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## Seniors Elect Officers, Who's Who Candidates

### Class Elects Committee of Five to Name Ten Seniors for National Honors

Ten outstanding Texas A. & M. Seniors were chosen last week to represent the college in the 1945 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. The candidates for the honor were named by a committee vote of Buddy Howland, Johnny Spragins, J. B. Kearby, Bob Zivney, and Charlie West, who were elected to the task by vote of the class.

The ten Seniors selected by the committee were as follows: Dan McGurk, president of the Senior Class; Charlie West, cadet colonel of the corps; Bob Zivney, vice-president of the Senior Class; J. B. Kearby, secretary of the Senior Class; Jere Higgs, social secretary of the Senior Class; Monte Moncrief, outstanding athlete; Stanley Wyble, outstanding company commander; Dick Goad, editor of the Battalion newspaper; Dwight McAnally, editor of the Longhorn; and Charlie Crabetree, corps executive officer.

### Kiwanis Club Will Sponsor Business Men's Civic Group

A meeting of College Station business men was held Thursday, June 7, as the first step in setting up a permanent organization for the betterment of civic and economic conditions in the city. The meeting was called by Ed Madeley, who was appointed temporary chairman by Major J. E. Breland, president of the College Station Kiwanis Club.

W. F. Munnerlyn and Ray Oden were elected co-chairmen at the meeting, while the following sub-chairmen were named: For the North Gate area, W. K. Gibbs and J. E. Loupot; for the East Gate area, Luke Patranello and J. C. Mulpepper; for the South Gate area, G. E. Madeley and H. Goryski; and for the Campus area, J. F. Casey and George McCullough. Other officers elected were Lloyd Smith, to represent the organization with the city government and the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club, and W. Lamar Fly, to act as secretary.

While this organization of College Station business men will function as a committee of the Kiwanis Club, provision has been made for full participation by those who are not members of the club, and it is hoped that every business man of the community will participate actively in the organization, stated Breland.

Arrangements are being made to bring a qualified speaker before the Kiwanis Club at a luncheon in the near future, at which time all business men not members of the club will be invited to attend. It is hoped that a speaker can be secured who will be qualified to make an address on post-war business prospects.

Another meeting of the organization has been scheduled for Thursday night, June 14, in the Assembly Room of the Y.M.C.A. at 8:00 p.m. All business men, regardless of affiliation with the Kiwanis Club, are urged to be present and to be prepared to present for consideration any project for the betterment of the community.

### -- WHAT'S COOKING --

- Thursday, June 14: College Station business men's meeting, 7:00 p.m. at YMCA assembly room.
- Friday, June 15: Biology Club meeting, 5:00 p.m. in Room 32 of Science Building.
- Community picnic at The Grove, 6:00 p.m.
- Softball league game, A. & M. Methodists vs. A. & M. Consolidated High School, 8:00 p.m. at Haswell Park in Bryan.
- Oil Mill Machinery Manufacturers party for short-course enrollees, off the campus.
- Monday, June 18: Brazos County A. & M. barbecue, 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Hall in Bryan.
- Tuesday, June 19: Freshman orientation, 11:00 a.m. (see schedule elsewhere in this paper.)
- College Station Kiwanis Club meeting, 12:00 noon at Duncan Hall.
- Wednesday, June 20: Bill Turner's Aggeland Orchestra and Singing Cadets in War Bond Jamboree, 7:15 p.m. at Guion Hall.

### Orientation Scheduled for Freshmen

The Student Personnel Office, under the direction of George Wilcox, announced Tuesday, June 12, the complete schedule of freshmen orientation meetings. The meetings, the first of which occurred on June 5, will be held for the duration of the present semester for a total of sixteen weeks. Upon announcement of the schedule, Wilcox placed specific stress on the importance of regular attendance and close attention to the instruction to be offered at these meetings. Since last semester, the college has authorized credit of one hour for the orientation meetings, and Wilcox along with the rest of the faculty, is encouraging each new freshman to make every effort to derive as much as possible from this new system.

All the incoming freshmen have had their schedules of class so arranged that each will have the hour of eleven to twelve vacant on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. This process was arranged so that the Tuesdays could be devoted to the orientation meetings. This system is new on the campus, but Wilcox is optimistic about its being the logical solution to the scheduling of the meetings.

