

## Demonstration Tonight

# Record 1,343 Firemen At School

First flames at the 44th annual Texas Firemen's Training School were ignited here Monday with a record 1,343 students on hand for the municipal firemen's course, announced Chief Henry Smith.

A public demonstration of firefighting techniques scheduled for tonight should prove to be the "hottest" show of the year for students of Bryan-College Station. Municipal firemen participating in the annual fire school will have a chance to show off their newfound expertise in firefighting at 7:30 p.m. at the Brayton Field facility south of Easterwood Airport.

"We want to invite all citizens of the area to come out and see for themselves the methods we use to train municipal firemen," Smith said. "We guarantee a real show for those who attend."

Students from throughout Texas, 20 other states and four foreign countries, are participating in this year's fire school, according to Chief Smith.

Smith, who heads the firemen's program of A&M's Engineering Extension Service, said the men will participate in courses ranging from basic firefighting to disaster rescue.

The courses are being presented by more than 400 instructors, with the training school

staff being supplemented by personnel from various fire departments throughout the state and representatives from industry and the armed forces.

The municipal program continues through Friday. A special course will be offered for industrial firemen next week with the following week devoted to sessions for Spanish-speaking firemen from Mexico and Central and South America.

Smith said the previous record for the municipal course was established last year with 1,283 students from 10 states and two other nations.

Nations represented this week include Bolivia, Canada, New

Zealand and Venezuela.

Getting things ready for the school is a year-round job, but things really get hopping about six weeks before the first contingent of firemen sign in.

Chief Smith said his full-time staff members put in 14-18 hours a day during the hectic month-and-a-half before the municipal school begins.

Staff members employed year-round at A&M by the school include Tom Robinson, coordinating combined operations; Bud McDowell, coordinating Firefighting I activities; Jack Snead, Firefighting II programs; and David White, coordinating logistics operations and keeping up

with donated equipment and supplies furnished by industry.

Also on the full-time staff are John Hubacek, field equipment maintenance; John R. Rauch, coordinating fire prevention activities and handling student registration, and W. B. "Cotton" Dorman, keeping track of instructors' housing and subsistence. Dorman is assisted by George Stock and Charles Page.

Guest instructors began arriving last week, and the more than 400 representatives of industry, fire department administrations and the armed forces, have been readying school facilities and equipment for the students.

Smith's work at the school has

not gone unnoticed as he has been named the recipient of the first annual IFSTA Award for outstanding achievement in fire service training.

The award was presented to Chief Smith earlier this month at the annual validation conference in Stillwater, Okla., of the International Fire Service Training Association, an educational alliance organized in 1934 by Oklahoma State University.

The award was presented to Chief Smith for making "significant contributions to the training of firefighters," according to the citation accompanying the award.

Chief Smith was joined at the conference by associate instruc-

tor Charles Page in representing the annual school.

Page was named as Texas State Coordinator of IFSTA activities at the conference, replacing Chief Smith after a year term. Page will serve in the coordinator capacity until next year's conference at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

The IFSTA, a nonprofit educational association organized to develop training materials for fire service, brings together fire department executives, educators, representatives from government, delegates from firefighter associations and organizations and engineers from the fire insurance industry at the annual Oklahoma conference.

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## Easterwood Certified By FAA

Easterwood Field, owned and operated by Texas A&M, today became the first airport to be permanently certified under a prescribed set of Federal Aviation Administration safety standards for airports served by non-scheduled CAB-certificated air carriers.

The certificate was presented by Dr. Jack Williams, TAMU president, by Louis W. Stepter, coordinator of FAA's Houston area, during ceremonies on the university campus.

In his presentation, Stepter stated that the airports being served by unscheduled CAB-certificated air carriers must be certified to the new standards by August 21, 1974. "FAA's certification process is designed to en-

hance airport safety by assuring initial implementation of minimum safety standards and continued conformance to these standards in day-to-day operations," Stepter added. "We believe the traveling public is entitled to this assurance and protection."

