

Quarterhorse Loss Puzzles Officials

Law officers are still puzzling over the mysterious theft of a valuable Quarterhorse filly here late Monday night or early Tuesday morning of last week.

The animal, owned by Ed Hodges of Bryan, was taken from a pen near the Texas Aggie Rodeo Arena. Hodges is a pre-veterinary student at A&M University.

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS are John Yeager, Brazos County deputy sheriff; Texas Ranger O. L. Luther; and Cullen Robinson, investigator with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

The officers had been unable to turn up any solid clues. However, they believe that a small stock trailer stolen Monday night in Bryan may have been used to haul off the filly.

Bill Jackson, A&M Agricultural Education Department graduate assistant and advisor to the A&M Rodeo Club, said the filly originally came from the Mecom Ranches near Houston.

HE SAID he estimates the ani-

mal's value at from \$700 to \$1,000 and she "has the makings of a good roper."

Jackson described the filly as a 3-year-old bright roan with a scar on the right front pastern. Her mane is grown out but the tail is trimmed short.

Wives Plan Supper

The Association of Graduate Student Wives met Jan. 7.

Carol Bathka was elected refreshment chairman and Kay Zielinski was elected chairman of off campus housing.

It was decided that a "pot luck" supper would be held February 15, 1964 at 6:30 p.m., in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center. The charge will be 75 cents per couple and 50 cents stag. All graduate students are invited, including bachelors. All interested in attending, please call Mrs. Seabury at VI 6-7978 for information concerning food to be brought.

'J' Professor To Preside

Dr. John C. Merrill, journalism professor at Texas A&M University, will preside at three workshop sessions during the Southern Baptist Editor's Association meeting in Houston Feb. 10-12.

Merrill will direct discussion on writing and readability of news, communication problems, handling of controversy and importance of interpretation of religious news for all readers.

Dave Cheavens of Baylor University, program coordinator, said other speakers include Melvin Steakley, Houston Chronicle religious news editor; Dr. D. Wayne Rowland, head of journalism at Texas Christian University, and William J. Reddell, editor and chief editorial writer of the San Antonio Express.

The annual conference attracts Baptist editors from several states, Cheavens added.

Ruby Takes Trip

DALLAS (AP) — Deputy sheriffs removed Jack Ruby from the county jail Wednesday afternoon to take more neurological tests.

Sheriff Bill Decker declined to say where Ruby was taken or when he would be returned.

A&M University history professor has written the first full biography of Abel Parker Upshur, the Virginia-born secretary of state whose untimely death in 1844 affected the annexation of Texas.

Associate Professor Claude H. Hall's "Abel Parker Upshur, Conservative Virginian," has been published by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Texans are concerned primarily with Secretary of State Upshur's ambitious efforts to bring Texas into the Union, but Hall's interest is much broader.

HE DESCRIBES his study as "representing an attempt to find a partial answer to the question which has intrigued many Virginians for a long time. Why did the Old Dominion, a leader in the Revolution, in the establishment of the federal government, and the mother of Presidents, lose her influence in the decades that followed the end of the Virginia dynasty?"

There were social and economic forces at work, but Hall believes an important part of the explanation lies in the fact that Virginia's politicians had turned to the past, while "The nation, by contrast, looked confidently to the future."

Upshur was born in 1790 of prominent, well-to-do parents, attended Yale and Princeton and read law under William Wirt.

A THRIVING LAW practice was established by Upshur, who served in the Virginia legislature and gained a state-wide reputation for oratory, for extreme states-rights views and for opposition to any reform of the state constitution. He also wrote many articles and essays and one book.



Claude Hall Writes Biography

A Virginia supreme court judge for many years, Upshur also served as Secretary of the Navy before being named Secretary of State by President John Tyler. As Texas annexation negotiations neared completion, Upshur and several other high officials were killed aboard the new sloop-of-war Princeton by the explosion of a large experimental gun.

"Virginia," writes Hall, "had lost a leader in her finest conservative tradition; the nation had lost a man whom fate had long delayed placing on the national stage only to remove him at the moment when his latent talents had at last the challenge necessary for their full development."

