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Thursday and Friday — Partly cloudy to cloudy, afternoon rain showers or thundershowers. Winds Southerly, 5 to 10 m.p.h., Thursday become Northerly Friday, 5 to 10 m.p.h., high 89, low 72.

Building contract let For new fifteen-story facility

AUSTIN — A \$6,774,000 contract for construction of a 15-story oceanography-meteorology building on campus has been awarded to Houston-based Manhattan Construction Company of Texas.

The board of directors also sold bonds totaling \$5 million in a joint meeting with the University of Texas System Board of Regents. The bonds were sold to Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at an effective interest rate of 6.0109 percent. Six bids were submitted.

In other action, the board appropriated \$2,500 for a program of requirements for a new classroom building at Tarleton State College in Stephenville.

The new oceanography-meteorology facility, scheduled for completion in September, 1972, will be one of the tallest buildings between Dallas and Houston, university officials noted. It will be topped by a weather observatory and large radar installation with a 400-mile range. The top of the radar will be 222 feet above ground with extending lightning arrestors.

The building will include more research laboratories than found in many entire colleges.

It will have 121 labs, notes Dr. Vance Moyer, Meteorology

Department head who has served as planning coordinator for the project the past three years.

"We expect this new facility to be the finest geosciences building in the nation for at least the next decade," observes Dr. Moyer.

During the early planning stages, Moyer and other university officials visited numerous installations throughout the country for background information in determining design requirements.

One of the unique features of

the building will be a 50-ton water tank used in studies involving air-sea interaction.

Highly specialized laboratories will be devoted to research in such fields as ocean dynamics, remote sensing, spacecraft oceanography, hydrodynamics, acoustics, cloud physics, air pollution meteorology, satellite meteorology, laser radar, microwave and infrared radiation.

The new structural-steel building will be one of the campus' most "public" facilities, Dr. Moy-

er points out. Visitors will be able to view meteorological instruments on the ground floor and tour the top-floor weather observatory.

The building was designed by a Fort Worth firm, Preston M. Geren, Architect & Engineer and Associates, headed by Aggie graduates. Preston M. Geren Jr. is a 1945 graduate. His father, who died earlier this year, was a 1912 graduate and his grandfather at one time headed the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Many employes could miss benefits—Cherry

Many university employes still have not enrolled in the institution's revised and expanded group insurance and hospitalization program, thus running the risk of missing out on an excellent fringe benefit.

That's the observation of Tom D. Cherry, vice president for business affairs.

Cherry emphasized the enrollment deadline is Friday.

Anyone not enrolled in the group program by Friday will be required to furnish evidence of insurability at his own expense if he should later wish to be included, the vice president pointed out.

"All segments of the new program offer better rates and superior coverage than under the present plan," Cherry noted. "I endorse the program in its entirety because it affords the best possible coverage at the lowest premiums. These are excellent bargains."

He said the group coverage program, which goes into effect Sept. 1, is particularly attractive in view of "staggering increases in medical costs."

Cherry urged employes who have not completed enrollment cards to do so and return them immediately to the personnel office in the System Administration Building.

All existing university insurance programs terminate Aug. 31.

The new plan, which includes contracts with three different insurance firms, was approved by the board of directors upon recommendation of the System Insurance Committee. The insurance committee included representation from the Faculty Fringe Benefit Committee.

Southwestern Life Insurance Co. was selected to provide life insurance and basic hospital and major medical coverage. Continental Casualty Co. was chosen for long-term disability coverage and Continental Insurance Com-

panies for accidental death and dismemberment.

Under the new program, employes have the opportunity to purchase economical term insurance in maximum amounts equal to their annual salary, up to \$25,000. Currently, the maximum is \$5,000, which will continue to be required for all employes.

Cherry said the new basic hospital and major medical coverage features greater benefits in several areas. Rather than having the currently limited hospital room rate, the new program covers the cost of an average semi-private room taking into consideration rising costs and variations according to regions of the country. He said the semi-private benefits can be applied to private rooms.

Other new features include maternity benefits and additional accident expense. The additional accident expense provides for up

to \$300, in or out of the hospital, and is not subject to deductions.

The new disability income insurance represents substantial improvement at reduced cost, Cherry observed. While the current policy has maximum payment of six years, the new program will continue to provide benefits until the recipient reaches age 65. Monthly benefits under the new policy begin after 90 days of disability, while the present policy does not begin payment until 120 days.

Accidental death and dismemberment coverage also is being expanded at reduced cost. Limits are being increased from \$150,000 to \$200,000, with an employee eligible to purchase an amount up to 10 times his annual salary.

Cherry said the university system is making the expanded coverage possible at economical rates by assuming administrative cost of the plan.

TMA almost falls heir to stowaway

The Texas Maritime Academy almost fell heir to a boy without a country.

