

# JETS Honors Baytown School

Robert E. Lee High School of Baytown received the outstanding chapter award at A&M University's annual Southwest Regional Conference of JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) here Saturday.

Other outstanding high school students from Rockdale, Bryan-College Station and the Gulf Coast area received awards during the two-day conference attended by 330 persons.

Students from the Baytown school took top honors in the engineering sciences, with Robert B. Chatfield, first place, and Robert

Atherton, honorable mention. THE MOST OUTSTANDING small school chapter award went to Calhoun High School of Port Lavaca. The school's individual honors were claimed by Billy Hamilton and Kathy Cameron, who placed second and third in slide rule competition.

John Badgett of A&M Consolidated High School, won first place in mathematics. Donald Mackenzie of Spring Branch (Houston) and Gary Hollimon of Rockdale tied for second, and two Bryan high school students, Barry Morgan and Suzanne Gallaway, placed third and honorable mention, respectively.

Other slide rule winners included Wayne E. Voskamp of Rockdale, first; and Don Keeble, Rockdale, honorable mention.

IN ENGINEERING DRAWING competition, Henry Abel of Rockdale took top honors, followed by Randy Ransdell of A&M Consolidated, second; Charles Contella of Bryan, third, and Ford Griggs of Bryan, honorable mention.

Other contest winners in engineering sciences, in addition to the Baytown students, were Donald Mackenzie of Spring Branch, second, and Wayne E. Voskamp of Rockdale, third.

Earlier, Don Cumbie, 18, of Rockdale received the \$250 A&M Former Student Association scholarship on the basis of his outstanding academic record and other achievements.

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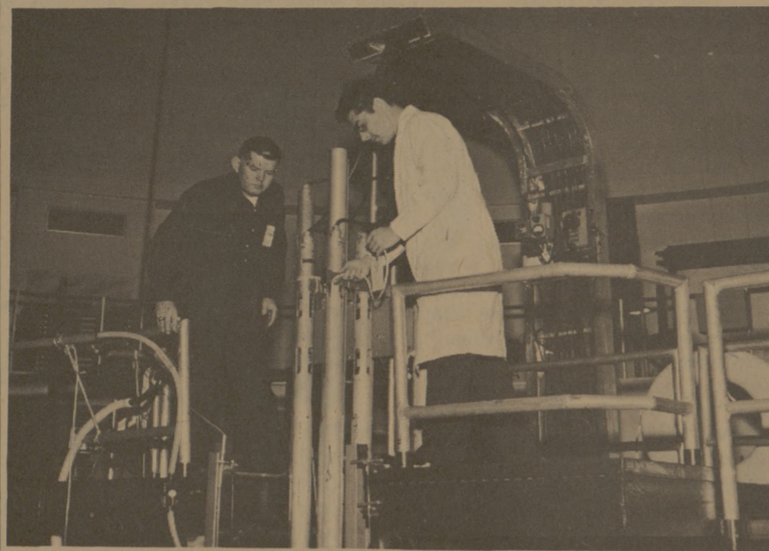
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## Research Annex Revives Economy

Bryan Air Force Base, which lay idle for four years, is now flexing its muscles again in the local economy.

The 1,991-acre reservation was little more than a weed patch during the years following its closing in 1958. Then in 1962 the installation was turned over to A&M University as an annex for research.

A&M President Earl Rudder called the annex a site of great value to both the university and Bryan-College Station.

"The Research Annex is a perfect location for research-oriented laboratories and industry," he noted. "Expansion of the Annex will mean extra dollars in the local economy and significant contributions to America's knowledge of the world."

PROGRAMS UNDERWAY in the 112-building complex include schools for polygraph examiners, electronic technicians, civil defense, personnel, telephone and electric workers.

A former hangar is the research center for an instrument to analyze the surface of the moon. The compact package may be carried by Apollo astronauts on the moon.