Easterwood Field received its Airport Operating Certificate from the FAA after the agency determined that the facility met the safety requirements specified in amended Part 139 of the Federal Aviation Regulations which applies to all "land airports serving air carriers that hold certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Civil Aeronautics Board." The amended regulation became effective

May 21, 1973, in accordance with the provisions of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970.

Principal provisions of the new regulation relate to the maintenance, marking and lighting of airport operations areas, the maintenance and availability of firefighting and rescue equipment, the establishment of a facility emergency plan and the development of means and procedures for performing other functions at the airport such as periodic self-inspection, control of ground vehicles, and reporting airport conditions to its users.

Dr. Williams was commended by Stepter for A&M's prompt response in preparing an Airport Operations Manual for approval by the FAA. The operations manual provides the basic information required to determine initial compliance with the certification rule. It also spells out the means and procedures for continued compliance.

Easterwood Field was opened in 1939 and operated as a turf landing strip until 1941-1942 when the first paved runway was constructed. Airport operations were conducted from a temporary terminal building until 1958 when the present terminal was constructed.

Continued growth of the airport necessitated the need for additional expansion and reconstruction of existing facilities. The university has just completed a project with federal assistance under the Airport Development Aid program which included expansion and reconstruction of aircraft parking apron, overlay of Runway 16/34 and connecting taxiways, land acquisition, obstruction removal, fencing and site preparation for an instrument landing system.

Total cost of the current expansion program is estimated in ex-

cess of one million dollars with federal participation in the amount of \$326,000.

The Federal Aviation Administration is presently installing a medium intensity approach lighting system and runway alignment indicator lights at Easterwood Field with scheduled completion in August 1973.

## Ross Volunteers To Help Honor Texas Rangers

Members of the Ross Volunteers will participate Aug. 4 in the Texas Rangers' 150th anniversary celebration in Waco.

A contingent of A&M's elite honor military unit will form an honor guard for Gov. Dolph Briscoe, among other responsibilities.

Twenty-four RV's under Commander William F. Edmiston of Eldorado will participate. They were contacted for the summer activity by Scott Eberhart, 1973-74 Cadet Corps commander and RV.

The Aug. 4 activities will include groundbreaking for a Texas Rangers Hall of Fame, reception and dinner. A&M cadets will post flags for the event and form a saber arch for distinguished guests' arrival at the dinner, Eberhart said.

Four thousand celebrities were invited to the celebration. The dinner is an invitation-only affair to which the RV's may take their dates.

The Waco A&M Club plans a luncheon for the Ross Volunteer Company members. The company was named for Gov. Lawrence Sullivan Ross, one-time A&M president from Waco.



FIREMEN LEARN the tricks of their trade as they extinguish a variety of fires at A&M's Fireman's Training School.

## Safety Director Retires After 25 Years Service

John W. Hill who retires Aug. 31 after 25 years of service to the Texas A&M University System, will be honored by associates and other friends at a reception Thursday on the campus. The reception is planned from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Krueger-Dunn Commons.

Hill, a native of Nocona, served as insurance and safety director for the A&M system for 24 years prior to his 1972 appointment as safety coordinator for the system.

The safety coordinator's job involves coordinating safety programs with all colleges and parts of the A&M system, Hill explained. He also pointed out that the job entails insuring that these safety and health programs are in compliance with existing state and federal regulations.

Hill had almost 20 years of

experience in the safety field when he joined A&M in 1948. Except for two years study as a safety instructor with the Air Force during World War II, Hill spent 17 years with the Texas Highway Department before coming to A&M.

Hill was a safety instructor with the insurance division of the highway department in Austin before joining the A&M System. As safety instructor, he helped devise a self-insuring program of workmen's compensation and investigated claims concerning workmen's compensation and safety programs in the Department.

When he joined A&M, Hill constructed and directed a workmen's compensation insurance program for employees of the System. In addition, he directed an accident prevention program for students and staff, administered

the staff benefits program and assisted in organizing the Campus Safety Association Section of the National Safety Council.

