

**TEXAS AGGIE BAND**

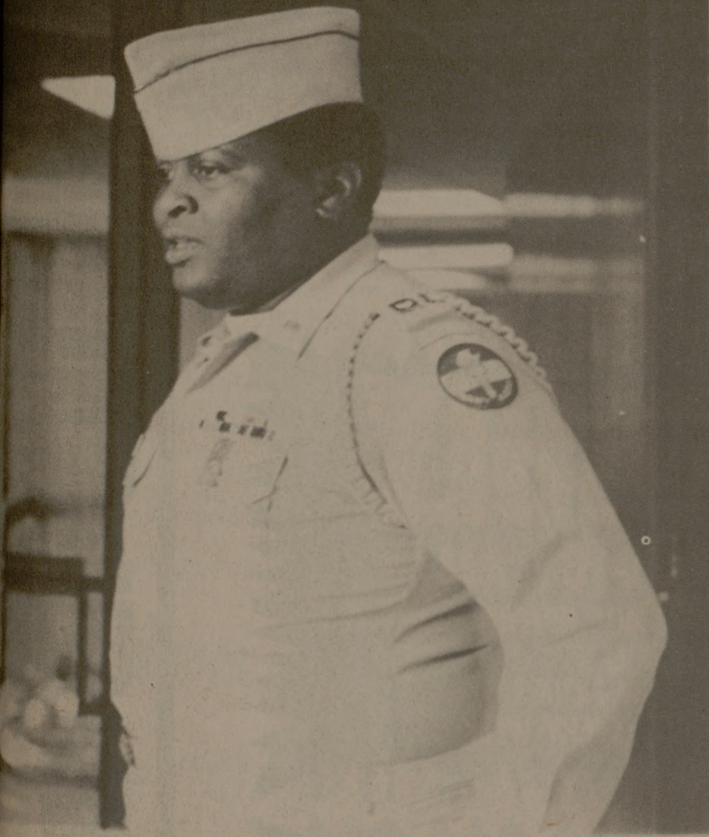


Photo by Diana Totah

Wilbur Sennett, a member of the A&M Corps of Cadets, spends his afternoons student teaching in College Station. Sennett is the only black member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band.

**Senior boots clank in jr. high halls**

By KATHY HENDERSON  
When the senior boots loudly clank in the quiet halls of Anson Jones Jr. High School in Bryan, one eighth grade class knows that their student teacher has arrived.

Wilbert "Pops" Sennette, a senior majoring in primary education at Texas A&M University, teaches social studies at Anson Jones one hour a day, Monday through Friday.

On Oct. 1 Sennette will take over the seventh grade class activities entirely. He will use a contract grade system which will enable the students to work at their own levels.

Sennette said he feels these contracts give the students some responsibility and a chance to be creative. The teacher is then available to give individual instruction, he added.

The students are well disciplined, Sennette said, but there is one minor problem. Frequently, to his dismay, they accidentally step on his boots.

"Pops" can be seen on campus playing the trombone and marching proudly in the ranks whenever the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band steps off to the beat of the Aggie War Hymn.

He is the infantry Band Battalion supply officer and is also a member of Parsons' Mounted Cavalry.

Sennette entered Texas A&M as a sophomore in 1974 after a visiting lec-

ture professor for the English department, Dr. Ray Leighman, showed him around the campus.

Sennette is from Galveston, Tex., where he worked as a treatment technician at the Shriners Burn Hospital for children, in Galveston.

Sennette, a robust fellow measuring 6'1" tall and weighing 250 lbs., played semi-pro football for the Gulf Coast Texans for four years.

"I even tried out for the Dallas Cowboys," he said.

But Sennette's real goal is to be an academic counselor on a high school level. He plans to enter graduate courses at Texas A&M after he graduates this December.

Sennette said he spends much of his spare time on weekends camping out with "the guys." "The guys" are six troops of Boy Scouts, about 55 in all, and Sennette is their Scoutmaster. The boys range in age from 11- to 15-years-old.

"I've spent lots of nights trying to console kids who are scared of the dark," he said. "It's really surprising how many of them are."

The members of Sennette's troops are from a low income area in Bryan. He said although the people like the Boy Scout program, they aren't willing to help with the work involved.

"They say, 'oh, that sounds, when you tell them about it but they're busy when you need help," he said.

**Vietnamese woman gets one child back**

Associated Press  
DES MOINES, Iowa — A Vietnamese mother who left her seven children in an orphanage while the Communists advanced on Saigon says "I am so happy I don't know what word you can use" over a court decision returning one child to her.

"I am excited and nervy," said Dean thi Hoang Anh, 33, in a telephone interview from Great Falls, Mont., where she lives with four of her children.

"It's like losing a son. We were hoping for a miracle," was the reaction of John Nelson, 33, the 6-year-old boy's foster father for the last 18 months. "We're happy we've had a year and a half with Ben."

Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice C. Edwin Moore wrote in the unanimous decision that "the Nelsons have rendered exceptional service in Ben's behalf. Under this record, someone must be hurt."

Ben, who's real name is Doan Van Binh, is one of seven brothers and sisters who escaped capture in the final days of the Saigon regime. Their mother left them in a Friends of Vietnam Children orphanage with a request to get them out of the country, according to court records. Their father had just been killed, and the court noted, "It was only after an incredible ordeal Anh and the chil-

dren were able to escape the same fate."

Anh, as she is known in Great Falls, fled Vietnam and entered the United States as a refugee on Aug. 5, 1975. She said she never gave the orphanage permission to have her children adopted. When they arrived in the United States, she traced them through the Denver office of the orphanage sponsors.

The Nelsons contended that Anh had abandoned her children and that Binh's best interests would be served by his being left with them.

But the court said Anh was "a woman of extraordinary courage, perseverance and full compassion for her child."

The court also said there was evidence the Nelsons had caused Binh to avoid contact with another Vietnamese family in Forest City, where they live, "... in effect causing him to reject his cultural and racial roots."

The court did ask, however, that there be continued contact between the Nelsons and Binh.

Anh, who is training to be a nurse's aide, had already located and reclaimed four of her children from a private home in Denver. One still lives in a foster home in this country and an infant is with a family in France.

**Low river exposes remains of charred riverboat, bones**

CHESTER, Ill. — A Mississippi river sternwheel riverboat destroyed by explosion and fire about 100 yards from its watery grave, the boat didn't come up — the river went down.

Forty feet of heavy timbers and planking — all that remains of "The Bluff City" — has emerged as the quarter-mile-wide river shrank to half its size because of water shortages upstream.

On each side of the Mississippi, about 100 yards of what normally is river bottom is exposed and dry.

Although the Army Corps of Engineers is maintaining a nine-foot channel for river traffic, the waterway is now only about an eighth of a mile wide.

There apparently were no crew members killed when the ship sank, but persons examining the wreckage said they found bones that may have been part of a horse's skeleton.

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