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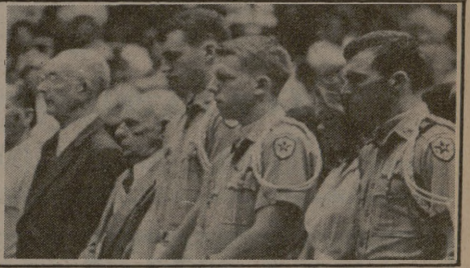
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Aggie Muster draws horde to campus

More than 8,000 people attended the 97th Aggie Muster at Texas A&M University Saturday. See page 9.



Uganda election simple, peaceful

United Press International
KAMPALA, Uganda — Thousands of Ugandans voted for the first time in more than eight years Saturday as Tanzanian troops closed in on Idi Amin's last known stronghold in the eastern city of Jinja.

Special British envoy Richard Posnett raised the Union Jack over the downtown British High Commission, symbolizing the restoration of full diplomatic relations between the two countries for the first time in three years.

A U.S. delegation was expected in Kampala today. The new provisional government is looking to Washington and London to provide the bulk of aid necessary for Uganda's reconstruction, estimated in the billions of dollars.

Moving speedily to implement a pledge to return Uganda to full democracy, the government Saturday held the first elections in Uganda for more than eight years.

Thousands of civilians in Kampala turned out to nominate local parish representatives to act as their spokesmen with the central government.

The newly elected parish leaders also were charged with rounding up stolen

weapons and goods looted from the capital's stores, offices and homes — one of the government's main priorities.

Along Kampala's streets, typewriters and chairs stolen from government offices have begun to appear neatly at curbside, where trucks carrying police officers collect them.

Saturday's elections were peaceful and even friendly. At each polling station five candidates were selected; voters lined up behind their favorite candidate.

On the military front, Tanzanian officers said a task force of some 1,000 troops was closing in on Jinja — Amin's last known hideout which was reportedly still held by a force of 500 to 600 of his loyal troops.

The Tanzanian column has so far not met any resistance, but refugees from Jinja, Uganda's second largest city, reported a roadblock of two Ugandan tanks and an armored personnel carrier blocked the bridge over the River Nile at the gates of the town.

The bridge runs across the Owen Falls dam — site of a hydroelectric power station that provides nearly all of Uganda's electricity.

Neches expected to crest at record 12 feet Tuesday

United Press International
While workers sandbagged today along the Neches River in anticipation of a record crest, a "gigantic cleanup" of roads and bridges flooded by heavy rains continued in other parts of hard-hit south Texas.

The sandbagging and cleanup operations were to take place under partly cloudy and fair skies in south Texas, said weather forecasters, although some drizzle or rain was expected in northeast, east and west Texas. Other parts of the state were expected to be clear or partly cloudy.

In Montgomery County where authorities estimated damages were in excess of \$50 million, Sheriff's Lt. Bob Williamson said more flooding occurred Saturday night in the Conroe area and "right now we're in a subsiding situation."

"The (San Jacinto) river on the east side didn't crest until (Saturday) evening and the water's just now beginning to subside. We still have a great portion of high water. There are quite a few people that can't get back to their homes," said Williamson.

Up to 1,000 people were forced to evacuate in the Conroe area at the height of the flooding Friday, but many of the residents affected by Saturday's crest were reluctant to leave their homes, said Ginger Pierce of the Red Cross.

"People had been living with 1 or 2 feet

of water in their houses for the past three days and weren't planning to move," she said. "But the Civil Defense people decided to move them because the danger of electrocution in these houses was pretty severe."

Families who refused to leave their homes had their electricity turned off and meters removed by firefighters at the direction of county Civil Defense authorities.

The bodies of two more drowning victims were recovered during the weekend. Joel O. Cantu, 4, fell into an unfinished swimming pool that had filled with rainwater at his home Sunday. Donald Edwin Brigham, 40, of Porter, drowned in the San Jacinto River after falling out of his boat Sunday.

"Our immediate concern is in parts inside the city," a Beaumont Civil Defense spokesman said Sunday. "It's (the crest) going to break the record, they say. There's supposed to be a record crest Tuesday near 12 feet, and the record was 9.9 in May 1969. Most of this is from that deluge we had Friday."

