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## Seniors Will Be Graduated Formally Feb. 2

### Famed Pianist Casadesus To Appear On Second Town Hall Tonight

Program To Begin At 8 p.m. On Guion Stage

Robert Casadesus, the French pianist who is one of the renowned musicians in the country at the present time, will be presented here tonight, Tuesday, December 12 at 8:00, by Town Hall, which is sponsored by the Student Activities Committee. The prices for a reserved seat are \$1.50, service-men's tickets, 50¢. General admission will be 80¢, including federal tax. Inevitably Casadesus has been the conductor's choice for soloist and he has the rare record of eight seasons as soloist with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra as well as re-engagements with the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Kansas City orchestras. He has also appeared with the Ford Sunday Evening Hour and Telephone Hour broadcasts, and has also appeared with the major orchestras of Boston, San Francisco, Rochester, Montreal, Minneapolis and Mexico City.

Casadesus will open the program with "Gavotte" a lively but dignified dance of the minuet class by J. Rameau. This is to be followed by three Sonatas written by Domenico Scarlatti.

Part two will be the Sonata in F. Minor, Opus (Appassionata) by Beethoven, and will include Allegro Assai, Andante Con Moto, and Allegro mon troppo.

After the intermission, Casadesus will open with a series of works by Chopin including: Ballade in A Flat, Opus 47; Etude, Opus 25; Mazurka, Opus 56, Number 2; Berceuse, Opus 57, and last, Tarantelle, Opus 43. He will then end the fourth part of his program with Scherzo-Valse by Chabrier; La Cathedrale Engloutie by Debussy, and finally Laccata, by Ravel.

Born of a distinguished French musical family, he won highest honors at the Paris Conservatory and, after a triumphant series of European tours, made his American debut in January 1935. Composer as well as pianist, Robert Casadesus has written many works including a double concerto for two pianos and orchestra which, with himself and his wife as soloists, both the Cincinnati and the Rochester Philharmonic have performed.



Freshmen's Efforts Realized As Flames Leap Skyward

#### Speaks at Waco

President Gilchrist, together with Mrs. Gilchrist and Mr. McQuillen, will leave here Wednesday afternoon for Waco, where Gilchrist will address the Waco A. & M. Club at 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Hotel. He will give an impromptu speech concerning the affairs of the college. President Gilchrist, his wife, and Mr. McQuillen will return to College Station that evening.

#### Mexican Agriculturalists Visit College Over Weekend

Four officials of the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura at Chapingo, Mexico, near the city of Mexico, spent three days on the Texas A. & M. College campus and left yesterday to return to their homes.

While on the campus they were guests of the college and Prof. A. V. Moore, of the dairy husbandry department, who taught in their

schools on leave last year. Moore acted as their host and took them on a complete tour of the campus. Of especial interest was the Animal Industries department.

A dinner was given for the group which included Director Lazos, Purchasing Agent Montijo, Soil Chemistry Professor Villegas and Physics Professor Mimbres at noon Sunday by Dean Emeritus E. J. Kyle of the School of Agriculture, in charge of Latin-American affairs for the college. Others in attendance were Dean C. N. Shepardson of the School of Agriculture, Dr. Ide P. Trotter, Dr. John Ashton, J. J. Woolket, Sam Hopper and G. B. Winstead.

The group made a special trip to the United States to visit at Cornell University and Texas A. & M. to obtain ideas for new buildings to house their biological

science work and chemistry. Monday they were to visit the Luling Foundation on the way to San Antonio.

Deans Kyle and Shepardson assured the visitors that A. & M. College would be glad to help them in any way possible in the future by lending professors or according them privileges of minute inspection of the college facilities.

#### Dr. Gustav Egloff To Speak at Amer. Chem. Society Meet

The thirty-eighth meeting of the Texas A. & M. Section of the American Chemical Society will be held in the Lecture Room of the Chemistry Building Wednesday evening, December 13, 1944 at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Gustav Egloff, Director of Research for the Universal Oil Products Company of Chicago, Illinois will address the Section on the topic, "Petroleum as a Chemical Industry." Visitors are welcome to hear this talk.

