



The Battalion

Thursday — Cloudy, wind westerly 10-15 m.p.h. High 68, low 54.
Friday — Cloudy, intermittent light rain, wind south 5-10 m.p.h. High 66, low 57.

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Bonfire To Burn At 7:30 Tonight

Timber Expected To Top 90 Feet

The traditional Thanksgiving Day game bonfire, symbolizing Aggies' "undying love for their school and the desire to beat Texas," will be ignited at 7:30 tonight.

The Bonfire will highlight the Thanksgiving activities, along with a Wednesday night Town Hall featuring Simon and Garfunkel and the Hollies. All of the festivities will be capped by the 1:30 annual Turkey Day spectacular with A&M fighting for the Cotton Bowl against the University of Texas.

The stack of timber just south of Duncan Dining Hall will include 3,130 logs quadruple-stacked, a "tea-house" furnished by the Aggie Band, 2,000 gallons of aviation fuel, thousands of barrels of sweat and 25,000 blisters, according to students completing construction.

THE BONFIRE gets under way officially at 7:30 p.m., according to head yell leader Neal Adams of Tyler. The Aggie Band will step off at that time. After marching around the bonfire, leaving torch-bearing yell leaders at strategic points, the bonfire will be lighted.

The yell practice, conducted from a trailer-stage on the west side of the fire, begins at 7:35 and will continue a little past 8, Adams added.

The bonfire will be almost 650 feet in diameter at the base and about 90 feet tall, according to latest estimates by Adams. Stacking will be completed by 3 p.m. Wednesday, when ditching operations to contain the fuel will be completed.

Firemen's Training School workmen under the direction of instructor John Rauch, will dose the stack with Aviation fuel.

THE CADET Corps' First Battalion will guard the stack until the procession headed by yell leader and band approach. Mem-

bers of Company A-1, B-1, C-1 and D-1 will comprise the guard ring.

"No one will be allowed through the circle," Adams said.

Following the Bonfire Yell Practice, Town Hall will feature Simon and Garfunkel whose hits include "The Sounds of Silence," "Homeward Bound" and "I am a Rock." They will be double billed with a fast raising English group, The Hollies.

A Town Hall Spokesman said Tuesday night that ticket sales had already exceeded those of the Johnny Rivers show last month and that they expect to sell out early Wednesday. If tickets are left, they will be on sale at the door to G. Rollie White before the performance.

TOWN HALL WILL be followed by an "All-University" Dance sponsored by the Civilian Student Council.

Tuesday night, the Aggies began preparing for the Turkey Day clash by forming a "spirit line" for the team to walk through to super. The Corps and Band marched to Henderson Hall and formed a double line from there to Sbis Mess Hall.

Game time conditions include 64 degrees, 50 per cent relative humidity, winds north at 10 to 15 mph, clear to partly cloudy and no rain in sight.

CONDITIONS won't be as suitable for the bonfire. The Wednesday evening forecast has cloudy skies with intermittent light rain, winds southerly 10 to 15 mph and 70 degrees. The temperature will drop gradually with the front's passage.

Three special services will be conducted in the All Faiths Chapel on Thanksgiving for students and visitors attending the football game.

The YMCA sponsored 45 minute services will be given by three local ministers, at 8, 9 and 10 a.m.

The decision on whether classes are to be held Monday if the Aggies outscore the Longhorns has not been announced by President Earl Rudder.

Aggie Band Adds Complex Maneuver

The Texas Aggie Band will feature a new movement Thursday during its halftime performance of the 1:30 p.m. A&M-Texas football game.

The maneuver—a crisscross of halves of the band—will be part of a complex performance involving a revised, never-before used handling of the block "T."

Directed by the dean of Southwest Conference bandmasters, Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, the band will perform under the batons of Head Drum Major Richard C. Westbrook of Beaumont, White Band Drum Major James W. Criswell of Brady and Maroon Band Drum Major Marc A. Sheiness.