Houston authorities said flood waters that entered homes and businesses throughout Harris County caused \$100 million in damages but were receding today and all roads and streets were open.



Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Kubecka receive congratulations from Ann Shedelbower and Pete Greaves, representatives of the Parents' Day Committee.

Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco

Parents of 9 Ags receive award

By DILLARD STONE
Battalion Staff

Putting nine sons through Texas A&M University would be enough to test the patience of any parent. And it also probably deserves some recognition for service

"above and beyond the call of duty."

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Kubecka received that recognition by being named Aggie Parents of the Year Sunday.

Their award highlighted the annual Parents' Day awards presentations, held in Rudder Auditorium.

The couple was cited by Parents' Day chairman Ann Shedelbower for their involvement with their sons' education, and for service to the school and community.

Also presented were the Thomas S. Cathright Academic Excellence Awards, given to the student with the highest overall grade point ratio in his college classification. Cathright Award recipients were:

Cleon Dean, Don Harton, Hugh Hood, David Lancaster, Kelly McCrury, Mark Melish, Robert Merrill, Thomas Patterson, Charmaine Walter and Jana Robbins.

Other recipients were Rollie Childers, Linda Erlanson, Michael Godinich, Michael Huddleston, Stephen Jones, William Kingsberry, Carla Noll, Michael Riggs, Ray Scholl and David Norman.

Also receiving the award were Patrick Giam, William Harlin, Jack McCullars, Gary Nelson, Brett Pharo, Ronald

Ullman, Dirk van der Meyden, Judy Willard, John Zouzalik and John Hodges. Outstanding Corps of Cadets members and units also received awards Sunday.

Cadets receiving awards "outstanding" included:

William McKeerall, major unit commander; Mark Tilton, battalion commander; David Jackson, company commander; Peter K. Imbrie, staff officer; Michael Hanley, first sergeant; Ken Cross, sophomore cadet; David Moyer, freshman cadet; Michael Smiley, best drilled sophomore; and Charles Fontenot, best drilled freshman.

Unit award recipients were Company B-2, General George F. Moore Outstanding Unit Award, Company B-2, General Bruno A. Hochmuth Military Proficiency Award; Squadron 12, General George P.F. Jouine Scholastic Achievement Award; Squadron 11, Buchanan Outstanding Engineering Outfit Award.

New women's dorm too expensive

By RUSTY McDONALD
Battalion Reporter

Despite a \$400,000 donation, a women's athletic dorm will not be built. Instead, the basement of Mosher Hall will be renovated to house the women.

Mosher — one of the Commons dormitories — is located on the east side of campus on Bizzell Street across from the golf course.

Although it is not yet known exactly how much the renovations will cost, Wally Croff, assistant athletic director for business affairs, said they will cost less than \$100,000.

The renovations will begin this summer so that the scholarship athletes can be housed there in the fall.

Linda K. Don, assistant athletic director for women, said the 128-bed facility will be used to house incoming full-scholarship women and some women now on full scholarship.

These women have scholarships in the eight Texas Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (TIAIW) sports offered at Texas A&M University. These are basketball, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track, field, cross-country and volleyball.

"We plan to house the women on a progression basis," Don said. "We will only use between 60 and 80 beds next year, but eventually we hope to house all the women, including walk-ons."

Walk-ons are athletes not on scholarships.

Don said the plan to build a women's athletic dorm has been postponed due to the high cost of construction.

Ron Sasse, associate director of student affairs in charge of housing, said that women now living in Mosher would not have to move.

"Since the athletes won't be using the whole floor, the women that want to stay

can," he said.

Subject to approval, the renovations of the dorm will include turning a storage room into a lounge area with a television viewing area, informal study area and a tutoring room.

Right now, women athletes live "anywhere they want to," Don said. About 50 percent are living on campus, in such residence halls as Spence, Krueger and Fowler, while the other half lives off campus, Don said.

Unsuccessful 1861 event yields obscure holiday

United Press International
CONCORD, N.H. — Banks, stores and schools will be closed in the Granite State today for a holiday unique to New Hampshire — "Fast Day."

It all started back in 1681 when John Cutts, the first colonial governor of New Hampshire, fell ill.

