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Weather

Partly cloudy and mild Wednesday and Thursday with light northerly winds 7-12 mph. High today 76; low tonight 54. High Thursday 79; low tomorrow night 60.

Land tract plan approved by planning commission

By STEVE GRAY
Battalion City Editor

By a narrow 4-3 vote, the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday night approved the final plat of a 30,000 square-foot tract of land on the Redmond Terrace subdivision.

The commission debated for about 20 minutes over the location of entrances and exits to the tract, which is divided into two smaller tracts. The land will be the future site of a Jack-in-the-Box drive-thru restaurant to be located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Texas Avenue and John Miliff Road.

Commission Chairman John Longley cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the plat after the commission deadlocked at 3-3. The commission voted to allow construction of three curb cuts to the tract, one on John Miliff Road and two on Texas Avenue, as recommended by City Engineer Elrey Ash.

A company official from Foodmaker, Inc. of San Diego, Calif., said construction of the restaurant should begin on or before Dec. 10 with completion scheduled during late March or early April.

The commission approved the preliminary plat for the proposed Pecan Tree Estates subdivision located between Holleman and Southwest Parkway Drive. The .75 acre tract, just west of Arizona Street, consists of 34 lots on which, according to developers, duplexes will be constructed.

A preliminary plat consisting of 85 home sites in a heavily-wooded area located east of the east bypass was also approved by the commissioners. The large tract of land, part of which is located in the extrajurisdiction of the city, consists of two adjacent subdivisions which are being developed by Don Martell and J. W. Wood. Both developers are currently requesting zoning category that would cover duplexes (or quadruplexes) not containing more than four families per unit. Mayo was instructed by the commission to craft a proposal of such an amendment to be presented at the commission's next meeting, the city to sell water to the area. Septic systems will be used to dispose of waste until the area is subsequently annexed by the city.

The commission voted to recommend to the city council that two tracts of land, totaling about 2.7 acres owned by the Bank of A&M, be rezoned from an apartment-building district to a commercial building district. The land, which is adjacent to the bank and bordered by Texas Avenue, Jane and Cooner streets, will later be used to expand the bank's facilities, according to Bank of A&M President D. H. Goehring.

The commission received an informal request from the Texas Highway Department (THD) that the commission look into the possibility of providing other names for the west bypass and Highway 30. Commissioner Ed Miller, who brought up the request, said the THD apparently doesn't like the name "west bypass."

"Don't ask me why," he said. Commissioner Chris Mathewson said the commission should try to coordinate any such renaming effort with the Bryan City Planning Department since the bypass runs through both cities. Such an effort would be needed, he said, to avoid having two separate names for the same road.

City Planner Al Mayo presented to the commission a report studying the possibility of drawing up a fence ordinance for College Station. He said such an ordinance would be advantageous to the city in that it would possibly prevent, for example, "the erection of a barbed-wire fence next to a sidewalk in a residential area." Mayo told the commission he has been studying similar provisions included in the building codes or zoning ordinances of Houston, Dallas and Scottsdale, Arizona, to determine the benefits of such a regulation.

Chairman Longley told the commission that the city council has expressed interest in amending the city's zoning ordinance to include a zon-

Police blame economy for increase in crime

Associated Press

Many police chiefs around the nation blame an FBI-reported increase in crime on the economy.

"Until the economic situation rectifies itself and you get more people working, you will have a lot of thefts and crimes against property," said Chief Harry Merker of Bristol Township, a Philadelphia suburb.

"With a lot of people out of work, you are going to have a lot of crime."

Merker was one of several police chiefs asked by The Associated Press to comment on an FBI report issued Monday that crime in the United States rose 18 per cent in 1974.

Merker also said that there was a long-term problem of "permissiveness" that had resulted in a crime increase over the last 20 years.

"You have to be a convicted murderer to get a prison sentence. Burglars and thieves get slaps on the wrist," he said.

"I guess the economy is a factor, too," said

Chief William F. Quinn of Newton, a suburb of Boston.

