



PILOT DECORATED

The Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and a 10th Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star were awarded to Capt. Eric E. Miller at Texas A&M. The decorations for combat service in Vietnam were presented by Col. Vernon L. Head (left).

Aggie In Vietnam Weds Stewardess

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Capt. Robert J. Swain, a Texan at war from Beaumont, had to go halfway around the world to meet and marry a girl from the Alamo city, San Antonio, just a little more than 200 miles away. The Swains' unusual courtship began in May, 1966, when the captain boarded a plane in Okinawa for the last leg of a journey which would take him to Saigon and the Vietnam war. The pretty stewardess aboard the plane was Miss Vilma Macias of San Antonio, the future Mrs. Swain, although she didn't know it at the time. Neither did he.

positioning himself on an adjacent hill where he could observe the entire position." He later directed fire on the enemy position, and "continued to expose himself to direct the weapons strikes until the weapons became too close. . . . But he refused to leave his post until the squad had linked up with the remainder of the platoon" although he was wounded twice. He also received his second award of the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam. His other decorations include the Purple Heart and 21 awards of the Air Medal, one for valor.

Departments, Students Get \$10,200 In PAFP Grants

Pan American Petroleum Foundation stipends and grants totaling more than \$10,200 have been awarded to two Texas A&M University departments, a graduate student and five undergraduates. Benjamin F. Marek of West received over \$3,800 through a faculty doctoral fellowship.

Undergraduate awards in petroleum engineering went to junior Harrell L. Bilhartz Jr. of Dallas, sophomore Thomas A. Halling and freshman Russell E. Telg, both of Houston. Scholarship winners in geophysics were sophomore William D. Heinze of University City,

Mo., and freshman Thomas C. Fitzhugh III of Waco. SCHOLARSHIPS provide \$700 for the freshman year, \$800 sophomore, \$900 junior and reach \$1,000 in the senior year. Undergraduate awards can be retained through four years with a "B" or better grade average.

Hurricane Spawns Political Twisters

By GARTH JONES
CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)—Political tornadoes, spawned by Hurricane Beulah's investigation, roared through the governor's office Wednesday following an outbreak Tuesday amid a congressional hearing in Corpus Christi. "Playing politics with disaster," U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., said Tuesday of his favorite political target, Gov. John Connally, also a Democrat.

Yarborough said he had talked with a top White House aide, Marvin Watson, and was told the President had received no request from Connally.

"The lowest form of demagoguery and the foulest distortion of facts and truth that I have ever heard uttered by a public official," Connally, former secretary of the Navy, answered Wednesday.

DURING A tour of disaster areas Monday, Yarborough told several local officials that he had asked the White House for help and said he could not understand why Connally did not take immediate action.

Connally said Wednesday he could not make the White House request until he had a fairly accurate assessment of damages, which was obtained in Connally's own set of hearings Monday and Tuesday.

Connally said he had talked personally with President Johnson about the declaration and disaster problems, but he did not know if Johnson planned a presidential inspection tour of Texas.

Yarborough contended the House Public Works subcommittee Tuesday that Connally should have asked the designation of a disaster area five days earlier.

MEANWHILE, the House Public Works subcommittee left Corpus Christi about noon Wednesday for the return trip to Washington without making any final statement on the results of its survey and hearings. Yarborough, who appeared at the hearing as an "invited guest" of the subcommittee, flew back to Washington Tuesday night.



GEOPHYSICS STIPENDS

Pan American Petroleum representatives Stan Stocker (left) and John Campbell (right) present checks for undergraduate scholarships and a Geophysics Department grant to Dr. Earl Cook, geosciences associate dean. The awards to Geophysics and petroleum engineering totaled over \$10,200.

Dairy Judges Prepare For Meet

Texas A&M's Dairy Products Judging Team is gearing for its first major effort of the school year — the International Dairy Products Judging Contest Oct. 23 in Los Angeles, Calif.

He said the three top teams will be awarded fellowships.

Dr. C. W. Dill, team coach and associate professor in the A&M Animal Science Department, said his group will compete with about 25 teams from throughout the United States.

A&M team members are Billy Armstrong of Waxahachie, Terry Braswell of Texarkana, James Howard of New Boston, and Donald Vogel of Muenster.

Dill said the A&M Dairy Science Club has raised most of the money to finance the trip to California.

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Meier To Write Book On Usage Of River Water

Dr. Wilbur L. Meier of Texas A&M's Industrial Engineering Department has contracted to write a book on optimization of Water resource systems, reservoirs and river basins. The book, "Multistage Optimization of Water Resource Systems," will be published by the American Elsevier Co. of New York. Dr. Meier, an assistant professor, said the 180-page volume will be one of a series on modern analytic and computational methods in science and mathematics. "It will be directed to seniors and graduate students in operations research or water resource engineering," he explained. "The text may also be used as a supplementary reference in undergraduate courses." The professor works on the optimization portion of "Project Themis" handled by the department. He authored an article, "A Multistage Optimization Scheme for Water Systems and Reservoirs," in the September issue of the "Water Resources Research Journal."