During pre-game ceremonies, the Stars and Stripes flown on four combat missions in Vietnam will be raised at the south end of Kyle Field to the band's rendition of the National Anthem.

The half-time crisscross involves a unique pattern in which individual members of the band will not pass behind other bandmen as in other crisscrosses. The pattern was not discovered until the band marched through the maneuver.

Adams described the band's final maneuver as "pulling the shell off the 'T' and putting it back." Also to be employed will be three minstrel turns and the five-way countermarch, a 16-step execution during which the band ceases playing.

Aggie Freshmen Rank Among Best

Almost half of the entering freshmen at Texas A&M this fall ranked in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating classes, reports A&M Registrar H. L. Heaton.

Heaton said a record 49 percent of the A&M freshmen ranked in this top category.

He added that 84 per cent graduated from high school in the top half of their classes.

The band's minstrel turns were described by one announcer as

"like folding a handkerchief diagonally and pulling it through itself."

The drill is being installed in four days. Practice on the band's own football field next to Dorm 11 began at 10 a.m. Monday and was set to music at 5 p.m. The Aggie musicians practiced twice Tuesday and have single workouts on Wednesday and Thursday.

The appearance will mark the conclusion of Adams' 22nd season as Aggie Band director.

Bulletin

Texas A&M University's board of directors stated Wednesday it would favor a telecast of the A&M-University of Texas football game if it could be shown statewide or nationally.

The board members noted, however, that National Collegiate Athletic Association regulations clearly state that even a sell-out game, such as the A&M-Texas classic, can only be televised in the home cities of the two schools unless it were scheduled for coverage prior to the start of the season.

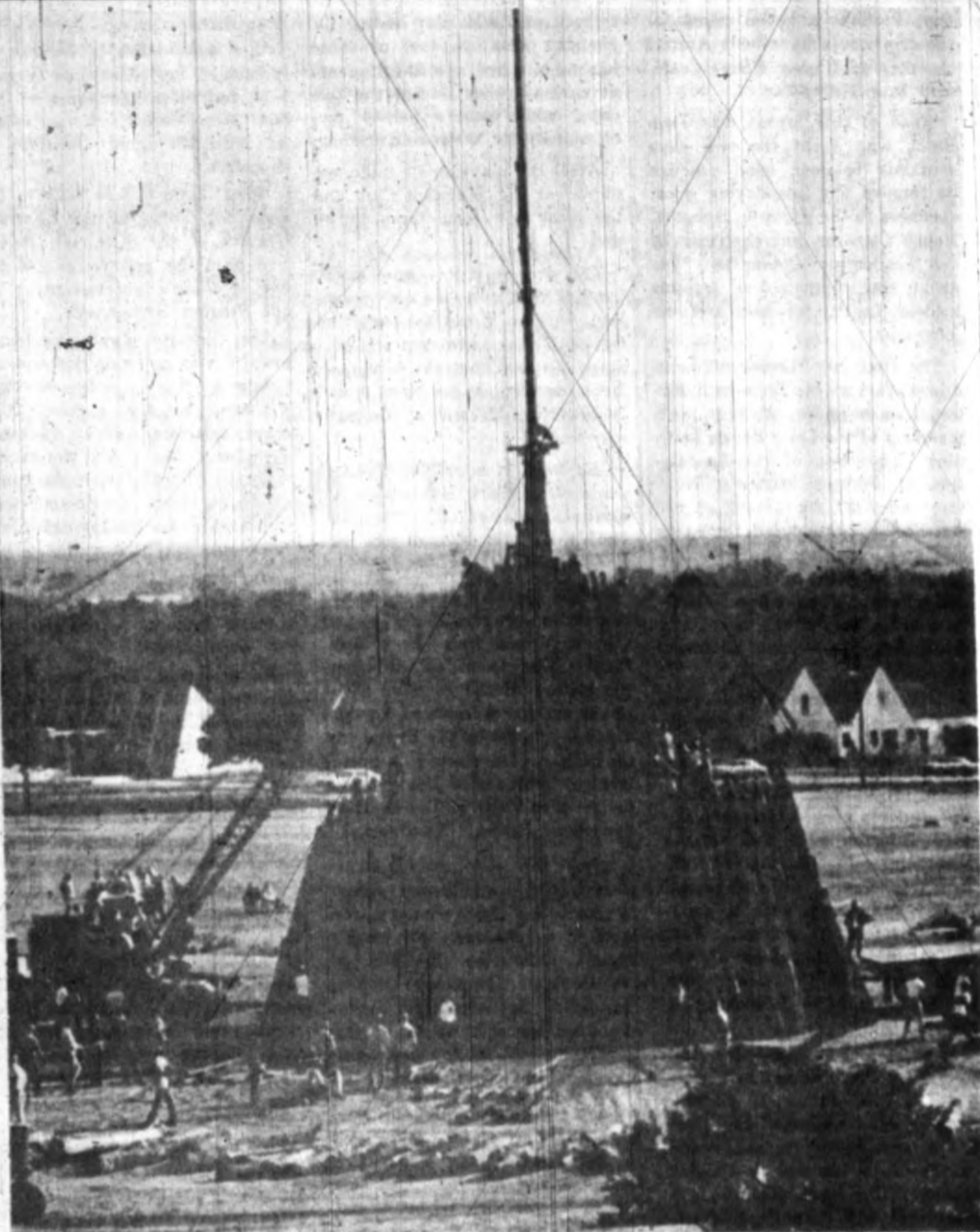
This meant, the board pointed out, the Thanksgiving Day game could have been telecast in the Bryan-College Station and Austin areas only.

