

## TB Association Kicks - Off Drive

With a goal of \$6,500, the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association has kicked off its annual Christmas Campaign by mailing TB Christmas Seals to more than 12,500 county residents.

The Christmas Seals and Seal Bonds, which are due to be received Tuesday, are the only method used by the TB Association in raising money to carry on the TB control program. It is not a member of the United Fund.

This is the 56th nationwide seal campaign, according to Mrs. W. E. McCune, general Seal Campaign Chairman in Brazos County.

"Due to the number of new cases of TB in the county, this year's goal is a little higher than was raised last year by the local TB Association," Mrs. McCune said. She also pointed out that more funds would be needed to take care of the increased postal rate this next year.

Eighty-one and one half per cent of the proceeds from the local campaign will be spent in Brazos County, with the remainder going for research and education on both state and national levels.

Still an important part of the program, eradication of tuberculosis through public education was the original plan of the TB Association when it was organized 56 years ago.



PURCHASER LITTON ON JOB ... with secretary, Mrs. Merle Simms

TOTAL OVER \$9 MILLION

## Purchases Reflect Scope Of A&M Fiscal Activities

One of the best places to gain an insight into the scope of A&M fiscal activities is at the desk of G. W. Litton, the college purchasing agent.

Purchases totaling between \$9 and \$10 million annually are reflected in the paperwork which crosses Litton's desk. It is difficult to determine the amount which goes to merchants of this immediate area, but Litton says it is a sizable figure.

Purchase vouchers on Litton's desk on a typical working day show such items as library books, building supplies, a major piece of chemical research equipment and maintenance supplies "in the works." Vouchers for materials and services paid for from state funds are processed and forwarded to Austin for action by the State Board of Control.

Dining hall supplies and many

other items purchased with other than state funds are bought on a bid basis locally and the paperwork follows a slightly different pattern.

LITTON SIGNS approximately 800 papers daily in processing paperwork involved in purchases.

"They won't let me use a rubber stamp," he said ruefully.

Litton and the three women who work with him also answer a flood of telephone calls daily, answering questions from departmental secretaries and others about purchasing details.

A new instruction book to help in the purchasing process is in "the early planning stages," Litton said "this will clarify a lot of matters."

Data Processing Center facilities are used to simplify purchasing procedure paperwork. This also

assures greater accuracy, Litton said.

PURCHASING PROCEDURES are handled by Litton with the assistance of Mrs. Merle Simms, clerk-typist; Mrs. Mary A. Slagle, a stenographer; and Mrs. Evelyn Tumlinson, clerk-typist.

Their responsibilities include keeping purchases charged against 375 accounts.

"Most of the consumable items" purchased with state funds are secured under contract, while equipment is secured otherwise.

Supply Center and Buildings and Utilities maintain large inventories. They can fill small orders through interdepartmental procedures, helping to reduce the number of orders placed outside. B&U or the Supply Center, in turn, places large volume orders and are in effect semi-centralized purchasers. Instead of one department ordering 24 pencils from a company, for example, they are obtained from the Supply Center, which keeps a large supply of pencils. This results in large orders, the kind manufacturers like to receive, Litton pointed out.

## Members Of Class Of '52 Schedule Houston Reunion

Former students from the Class of '52 will have their tenth anniversary reunion Friday and Saturday at the Rice Hotel in Houston.

The reunion will begin at 3 p.m. Friday with registration at the hotel. A come-as-you-are party in the Sam Houston Room is scheduled Friday at 7 p.m.

Saturday morning is left open for visiting and no program is planned. At 11:30 the group will attend a luncheon in the Grand Ballroom. Speakers for the luncheon will be President Earl Rudder and J. B. (Dick) Hervey, executive secretary of the Association of Former Students.

Rudder will speak on "A&M and Its Plans for the Future." Hervey's topic will be "The Association of Former Students and What It Does."

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At 1 p.m. the members will depart for Rice Stadium to see the A&M-Rice football game. A special section at the game is reserved for members.