He also developed and taught the first industrial safety course at A&M in 1949.

Hill attended Texas Tech University and the University of Illinois. He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial technology from A&M in 1955.

Hill has served as vice president of the Texas Safety Association for Schools and Colleges and is a fellow with the American Academy of Safety Education. He is past vice president of the Veterans of Safety, Southern Region; a certified safety professional, and registered with the National Engineers Registrar.

Also active in civic and church programs, Hill is a past president and currently secretary of the Bryan Rotary Club. He is vice president of the Opera and Performing Arts Society (OPAS).

Hill is president of a local safety and health consulting firm. He said he plans to devote his time after retiring to this firm and to traveling.

Hill and his wife, Marjetta, have one daughter, Mrs. Skip Wehner, of Carrollton. The former Patricia Hill attended A&M and was a staff writer for the Battalion. Her husband also attended A&M and is a veterinarian in Carrollton.

## Closed Circuit TV Service To Improve

Steam and electrical lines which are in the recently completed utilities tunnel which runs across the campus soon will have company.

Closed circuit television transmission lines which are spread throughout the campus are being replaced, according to Norm Edwinn, program director at KAMU-TV, the university's educational television station.

"The cable," Godwin explained, is a solid aluminum type which has better picture quality over longer distances. Before we moved to the new transmission facility, we were as close as 100 yards to closed circuit users on the campus.

"Now we are as far as two miles from closed circuit recep-

tion stations. Our picture quality on closed circuit isn't quite what we want, so we are replacing all our existing cables with the new aluminum cable."

Approximately two miles of the new cable will be in place by the start of the fall semester, observed KAMU chief engineer George Schearer. He is supervising the replacement process which involves work in the heat-filled utility tunnel.

The closed circuit program is operated by KAMU as a part of the educational television program in the College of Education.

Schedules transmitted include enrichment programs, demonstrations of laboratory procedures and techniques, and other non-lecture subjects.

## A&M Board Considering Bond Sale

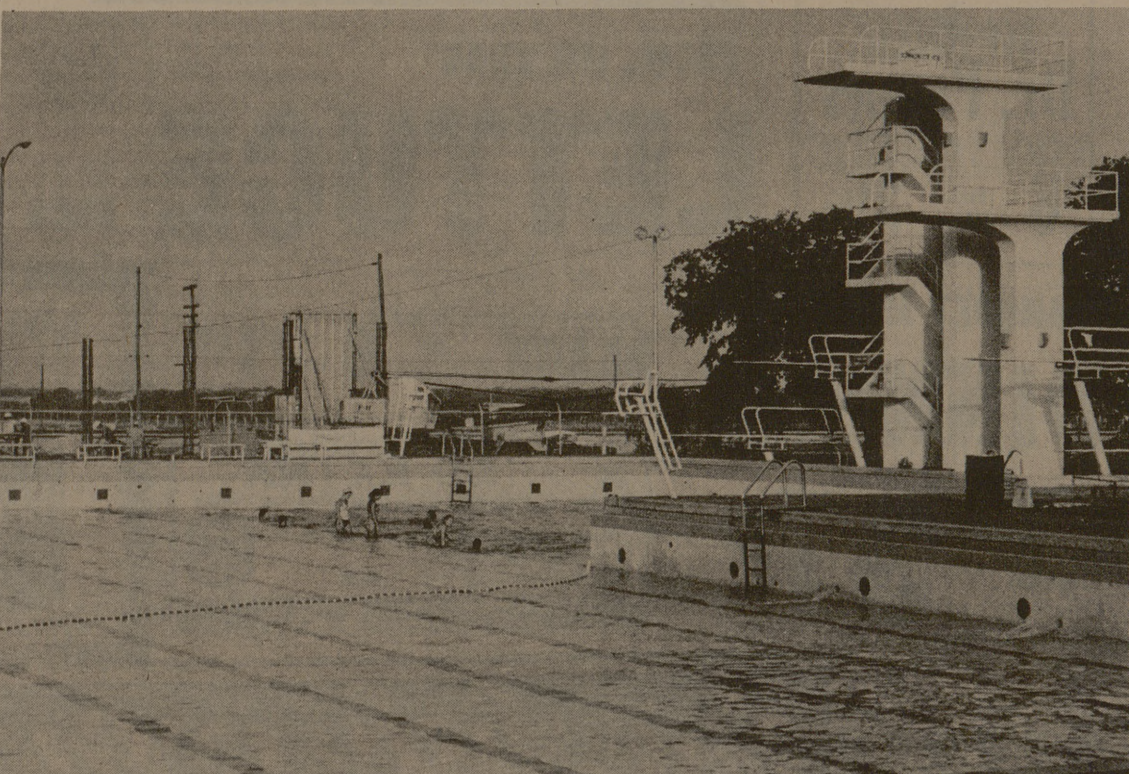
The Texas A&M University System Board of Directors will hold a special meeting Friday to take bids for possible sale of bonds totaling \$5 million.