At the June 12 meeting, Dough Rollins, Director of Student Affairs, and E. E. McQuillen, Executive Secretary of the Former Students Association, spoke. Wilcox disclosed that it is to be the policy in the future to feature some outstanding speaker at the meetings. The Student Personnel Office is to work in close cooperation with the Y. M. C. A. in bringing outstanding ministers to A. & M. for the purpose of encouraging wholesome student life and habits. Addresses by the ministers will come under a plan of general assemblies, and noted ministers such as Rev. John Donoho of the Oak Lawn Methodist Church in Dallas, Dr. W. G. Knowles of the First Christian Church in Houston, and Rev. Paul Quilian of the First Methodist Church in Houston, will be spokesmen toward achieving a more wholesome environment on the campus.

To acquaint the new freshmen with Cushing Memorial Library, three weeks have been devoted to instruction of the freshmen by librarians. Instruction of this type is to begin on Tuesday, June 19 and during the following three weeks, each freshman will meet three times in the library for instruction. Examinations on the subject matter covered will be given, and the resulting grades will largely determine the final grade posted for the one hour's credit.

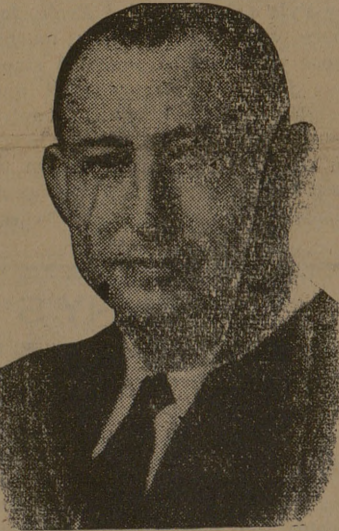
Following the three week's instruction in the library, the freshmen will have meetings scheduled with their various deans. The purpose of these meetings is to (See FRESHMEN, Page 4)

### The Famous Aggeland Orchestra



### Turner's Jamboree Thrills Aggies

L. L. Johnson



### Extension Service And College Mourn Death of Johnson

Lawrence L. Johnson, who headed Extension Service work with Texas 4-H Club boys since 1935, died in a Bryan hospital Monday night. He was born at Zanesville, Ohio, October 22, 1893, but had made his home in Texas since youth.

"The passing of Mr. Johnson deprived the 4-H Club movement in Texas of an inspired leader," said James D. Prewitt, vice director and stage agent for the A. & M. College Extension Service. "Under his direction the enrollment of club boys, and the number of volume of their demonstrations reached record proportions. In 1943, the enrollment exceeded 40,000 and the value of the major productions of the club boys was more than two and one half million dollars. Although wartime conditions, especially the heavy demands upon boys to take a larger share of regular farm work, brought a slight decline in total membership in 1944, the value of production of food and fiber by Texas 4-H Club boys was more than in 1943. During Mr. Johnson's decade of service as state boys' club agent the success of Texas 4-H Club boys in winning national blue ribbon contests increased steadily. In 1943, Texas boys took five firsts of these contests, including the coveted achievement award, which included a chest of silver presented by the President of the United States. In 1944, Texas club boys took four of the blue ribbon awards. Mr. Johnson was a tireless worker and his death is a grave loss to the Extension Service headquarters staff. (See JOHNSON, Page 3)

### Stage Show to be Wednesday Feature

By Junior Canis

A capacity crowd, carrying its enthusiasm and appreciation to rafter heights, greeted the first of Bill Turner's summer "jamborees", from the stage of Guion Hall theater last night as the genial maestro of Aggeland Orchestra and the Singing Cadets put on one of the best 45 minutes show scene at Aggeland in many a moon.

From a swiny opener that set the old feet to tapping, the orchestra went into "It Must Be Jelly", a number that gave an opportunity for the entire band to shine—and shine it did with the newcomers, primarily from the ranks of the Frogs, showing some neat talent in the tooting department.

Following an introduction of the band, Aggie Johnnie Mertz performed ably in a pantomime act of a young lady getting up in the morning. Mertz also sang the popular "Laura", accompanied by the band.

"Ahs" and many wolf whistles greeted lovely Sybil Bannister, who rocked the audience back with "Melancholy Baby" and the spine tingling ditty, "Sentimental Journey."