But he noted that one of the major problems is that it takes too long to get cases to trial. "There's an awful lot of delay to get to the Superior Court," he said.

Chicago Police Supt. James M. Rochford said that despite what the FBI statistics show, crime in his city has gone down 1.8 per cent so far this year, compared with the like period in 1974.

Deputy Police Chief John Killackey credited this to "excellent patrol work and investigations."

Meanwhile, Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes of the New Jersey Supreme Court issued a public pronouncement of judicial policy Monday calling on judges to take a tougher stand with violent criminals.

"Stern and prompt prosecutorial and judicial response must be consistently thrown into the balance in this effort to cope with violent street crime," Hughes said.

C.S. voters to decide bond issue financing

By PAULA GEYER
Battalion Staff Writer

College Station voters will decide today whether to approve a 14 cent annual increase per \$100 valuation of property for the next two years to finance a \$5.15 million bond issue.

The election is being held in the gym of the Middle School located at 200 Anderson St. until 7 p.m.

The tax rate for the district is currently \$1.77 per \$100 of valuation.

Agnew writes political novel

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew has delivered to his agent "The Canfield Decision," his 165,000-word political suspense novel about a vice president of the United States who wants to become president.

Agnew's agent, Scott Meredith, said Monday that Playboy Press will publish the book in the United States in May. Publishing houses in more than a dozen foreign countries also have agreed to publish the work, he said.

Meredith said that when Agnew dropped the manuscript off Monday, he did so with a sense of "tremendous relief and said 'Thank God.' He said a lot of people did not think he could do it, but he was glad to show them he could."

The work of fiction is 576 manuscript pages long — about 500 pages in book form. "It is unlike the Agnew-type vice president," Meredith said. "It is about a liberal vice president who does not get along with the president and is looking for a means to get the next party nomination on his own while being manipulated by foreign forces."

He also has an affair in the book with a female cabinet member, according to Meredith.

Meredith described the novel as "very authentic with its descriptions of the boredom of cabinet meetings and scenes on board airplanes traveling between cities."

Meredith said Agnew was now on a trip to Europe and the Far East and would do some promotional work for the novel when he returns. After that, he said, the former vice president plans to start a second novel of the political world and then probably write his memoirs.

He declined to disclose how much the former vice president was paid for the work.

Agnew resigned as vice president Oct. 10, 1973, after pleading no contest in federal court to one count of income tax evasion.

For example, a resident's property worth \$10,000 would be assessed as being worth \$8,000, since property in the city is assessed at 80 per cent of its value. The annual tax on that property for the next two years at 14 cents per \$100 valuation would be \$11.20 or an increase of 93 cents a month. Similarly, a \$30,000 home would be assessed at \$24,000. The tax increase on this would be \$33.60 or \$2.80 a month.

Board member Bill Lambert said at the board meeting Oct. 20 that this tax rate would decrease after 1978 after outstanding bonds are paid off.

The bond issue, if passed, would supply funds for building a new elementary school containing 25 classrooms on the old Middle School site at 1300 Jersey St.

The new school will help eliminate overcrowding in the district's schools.

Present enrollment in the district is 3,077 students. The schools were built to accommodate 2,975 students.

The plans for the bond issue also include a vocational building at the high school, six classrooms in the Middle School and physical education facilities at South Knoll and College Hills Elementary Schools.

The high school vocational facility would replace 10 classrooms currently used for vocational classes to be used as regular classrooms.

The facility would provide needed vocational and agriculture classrooms.

The six classrooms at the Middle School would be used as a six grade classroom unit.

The physical education facilities and two related classrooms at both College Hills and South Knoll Elementary Schools will provide space for a full physical education program at these schools.

These facilities would also provide a place for community education classes and follow the school board's concept of "providing citizens with direct benefits from district schools."

Other facilities which would be built with this money are food service expansions at both the Middle School and the High School, library expansion and erosion work at the Middle School and four additional classrooms at College Hills Elementary School.