President Jack K. Williams said proceeds from the bond sale would be used for construction projects throughout the system.

The board also will consider proposals for restructured student service and building use fees for A&M, Prairie View A&M College and Tarleton State University as required by recent state legislation (House Bill 83). The proposed restructuring represents no increase over previously announced totals.

The next regular meeting for the board is Aug. 14.

"On the side of Texas A&M," University National Bank Adv.



WHO PULLED THE PLUG?—Friday's swimmers were in for some disappointment and not much water as the drains were left open at A&M's pool Thursday night leaving the pool practically empty.

## Premier Players Announce Cast

The cast for the Premier Players production of "The Matchmaker" has been announced, with Beverly Crawford in the part of Dolly Levi.

Director Bob Wenck said the 14-member cast lacks two teenage boys. The teenage theater company's next meeting will be Tuesday, at 8:15 p.m. in A&M Consolidated High School.

"The Matchmaker" is the stage production from which the top musical "Hello Dolly" was adapted.

"Even the little parts are good in the play," Wenck said. "Everybody in it is worth watching."

Sharing lead parts with Beverly Crawford are Bill Smith as Horace Vandergelder; Carol Wick as Irene Molloy, and Randy Williams as Cornelius Hackl.

"Second leads" are Donna Hansen as Ermengarde; Donna Nelson as Flora Van Huysen, and August Wenck as Barnaby.

The cast is completed by Jackie Freund, Craig Thompson, Missy Rives, Cindy Beck and David Barron. Amy Plapp and Karen Sackett are backstage crew members.

The story concerns efforts of an old millionaire manufacturer of Yonkers to get married again. For that purpose the widower employs Dolly Levi as a match-

maker. The situation resolves in a fast-paced 24-hour period.

Presentation of "The Matchmaker" by the A&M theater group will be Aug. 9, 10 and 11 in A&M Consolidated High School. Admission to each of the 8 p.m. performances will be 50 cents per person.

## Organizational Meeting Called For Two MSC Committees

Don Webb, president of the MSC Directorate, announced today that two new committees might soon be formed at the MSC.

One of these would be a Dance Committee, designed to increase the number and types of All-University Dances held during the school year. The other new group would be the Special Events Committee, intended to originate new and unusual types of programming.

Both committees, Webb said, are being formed as temporary committees of the MSC Summer Directorate. If response is sufficient, they may be able to hold a dance and have some other activities within three or four weeks. In addition, he said the summer committees hopefully will

begin planning for dances and other activities during the fall semester. They could develop into two regular MSC Directorate committees if they prove popular.

Any students who are interested in increasing the quantity, quality, and variety of the student programs and activities at A&M in the coming year are invited to the organizational meeting for these two committees, Webb noted.

The meeting will be in Room A and B of the Student Program Office on the second floor of the MSC at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. If a student is interested but cannot attend the meeting, he or she should leave a name and number with the secretaries in the Student Program Office (845-1515) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.