

Grants given to community education center

The regional Center for Community Education at Texas A&M University has received grants totaling \$179,749 from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the Texas Education Agency to continue efforts expanding the community education concept.

Community education is a process which establishes structures for community members to identify their own needs and problems. It is an effort aimed at the total use of existing resources, both human and material, for the purpose of opening the community and allowing individuals and communities to reach their fullest potential.

The latest funding supports the seventh year of the center, notes Dr. Robert L. Berridge, director. The current \$129,169 Mott Foundation contribution is to provide services to school districts in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. The Texas A&M regional center is one of 15 partially supported by the Michigan-based foundation.

A grant has also been received from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for \$50,580. With this funding, the center will add a full-time staff member in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to provide technical assistance and training to school district personnel.

Police guard shut-off as city fights gas cost

United Press International
CRYSTAL CITY, Tex. — In 1975 the city refused to accept a Railroad Commission order raising its contracted natural gas cost from 36 cents to \$2.05 per thousand cubic feet.

Today police guard the gas suppliers' facilities to prevent a promised cutoff of fuel.

Last week Lo-Vaca Gathering Co. President Bill Greehey said his firm would cut off Crystal City's gas unless it pays \$720,000 in delinquent bills by Aug. 26. The Texas Supreme Court has upheld the firm's right to perform the cut-off.

and all our customers are going to suffer."

Mayor Francisco Benavides angrily declared, "We will not permit anybody, not even Gov. Dolph Briscoe's gendarmes to come and shut us off" and persuaded city council to unanimously pass a resolution Friday ordering Police Chief Ramon Garza to post the guards. Benavides later said the guards were posted also to keep any prankster from shutting off the gas.

In approving the resolution, though, the council members modified the mayor's wishes somewhat by agreeing to negotiate with Lo-Vaca officials for payment of at least part of the back bills.

"Gas is a natural resource. The same as food, we must have it to live," the mayor said.

Firemen suffer minor injuries

Four firefighters were injured during drills at the Firemen's Training School which concluded Friday.

Bullard Fireman David McCugh was treated and released Friday from St. Joseph's Hospital for heat prostration. He was drilling on the use of breathing apparatus in the Brayton Field smoke room facility, a Firemen's Training School spoke-

man said. Two other firefighters also suffered from heat exhaustion but were not taken to the hospital.

A Giddings firefighter was injured last Tuesday. A Firemen's Training School spokesman said that John McWhorter suffered torn knee ligaments after becoming tangled in a fire hose. McWhorter was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.



Battalion photo by H. David White

Aggies exchange vows

Wayne Mueller and Mary Munson, two students at Texas A&M were married on the Quad in front of the Corps of Cadets barracks last Saturday night. The Aggie War Hymn was played during the recessional as the couple passed under the crossed saber arch.

"Apple Tree" was delicious

Play offers light comedy

By JULIE SPEIGHTS

The MSC Dinner Theater presentation, "The Apple Tree" is a perfect accompaniment to a full stomach; the light comedy as refreshing as peppermint candy.

The musical progresses in three parts from the time of Adam and Eve to the present — each act being essentially a separate play.

Each act portrays an aspect of male-female relationships. A twist of modern humor makes the old tales new again.

By far the best of the three parts is the first, "The Diary of Adam and Eve." The opening induces chuckling because of the clever costumes worn by Adam (Walt Meissner) and Eve (Randa Downs).

Meissner and Downs, the leading characters, are exceptionally good in this act.

In this version of the original couple, Eve doesn't get blamed for eating the forbidden fruit as traditional discrepancies of males and females are satirized.

"The Lady or the Tiger?" follows perhaps too closely to the traditional tale and the play becomes somewhat less humorous.

The balladeer (Steve Jacobs) deserves recognition for his attempt at singing which lightens the entire second

act. It is evident that the actors are actors and not singers. However, this doesn't make the performance any less enjoyable.

"Passionella," the third part, takes place in modern times but bears a striking resemblance to "Cinderella."

It is the story of Ella, a chimney sweeper, who dreams of becoming a movie star, gets her wish, and falls in love with her rock-singing prince.

The prince is also the product of a dream-come-true and eventually they discover the truth about their identities. They live happily-ever-after when they realize love can exist even between the most common people.

The quick-change artistry in "Passionella" is handled smoothly and does not interrupt the flow of the play.

The vital piano accompaniment is good and the production technical crew should be complimented on a professional job.

"The Apple Tree" is a fine, yet inexpensive one-night vacation.

August 2 and 3 are the final days of the performance with dinner at 6:45 p.m. and curtain is at 8:00 p.m. The production is presented by the Hospitality Committee, MSC Summer Directorate, and the Aggie Players.

Former head of economics dies at home

Dr. Floyd Barzilia Clark, 90, former head of the Department of Economics at Texas A&M University, died Thursday in his home at 85 Dexter in College Station.

Private services for Dr. Clark were held Thursday afternoon in Bryan City Cemetery with arrangements by Callaway-Jones Funeral Home.

Dr. Clark was professor and head of the department from 1916 to 1947 except for a year off in 1919 to lecture at the University of Texas and another year spent as exchange professor at New York Community College in 1940.

He was born Sept. 11, 1886, at Winterpock, Va. Clark received an MA from Richmond College in 1907 and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins in 1914. Before coming to Texas A&M he taught at Georgia Tech and Penn State.

Dr. Clark was also the former president of the Southside Development Corporation and the College Station Housing Corporation.

Battalion adviser takes Indiana job

Gael L. Cooper, Texas A&M University Director of Student Publications and an assistant professor of journalism, has been appointed publisher of the Indiana Daily Student at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Cooper, who came to A&M in 1975, reports to Indiana today.

While at A&M, Cooper was adviser to The Battalion, the Aggie-land yearbook, and The Campus Directory.

As publisher of the Indiana Daily Student, a student-operated community newspaper owned by Indiana University, Cooper will direct all business operations and act as adviser to student reporters, editors and photographers. He also will be an assistant professor in the journalism department.

His successor has not yet been announced.

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