A 16-year-old Algerian youth was discovered aboard the TMA training ship, "Texas Clipper," several hours after it steamed out of LaHarve, France, second stop on the academy's annual summer cruise.

Capt. Alfred Philbrick, TMA executive officer and skipper of the ship, promptly radioed Adm. James D. Craik, academy superintendent, and set off a series of diplomatic huddles involving the United States, France, Germany and Denmark.

Germany and Denmark were involved, Admiral Craik explained, because Hamburg and Aal-

boig were the "Clipper's" next ports of call.

Admiral Craik gave this account of the adventure:

Going through formal channels, the French refused return of the boy, since he did not have papers.

German port officials initially took him into custody. When he refused to tell them his name or give any other information, they popped him back aboard ship, leaving Captain Philbrick with the possibility of a permanent stowaway.

The captain then recalled hosting French port officials for a (See TMA, page 7)

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High rise on campus—Construction will start soon on the new 15-story Oceanography-Meteorology Building, shown here in artist's concept. The facility will include 121 laboratories.

Director finds methods of stretching each cent

by Pat Little

Finding new methods to stretch every penny to make up for rising food costs while board fees remain stationary is one of the problems that Food Service Director Colonel Fred W. Dollar

has to deal with daily.

All of the funds Texas A&M's food services receive come from student fees, but food costs have gone up 10 per cent in the last year, he explained.

"We have no choice but to

operate as a profit-making organization and try to keep from going broke since our only source of income is student board fees," Col. Dollar said.

"Of course we would accept contributions but so far we haven't been offered any."

He went on to say there are various ways to cut unnecessary costs, including having their own furniture repair shop take care of the furniture, some of which dates back to 1934.

The retired Army colonel said some of the chairs in Sbis Dining Hall were bought for \$3.50 and today would cost \$30. He added they have a table so old "a representative of the company that had made them came to see it because he had never seen one before."

Another method of saving money is the method of food purchasing which Col. Dollar said he started here. This method involves buying the food in bulk quantities instead of ordering small quantities from time to time.

He said this eliminates a lot of the shipping charges, taking into account the fact the campus is isolated and truck drivers are paid \$3 an hour.

Col. Dollar said a friend of his who owns a restaurant wanted to compare purchasing charges with him and they found out that A&M buys its food for 30 per cent less.

The method of selecting the brand of canned foods to be used in the dining halls is also unique. The labels of all the cans are taken off, the liquid drained out, the contents graded and weighed, and the cost of each ounce of edible content determined.

Col. Dollar said that it is specified in the contract with the food company that if any of the food received is below the quality standard of the sample tested, the food is to be returned and the company will have to pay the shipping charges.

Still another way of economizing

"A tighter economy has placed more emphasis on the current value of resources in our communities," he added.

Smith said there has been a change in fire service emphasis from fire control to fire prevention.

"People have begun to watch more closely their resources. They want to protect what they have."

One of the highlights of the municipal school is the public fire fighting demonstration. Smith announced this year's fire show is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Brayton Field.

The sponsoring State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas is hosting a reception for local, state and federal political and agency leaders at 4 p.m. Wednesday and the annual Firemen's Banquet is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Four Texas communities will benefit from the school in a special way. Fire truck pumpers from Beeville, Granite Shoals, Taylor and Pear Ridge will be completely rebuilt to meet the state acceptance test.

Smith noted an 80-man pump maintenance class, including several master mechanics, will rebuild the pumps. Parts and transportation is paid by the individual communities while the labor is provided as part of the training exercise, Smith stated.

"Most of the firemen will spend their time in the field doing what they learn in the outdoor class-

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Play to offer old-fashioned melodrama

Old-fashioned melodrama with a villain, heroine, rope and railroad tracks will be offered in the Premiere Players' second summer session which registers Monday.

"Love Rides the Rails, or, Will the Mail Train Run Tonight?" will be produced by the teenage theatrical company during the four-week session, announced C. K. Esten, director of the English Department theater arts section.

Unparalleled response greeted the Premiere Players' first session staging of John Patrick's "The Curious Savage," director Bob Wenck said.

"We had standing-room-only audiences every night," he said. "People were turned away at each performance."

He said parts for 24 teenagers in the cast and crews for "Love Rides the Rails" will be available at Monday registration, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Fallout Theater of Guion Hall. All teenagers, age 13 through 19 who are not college students, are eligible. A registration fee of \$3 per player will be charged.

Costing and rehearsal will begin the following day. "Love Rides the Rails" will be staged Aug. 13-15.



No parking lot this—Construction on Kyle Field's Astro-turf is coming right along as this photograph shows—the asphalt has been laid and next comes the glue. The arti-

ficial turf is due to be complete before the first game in September. (Photo by Pat Little)

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