

Judges, Commissioners Conclude Meeting Today

County judges and commissioners from every section of Texas will be here today for their third annual conference. For the first time, county tax assessor-collectors are participating and have pushed the attendance to an estimated 300. The conference is being sponsored by the County Judges' and Commissioners' Association of Texas and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service with V. G. Young, state agricultural leader for the Extension Service, serving as general chairman.

Registration took place Sunday afternoon with the formal program opening at 8:30 a.m. Monday. President Lamar Lawson, of the sponsoring Association and a Jefferson County Commissioner, presided over the first general session.

"As in previous years," Young

said, "this is a working conference. The participants are given information on subjects which confront them daily in their home counties. We have built the conference program around problem areas suggested by our arrangement committee," Young added.

In order that problems of specific interest to the three participating groups may be given even closer attention, Young said separate sessions have been conducted for the judges, commissioners and tax assessor-collectors.

Speakers and discussion leaders include leaders from the two sponsoring groups, other departments and divisions of A&M and executive directors of several state agencies from Austin and San Antonio, an assistant attorney general and the Texas Research League. President Earl Rudder was the featured speaker at the concluding luncheon today.

The campus visitors lunched with A&M's famous Cadet Corps and were entertained by the Singing Cadets. Special activities have been planned for the wives who attend.

ARTS & SCIENCES COUNCIL

'Great Adventure Series' Planned

The Arts and Sciences Student Council has announced as its annual spring project a "Great Adventure Series," a program involving the reading and discussion of a well known American novel.

Tony Giardina, the council's president, said the discussion sessions probably will be held in dormitory lounges on an informal basis. Although no specific dates have been set, it is planned to hold a meeting in March, in April and in May.

Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences,

A&M Enters Nation-Wide Bridge Meet

A&M is one of the more than 50 colleges and universities throughout the United States which has entered the 1961 National Inter-collegiate Bridge Tournament.

All play will be by mail and will be conducted on the individual college campuses in a single session, Monday through Friday of this week. These hands will then be returned to Committee headquarters where they will be scored by Edward Oswald, contract bridge authority, who will determine campus, regional and national winners.

Prizes will include trophy cups for the colleges winning the national titles, one cup for the college for the pair scoring highest on the East-West hands and one cup for the college of the North-South hand winners. Each of the four individual national winners will receive a smaller cup for his permanent possession.

Each college competing in the tournament for the first time in 1961 will be presented with a plaque designed to bear the names of the four individual campus champions. In addition, each of these winners will receive a certificate suitable for framing.

said the program has the following basic objectives:

To encourage A&M students to discover the values and pleasures the maturing mind can find in stimulating ideas advanced by the ablest minds of any generation.

—to help the students learn that the unexamined opinion is lame and insufficient.

—to show the students that they must deal with ideas of others, and to learn appreciation and utilization of these ideas.

—to discuss meanings and relationships of ideas and philosophies that were formerly obscure.

—to help each student in the program to discover any weaknesses in his ability to approach problems and make decisions objectively and analytically.

—to promote faculty-student understanding and appreciation.

—to encourage a demand for intellectual satisfaction.

Giardina recently queried the nationally known publisher, Bennett Cerf, president of Random House, Inc., in New York City.

Cerf answered that "Your Great Adventure Series strikes me as an important step in the right direction. I hope you will be so successful that it not only will be continued indefinitely at Texas A&M, but will be copied by other leading universities all over the country."

The council president said the book to be discussed will be "Elmer Gantry," a novel by Sinclair Lewis. He said the book was chosen because of the author's fame and the novel's prominent niche in American literature.

He said students may register for the series on brochures that will be distributed in the dormitories.

Hubert said the program is entirely voluntary and is open to all A&M students. When students sign up for the series, however, they should read the book and be prepared to participate in the discussions.

If the program is successful, it will be extended to future semesters, with one book being read and discussed per semester, Hubert said.

Foreigners' Enrollment Totals 207

There are 207 foreign students enrolled in the college for the spring semester. They represent 45 countries.

Meixico, with 38 students enrolled, is first, with Pakistan, 18, second, and India third, with 17 students.

Afghanistan, Australia, Ceylon, France, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom have one each; Costa Rica, Portugal, Germany, Thailand, Holland and Iraq have two each.

