

Cold and wet

Wednesday — Clear to partly cloudy. Winds easterly 8-12 mph. High 52°, low 38°.

Thursday — Partly cloudy to cloudy with good chance of early morning precipitation and early afternoon chance of light intermittent drizzle. Winds northerly 8-10 mph. High 56°, low 40°.

Aggies get tentative invite to bowl game

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Coach Gene Stallings received word Monday morning that the Aggies will be invited to play in the Liberty Bowl Dec. 20 if they upset the Texas Longhorns Thursday.

Arkansas has been invited on the condition that they do not win the Southwest Conference

championship, which would mean they would play in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day.

For the Razorbacks to take the title will require that A&M beat or tie the nationally ranked Longhorns in Kyle Field Thanksgiving Day.

The news was told to Stallings by Bud Dudley, an official of the Memphis, Tenn. classic. The Uni-

versity of Tennessee has accepted an invitation to play in the game, which will be broadcast nationally by ABC-TV that Monday night.

Stallings informed A&M President Jack K. Williams and Athletic Council President O. D. Butler of the news before releasing it to the press Monday evening.

"I talked it over with the players this morning," Stallings said, "and they want to go. I think this is great for them, and the Liberty Bowl would be a good reward for a team that bounced back from five straight losses the way they did."

"When I was called, the Liberty Bowl people tried to sell me on the idea of our going there," he continued. "They sure didn't have to convince me—I want to go as much as anybody."

Stallings said the Liberty Bowl officials feel that the game will get good exposure by being broadcast during prime time. ABC-TV currently shows professional games Monday nights, but the last one is scheduled for Dec. 13, one week before the Liberty Bowl.

Should Arkansas win the conference by virtue of a tie or an Aggie win, Texas will be left without a post-season game. Since

1960, the Longhorns have been to the Cotton Bowl seven times, the Bluebonnet Bowl twice and the Orange Bowl once.

In eight post-season appearances, A&M has won five and lost three. Four of the trips came under Coach Homer Norton. In the 1940 Sugar Bowl, the Aggies beat Tulane 14-13. In the Cotton Bowl the next year, Fordham fell to the Aggies 13-12. Alabama downed A&M 29-21 in the 1942 Cotton Bowl, while LSU turned the trick 19-14 in the 1944 Orange Bowl.

The first bowl game for the Aggies was on Jan. 2, 1922, when D. X. Bible's squad beat Centre College 22-14 in the Dixie Classic, where the Twelfth Man tradition was begun.

Harry Stiteler was the coach of the 1950 Aggies, who beat Georgia 40-20 for the Presidential Cup that year. In 1957, Bear Bryant's A&M team fell to Tennessee 3-0 in the Gator Bowl of Dec. 28, the only previous game with the Volunteers.

Stallings' 1967 conference champs beat Bryant's Crimson Tide in the 1968 Cotton Bowl, 20-16, the last year A&M beat Texas or had a winning season.

Walton Hall runs Austin-C.S. marathon to symbolize spirit

A&M students' love for their school and flaming desire to win the Thanksgiving Day football game was evidenced Monday.

After putting in two days' work

on the bonfire to be burned Wednesday evening, civilian students in T. O. Walton Hall ran a "Beat the Marathon" from Austin to College Station.

They carried a torch in the relay marathon to be used in igniting the 7:30 p.m. Wednesday bonfire.

The marathon runners followed State Hwy. 71 from the southeast city limit of Austin to Bastrop and turned east on Texas 21 through Caldwell to College Station. The Walton Warriors covered 99.3 miles in 45-degree weather including a raw north wind and drizzling rain.

Dividing running chores were Ron Rodgers and Bennett Jones of Marshall; Mark Boerger, Wharton; Kent Roach and Hank Niblo, Dallas; Bobby Jones, Pasadena;

Also, Kirk Palmquist, Jon Green, Gary Galuyna, Randy Tracy, Bill Schwartz and Robert Denmark, Houston; Karl Mesloh, Beaumont; George Cooper, San Antonio; Fred Ziehe, Fort Worth; James Gomez, Brownsville; James Goode, Weimar; Doug Hansford, Washington, D. C.; and Bill Our-en, Hampton, Va.

Flag at Texas game to honor POW-MIAs in N. Vietnam

A flag in honor of the POW-MIAs in Southeast Asia will fly over Kyle Field Thursday when the Aggies play the Texas Longhorns.

The flag, which was flown over the Capitol in Washington, D. C., was presented by Congressman Olin E. Teague to Mrs. Bobbie Meyer, whose husband Alton (A&M Class of '60) is a prisoner

of war in North Vietnam, and Mrs. Neil Ward, whose son Clint (A&M Class of '67) is listed as missing in action.