A&M's board announced Friday there would be no telecast of the game and reaffirmed its decision after receiving numerous calls for reconsideration.

"We simply do not think it fair to telecast the game only in these two areas," emphasized a statement by the board. "Both Texas A&M and the University of Texas are state-supported institutions and we feel all citizens of the state should have the privilege of seeing the game on television, if any of them do."

If a statewide or national telecast were possible, the Texas A&M board of directors would be for it 100 per cent, the statement concluded.

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THIRD STACK BEGINS

Bonfire workers begin the third stack of logs in this picture, taken Tuesday afternoon. Yell Leader Wayne Porter said he hopes the logs will reach a quadruple-stack, 90-foot height by late this afternoon. The torch is to be put to the stack at 7:30 tonight, beginning the annual Bonfire Yell Practice for Thursday's football game with the University of Texas.

Tech Can Go To Cotton Bowl, Conference President Rules

WACO (AP) — Dr. Monroe S. Carroll, President of the Southwest Conference, said Tuesday night Texas Tech had been declared eligible for the Cotton Bowl in the event it should tie with Texas and Texas A&M and Texas Christian for the championship.

Dr. Carroll said the question had been raised by Texas A&M, which pointed out that Tech had been a member of the conference only since 1960 whereas Texas A&M was last in the Cotton Bowl in 1942.

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—Adv.

Under the rules when more than two teams tie for the title, and they have defeated each other, the one in the Cotton Bowl the longest time off would get the Cotton Bowl bid.

Tech has been in the Cotton Bowl but that was 1939 when it was a member of the Bordered Conference.

The conference found it had no specific rule to cover the situation of a school coming into the conference after another had been in the Cotton Bowl prior to that time.

"We met at Dallas to interpret the rule," Dr. Carroll said. "We decided that it would apply whether one school had been in

the conference longer than another."

Texas A&M leads the race and can win the title Thursday if it beats Texas. But a loss would throw Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech, in the event it should beat Arkansas at Little Rock Saturday, into a three-way tie. In that event, Tech would get the Cotton Bowl bid since it beat Texas and lost to A&M. Texas was last in the Cotton Bowl in 1964.

Texas Christian could also tie for the title should it win its remaining two games but even in that event, Texas Tech would get the bid. TCU was last in the Cotton Bowl in 1959.

TU Students Try To Alter Draft Status

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Two University of Texas students who last month mailed their draft cards to their draft board here formally applied for conscientious objector status Tuesday in a closed hearing.