The usual dinner for Section members in honor of the speaker will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Aggield Inn. Members who are planning to attend the dinner are requested to inform Dr. W. M. Potts, Dr. P. B. Pearson, or Dr. J. D. Lindsay of the Program Committee.

#### Baby Girl Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pfrimmer

A baby girl, Margaret June, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Pfrimmer, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan Monday morning at 2 o'clock.

Pfrimmer, a student here, is studying veterinary medicine and lives with his family at 307 Park Place. He reported that both mother and daughter are doing fine.

#### Manning Smith, Basketball Coach, Is A Confirmed Aggie By Heritage

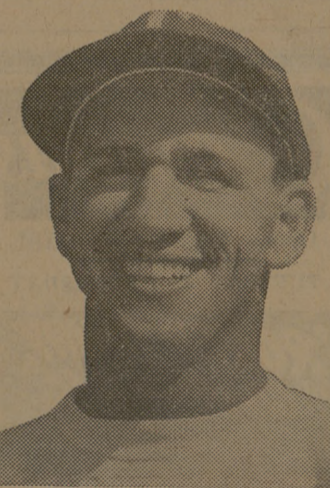
By Eli Barker

As head coach for the basketball team, Manning Farr Smith will guide the Aggie hopes for a championship in that sport. Part of the team is now working out, and the remainder will begin practice as soon as the football team arrives here from Florida.

Smith's sport career is quite interesting as it began when he was less than ten years of age. This was when his older brother of the class of 1923 was a star athlete here at A. & M. and Smith came here to see him.

Having been born and reared in Belton, Texas, which is only ninety miles from here, Smith early acquired an interest in Aggies. His parents, however, moved to Shreveport, La., in 1925, and that is where he went to high school and college. While he was in C. E. Byrd High School, he played basketball, football, and baseball and was elected president of his junior and senior classes and also president of the Hi-Y Club.

Upon his graduation from high school, Smith entered Centenary College. An older brother had just completed four years as quarterback under the coaching of H. H. Norton, and now he did the same thing. Again in college, he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. In football he was a quarterback, in basketball he was a guard,



Coach Manning Smith

and in baseball he was second baseman and captain of the team.

In Smith's junior and senior years Centenary was undefeated in football and won the conference championship in basketball. Also during his senior year, Centenary played Arkansas in the Dixie Bowl at Dallas. The Dixie Bowl later became known as the Cotton Bowl. The game finally ended in a 7-7 tie. His last year of college football saw him on the Associated Press and the United Press All-American second team. In that year he was on the All Players' (See COACH, Page 3)

#### Davis Resumes Asst. Comm. Duties

Having just returned to the college after a three month's leave of absence, Major Joe E. Davis has again taken up his duties as assistant commandant here.

Davis left the campus last June to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After spending ten weeks there, he was sent to North Camp Hood near Gatesville. In charge of a detachment of about eight hundred men, Davis' duties were mainly administrative. He served in this capacity until he left to take up his old post here at the college recently.

A former student of A. & M., Davis was a member of the class of 1929, receiving his degree in Agriculture Administration in 1930. While a student there he was a member of C Company Infantry.

Upon graduation he was employed by the college as property custodian of the commandant. He served in this position until 1932 when he was appointed assistant commandant. He has been employed by the college in this position since.

The father of one son, four years old, Major and Mrs. Davis now reside on the campus.

#### A. H. Head Returns From Meeting

Dr. J. C. Miller, acting head of the Animal Husbandry Department returned from Chicago Thursday, where he attended the 37th annual meeting of the American Society of Animal Production, and also the International Livestock Show. Dr. Miller contacted some Angus cattle breeders for the purpose of locating a herd bull for this college.

Three papers from Texas were presented at the meeting of the American Society of Animal Production, there Dr. P. B. Pearson of Texas A. & M. presented an article called Evidence for the Non-Essentiality of Nicotinic Acid in the Diet of the Horse. F. Acome, who received his master's degree from this college, submitted an article, Effect of Reduced Barometric Pressure on Ram Semen. Dr. Miller read an article, Body Temperature and Respiration Rate and Their Relation to Adaptability in Sheep.