Mrs. Carla Glock and Mrs. Mary Thomas, members of Interested Individuals for POW-MIAs, joined Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Ward in presenting the flag to Coach Gene Stallings for use at the Thanksgiving Day game.

Thousands honor JFK on anniversary of death

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Thousands of people climbed a grassy, windswept hillside Monday to pay tribute to John Fitzgerald Kennedy on the eighth anniversary of his assassination.

Leading the procession through acres of small white markers was Sen. Edward M. Kennedy who arrived at Arlington National Cemetery in the early morning hours, coatless, solemn and alone.

For a quarter-hour the Massachusetts Democratic senator stood before his brother's grave, shivering in the November chill, arms folded, head bowed. Then, making the sign of the cross, he knelt and placed a single white carnation on the stone.

Then, stepping away, he walked to the grave of his brother, Robert, also victim of an assassin's bullet. Here, Kennedy placed a small white rosebud.

Another early visitor was the late president's mother-in-law, Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss, accompanied by her 24-year-old son, James. Together, they knelt in prayer on the steps which lead to the memorial before placing a handful of daisies at the base of the marble tomb.

James said he thought his half-sister, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, was in New York and that she had no plans to visit the memorial this day. Traditionally, Mrs. Onassis remains in seclusion

with her children on the anniversary of her first husband's death.

Kennedy's personal secretary, Evelyn Lincoln, left six long stemmed red roses in remembrance of her friend and boss. Later in the morning, one of the Kennedy sisters, Eunice Shriver, arrived. After kneeling at John's grave, and then at brother Robert's, she straightened the floral offerings strewn by the wind.

Then came the tourists, many of them in the blue tourmobiles that cruise the cemetery. Hundreds carried cameras and chatted as they snapped pictures of their friends in front of one grave or the other.

Some laid bouquets of flowers at the grave. A few brought ornate wreaths.

More than 31 million people—10,000 a day—have visited the Kennedy grave since November 22, 1963. This Monday, cemetery officials said, the crowd was larger than usual.

Pakistan accuses Indians of launching 'all-out' war

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan radio accused India Monday of launching an "all-out offensive" in East Pakistan without declaring war and said the Indian forces were denting Pakistani defenses.

The radio account claimed 130 Indians were killed and perhaps 500 wounded in fighting around Jessore on the western border with Indian West Bengal. Pakistani casualties were put at 7 killed and 40 wounded.

The same broadcast reported President Agha Mohammed Yahya Khan visited troops near the West Pakistani border with India and Kashmir and vowed that Pakistan will "crush the aggressor."

In New Delhi, the Indian government radio claimed East Pakistani guerrillas had wrested

about 45 square miles from government control in Khulna and Jessore after a 17-day battle.

An Indian news agency quoting guerrilla sources said Pakistan lost five tanks in a battle Saturday near Mehespur, also in the Jessore district. This was the same area where Radio Pakistan reported the Indian offensive.

An Indian Defense Ministry spokesman denied the Radio Pakistan allegations that India had lost 90 soldiers in a tank battle in that area. The city lies about 10 miles from the Indian border town of Boira, where India earlier reported shooting at Pakistani fighter planes.

The Pakistan radio account was the fiercest report of East Pakistan border fighting since skirmishes erupted in earnest nearly four months ago.



WORKING SLIGHTLY LIKE A MAN FROM MARS, this Bonfire worker is wrapped in gloves, parka, towel, and helmet—all to no avail. The coffee he is drinking was provided by University Women, who kept the supplies up all day. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

With Nixon Meany says clash contrived

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — George Meany, denying that President Nixon was treated badly at an AFL-CIO convention last week, has accused the president of trying to contrive a clash for propaganda purposes. The administration has charged labor delegates were discouraged when Nixon spoke at the AFL-CIO convention here Friday. But Meany, the AFL-CIO president, accused the White House of "a little lack of courtesy" of

its own. "I still think we have the constitutional right to laugh," Meany said Monday of the 2,000 delegates' behavior during the Nixon speech.

Nixon himself provoked one incident by unexpectedly bolting into the crowd to shake hands, Meany said, and "I committed the cardinal sin of saying, 'Well, let's go on with the second act.' But that was my reaction," Meany said.

"I have the impression the

President did not come here to make a speech. He came here to contrive a situation under which he could claim that he had been unfairly treated," Meany told the convention to frequent applause, laughter and a standing ovation.

