



THE BATTALION

Appointment April 15 Editor Filings Open Today

Filings opened today for editorships for the 1960-61 school year for the six publications of the Department of Student Publications.

Director of Student Publications L. A. Duewall announced today he will accept applications for the editorships for next year of The Battalion, The Aggie, The Texas A&M Review, The Engineer, The Agriculturalist and The Southwestern Veterinarian through 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 15.

Nominations for 1960-61 editors will be made to the Students Publications Board at the April 5 meeting and the board's recommendations will be forwarded to the Deans of the four degree-granting schools and to President

Bowden Slated For Address At Convocation

Ray B. Bowden of Fort Worth, former newspaperman and now secretary of the Texas Grain and Feed Assn., will address the annual A&M Agricultural Convocation to be held at 7:30 p.m., March 15, in the Memorial Student Center.

Joe Joyce of San Marcos, senior animal husbandry student and convocation chairman, said the session is sponsored by the A&M Student Agriculture Council. Agriculture students, professors and members of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station attend the meeting each year to hear outstanding speakers in the field of agriculture.

Bowden, a native of Kansas, was reporter, copy editor and city editor from 1915-18 at the Topeka Daily Capital, Kansas City Times, Kansas City Journal, Pocatello (Idaho) Daily Chronicle, Boise (Idaho) Daily Statesman and Butte (Montana) Daily Post. He was college editor at Montana State College from 1918-30.

Later, the speaker became vice-president of the Grain and Feed Dealers National Assn. and vice-chairman of the National Grain Trade Council in Washington, D. C., and remained in those positions until retired in 1958.

He is a Mason, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Delta Chi, Kappa Kappa Psi and Epsilon Sigma Phi fraternities.



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... to address Ag Convocation

RV's Lead Rex Parade; Climax Trip at Ball Tonight

Special to The Battalion
NEW ORLEANS—The Ross Volunteers, A&M's Honor Guard, led the King Rex Parade today in downtown New Orleans and will attend the Rex Ball tonight in City Hall, climaxing four days of activity at the Mardi Gras.

This year marks the ninth the RV's have been called upon as Honor Guards for King Rex in the parade. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. today, the RV's led a five hour parade through the streets. An estimated 1,000,000 watched the parade.

The Company was the guest of the New Orleans Hometown Club yesterday for dinner at Arnauds' Restaurant. They were welcomed to the city by Councilman

Fred Castlebury. He presented Wade Dover, RV commander, the Key to the City and an honorary citizenship certificate to New Orleans.

The Company began arriving at Camp Leroy Johnson, on the banks of Lake Pontchartrain, Saturday and were billeted immediately in the barracks. Several other schools are staying at the camp, including a girls' drill team from Texas Christian University.

The opening days were warm and comfortable, but Sunday the weather turned cold. Cold and muggy was the forecast for Mardi Gras Day.

All the Company has been accounted for.

Cadets Fall Out Of National Poll

By The Associated Press

The Texas Aggies dropped out of the top 20 in the weekly Associated Press basketball poll, following a disastrous three-game losing streak in the stretch of the Southwest Conference flag chase.

A&M fell successively to the University of Texas—who annexed their first outright conference championship in 13 years last night—Southern Methodist and Texas Tech. Last night, the Cadets stopped Texas Christian, 64-56, with a last half rally that erased a 15-point lead by the Toads.

Cincinnati tops
Over the poll, the top ten college basketball teams in the country, with Oscar Robertson's Cincinnati Bearcats the No. 1 attraction, all appear on the road to either the NCAA or NIT post-season glamor events.

Overwhelmingly chosen as the nation's top-ranked club in the Associated Press Poll, the Bearcats went out Monday night and clinched at least a tie for the Missouri Valley Conference championship with the record-breaking Big O scoring 43 points in a 110-64 thumping of Tulsa.

System Honors Lubbock Man For Service

Donald W. Jones, superintendent of the Lubbock substation of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station for 32 years, was honored by directors of the A&M College System with the title of Agronomist Emeritus.

Jones, who retired from the Agricultural Experiment Station's staff Jan. 1, served with that organization for approximately 42 years, of which slightly more than 32 years were spent as head of substation No. 8 at Lubbock.

Directors conferred the honorary title on Jones in recognition of his marked contributions to High Plains agriculture, which included pioneering work in selection and development of storm-proof varieties of cotton, defoliation and mechanical harvesting. He was also recognized for his widely known work in selection and introduction of trees and shrubs for Northwest Texas, and for the introduction of new crops to the area.

He is now chairman of the research committee of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., an organization he helped establish; a member of the American Society of Agronomy; past president of the Texas Agricultural Worker's Assn.; and former honoree as "Man of the Year" in agriculture by Progressive Farmer magazine.

Merger Ballots Due by Friday

Members of the College Station Chamber of Commerce were asked today by President Gene Sutphen to return their ballots on the proposed merger of the Bryan and College Station Chambers of Commerce by Friday.

Board Appropriates Improvement Funds

Air Conditioning; Building Okayed

Directors of the A&M College System awarded contracts of \$1,982,014; confirmed a \$54,757 contract award and appropriated \$2,201,851.40 for improvements within the state-wide A&M College System at a meeting Saturday in Eules, Tex.

Include in the moves were appropriations for air conditioning four buildings at A&M, \$55,000 for plans for a Plant Sciences Building and \$4,000 for plans for street improvements on campus.

The buildings to be air conditioned are the Academic Building, the Dairy Sciences and Biochemistry Building, the Highway Research Center and the Veterinary Science Building.