The pair, George Loper, 20, and Bill Langley, 21, both of San Antonio, were accompanied by an attorney, a minister and the mother of Langley to the draft board meeting. The board, however, interviewed the two separately and alone.

A draft board spokesman said no announcement on the board's decision would be made before Wednesday. Loper and Langley will be notified by mail, the spokesman said.

The two were neatly dressed in suits and ties as they appeared at the federal building. One carried a book entitled "Conscientious Objectors Handbook."

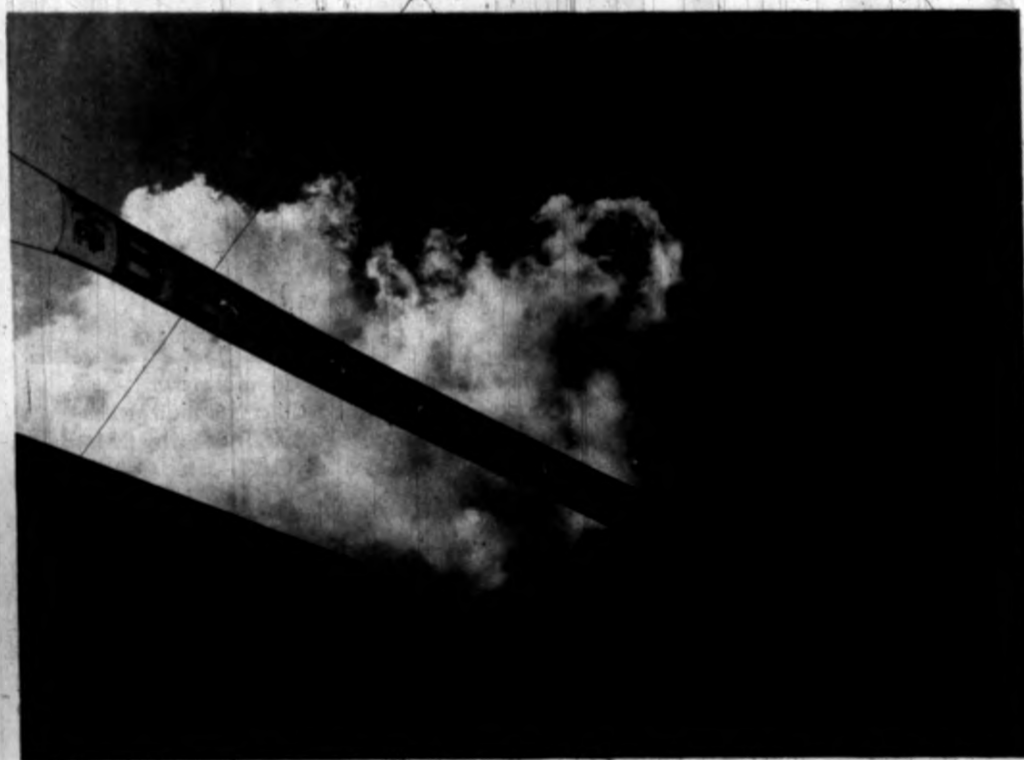
They declined comment to reporters, but handed out a quote from the Methodist Church Social Creed. It stated that the church believed conscientious objection to military service is a right of the individual and that "non-violent resistance can be a valid form of Christian witness."

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THROUGH THE 'SPIRIT LINE'

Aggie Quarterback Edd Hargett and tackle Rolf Kreuger walk past cadets singing "The Spirit of Aggieland" as the football team goes to Sbis Hall for Tuesday's evening meal. Behind Hargett are, from left, tackle Tom Chaffe and defensive halfback Lynn Fister. The "Spirit Line" stretched from Henderson Hall to the dining hall.



PEACEFUL COEXISTANCE

Cadets and civilians collaborated in this effort, a sign stretching between the northern and southern wings of Hart Hall. Members of Squadron 8, occupants of the south side of the dormitory, and civilians living in the remainder of Hart Hall put up the sign Tuesday.