Faculty Health, Recreation Program Set

An organizational meeting this afternoon will begin proceedings for the offering of a faculty health and recreation program through the sponsorship of the Department of Health and Physical Education.

This afternoon's meeting is slated at 5:15 in Room 262 of the new addition to G. Rollie White Coliseum.

All interested persons are invited to attend the organizational meeting for the one-semester course.

The offering of the course, a relatively new idea at A&M, was tried during the spring semester last year and proved to be what observers called "a booming success."

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IN NEW YORK

Bomb Explosion Rocks Subway

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—A holiday explosion in New York's busiest subway terminal, beneath Times Square, injured at least 27 persons Wednesday. It was caused by a homemade bomb, the third planted within a two-block midtown radius in 11 days.

Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy withheld for several hours an official explanation of the blast, although his experts from the beginning termed it a bomb. He finally announced an explosive force apparently had been hidden behind a do-it-yourself photo snapshot machine in the subway station.

Ordered Investigation

Even as the pungent, pervading odor of the explosive still hung in the labyrinth of underground subway arcades, Kennedy ordered a force of special plainclothesmen into key areas that might be future bomb targets.

A gush of black smoke and a wave of momentary panic rolled across the subway terminal together as the explosion went off at 3:25 p.m.—a merciful margin of two hours in advance of the evening rush. Women screamed as they were knocked down by the blast.

One Serious Injury

Of the injured, one was reported in serious condition. He was the conductor of a Times Square shuttle train that was unloading near the blast center. Its passengers bore the brunt of the explosive shock.

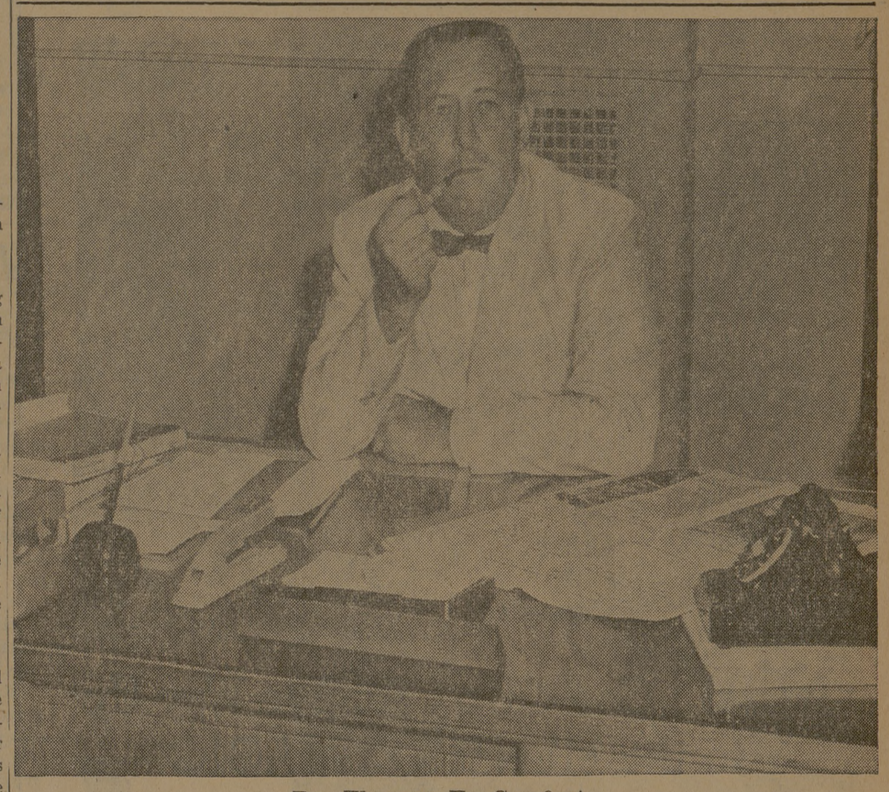
Transit Authority Inspecter Patrick J. Coughlin, 49, told police he saw two young men with blackened faces running from the scene and overheard one of them say: "We got too close. I lost my hat." Coughlin said the other replied: "I lost my hat, too."

Van Hook, '48, Named Salesman

Mobil Chemical Co. has appointed William H. Van Hook, '48, as southwestern sales representative of its Basic Chemicals Division.

Van Hook joined the company in 1949, soon after his graduation from A&M. He became district gas engineer in 1955, and field representative in 1958. He was promoted to senior process production engineer in January, 1960.

His headquarters for the new job will be in Houston.