A social hour for the members is scheduled at 7 p.m. preceding the banquet in the Grand Ballroom. Following the banquet the

group will have a business meeting. A new class agent will be elected and special awards and recognition will be presented.

A special presentation, "The Texas A&M Campus Today," a color slide presentation narrated by Reagan Brown of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology, will be presented at 9:45.

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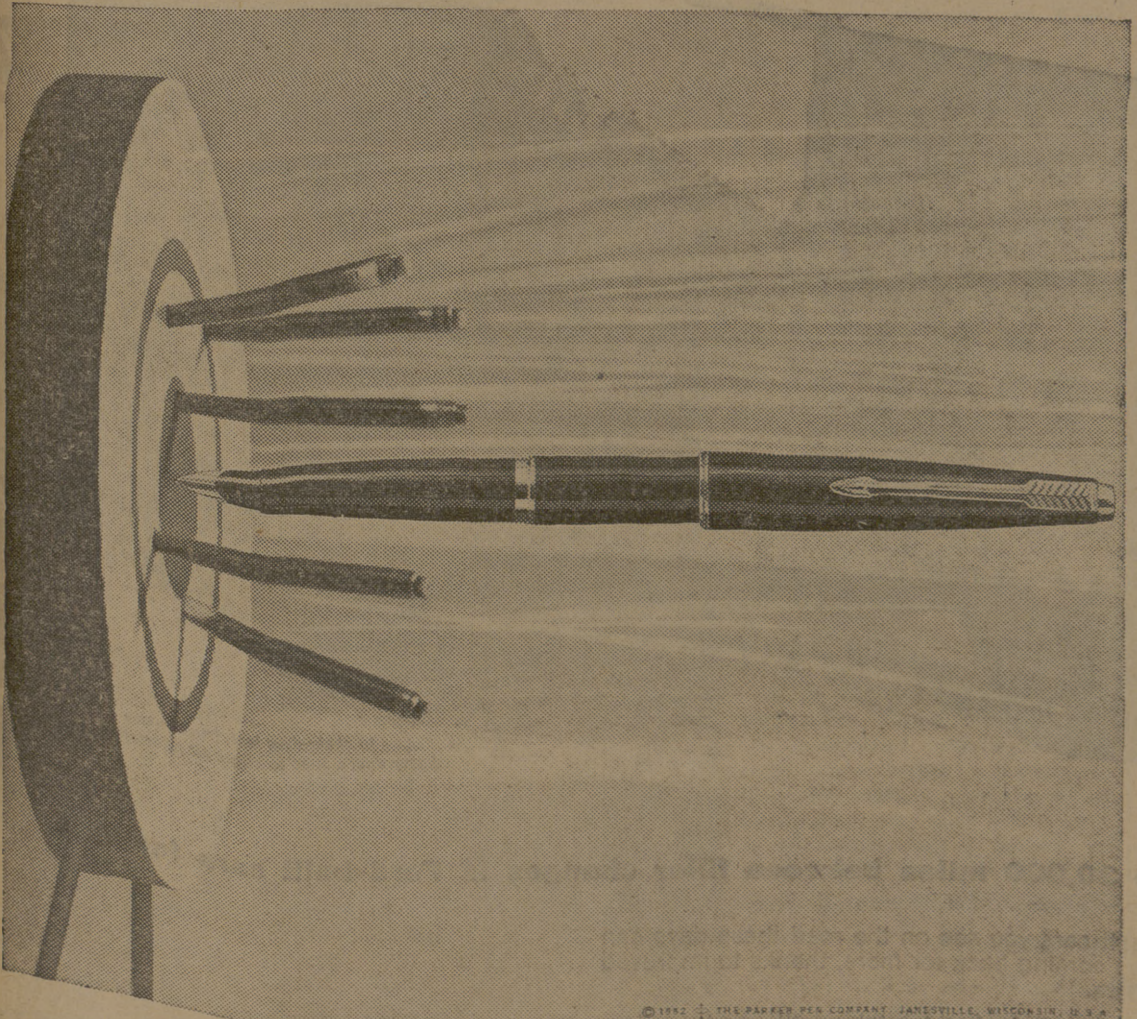
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