The projected enrollment for College Hills, South Knoll and the new elementary schools after the addition of these facilities would be College Hills, 477; South Knoll, 508; and 432 students enrolled at the new school.

Most of the students attending the new school would come from the South Knoll attendance area.

The new school would be completed by the fall of 1977.

If the bond issue passes and funds are available after these facilities are completed the administrative offices possibly will be rebuilt.

New Consol buses to eliminate standing

By PAULA GEYER
Battalion Staff Writer

The problem of children standing in the aisles of moving school buses will be solved Monday when two new buses are scheduled to be delivered to the school district, A&M Consolidated Schools Superintendent Fred A. Hopson told the school board Monday night.

The district must eliminate the problem because of a new regulation laid down by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). According to the regulation, no children will be allowed to stand in the aisles of the buses while in motion. The buses ordered by the district will help eliminate overcrowding by limiting the number of children per bus to 72, Hopson said.

The buses cost approximately \$13,000 each.

In other business the district approved a loan from the University National Bank for \$60,000 to cover operating expenses and salaries until the district receives money from local taxes. The school district expects to receive the tax money by January.

A report on the relocatable buildings at College Hills and South Knoll Elementary Schools was also heard.

Hopson said the district was withholding payment of 10 per cent of the cost of these buildings until some of the problems with the buildings were corrected, such as replacement of a few floor tiles, adjusting doors and retouching some of the paintwork.

The district has currently paid \$22,990 of the cost of the buildings, and the remaining \$1,210 will be paid after the problems are corrected.

A textbook committee to choose textbooks for the next two years was selected by the board. It will consist of 14 teachers and Hopson.

Books that will be selected during the next two years are spelling and math books for grades one through six.

A fiscal committee was also appointed by the board to meet with O. C. Grauke, assistant superintendent of finance. The committee would meet monthly to review the district's financial report in more detail than is possible at a board meeting, and then report back to the board.

Board members Bill Lancaster, Bruce Robeck and Lambert Wilkes were appointed as committee members by the board.

Agency unfair to small oil dealers

Associated Press

BOSTON — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said Monday that a Senate subcommittee has found evidence that the Federal Energy Administration has discriminated against small independent oil dealers.

"We found discriminatory enforcement directed against the small independent firms instead of against the major oil companies," Kennedy said.

He said that as of last June's subcommittee hearings, the FEA had docketed small dealers \$800,000 on violations totaling \$88 million, "but FEA had not collected a single penny in penalties from the big refiners and the integrated oil companies for price violations totaling \$267 million."

And they have not collected a single penny

for those violations up to this very day."

Kennedy disclosed details of the report issued Monday in a speech to the New England Fuel Institute. The report was issued by his Senate Administrative Practices and Procedures Subcommittee.

The FEA in a statement issued Monday said Kennedy's subcommittee report concentrated too heavily on negative aspects and may have produced an unbalanced picture of FEA's compliance program.

The statement asserted FEA has had teams of auditors at the headquarters of the major refiners since the beginning of the compliance program and said the report fails to point out that FEA has filed several suits and brought one criminal action against major oil companies for alleged violations.

TOP OF THE NEWS

Campus

IN THE ARTICLE entitled "Med school may open in '76" a mistake was made. The Medical school will accept persons after their second year of schooling, their sophomore year, not their junior year as was stated.

A VISITATION HOURS extension survey will be taken this week by the Residence Hall Association. The question reads: Do you wish to have visitation hours in this residence hall extended another hour from Sunday through Thursday? — Change the hours from noon to 9 p.m. to noon to 10 p.m. — Leave the hours as they are now?

A LIQUOR ordinance survey is being conducted to determine whether students would support a change extending the hours of liquor purchase to 2 a.m. on Saturday and certain holidays. The survey also queries whether weekday hours should be lengthened. Survey forms are available in room 216 of the MSC, student government office.

SELF-NOMINATIONS for Cotton Bowl representatives will be taken through 5 p.m. Wednesday in Room 218 of the YMCA building. Candidates must be female students enrolled full time at A&M, carrying a 2.25 GPR and have completed at least one semester of study at A&M. Selection will take place Friday through an interview process.

