

Welcome to A&M — Workshoppers

The Battalion

Warm,
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Thursday & Friday — Partly cloudy, afternoon thundershowers Friday. Wind Southeast 10-12 m.p.h. High 93, low 72.

Saturday & Sunday—Continued partly cloudy, scattered thundershowers in afternoon.

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Journalists attend meet

More than 500 high school students here

More than 500 high school journalists and their sponsors are here this week for the 12th annual High School Publications Workshop.

The one-week program is sponsored by the Journalism Department.

Workshops are planned in both beginning and advanced photography, yearbook production,

publications production and newspaper production, noted department head C. J. Leabo.

Experts from throughout the nation are serving as workshop instructors.

Activities began at 5 p.m. Sunday with an opening convocation and will continue through Friday night's awards banquet.

A highlight of the annual af-

fair is the Miss Workshop Contest. Each participating school nominates one entry. The Miss Workshop Contest and dance is scheduled tonight.

Sam Pierson, Houston Chronicle photographer and past president of the National Press Photographers' Association, will give a special lecture at 8 p.m. tonight. See Journalists, page 4

Industrial firemen set for fire-fighting school

The university welcomed an estimated 800 industrial firemen expected this week for the industrial fire-fighting course.

Chief Instructor Henry D. Smith termed last week's municipal firemen's school a complete success. Enrollment was up seven per cent over last year, with official registration set at 1,197.

No major injuries were reported.

Students and instructors from about 40 states and 20 foreign countries will attend the industrial school. Headquarters is the Ramada Inn.

"The industrial school is for people engaged in industrial fire and safety protection," Smith said.

Industries from many nations send several key men to the school, which is the largest industrial fire-fighting course in the world, according to Smith.

A week-long special school for Spanish-speaking firemen is scheduled Aug. 2-7. Approximately 125 will enroll during that session.

Broken records and a blazing public demonstration marked the third day of the 41st annual Texas Firemen's Training School last Wednesday.

A record 1,869 total attendance—up 125 over last year's municipal school total—was announced at the Firemen's Banquet.

Firemen were here from 437 Texas towns and 22 cities in 13 other states. Three foreign countries and five military bases also are represented, Smith told 1,000 attending the steak dinner.

Firemen's Training School instructors estimated 3,500 adults and children attended the crowd-pleasing two-hour demonstration at Brayton Field following the banquet.

Smith said this year's school "was most successful."

Classes ran smooth and student participation was excellent, he pointed out.

"Teamwork," he emphasized, "has been excellent."

Two of the instructors represent foreign countries. Salvador

Lambreton, a 10-year veteran with the schools, is from Monterrey, Mexico. He also will instruct during the Spanish-speaking school Aug. 2-7.

The other instructor was Keith Wayman of the Christchurch, New Zealand, Metropolitan Fire Department. This is Wayman's first trip here.

Abdulla S. Massarweh of Ku-

wait, a country in Asia, is a student in the fire marshals' course.

Smith announced the 1971 schedule included the municipal school, this week's industrial school and Spanish school.

States besides Texas represented at the municipal school include Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, (See Industrial, page 2)

Retired fire chief still eating smoke

Smoke-eating as practiced by almost 1,200 men at the annual Texas Firemen's Training School could be one of the healthiest vocations going, considering the example of 82-year-old Frank Hammer of Belton.

A regular participant since his 1952 retirement as Belton fire chief, Hammer is the oldest living past president of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas.

The association sponsors the week-long school in its 41st year at Texas A&M.

"I still go to fires," the 64-year and still active member of the Belton Fire Department said.

"Once it gets in your blood, there's nothing else to do," the spry, white-haired smoke-eater stated. "Of course I usually just watch. But if it's a bad fire, I'll pitch in."

Hammer was the 1927-28 association president and instrumental in starting the educational format of the annual school. He says he missed several during his fire-fighting career, due to duties as Belton mayor six years and city manager for 15.

The 34-year Belton fire chief hasn't missed in the last 18 years though.

"It's one of the most wonderful schools conducted," Hammer eval-

uated. "We had no idea it would come to this back there in 1928 when we had it at Denton with three cooperating industries and three instructors."

"We didn't have much equipment either . . . just hand extinguishers, for example," the veteran Texas fireman explained.

Sessions this week at Brayton Training Field are instructed and administered by 377 persons utilizing large amounts of complex fire-fighting equipment and supplies furnished by more than 120 companies, manufacturers and cities.

Hammer said the school was held in Bryan in 1931 using several large pieces of city equipment and was taken by A&M in 1932. The annual school, which will be followed by one-week sessions for industrial and Spanish-speaking firemen, is conducted by the Texas Engineering Extension Service and Texas Education Agency.

"We had 196 students in 1932 and some school equipment made available by state appropriations," Hammer recalled. A six-man committee that included the Belton native, association secretary Olin Culberson and the late A&M President Frank C. Bolton requested the state assistance.

The veteran smoke-eater said (See Smoke-eater, page 2)



Huge cranes resemble giant insects over Engineering Center—\$9.3 million building due to be ready for students next fall

Construction said on schedule

Construction on Texas A&M University's \$9.3 million Engineering Center—officially started one year ago Tuesday—is on schedule.

John Merchant, A&M inspector for the 324,000 square foot structure, reports the five-floor frame should be completed by mid-

December and the roof finished by mid-January.

It will be ready for students by September, 1971, Merchant said. Some 85 workers are completing the framing and pouring on the second floor. The third floor work will begin by the end of the month.

Hardware for the utility system is being assembled in the basement. A utility tunnel and two 48-inch storm sewers are completed, Merchant pointed out.

