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SCONA Members Hear Review Term Operation Success

Students Conference on National Affairs committeemen heard last December's operation termed a success Monday night at a general meeting and critique.

Chairman Vic Donnell praised the student workers and heard committee reports describing functions and duties coupled with suggestions for improving next year's conference.

THE MOST interesting presentation was given by finance boss John Krebs, who directed the acquisition of SCONA funds totaling more than \$18,000.

Krebs said that the four-day conference spent \$3,700 for meals and a whopping \$5,600-plus for delegates' and speakers' transportation.

In one week alone, he said, the committee approved expenditures amounting to \$11,281.

Odd expenses included \$235.87 for postage, which was before the

five-cent stamps, \$336 for phone calls and telegrams and \$2,253 for motel and guest rooms.

KREBS ESTIMATED SCONA would wind up with about \$40 in the till when everything was said and done, but he said that the organization was still paying bills that were coming in.

Krebs, whose 4-man committee planned the finance drives to solicit funds, said Houston and Dallas respectively provided the most money. He said a total of 120 sponsors gave support to SCONA.

Arrangements committee chairman Mundo Riojas spelled out his group's jobs, which included tending to the details of each dinner or food event and setting up round-table rooms.

Frank Townsend, head of the planning committee, explained his duties. Major functions, he said, are the obtaining of top-notch speakers.

TOWNSEND expressed his thoughts to Congressman Olin Teague for help in lining up the speakers.

Van Phillips, chairman of the secretary committee, likened his job to personnel management and administration.

Joe Horn, who heads the program committee, said his main job was to think up topics for the conference.

HORN SAID criticism of the conference this year came from delegates who thought the topic of "Sources of World Tensions" was too broad to get into in such a short meeting.

Conference manager Bob Hall explained his duties as the co-ordinator of the other committees during the conference, dispensing tickets to dinners and registering delegates.



Firemen Battle Killer Blaze

Firemen fight the rain and last flames of a small children. A third person, the children's fire which swept through a small frame 16-year-old uncle, was severely burned in house in east College Station killing two an ill-fated attempt to rescue the tykes.

Rescue Attempt By Uncle Fails

By GERRY BROWN
Battalion Associate Editor

Flames swept through a five-room frame house at the corner of Live Oak and Turner Streets in east College Station Monday afternoon, killing two children and gutting and destroying the home where they lived.

Trapped by the raging fire were four-year-old Cheryl Denise Grayer and two-year-old Gregory Wayne Grayer.

An attempt to save the lives of the children, made by their uncle Roland Grayer, was unsuccessful and the 16-year-old Grayer was taken to St. Joseph Hospital suffering from severe burns. He is listed in "fair" condition.

Neighbors who arrived on the scene early after the building was engulfed by flames reported hearing the screams of children inside. The house was silent by the time fireman arrived a few minutes later, according to Fire Chief Gilbert Eimann.

THE STEADY rain did not slow down firemen who battled the blaze. "It took about five or six minutes to get the fire under control once we got the hoses hooked up and the water started," Eimann said.

What touched off the flames is still unknown. "At the present time, I don't have the slightest idea how the fire started," Eimann related Monday night.

The mother of the children, Mrs. Annie Francis Grayer, was working in Austin at the time of the tragedy.



SOMBER FIREMAN ... helps remove small form

A&M PROF HAS HIS DOUBTS

Houston Woman's Geranium Thrives On Radio Music

By GLENN DROMGOOLE
Battalion Staff Writer

If you think you would like to listen to the radio all day and night, you ought to be a geranium.

At least one geranium is up-to-date on current affairs and popular music as a result of an experiment by Mrs. C. A. Clements of Houston.

For the past month Mrs. Clements has kept a radio blaring to one of two experimental flowers, and she found the music loving plant prospered as a result

of the 30-day serenade.

The strange experiment occurred after Mrs. Clements read about an Illinois corn farmer who harvested a fantastically large crop by playing "Rhapsody in Blue" to the plants.

The Houston woman decided to try the strategy on geraniums, she prepared two plants for experimentation. She and a friend picked out two identical peach-colored plants which were placed in identical pots. Both flowers were given the same amount of water and the same a-

mounts and type of fertilizer. One of the plants was placed on a sun porch, while the other was stationed in the house where the temperature and light conditions would be about equal. The only difference in the two set-ups was that one was equipped with a radio.

Mrs. Clements said both plants blossomed right away, but the serenaded geranium produced another blossom and continued to live, while the lonely blossom wilted.

A. F. DeWerth, head of the Department of Floriculture, accredited Mrs. Clements' results to coincidence. DeWerth said the only way her idea could be proved would be to subject several hundred plants to the radio experiment under controlled conditions. He said there was no scientific fact to back up her findings.