Dr. Thomas E. Comfort
...relaxing in office

Language Professor Returns After Serving In Morocco

By TOMMY HOLBEIN
Battalion Feature Editor

Dr. Thomas E. Comfort, professor in the Department of Modern Languages, has returned from Morocco where he worked for the United States Information Agency during two years' leave of absence from the college.

While in Morocco, Comfort was director of American Language Center activities, with headquarters in the city of Rabat.

His chief duty was supervision of English schools in the country. The program grew from two schools with a total of 250 students to five schools with over 1,700 students and 40 teachers during the two years Comfort was serving as director.

"We taught English to three different types of groups," said Comfort.

"The highest level group was the government functionaries, which included members of the royal army, heads of government, and the royal court.

"We also taught languaage to students selected by the United States and Moroccan governments for study in the United States. These students were prepared for study in the U. S. in Moroccan schools and we taught them the English language."

"A very large response was achieved for our general public evening class, where we opened classes in English for anyone who wanted to attend," said Comfort.

The five schools were established in the cities of Rabat, Casablanca, Tangier, Marrakech and Fez. Comfort also acted as consultant for the development of English language in other African countries such as Guinea and the Cameroons, based on the Moroccan plan, besides supervising these schools.

The English schools are supported partly by government funds, and partially by local tuition charged to students.

While in Morocco, Comfort wrote a seminar on the American civilization which was adopted for world-wide distribution by the United States Information Agency. This seminar discussed all aspects of the American civilization, and was given to students at the University of Rabat. It was then adapted by the USIA for world-wide use.

Comfort and his wife and two children, Tommy, age 13, and Judith Ann, age 10, lived luxuriously in the capital city of Rabat while in Morocco. Ten months before leaving the country, the family had a new arrival, Patrick. The family now lives at 600 Thompson St. in College Station.

Comfort was educated at Northwestern University, where he received a BA degree in foreign languages, followed by an MA and PhD degree obtained at the University of Illinois.

The professor joined the staff of A&M in 1954, and served in this capacity for four years before entering the service of the USIA.

Comfort is presently professor of French and Spanish in the Department of Foreign Languages.

Corps Freshmen Portrait Dates Set

Freshmen in the Corps will have their portrait made for the Aggieland '61 at the Aggieland Studio, one block north of the Post Office at North gate between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on the days scheduled.

Uniform for portraits will be winter blouse. Blouses and Brass will be furnished at the studio. Each man should bring his own shirt and tie.

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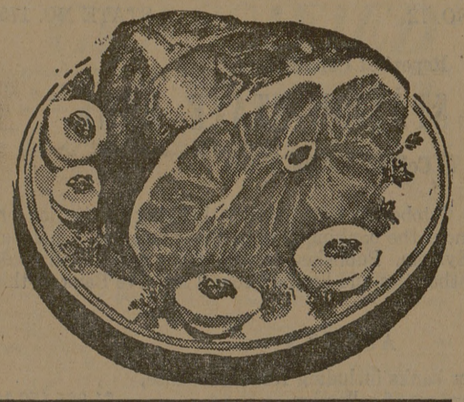

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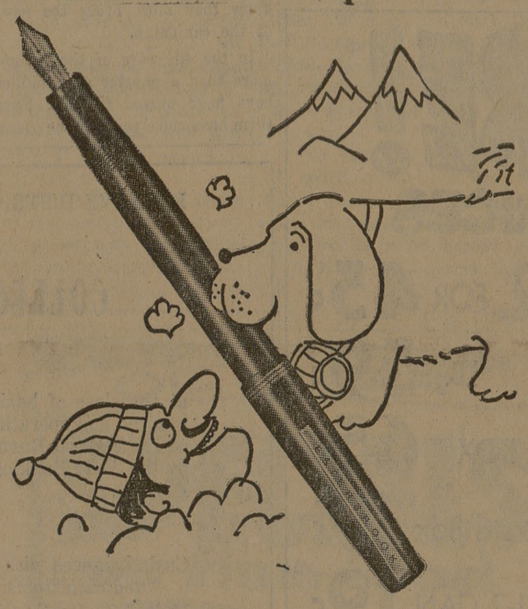

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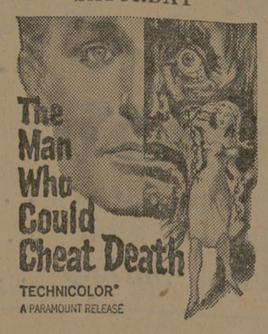

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