Another hangar is headquarters for the Electric Distribution and Telecommunications Center. Thousands of dollars worth of equipment fill classrooms inside the facility.

A former bowling alley and hobby shop has been converted for the Institute of Electronic Science where vocational students learn a trade at the University's only two-year program.

The A&M University Nuclear Science Center is training 17 marine engineers to operate the atomic-powered ship Savannah tied up at Galveston.

The training period began last week and will continue through Wednesday.

John D. Randall, associate head of the Nuclear Science Center and in charge of the training program, said the purpose of the instruction is to help qualify the engineers for Atomic Energy Commission licenses to operate the Savannah.

After their training here, the men will take operator license examinations on the ship in March.

Randall said A&M is conducting the training program under contract with Babcock and Wilcox, a nuclear power firm which has offices in Galveston. The firm has contracts with the AEC and the U. S. Maritime Commission to put the ship back into operation.

Dr. Robert G. Cochran, head of the Department of Nuclear Engineering, negotiated the contract with Babcock and Wilcox.

The Savannah was idled at Galveston almost a year ago because of labor troubles. The problem has since been cleared up and the ship will be ready for sea duty again in the near future.

Randall said the engineers are receiving lectures on reactor theory, actual operating experience on A&M's huge research reactor, and training and demonstration on a training reactor in the mechanical engineering shops.

Each man, he added, will get five hours of reactor operating time.

Donald Feltz and Charles Polaski, Nuclear Science Center supervisors, are providing reactor training. They helped in the design and construction of the facility.

John Reuscher, William Dowdy, and John Davis, all of the Nuclear Science Center Staff, are the lecturers.

North Viet Nam and South Viet Name each is roughly the size of the state of Georgia.



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## Scrapbook Starts Expanded Archives

A scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings telling of the New London school disaster of 1937 which claimed the lives of more than 450 youngsters has been received as the first item in A&M University's expanded archives collection.

Receipt of the gift from J. W. Grosdidier, Box 227, New London, was announced Friday by university archivist Ernest Langford.

"All of our children have attended London school and we would like this book to be entered in their behalf," Grosdidier wrote. Among the five children are Leon E. Grosdidier, who received a Master of Science degree from A&M in 1960. The other are Juanita, Glen L., Neva L., and Sarah E. Grosdidier.

A&M ARCHIVES CONTAIN an estimated 10,000 items relating broadly to university history, but under the new program gifts are sought that will help future scholars better understand many facets of the state's history and development.

"The collection is being developed into a general archives division of Cushing Memorial Library for the purpose of permanently preserving for reference and research manuscripts, documents, pictures, newspapers, maps and records of all sorts," library director Robert A. Houze said.

Gifts or deposits of original records of people, families, business firms and organizations are welcomed.

"Materials deposited will be listed under family name and carefully and properly protected," Langford said.

"The materials will be made available for public use under safeguards. For purpose of income tax deductions, a monetary value may be placed on gifts."

THE UNIVERSITY ALSO collects, preserves and makes available for study both books and periodicals dealing with business, economic, literary, political and social development.

A lengthy list of the types of materials which should properly be placed in the archives collection and further information may be obtained by contacting the collection at Cushing Memorial Library.

## THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANIES SALUTE: GEORGE PYLAND

Engineering at Southwestern Bell offers many facets for developing talents and abilities. For George Pyland (B.S.M.E., 1953), his present position of District Engineer, Victoria, Texas, makes him responsible for all outside plant engineering in some 25 towns.

