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## Darby, Newton Named System Prexy, Veeep

By ROBERT DENNEY

At its regular meeting last Saturday, the Board of Directors of the A&M System elected Eugene E. Darby of Tharr president and John W. Newton of Beaumont vice-president.

The officers were elected at the first meeting attended by three newly appointed members, Clyde Thompson of Diboll, Clyde H. Walls of Granbury and H. C. Goldenfels of Corpus Christi.

The Board also made appropriations totaling \$474,392 and awarded contracts for construction and improvement of the System totaling \$142,196. Funds from private sources totaling \$143,053 were accepted by the board. The funds were to be used for research, grants-in-aid, scholarships, fellowships, special gifts and awards in materials and equipment for the various parts of the System.

Appropriations for work at the A&M College included \$154,000 for construction of an underground water distribution pipe for air-conditioning of classroom buildings, \$4,842 for improvements at the Galveston Marine Laboratory, \$10,000 for improvements to the McFalls Chapel and \$95,000 for remodeling Bizell Hall and providing additional equipment for the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station received \$36,000 for improvements at Substation No. 7 in Spur. Other appropriations were made for Arlington State College, Tarleton State College and Prairie View A&M.

Contracts were awarded to the A.S. Co., Austin, for underground water pipe lines, \$147,677; to Gregory-Edwards Inc., Houston, for air-conditioning and plumbing at the Galveston Marine Laboratory, \$80,801; to W. C. Hixson Co., Dallas, for installing furniture at the laboratory, and to Stringer Construction Co., Lubbock, for construction of a feed barn and garage building at the Spur sub-

station of the Agricultural Experiment Station, \$35,222.

In addition, the board authorized Chancellor M. T. Harrington to enter into negotiations with the Federal Housing Administration for a loan of \$1,250,000 for construction of dormitories at Arlington State College, and for a loan of \$400,000 for dormitories at Tarleton State College.

The directors also approved appointments of the heads of athletic councils for the four colleges of the System. Appointments are for the 1961-62 school year as follows: For the A&M College, Dr. C. H. Groneman; for Arlington State College, J. D. Boon; for Tarleton State College, Dean Cecil Ballou, and for Prairie View A&M College, C. L. Wilson.

Reed McDonald, a long-time member of the staff of the System, was named head of the Feed and Fertilizer Control Service, effective Sept. 1, 1961.

McDonald began his career as a mailing clerk in the Agricultural Extension Service in 1927, shortly after his graduation from Bryan High School. He has served as assistant chief clerk, chief clerk, executive assistant and assistant controller. He became director of the Feed Control Service in 1959.

The new agency will carry out provisions of the Texas Commercial Feed Control Act of 1957 and the Texas Commercial Fertilizer Act of 1961. As director, McDonald will be responsible for directing operation, administration and enforcement of both acts in one service organization. The activities now being conducted under the Feed Control Service and enforcement activities of the State Chemist are to be transferred to the Feed and Fertilizer Service.



Aston Delivers Muster Address ... crowd of 5,000 attend campus ceremony

## FESTIVITIES PLANNED

### Flying Conference To Open Thursday

Easterwood Airport will be a busy place Thursday through Saturday as the 13th Annual National Intercollegiate Flying Association's Annual Air Meet and Conference convenes.

The 1961 conference is being sponsored by A&M's flying club, the Flying Kadets.

Aviation dignitaries from throughout the nation will be on hand as well as student representatives of more than 40 colleges and universities.

Actual flying competition will begin Friday and last through Saturday. A full schedule is planned for the visitors between events.

The United States Air Force will have a big part in the three-day affair when its crack aerial team, the Thunderbirds, performs Saturday at noon.

Saturday morning at 10:30 the Corps of Cadets will pass in review, honoring Lt. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, Commander of the Air Research and Development Command, and the NIFA delegates.

Just before the Thunderbird demonstration there will be a Western-style barbecue at the airport under the direction of the Saddle and Sirloin Club.

Saturday night the meet will be climaxed with an awards banquet in the Memorial Student Center with the main address being delivered by Gen. Schriever.

Composed of 94 member colleges and universities in the United States, the NIFA air meet is held annually to promote skill, safety and sport among its members who range from commercial pilots to those who are just learning to fly.

A&M is hosting the meet for the first time. It has been held in Texas only twice, both times by Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Competition will be in three categories including power-on and power-off spot landings, flour bomb dropping, and filing and flying a cross country course.