A FREE DANCE will be held in the Military Plaza Friday from 8 p.m. until midnight. Music will be provided by Ben D. Downs, disc jockey at WTAW.

MARILYN HORNE will perform Thursday evening in the Rudder Auditorium at 8. Tickets are from \$3.70 to \$5 for A&M students and \$4.60 to \$6.75 for general admission.

A SPECIAL GAME to teach bridge players how to play duplicate will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Room 140 of the MSC. The teaching session is free and enables bridge players to participate in the ACU-I tournament to be held in early December.

JAMES MICHAEL and Barbara Ann Taylor will perform Friday night in the Basement Coffeehouse. Admission will be 50 cents.

WILLIAM TURNER, investigator for the Kennedy assassinations, will speak Wednesday at 8 p.m. He will address the topic of political killings. Students with activity cards are admitted free, all other must pay \$1.

STUDENTS interested in helping the community should contact the voluntary action committee at 845-1741. The committee works in Bryan Hospital, the Junior Museum of Natural History, Bryan's Girls Club, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Sheltering Arms, Arts council enrichment program, College Station recreation council and emergency medical program. Over 200 volunteers are needed immediately.

THREE TRIPS are being offered by the MSC Travel Committee.

Razorback game watchers can travel round trip by bus to Arkansas for \$47. The price includes two nights in a motel, round-trip and game tickets. Sign-up closes Tuesday.

A ski trip is being planned for semester break to Georgetown, Colo. The trip price is \$163 for six nights, ski lifts, and other details. Sign-up closes dead week.

Four different European tours are being offered for under \$640. The tours are for 11 days and include London, Paris, Italy and Avoriaz. Sign-up ends Dec. 12. Sign-up in Room 216 of the MSC.

THE A&M MOTORCYCLE CLUB will hold its Fall Semester Observed Trials Sunday at the Easterwood Airport Riding Area. There will be classes, enduro, trials and powderpuff for the dirt bikes. Interested persons may call Tom Garney at 845-6066.

GRAND ILLUSION, part of the Aggie Cinema's International Series, will be shown Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Old Ballroom. The movie is Jean Renoir's 1937 anti-war masterpiece set against a prison escape of French aviators from a German Prison Camp. Erich von Stroheim and Pierre Fresnay star. Admission will be \$1; tickets are available at the Rudder Box Office.

THE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONIC BAND will perform Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater. The University Symphonic Band is composed of students and teachers. A&M student admission is free with an activity card; non-A&M student-date admission is \$1; general public admission is \$2.50.

AUDITIONS for the Aggie Players' productions of "Lamp at Midnight," "The Man Who Never Died," "Coat of Many Colors," and "Harper's Ferry" will be held Monday, Jan. 19. Anyone is eligible to try out for as many plays as they wish. Cast and crews are not limited to students. Between 100-150 people are needed. Scripts are on reserve in the library for those who wish to read them. Production dates are Feb. 25-28 and March 3-6.

COLLECTIONS will be taken Thursday for the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (Oxfam) in coordination with their "Fast for a world harvest." The committee has been in the U.S. for five years and collected \$813,227 from 200,000 participants in last year's fast. The money is used to aid farm projects in Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

People interested in helping with the collection should contact Jim Reibel at 846-0760 or Josie Garcia at 693-8845.