One-inch steel plating for the nuclear reactor sub-critical and accelerator room also is being laid this week.

Merchant said work has progressed on schedule at most time. A three-week sheet metal strike did not hurt construction, he noted.

Merchant expects about 125 men will be working on the building after the frame is completed.

W. E. Bellows Construction Co. of Houston is the general contractor. Bellows bid \$7,546,600 for the two-year project, with the remainder of the costs going for fees, furniture and equipment.

Fifty per cent of the construction costs is coming from federal funds through the Higher Edu-

ational Facilities Act.

The building will be occupied by the dean of engineering and his staff, the departments of chemical, electrical, industrial, mechanical and nuclear engineering, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and Texas A&M Research Foundation.

Included in the building are a sub-basement, basement and four floors. There will be 373 rooms in the structure, designed by William E. Nash of Bryan.

The building was staked July 14, 1969. Ground work started July 23 and the contract with Bellows Began July 28.

'Texas Clipper' returns from European voyage

GALVESTON—The Texas Maritime Academy will use its new docks on Pelican Island for the first time Sunday when the "Texas Clipper" returns from its two-month European cruise.

TMA officials said the 15,000-ton "floating classroom" will arrive back in Galveston at approximately 5 p.m.

The docks are located at Texas A&M University's 100-acre Mitchell Campus. TMA is part of Texas A&M's Moody Marine Institute.

Prior to returning to Galveston, the "Clipper" will make goodwill visits to Brownsville and Port Lavaca-Point Comfort. The ship will arrive in Brownsville Thursday morning, departing the following afternoon for the overnight trip up the coast.

The "Clipper" sailed from Galveston June 6 with 180 students aboard. Included were 102 TMA cadets and 78 spring high school graduates enrolled in Texas A&M's "Summer School at Sea."

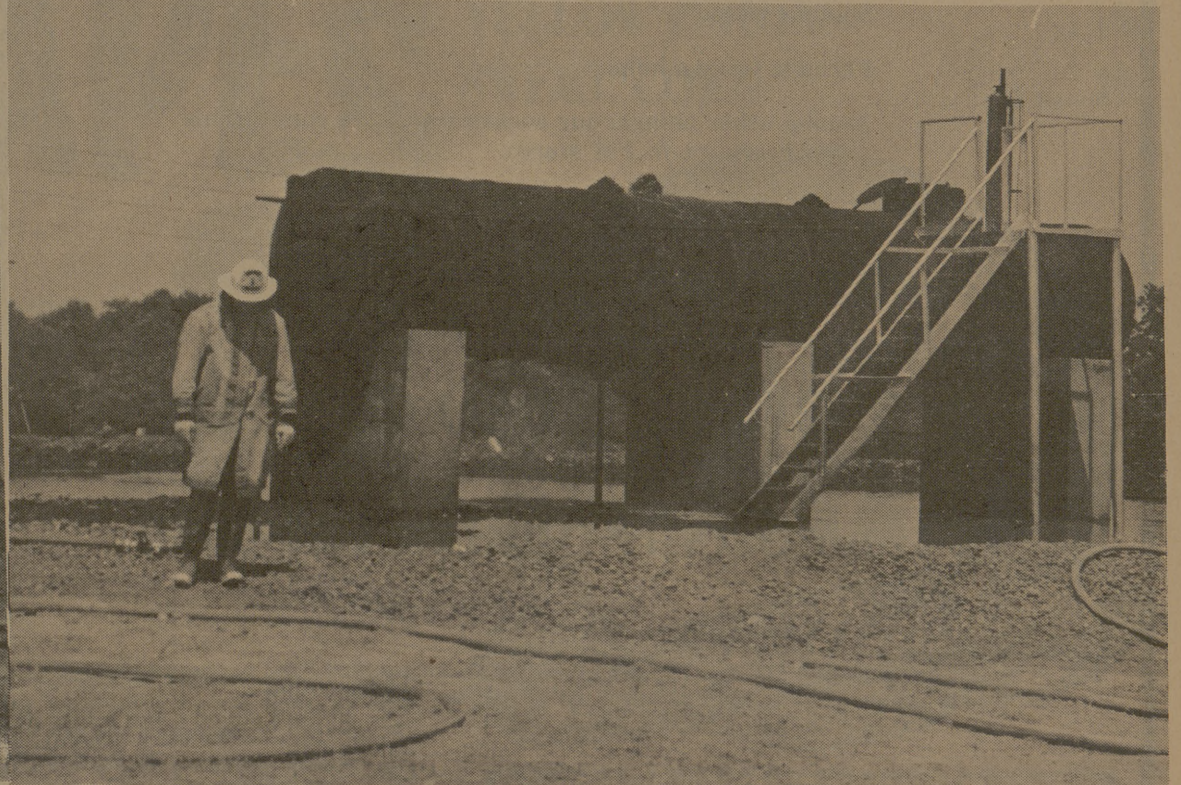
The 12,303-mile itinerary included visits to Ireland, France, Germany, Denmark, England and Puerto Rico.

Day-care center starts registration

Applications for children to attend A&M United Methodist Church's new community-wide day school this fall are now being accepted at the church office, announced Dr. Joe Dixon.

Dr. Dixon, chairman of the church's Commission on Education, said the school will include a morning developmental program and afternoon day-care service for three and four-year-old children.

The day-care service, which includes a light lunch, will be of particular benefit to working wives of Texas A&M University students, Dr. Dixon noted.



Firemen battle blaze at 41st annual municipal fire-fighting school

Left, firemen hustle to extinguish blaze on fuel tanks before it spreads while weary firemen at right walks through yards of snake-like fire hoses.