Sunday the meet will officially end with a fly-a-way breakfast at Easterwood airport.

Charles C. Murphy, senior aeronautical engineering major, is president of the NIFA and urges the public to attend each event of the meet. Along with the Thunderbird demonstration there will be various static displays by different aviation agencies of interest to the public.

## Board Authorizes Planning Council

The creation of a Century Council of 100 outstanding Texans to help map the future of A&M was authorized here Saturday. The group will work with faculty committees on plans for development of the college in the next 15 years, under a proposal approved by the board of directors of A&M College System.

The plan is aimed at developing A&M to the fullest, in line with needs of the state, during the period between this, its 85th year, and its 100th anniversary in 1976. Approximately two years is to be devoted to making the long-range plans.

In announcing the action, Board President Eugene Darby said:

"We are just now getting under way several major programs of research and teaching, in nuclear engineering, data processing, oceanography and other fields. We know these are important to the future development of Texas. We believe they can be of greatest value if we have the help of the people who will use our research and the talent we train, in the early stages of planning and development.

"A&M College was created by the people of Texas for the de-

clared purpose of aiding the agricultural and industrial development of the state and providing soundly educated citizens. These purposes have not changed. Times have changed, and we are changing with them. It is important that we move in the direction of the greatest need in Texas. We are asking the people of the state, who own this institution, to help us in planning its future within the role and scope established for it by the Texas Commission on Higher Education. In this way we can be sure that our growth will be in the right direction."

The 100 Texans to be appointed to the Century Council will represent all phases of Texas industry, the professions and principal fields of interest. They will be named from nominations made by the citizens of Texas to the board of directors.

The group will study the college as it is at present and suggest the course it should take as a part of the coordinated state system of higher education during the next fifteen years. Work of the Century Council and faculty committees will be the basis of a 15-year

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## Doubt Shrouds U.S. Destiny

### 5,000 Hear Aston First Texas State Anthem Given Boost

"Looking about us on every hand today," James W. Aston, Dallas banker, said Friday, "we sense an unrest, an uncertainty and even an element of doubt about where this country is going, about what is going to happen to us."

"This is only natural, for we are living in a time of tremendous change," Aston, president of the Republic National Bank, declared. He delivered the Muster Day address before some 5,000 persons on the lawn in front of the Memorial Student Center. He is a graduate of A&M and president of the Association of Former Students.

Musters are held each year throughout the world wherever Aggies gather, in observance of the independence of Texas and the sacrifices of "those gallant sons at San Jacinto, the Alamo, Gonzales, Goliad." It pays homage to all Aggies who have passed on. Musters have been held since 1903.

"We must remember," the speaker, who was introduced by President Earl Rudder, said, "that times of great progress have always been times of great uncertainty."

"Leading educators today have begun to pay more and more attention to the rate of change in our society, rather than to the changes themselves. Never before in history has the rate at which change occurred had the importance and the impact on our everyday lives that it has today."

Aston declared that "it is with reverence, ever abiding respect and appreciation that we answer 'here' for our departed brothers, but this service is also for the living, to rededicate self and effort to the guarantee of continued freedom. In this connection we perhaps face the greatest challenge in history."

"Education—development of the knowledge and skills with which to manipulate physical resources at our disposal—has been the bedrock base for growth and progress as we know it."

"What is the truth? Do we know? We know, now more than we did before—but do we know the truth?"

"I need not emphasize to you," the speaker said, "who are gathered here how important a factor A&M College has been and continues to be in the search, the growth and the development of the truth."

"For all of us the future holds great promise. But to realize the bounties of that promise, we must have the courage to meet the challenges which lie ahead. We cannot achieve positive goals if we give in to the fears which are voiced on every side almost daily."

"Today," he declared, "is the unparalleled age of opportunity and I challenge each of you—the sons of A&M—to carry the torch of excellence, for only through excellence can we retain the freedom which we treasure so much and only in this manner can we fully discharge our responsibilities to the present and the future and to those in whose honor we answer 'here.'"

## Sloan Named SDX Officer

Bob Sloan, a junior journalism major from Dallas and a news editor of The Battalion, Sunday was named state vice president for undergraduate expansion of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalism society.

Officers for the new year were named at the conclusion of the group's annual state convention, held Friday through Sunday in San Antonio.

Sloan will head undergraduate expansion programs in the professional-undergraduate organization.

