neither was an educational activity (2) health service was not one of the things the college was created for (3) intramurals are not akin to supervised play, nor did they fall within educational functions of a college.

Guide Posts

To live in the presence of great truths and eternal laws, that is what keeps a man patient when the world ignores him and calm and unspoiled when the world praises him.—Balzac.

Weaver Receives Harvard Grant

Dr. Nevin Weaver, associate professor of entomology, is the recipient of a 1959-60 postdoctoral fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

He will enter Harvard University next fall for a year of advanced study.

A native of Navasota, Dr. Weaver graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown in 1941 and received his M.S. degree in botany from A&M in 1942 and his Ph.D. in entomology here in 1953.

Weaver joined the Department of Entomology in 1951 as an instructor.

He is the author of more than 20 technical articles on honeybees and related subjects.

Weaver, who plans to return to A&M College after his year of study at Harvard, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Weaver of Navasota.

Weaving Exhibit Now On in MSC

David Bradley, 1958-59 president of the Texas Designer-Craftsman, is now conducting weaving exhibitions and fabric displays in the Promenade of the Memorial Student Center.

The exhibitions and displays, sponsored by the Creative Arts Committee, will last through April 11.

Bradley has held exhibitions widely over the United States. He is a member of the National Advisory Board of the American Craftsmen's Council.

News of the World

By The Associated Press

Soviets Rattle Sabers in Berlin

BERLIN—The Soviet Union Wednesday warned the United States to stop high-altitude flights to Berlin. The U. S. Air Force said it will continue them as necessary.

Stepping up pressure elsewhere, the Soviet Union issued an order in Moscow temporarily banning all travel by Western diplomats outside the Soviet capital and Leningrad—presumably because of spring military maneuvers. Meeting this head on, Washington restricted travel of Soviet diplomats to the Washington-New York area in the United States.

Both bans were effective immediately. The State Department said the U. S. ban will be lifted when the Soviets lift theirs, but there was no immediate indication how long they would last.

Russian Embassy Personnel Expelled In Mexico

MEXICO CITY—Mexico's decision to banish two members of the Soviet Embassy staff for involvement in the wild-cat rail strike will be followed by other anti-Communist measures, informed sources said Wednesday.

It is probable, these sources said, that the Mexican government will ask the Soviets to reduce the number of their embassy personnel. It now is estimated about 100.

Ag Tells of Torture On Bataan 'March'

By BOB EDGE
Battalion Staff Writer

Milton G. Alexander, a junior mechanical engineering major from Palestine, is a courageous man, because after ten years of working in a Post Office and at the ripe age of 38, he decided to go to college.

Not many would have the courage nor the self confidence to tackle such a task, especially with a family, yet this is just a sample of the courage and strength that Alexander used to survive the Bataan "Death March" and three and one-half years as a prisoner of war.

In describing the situation leading up to the infamous "Death March," Alexander stated that the battle for Bataan had been going on for three months and the American forces had been pushed down into the very southern tip of the Bataan peninsula. All who could make it were ordered to the island of Corregidor. The surrender of Bataan finally came on April 9, 1942.

Alexander, who was a light-machine-gunner in the 21st Infantry Regiment, was suffering from a head wound from shrapnel at the time of the surrender. He explained that during the march, which lasted 13 days, anyone who lagged or fell out from sickness or to get water, was shot. Having only the clothes he was wearing when captured, plus his canteen, Alexander said that his weight dropped from 155 pounds down to 100 (they were fed one small bowl of rice a day). Nearly everyone was either wounded or sick with malaria, he stated.

The march carried what was left of the prisoners to a railroad at San Fernando, some 80 miles from Bataan, said Alexander. From there he was taken to his first POW camp, Camp O'Donnel, which was located in the interior of the island of Luzon. From here, he said he was moved to four other POW camps before being sent to a camp in Japan.

During his stay in these various camps, Alexander emphasized that the men had to help each other to stay alive. He related one experience where a fellow prisoner spent what little money he had left to buy Alexander some quinine. He said that he was practically dead with malaria at the time, but later pulled through. His benefactor later died of malaria.

On Oct. 1, 1944, Alexander was

aboard a Jap POW ship, bound for Formosa, normally a two and one-half day voyage (it took them 39 days).

Conditions aboard this vessel, he explained, "were worse than those I personally experienced on the march from Bataan. We were in a convoy of 13 ships, 8 of which were sunk by American submarines before we reached Formosa. I was put in a hold which measured about 50 by 60 feet, with 500 other men. We stayed this way for 39 days. They fed us a cup of rice a day and occasionally a cup of water. Approximately one-third of the men didn't make it.

Alexander was later taken from Formosa to a POW camp 400 miles north of Tokyo, where he worked in a copper smelter. He said that the weather was pretty bad at this camp and he caught pneumonia and had both feet frozen.

"Near the end, when the Japs tried to tell us about the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we couldn't believe one bomb could do so much damage. We assumed there had been a massive air-raid. On Aug. 15, 1954, they brought us in from work and simply said that Japan and America were making peace. The next morning they were all gone except the Japanese commander.

Alexander said that he was taken from Japan by destroyer and later returned to the United States by ship.

Among the awards and decorations he received were the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Unit Badge with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Infantry Badge, the American Defense Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and the Philippine Defense Ribbon.

Air Force-9

Scheduled Tonight

The Air Force Officer Qualification Test (Sta-9) will be given for the last time this year in two sessions today and Saturday.

The first part will be given tonight at 6:30 and the second part will be given Saturday morning at 7.

Anyone interested in taking the test should report to the Department of Air Science Conference Room in the Trigon tonight.