#### War Bond Officers Discuss Plans to Get Local Support

W. L. Penberthy's War Bond Committee met Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. The officers made progress reports and plans for the future. Penberthy says that he is not too optimistic about results so far, but wants to keep the drive before the students in order to insure success in the future.

At the meeting Penberthy said he wants to find out just how much has been accomplished and hopes to help the committee remove any obstacles in the way of the drive. Penberthy declared that this is something that should receive full Aggie support and he wants everyone to get behind the campaign.

#### To Show March Of Time Films Wed. Nite

Dr. S. R. Gammon of the Department of History announces that the Department will show four reels of March of Time's Forum Edition sound films in the Physics Lecture Room, Wednesday, December 13, at 7:30 p. m. These reels are each of about fifteen minutes duration and deal with various aspects of Texas, Canada, Brazil, and Portugal. Interested students and faculty members are invited.

#### Will Be First Formal Exercises Since May When 84 Participated

Dr. G. W. Adriance, chairman of the Committee on the Commencement Exercises, announced today that February 2nd has been set as graduation day, and that formal Commencement Exercises will be held for those students graduating at the end of this semester. He also stated that the Baccalaureate Sermon Convocation would probably be held on the morning of the 2nd, and the commencement exercises would take place that night. No final arrangements have been made as to the program or its speakers, but Dr. Adriance said that these will be made shortly. Guion Hall has been named the most probable place for the exercise to take place, but it is still uncertain as to where they will be held. The registrar's office announced that more than fifty students have made applications for degrees.

H. L. Heaton, registrar of the College, C. W. Crawford, head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and Col. M. D. Welty, Commandant of the school, are all members of the Commencement Exercise Committee.

The last formal graduation Exercises were held on May 26, 1944, and there were eighty-four students who received degrees. The various sermons and announcements were made by members of the faculty and the different pastors of the various churches located in and around College Station.

#### SHELTON APOLOGIZES

December 9, 1944

Editor The News, Dallas, Texas.

It is apparent to me that my letter regarding the A. & M. parade in Austin, Thanksgiving Day, has been interpreted to appear that I questioned the loyalty and patriotism of the student body at that great Texas educational institution.

The communication was not so intended. To those, who have so regarded it, permit me to say that I regret it exceedingly.

Having been a citizen of Texas for my entire 67 years, I knew the glorious record the A. & M. Cadets, both officers and men, have made in all wars, especially World War I and II. I served with many of them in World War I.

Probably I did not convey my real meaning. I simply thought that a cadet parade on Congress avenue in war time was out of place and brought sorrow to many mothers, whose sons are at the front.

Certainly I do not believe, nor does any other Texan, that there are slackers and draft evaders at A. & M.

To the fine body of students, the teachers and those in charge of the military training I offer apologies and withdraw the remarks.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the commandant of the cadets and asking that it be publicly read and published in the College paper.

Horace H. Shelton.

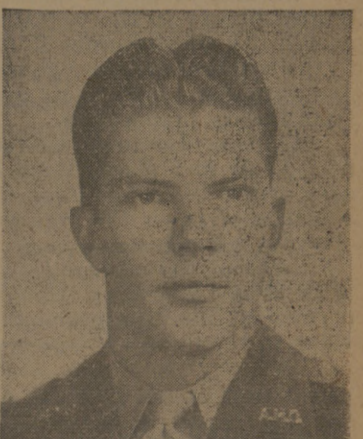
#### Aggie of the Week . . .

#### Bill Griffin, Vice-President Senior Class, Remembers Soph-Fish Sessions

By Dick Goad

An outstanding member of the present senior class is William B. "Bill" Griffin, senior veterinary student from Nixon, Texas. Vice-president of his class and commander of B Battery, Field Artillery, Bill has made an outstanding record during his stay on the campus.

Although Nixon is his present home, his birthplace is San Marcos, born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Griffin there on August 14, 1925. His parents moved to Nixon when Bill was five years old and during his school days there was an outstanding student. A three year football letterman, Bill was named all district center his senior year while also serving as president of his senior class. He was a member of the F.F.A. his senior year. Upon his graduation from Nixon



Bill Griffin

\* \* \* \* \* High he journeyed to Aggieldand where he enrolled in June, 1942, (See AGGIE, Page 4)