Britain, El Salvador and Greece have three each; Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador and Venezuela four each; Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Korea and The Philippines five each; Canada, Peru and Guatemala six each; Honduras and Iran seven each; China and Panama eight each; U. A. R., nine; India, 17; Pakistan, 18 and Mexico, 38.

Of the 207 students, 25 are freshmen; 40, sophomores; 32, juniors; 26, seniors; 73 graduate students and 11 special students.

Wives Bridge Club Meets Tomorrow Night In MSC

The over-100 members of the Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 in the MSC Ballroom for their third meeting of the school year.

All interested have been invited to attend since the club has just gotten organized and into working order.

Newly-elected officers are Carolyn Williams, president; Judy Eichman, vice president; Sandra Scott, secretary; Patsy Sell, treasurer; Glenda Sides, reporter, and Clydette Potts, Aggie Wives Council representative.

Rev. Poole Brings Talk At Devotional

The Rev. C. Knox Poole, pastor of the Freeport First Presbyterian Church, will bring the devotional message at the Faculty Christian Fellowship meeting in the morning in the All-Faiths Chapel.

Mr. Poole will speak following a brief period of music for meditation which begins at 7 a.m.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Poole has served churches in West Virginia, Louisiana, and Texas.

While on campus, Mr. Poole is participating in Religious Emphasis Week activities.

THE BATTALION

Kennedy Proposes Education Aid

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON—President Kennedy declared Monday the federal government is under obligation to help educate the country's youth, and he proposed spending \$5.7 billion as a starter over the next few years.

To Congress, which never has passed a law providing general aid to education, Kennedy described his program as "an essential though modest contribution."

Opponents, mainly Republicans, called it excessive. Supporters,

mainly Democrats, contended it is genuinely essential.

Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois said the President's outline "involves a terrific amount of money." Dirksen advocated instead his four-year, \$2-billion program limited to school construction, with local school districts putting up half the money on a matching basis.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana noted the Senate last year passed "an even stronger bill" and expressed hope for similar action this year. The 1960 Senate measure died in the House Rules Committee.

Kennedy recommended offering federal funds not only for construction but also for teachers' salaries, a proposal that has drawn fire in the past and marked one of his campaign disputes with former Vice President Richard M. Nixon last fall.

Critics argue that federal aid to teachers would lead to federal control of education.

Anticipating opposition, Kennedy said: "Education must remain a matter of state and local control and higher education a matter of individual choice." Mansfield called attention to that statement in Kennedy's message to Congress.

Under the administration program, the states would decide how to allot federal funds between construction and salaries. If they wished, the states could allot none for salaries.

Kennedy emphasized that no money would flow from Washington into the building or payroll of church schools. He said this is "in accordance with the clear prohibition of the Constitution."

\$50,000 Grant Presented College

A grant of \$50,000 has been awarded the college by the National Science Foundation, President Earl Rudder has announced.

The grant will be used by the Data Processing Center of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station to support "the expansion of a computing center," under the direction of Fred Benson, Dean of Engineering.

The funds will help defray the cost of the IBM 709 data processing system which was installed in January in the Data Processing Center, Robert L. Smith Jr., Head of the center said today.

The addition of the 709 brings to A&M one of the largest data processing facilities available on any campus.

"This facility," Smith says, "is used primarily as a teaching facility where young men of Texas can be trained to handle the large complex electronic data processing machines currently being in-

stalled by the larger industries of the state.

The secondary use of the Data Processing Center is the use of the computer to solve various problems which arise on research projects on campus and to assist industry in getting started in the data processing field and the solution of industrial problems too large for the industrially owned computers."

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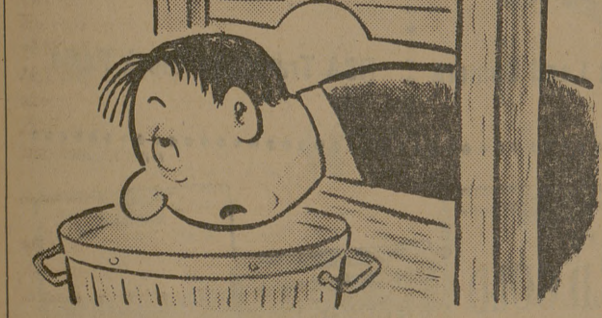
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