From Gov. Daniel

Batt Gets Citation For Safety Crusade

The Battalion received a special merit citation from Gov. Price Daniel for outstanding service among public communication media in the Governor's 1958 highway safety crusade.

The award received by The Battalion was the only one given to a college newspaper. Other awards in the contest went to 12 daily and 4 weekly newspapers, 16 radio stations and three associations.

The Battalion also placed sixth in the national collegiate newspaper safety contest sponsored by the Lumbermans Mutual Casualty Insurance Co. of Chicago, Ill.

This was the eleventh straight year the newspaper has placed in

the national contest.

Gov. Daniel's award was made at the Governor's Breakfast which was the opening feature of the Governor's Highway Safety Conference held on conjunction with the 20th annual Texas Safety Assn. meeting in Austin recently.

Gov. Daniel pointed out in announcing the awards that through the cooperation of the communications media and Texans 197 lives were saved under the 1957 traffic death toll.

The issue of The Battalion which won the two awards was published prior to the Christmas holidays. Last Christmas was the third consecutive Christmas vacation period during which no Aggies have been killed in automobile accidents.

A special letter of praise was also received from Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., head of the Texas Department of Public Safety, for the quality of the issue.

Friday Last Day For Junior Pics

Friday is the last day that juniors may submit pictures of their girls as entries for Junior Class Sweetheart.

Pictures must be turned in at the Office of Student Activities.

Tickets are now on sale in Office of Student Activities for the Junior Prom and Banquet to be held April 11. Banquet tickets can be purchased for \$1.50 per plate, with prom tickets at \$3 with a due's card and \$5 without one.

Music for the prom will be furnished by Jimmy Simon and his 10-piece band from Houston.

Board Candidates To Speak Tonight

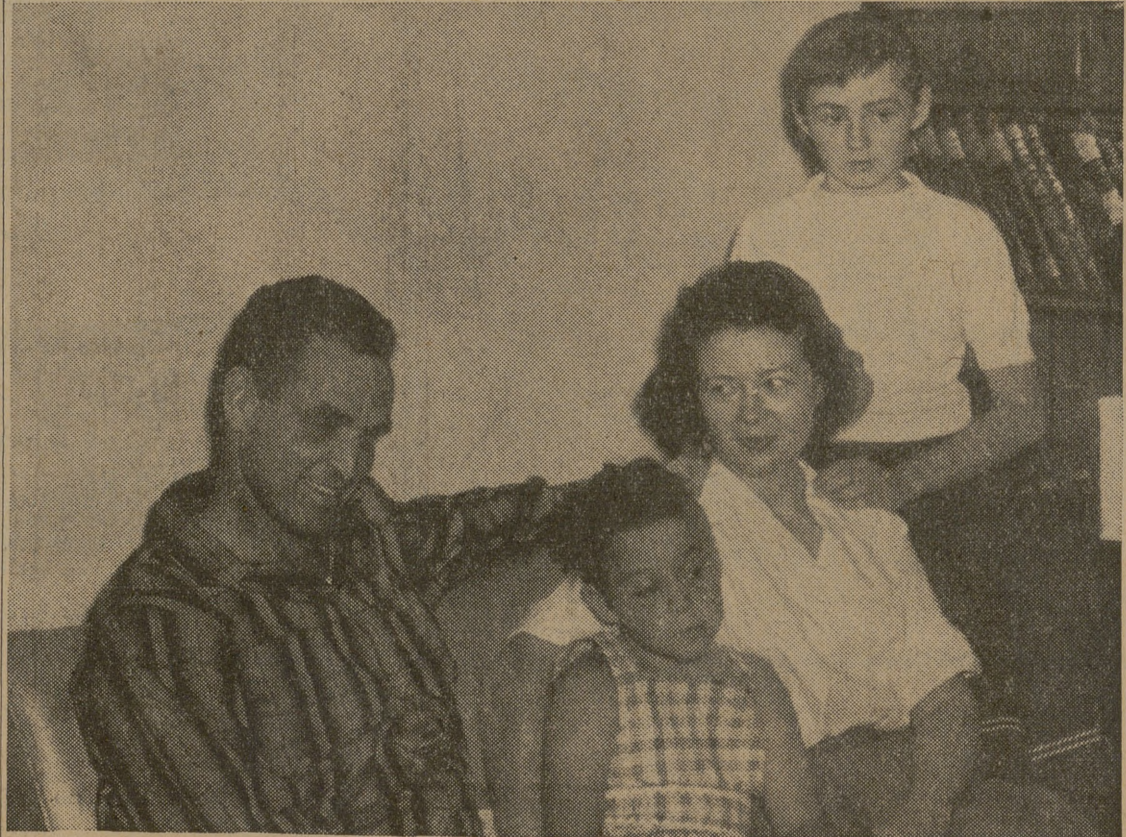
The College Station Lions Club will sponsor a meeting for the candidates for the A&M Consolidated School Board tonight at 7:30 in the A&M Consolidated High School Auditorium.

Each of the nine candidates will be allowed five minutes to present his views to the public, said David R. Fitch, president of the club. Fitch will also serve as master of ceremonies at the meeting.

The election to fill three vacancies on the board will be held Saturday at the school.

Milton Williams and C. A. Bonnen are seeking re-election.

The others filing are Albert W. Jache, the Rev. Charles G. Workman, George B. Hensarling Jr., Mrs. Raymond B. Hite, Milton Ford, J. B. (Dick) Hervey and Harold E. Redmond.



The Milton G. Alexander Family
... death march survivor, wife and children