The convention unanimously re-elected Meany to another two-year term as chief of the federation of 117 unions with nearly 14 million members.

Meany declined comment on the charges of Secretary of the Treasury John B. Connally Monday that the treatment of Nixon reflected "arrogance, boorishness and discourtesy" by Meany.

Meany said Nixon was never booed and jeered, that he was applauded politely at least eight times, and only drew some laughter when he claimed his wage-price control progress was working well.

Meany confirmed he refused Nixon's request to speak the day before because it was too short notice, and that he ruled out live television coverage because cameras would have displaced 80 or 90 delegates.

Meany said the AFL-CIO followed the minutely detailed schedule laid down by the White House until Nixon himself departed from it after his speech and began shaking hands with delegates.

"When I finished a very short expression of appreciation, I turned my head and he was gone.

The escort committee was sitting here and he just went right by them," Meany said.

White House aides had complained there was no escort committee.

Nixon was supposed to return to an office behind the platform, but "he turned and went into this roped-off area," Meany said. Presidential security agents themselves removed the rope, he added.

"A White House photographer appeared and there was a fellow carrying a great big enormous glaring light. The President started to mill around over there. Now at that time, after two or three minutes of that, the delegates and guests from the far end of the hall all started to converge over here, and I took the mike and said, as I have many times, 'will the delegates and guests kindly take their seats?'" Meany said.

He said Nixon had ignored the AFL-CIO's invitation for seven weeks, and then on 12 hours' notice wanted to address the convention precisely at noon on the opening day, Meany said.

"There was a little lack of courtesy there," Meany said. He added that he told the White House this was impossible but that "I would be glad to have the President later in the afternoon or any time he wanted on Friday."

Meany said Nixon did not touch on one issue critical to labor, and "His speech was pure political propaganda."

Student warning is issued against campus vandalism

A&M and University of Texas Austin administrators issued a joint warning Friday that students will be suspended for acts of vandalism on the campus of either school.

The long-standing policy agreement between the UT regents and A&M board of directors was re-emphasized as students at both universities prepare for the annual Thanksgiving Day football game here Thursday.

A&M President Dr. Jack K.

Williams and UT-Austin President Dr. Stephen H. Spurr emphasized any student "who goes to another campus with the intent to paint or otherwise deface statues, buildings or other property or commit any other act of vandalism" will be suspended for at least one semester.

"Fortunately, in recent years such misconceived enthusiasm has been infrequent," the two presidents pointed out.

Women's rights are advanced by landmark Court decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a landmark ruling the Supreme Court Monday unanimously declared arbitrary discrimination against women by legislators everywhere in the nation.

The startling decision, announced by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, was the first by the high court cloaking women with the equal-protection clause of the Constitution, the basis for earlier rulings advancing the rights of Negroes.

Burger said legislatures may not treat women differently from men only when the purpose is reasonable.

The decision came in a relatively obscure case from Idaho in which the father and mother of a deceased son had vied for the right to administer his estate of more than \$1,000. Under state law the father had been named administrator.

"We have concluded," Burger said, "that the arbitrary preference established in favor of males . . . the Idaho code cannot stand in the face of the 14th amendment's command that no state deny the equal protection of the laws to any person within its jurisdiction."

Melvin Wulf, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union which filed the brief for Mrs. Reed, said "I am moderately pleased that we won the case, but my pleasure is very qualified because we did not win on the broader grounds."

"Our purpose was to try to get the Supreme Court to declare that sexual discrimination is unconstitutional, and they have apparently declined to take that major step," Wulf said. "Please note that the court is made up of seven males. Those male judges have a vested interest. If women had been on the court, we would have seen all sex discrimination declared unconstitutional."

Last month the House passed a proposed amendment to the Constitution designed to prohibit discrimination on account of sex.

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., the amendment's chief sponsor in the Senate, said he is heartened by the ruling but doesn't think it makes an amendment unnecessary. Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., countered that the ruling proves an amendment is unnecessary.

"Under the 5th and 14th amendments, any law, federal or state, making any distinction between men and women is unconstitutional unless based on reasonable grounds," he said.

Burger announced the ruling shortly before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee approved on a 6-4 vote an Ervin substitute for the House-passed amendment.

Note!

This is the last issue of The Battalion this week. There will be no others.

The regular schedule will resume next week with the Tuesday issue.



HAPPINESS IS A WARM LOG, at least if you were working on the Bonfire any time recently. A norther blew in (from the east) and chilled things off and then soaked them down in that fine old Bonfire tradition. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

University National Bank on the side of Texas A&M. —Adv.