The Legislature called on the colonists to join in a day of prayer and fasting for Cutts, who was on the verge of death.

The colonists obliged, but despite their prayers and fasting, Cutts died.

For years after the first day of prayers for the stricken governor, fasting and church attendance marked Fast Day observances. Working could result in a 10-shilling fine and there was a ban on any form of recreation.

Fast Day became an official state holiday in 1899.

There were other fast days, called on a

one-time basis in colonial times by the Legislature when disasters threatened, but the one initiated for the governor was the only one which occurred with regularity.

It was observed on the fourth Thursday of April until 30 years ago, when lawmakers saw in Fast Day an opportunity to legislate a three-day weekend.

Tourists who never heard of Cutts often are baffled by New Hampshire's unique holiday — but even natives who have had the day off for years — can offer little more than a blank look when quizzed on its history.

It was an "extra day off" to Dean Dexter of Laconia, a former Belknap County commissioner. He stayed home from school on Fast Day as a child, but never really knew why.

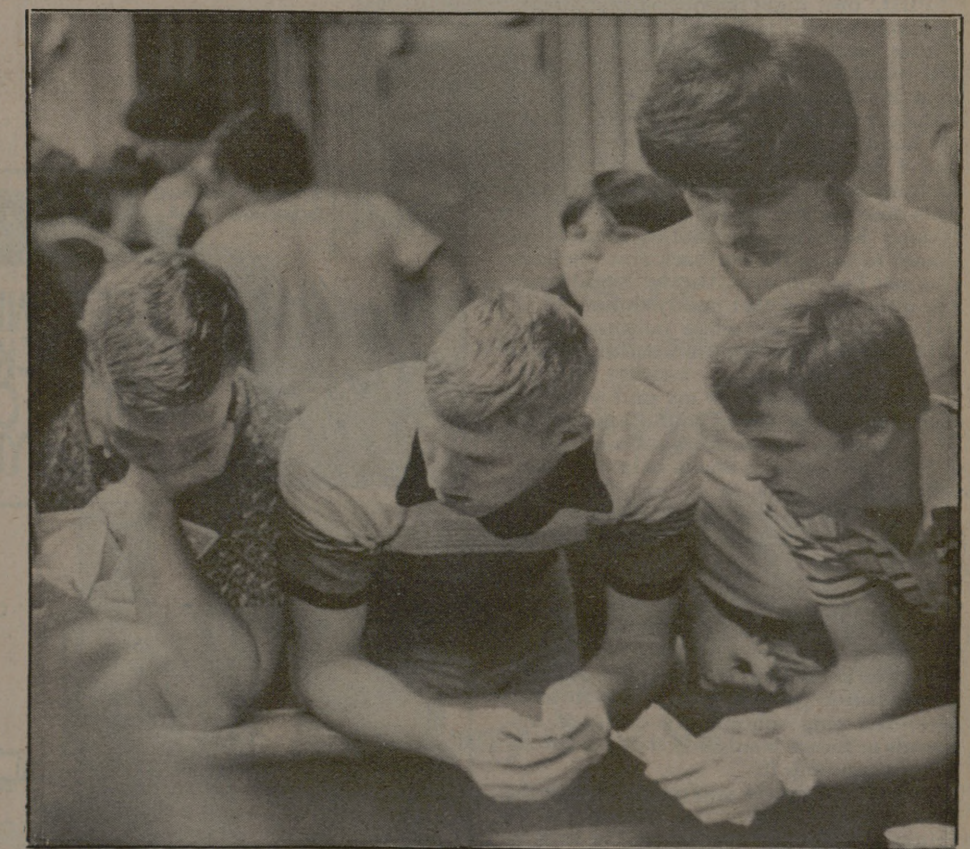
"Fast Day? It was just a blank spot on the calendar," he says.



Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

Softly call the Muster

After leading the firing squad in a 21-gun salute, John Bonn leads the group of Ross Volunteers out of G. Rollie White Coliseum at Aggie Muster Saturday.



Battalion photo by Bill Wilson

Baby needs new shoes

The members of this intense group are watching the dice that control their play-money fortunes at Friday night's RHA Casino in the Memorial Student Center. The "gamblers" are, from left to right, Louis Herin, Brian VanTubergen, Mark Zaharoff and Rick Reynolds.