New Plant Sciences Building
In addition, the new Plant Sciences Building, still in the embryonic stage, will run an estimated \$2,125,000 and be a four-story structure with 85,000 feet of floor space. The building will house the Departments of Horticulture, Plant Physiology and Pathology and Range and Forestry and the Botany section of the Department of Biology.

Contracts Awarded
The Aircontrol Associates, Inc. of Houston was awarded the \$244,800 contract to air condition the Academic Building—the largest of the jobs. Also, the Atlas Air Conditioning Co. of Houston received a \$99,800 contract to air condition the Dairy Sciences and Biochemistry Building; the Dolent-Tanner Co. was awarded a \$21,861 contract for air conditioning the Highway Research Center and also received a \$18,969 contract to air condition parts of the Veterinary Science Building.

Chemistry Building Relighting
Other appropriations for campus improvements included an \$11,528 contract to the Harris Electric Co. of Bryan to relight a portion of the Chemistry Building; a \$24,497 contract was awarded to the B-W Construction Co. of Bryan to construct two new wings on the Agronomy Field Laboratory; and a contract for \$15,989 was received by L. V. Halton of Bryan for remodeling the old Dairy Research Barn for the School of Veterinary Medicine.

New Building at Prairie View
Appropriations were also made for other colleges in the vast system with the largest single contract going to Farnsworth and Chambers of Houston for construction of a new science building at Prairie View A&M. The contract called for \$1,076,630. Arlington State College was granted authority to select attorneys for a \$600,000 contract for a new science building at Prairie View A&M.

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Sophomore Sweetheart

Miss Marianne Hooke, from Weslaco, was chosen from a group of five finalists as the Sophomore Sweetheart at the annual Sophomore Ball in Sbis Hall last Saturday evening. She was escorted by Ben Andrews.

\$8,500 in Funds

Radiological Safety Program Approved

Directors of the A&M College System authorized an \$8,500 appropriation for the start of a system-wide radiological safety program.

More Use
More use of radioactive materials, in teaching and research within the System and the anticipated further expansion of uses for these materials, were cited as reasons for the appropriation. The \$8,500 is to provide for the first part of a safety program through the end of the current fiscal year.

Call for Annual Budget
It is estimated that full operation of a radiological safety program will call for an annual budget

of approximately \$17,500, and for employment of a full-time staff consisting of a safety officer, health physicist, laboratory technician and for secretarial assistance in the near future.

The System's radiological safety program at present is the responsibility of the Radiological Safety Committee and the Radiological Safety Officer.

Concerned With Initial Funds

Meet Held For Aged Home Project

By TOMMY HOLBEIN
Battalion Staff Writer

The Geriatrics Center Project Committee, concerned with raising the initial funds to build a home for the aged under the auspices of the Methodist Church, Texas Conference, met last night in the meeting room of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce.

This home is to be the initial one for the Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, an area which comprises a triangle with Texarkana, Galveston and Orange as points. As yet, no Methodist old-age homes exist in this area.

"Efforts of Entire Community"
The purpose of the committee was defined by Chairman Henry Clay, president of the First State Bank and Trust Co., as being "to earn the opportunity of building a \$1 million geriatrics center, through the efforts of the entire community."

Time of the full drive to raise \$100,000, which is the goal set by the committee, was scheduled for May 9-23.

The meeting of the committee last night was initial and the main purpose was to form a structural organization and acquaint all members with it. Organization was presented on a chart with the names of all members on all sub-divisions listed.

On the head committee, the steering committee, are Clay, John Naylor, Col. D. R. Alfante, Lewis Newman, Jack Springer, Rev. Karl Bayer and Alice Brogdon.

Under the steering committee is the publicity, headed by Joe E. Vincent. Madge Wallace is in charge of letters and handling news releases are Bob Stewart, Troy Dunagon, David Haines, West Ninemire and Lee Duewall.

Chairman of the speakers committee is H. G. Kenagy; members of the committee include Dr. R. L. Skrabanek and Rev. Roy D. Holt; and Mrs. Travis Bryan is in charge of volunteer aid.

"Depend on Organization . . ."
"The success of this drive will depend upon our organization," said Clay. "The committees are going to need a lot of help."

A headquarters for the committee, which is to be called the Campaign Office, will be set up in the vacant building located at 25th and Washington Streets, loaned to the committee by Henry Moehlman of 1416 Beck St.

Meetings Scheduled
During the meeting, a motion was made and carried to establish the official meeting date of the committee as every other Thursday night with the next one scheduled for March 10 in the Lone Star Gas Co. Building, located at 201

East 27th Street. A meeting of all committee chairmen was decided upon and scheduled for next Monday at noon to be held in the Triangle Restaurant.

People wishing information and desiring to make contributions can contact the campaign office or Dr. Karl Bayer, district superintendent of the Methodist Church, at TA 2-1321.

Easter Seals Sound Plea To Help Crippled Children

Residents of Brazos County will receive a "Please Help Us!" plea from crippled children when they receive their Easter Seals this month.

Mrs. Clarence Kemp, chairman of the local appeal, announced two colorful stylized designs appear on the year's Easter Seal sheet, centered on a window sticker saying "Please Help Us!" Mrs. Kemp said contributors

to the Easter Seal campaign are urged to help promote the appeal by using the 36 Seals on Easter-time mail and by displaying the sticker on windows or doors when contributors have been made.

This year's nationwide appeal, scheduled March 17 through Easter Sunday, marks 39 years of service to the Society for Crippled Children.