Apparently DeWerth is not the only person to doubt the effectiveness of Mrs. Clements' conclusion, for her husband even makes jokes about the geranium. He says he will sing to the plant when the radio tubes burn out. Mrs. Clements does not feel he would help the plant, however, for she said her husband could not carry a tune in a sack.

Harvard Professor Will Lecture Here

Is a new culture based upon the sciences replacing the long-existing culture centered upon the humanities?

A Harvard University professor will lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday on some implications of a controversy over this question. The graduate lecture series presentation by Harry Levin, the Irving Babbitt professor of comparative literature at Harvard, will be given in the Biological Sciences Lecture Room.

"Cultures in Conflict: Some Literary and Education Implications of the Snow-Leavis Controversy" is Levin's announced topic. Snow, a British scientist, contends that a culture growing out of the sciences is diverging more and more from the historic western culture.

LEAVIS, A Cambridge don and literary critic, has attacked this thesis and also has criticized Snow's abilities as a novelist.

Lecturer Leavin is a distinguished critic, scholar and teacher. He received his A.B. summa cum laude from Harvard in 1933 and joined the faculty in 1939. He also holds honorary doctorates from Syracuse University, 1952, and St. Andrews University, 1962.

He is a Senior Fellow at Harvard and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Institute of Arts and Letters, the American Philosophical Society and the National Academy of Arts and Letters.

FRANCE IN 1953 made Levin a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor,

2nd Meeting Slated By Faculty Group

The second program of the Faculty Christian Fellowship spring series is scheduled at 7 a.m. Wednesday with history professor Dr. Haskell Monroe as the speaker.

The eight-week series in the All-Faiths Chapel has as its general theme "The Basis of Faith in the Era of Exploding Knowledge."

The meeting in the All-Faiths Chapel is scheduled until 7:20 a.m., with coffee and doughnuts to follow at the YMCA Building.

NAMED TO AIME BOARD

Calhoun Accepts New Title



JOHN C. CALHOUN JR.

Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., vice chancellor for development of the A&M College System, will officially accept the title of president-elect of the Society of Petroleum Engineers at the Society's annual meeting to be held in Dallas next Tuesday.

At the same time, he will accept seats on the board of directors of both the society and its parent organization, the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers (AIME).

The society has some 15,000 members in many parts of the world.

Since joining the A&M System in 1955, Calhoun has also served as director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service and Dean of Engineering at

A&M. Prior to 1955, Calhoun had been head of the Department of Petroleum and Natural Gas at Pennsylvania State University, professor and chairman of the School of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Oklahoma and a consultant for several private organizations and research laboratories.

He received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in petroleum and natural gas engineering from Pennsylvania State University, completing the latter in 1946. He has served on several committees of honorary, professional and civic organizations.

A native of Pennsylvania, Calhoun and his wife, Ruth, reside with their 4 children at 1106 Ashburn, College Station.

Wire Review

By The Associated Press
WORLD NEWS

ROME — Presidential decrees Monday dissolved Italy's Parliament and set for April 28-29 a general election that will be crucial for the Western alliance.

Ballot box decisions of the 30 million Italian voters are expected to determine this nation's role in the multilateral nuclear force proposed for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. That includes the question of Italian bases for U. S. Polaris-armed submarines.

President Antonio Segni signed the decrees. He acted on the recommendations of Premier Amintore Fanfani, who counter-signed them. The new Parliament will hold its first meeting May 16.

BERLIN — West Berlin's Socialists, victorious in Sunday's municipal election, nominated their leader Willy Brandt Monday to head the city government again as mayor. He has headed the city administration since 1957.

With his party holding a clear majority in the city Parliament, his election when the new house meets March 5 will be a mere formality.

Brandt announced he would seek to form another coalition government.

U. S. NEWS
NEW YORK — Five wives of officers missing on the Marine Sulphur Queen out of Beaumont filed suit Monday for \$2.5 million.

They charged the tanker was unsafe, unseaworthy and improperly loaded.

The Marine Sulphur Transport Co. and the Marine Transport Lines, Inc., owners of the vessel, were named defendants.

TEXAS NEWS

AUSTIN — One of Gov. John Connally's prime demands met opposition in a house committee Monday night, but skidded through for later House debate.

The House State Affairs Committee approved on a voice vote a proposal by Rep. James Cotten, Weatherford, to merge the State Parks Board and the Game and Fish Commission.

The proposal was one of Connally's major requests for legislative action. The six-man parks board and the nine-man game and fish commission would be merged into a three-member Game, Fish and Parks Commission.



Sweetheart Beams
Ginger Lewis, a freshman at Sam Houston State Teachers College, was picked as sweetheart of the Class of '66 at Saturday night's Dance. She was escorted by Richard Burns of Raymondville.