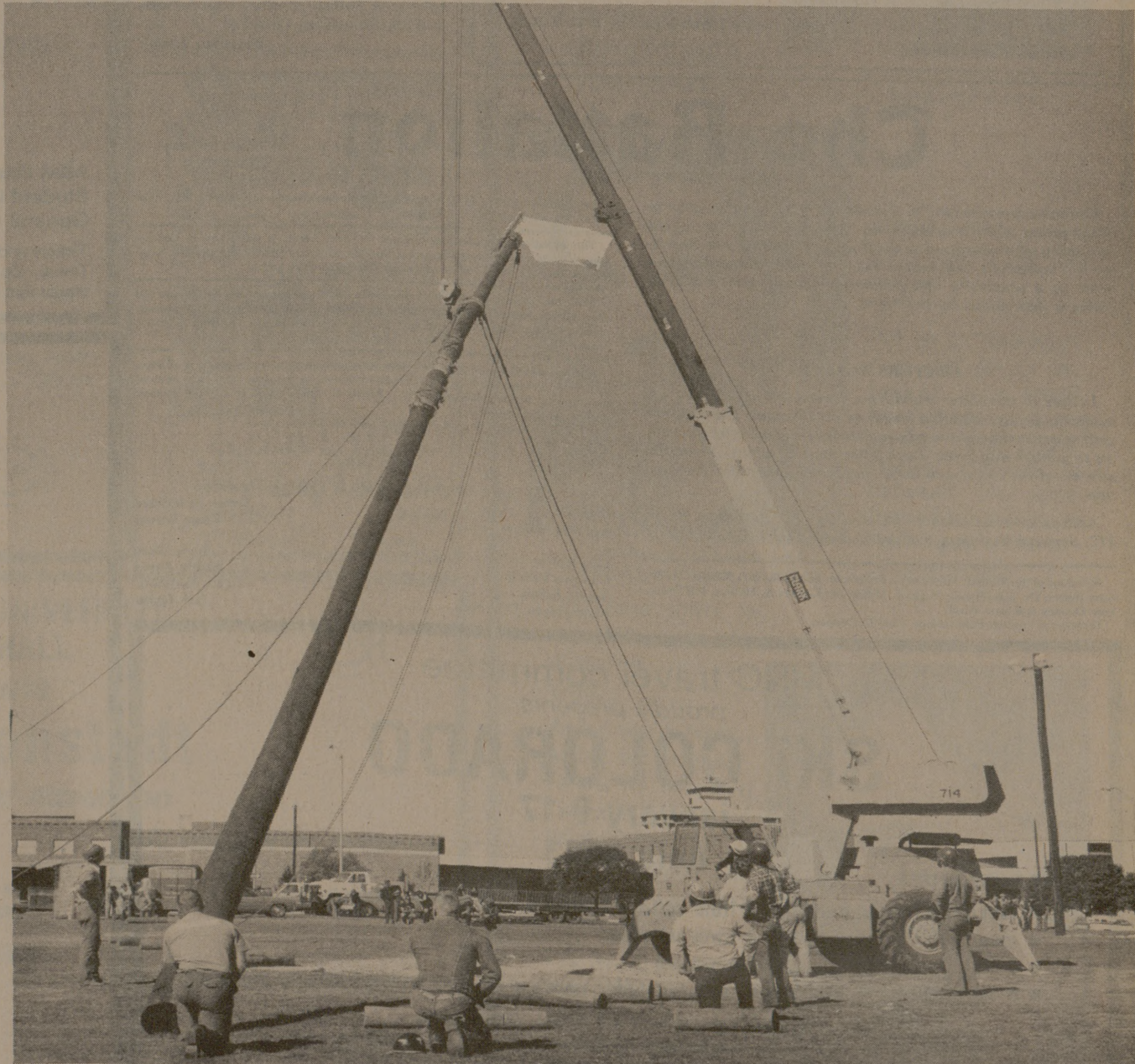
National

WASHINGTON — After only brief debate, the Senate today confirmed President Ford's nomination of Donald H. Rumsfeld as secretary of defense.

Rumsfeld, 43, who has been White House chief of staff, succeeds James R. Schlesinger, fired by Ford 16 days ago.

Rumsfeld was the only witness at hearings last week by the Senate Armed Services Committee, which then gave the nomination its unanimous approval.

Before becoming Ford's staff chief, the former Illinois congressman served the Richard M. Nixon and Ford administrations as U.S. ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, White House counselor and head of the now-defunct Cost of Living Council.



Centerpole
Texas A&M students raised the centerpole Friday 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26. The Aggie fire will be lit at

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