## Hrachovy Wins Four-Year Medical Grant

James Hrachovy, senior premedical major, has been awarded an \$8,000 medical scholarship by the Houston Endowment Inc. The scholarship grant is for \$2,000 a year for four years, effective September, 1961.

He has been accepted at the University of Texas medical branch at Galveston, and will enter the freshman class in September. He will work at the medical branch this summer on the National Institute of Health experimental training grants program.

Hrachovy entered A&M in the fall of 1957 and has made a distinguished record, ranking seventh among 409 juniors in the School of Arts and Sciences last year. He has been the holder of an Opportunity Award scholarship for eight semesters.

He is a member of the National Education Association, the Pre-medical-Pre-dental Society and Student Arts and Sciences Council. He was recently elected to membership in the honor society, Phi Kappa Phi.

Hrachovy is serving as an undergraduate assistant in the Biology Department this year helping in both comparative anatomy and beginning zoology.

The unofficial anthem of the Republic of Texas, "Will You Come to the Bower," was revived at the Aggie Muster here Friday.

Wherever A&M students and former students are on Apr. 21, they get together for a Muster, honoring the heroes of the battles for the independence of Texas and those Aggies who have passed away.

The old English ballad was played at the charge of the Battle of San Jacinto. There were four musicians in the army of Gen. Sam Houston on the day of the battle, records show. Three played fifes and one a drum.

As the Texans reached the top of the rise on which the Mexican camp was located, some 200 yards from the enemy—they charged and it was then that the fifes and drum struck up the lilting lovesong—probably the weirdest accompaniment ever heard to a bloody battle charge.

After the battle, "Will You Come to the Bower" became the unofficial Texas national anthem and was played at all public gatherings. The tune brought forth shouting and hat waving, much like "Dixie" did and still does in the South.

Playing this tune always brought on a fire-eating speech about how 783 Texans whipped about twice their number of Mexicans on the Plain of San Jacinto, on a hot April afternoon, killing 630, wounding 208 and capturing 522 more.

Somehow the old tune dropped out of usage—and so did the fifes—it was played on three flutes and two drums at the Muster Friday.

Few Texans recognize their one-time national anthem today—and fewer know its historical significance. By making "Will You Come to the Bower" a part of their annual Muster ceremonies, Aggies hope to revive a grand old Texas tradition.

## World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

### Algerian Mutiny Heads For Showdown

PARIS—The mutinous generals in Algeria were reported to be joined by opposition from the air force and navy Monday. France, the government girded for a showdown by turning the nation into an armed camp and again closing all air fields to bar any airborne invasion.

Paris and other major cities were guarded by tanks and reinforced security units as the government warned of a possible attack by parachute troops from Algeria. Ten thousand security forces were on duty in Paris alone.

### Farm Program Enters Congress

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman brought the administration's farm program before Congress yesterday and immediately ran into a sharp Republican attack.

The core of the administration program—and the innovation that sets it apart from previous approaches—is the setting up of farmer committees to work out with the secretary programs for the commodities they grow.

### SEATO Forces Stage Exercise

SINGAPORE—Warships of four Southeast Asia Treaty Organization nations sailed through the China Sea Monday toward British Borneo, where an imaginary nation under attack has called for SEATO aid.

They were under mock air and submarine attack from forces of the aggressor nation as part of SEATO's biggest military exercise, "Pony Express."

### Red River Development Hearing Continue

PARIS, Tex.—A group of men convinced that the sometimes shallow, sometimes raging Red River can be turned into a navigable waterway meet Tuesday on the eve of a hearing of Engineers hearing on development of the Red River.

The engineers hearing Wednesday follows by a week hearings in Alexandria and Shreveport, La., held to give interested persons a chance to express their views on development of the river.

### Pro-Cuban Supporters Harrassed

RECIFE, Brazil—Pro-Castro peasants were bombarded with rotten eggs and oranges near here over the weekend by a mob that sang "God Bless America."

The pro-Cuban mob was holding a victory rally led by the Socialist Peasant League leader, Francisco Juliao—in the nearby town of Aruaru.

## Civilian Sweetheart



Miss Cassandra Smith, Sweetheart

Miss Cassandra Smith (right) of San Antonio receives congratulations from Aggie Sweetheart Louise Kuehn (left) after being named Civilian Sweetheart Saturday night. Miss Smith, 18, is an art major at San Antonio College and was escorted by Dan Scarborough.