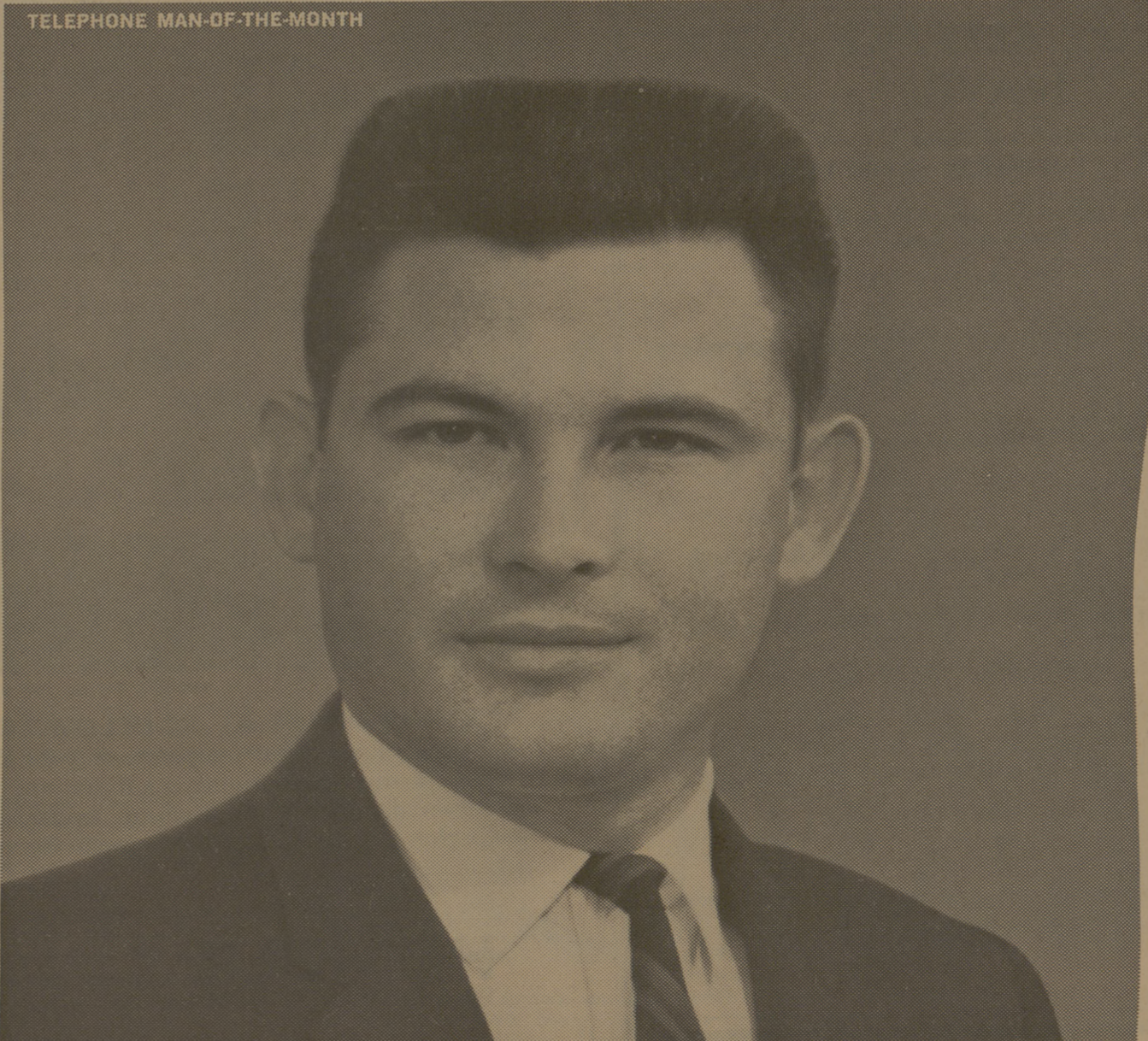
This is quite a demanding position for a young man only five years out of college. But for George, this is just another opportunity to prove himself. Throughout his career with the telephone company, he has been given every chance to show his capacity for increased responsibilities.

In previous assignments, George has supervised large numbers of employees responsible for maintaining top-quality telephone service. He has supervised outside maintenance and repair personnel as well as coordinating the work functions of central office people. His initiative has paid off in satisfaction and increased compensation.

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