HALL, A NATIVE Virginian,

Draft Board Gets Moving

Texas draft boards have received official instructions to begin classifying males immediately after they register at age 18, Col. Morris S. Schwartz, states Selective Service director, said Wednesday.

The program will begin with the young men registering in Jan. 1964 and those who register thereafter, Colonel Schwartz said.

Under past policy, most men have been classified initially somewhere between the ages of 18½ and 20, the state draft director said.

These older men who have not yet been classified initially will have their classification speeded up until this group is complete, Col. Schwartz said.

The decision to begin classifying 18-year-olds immediately is the result of President Johnson's action of Jan. 5, announcing that he was directing the Director of Selective Service and the Secretary of Defense to examine all newly registered men who are out of school and otherwise available for service.

Colonel Schwartz emphasized that no 18-year-olds would be sent for armed forces pre-induction examination currently, except volunteers and delinquents.

SHSTC Sponsors Evening Courses

Mrs. Doyle B. Cooper has announced that the Auxiliary to the Texas Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association will be sponsoring the following extension courses offered from Sam Houston State Teachers College here in College Station.

United States History 163 will be offered for sure. The following courses will also be offered if sufficient number are present for the first class meeting Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at A&M Consolidated Junior High.

U. S. History 164—no prerequisite; Sociology 264—Social Problems—no prerequisite; Spanish 263—second year Spanish—first year Spanish is prerequisite to this course; English 269—"The Short Story"—prerequisite is six hours of freshmen English.

Everyone interested in any of the above five courses are asked to come to the first meeting on Feb. 6 to register for the course.

New Instructor Texas Industries

Dr. James A. Bowen has joined the A&M University Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery as instructor in the Small Animal Clinic.

The veterinarian has been in private practice at Fort Stockton since graduation from A&M with the class of 1963.

received the B.A. degree from University of Virginia in 1951, his M.A. degree two years later and his doctorate in 1954.

He joined the A&M faculty in 1951 as a history instructor, advanced to assistant professor in 1955, and to associate professor in 1959. He was a visiting professor at the University of Virginia in 1960-61 and will teach at University of Missouri during the spring semester of 1964.

Hall received in 1958 a Distinguished Achievement Award. Teaching during the annual presentation by the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M. He is a member of the American Historical Association, the Southern Historical Association, the Virginia Historical Society and other historical associations and scholarly societies.

With another A&M professor, Dr. Thomas L. Miller, he is presently engaged in research concerning Texas' congressmen in 1846.

GM's McFarland Is C Of C's Guest For Feb. Banquet

Dr. Kenneth McFarland, a forceful speaker in America's address the Chamber of Commerce banquet here Feb. 10.

McFarland, guest lecturer for the American Trucking Association and for General Motors Corp., is expected to attract 800 persons to the 7:30 p.m. meeting in the Ramada Inn.

The noted educator's travels as a speaker caused him to be determined "America's Number One Air Passenger" for logging the most flying time in any city. His success in "selling America's Americans" earned the National Sales Executives' "Outstanding Salesman in America" award in 1957.

The Kansas native spent 12 years in municipal education before devoting full attention to public speaking. An exponent of what he calls "progressive conservatism," McFarland often describes the United States as the land that "dumps the horn of plenty on the common man."

Chamber of Commerce manager Hill Westmoreland said that the Bryan area was "fortunate" to attract such an outstanding speaker. "We anticipate a capacity crowd for the membership meeting which will accept reservations from out-of-town as long as tickets are available," he said.

Researcher Places Industrial Plants

Where to place industrial plants is the specialty of William E. Allio, who has joined A&M University as assistant research economist in the Texas Transportation Institute.

He comes to A&M from the General Services Administration in Washington, D. C., where he was employed for a year. Three years previously he worked for Congressman Frank Smith of Mississippi, who was the chairman of the President Kennedy's Advisory Committee on Natural Resources.

Allio is a graduate of the University of Mississippi in political science and has studied law for two years at George Washington University.

He will work in the field of location economics in the highway research program of the Texas Transportation Institute.

Allio is a native of Ruler, Miss. He and his wife, Billie Moorehead Allio, and their daughter, Kim, reside at 1202 Milner Street in College Station.

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