Giving every evidence of future possibilities, Frogs Doakes and MacKenzie next appeared in a blackface minstrel routine without the black cork but with plenty of good gags, including one that went something like this: Doakes, "Boy, Ah see you done got a new dawg. Has he got any instinct." Maikenzie, "Ah don't know 'bout any instinct, but he's the outstinked dawg ah ever saw."

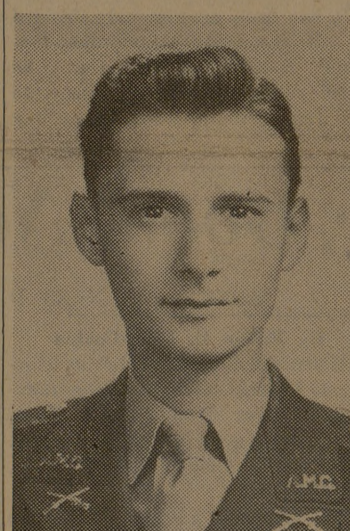
From the famous A Cappella choir of Bryan High School, a trio composed of Marion Holick, Katherine Mathes and Lillian Hornak sang two well received numbers, singing in such a fashion as to give promise of many repeat performances.

The ever popular Singing Cadets showing surprising talent considering that only seven old members are back for the summer, sang "Twelfth Man", and "Spirit of Aggeland," joined by the audience in the latter—and well joined at that—with the Frogs doing an excellent job on their new alma mater song.

The highly successful program concluded with the audience joining in with the Singing Cadets and orchestra, in the ringing "Aggie War Hymn."

During the program Cadet Colonel Verne Scott appeared in (See JAMBOREE, Page 3)

J. F. Spragins



### Johnny Spragins to Edit Summer Batt

John F. (Johnny) Spragins, L. Company senior from Dallas, has been elected editor of the summer Battalion to fill the vacancy created when Dick Goad failed to regis-

"What a Lot of Hay These Buildings Would Hold . . ."

### Lack of Girls, Aggie Traditions, Kindness to Dogs Astound Frogs

By M. C. Kury

A newly arrived country boy in a large city, a landlubber seeing the ocean for the first time, and an old-timer using "that thar new-fangled invenshun," run a close parallel to an Aggie Frog and his first impressions of A. & M. College.

Not that all the new freshmen are country boys, landlubbers or old-timers, but the size, strangeness, and peculiarities of the college are enough to make any Frog's head swim.

One thing that seemed to impress most of the newcomers the first day, was the length of the many different lines, and the slowness with which they moved. "Bring on the depression! I can stand in anything that resembles a bread line, now," exclaimed John Wier, glancing down at his tired feet. The look on the faces of his fellow sufferers showed that they sympathized with him.

The size of the land area A. & M. covers, and the amount of

### Kearby, Benson, Haggard, Wilson Will Lead Class of 1947 Through Summer

### Junior Class Elects King As President

At a meeting in the "New Y" on June 11, the Second class of 1947 elected Bob King president of the class for the current semester. King, whose home is Eastland, Texas, accepted his office and stated with firm determination his intention to do his best. To assist King in his work, Al Prensall of Tabor, Texas, was elected vice-president, and "Mac" McCallum of Galveston who chosen for the office of secretary-treasurer.

To provide the corps with candidates from its class for Junior Yell leader, Martin Vick and O. Baker were chosen.

In adjourning its first meeting of the semester, the class voted to hold more frequent meetings than has been the custom in the past. The purpose of this action will be to appoint committee to work toward a solution of the various problems that arise.

ter for the summer semester, it was announced today by the Student Activities office.

Members of the senior class, at the request of the Student Activities office, made the selection of Spragins to serve in the emergency, and although it has been some time since he worked on a student newspaper, Spragins consented to serve the corps until an election could be held, it was stated.

Spragins is a graduate of North Dallas High School where he worked on the staff of "The Compass," as make-up editor, reporter and feature writer. He is a pre-law student and is an ex-serviceman, holding an honorable discharge from the navy.

"I intend to carry on the finest traditions of The Batt as the corps' own newspaper. I invite the cooperation of every Aggie in making this possible," the new editor stated.

Position vacancies exist in all departments, it was stated, and while many promising newcomers are now trying out for the staff, there is still need for additional (See SPRAGINS, Page 4)

Three officers to assist President J. B. Kearby during the new semester were chosen by the Senior class in its first summer meeting last week. Kearby, who hails from Coronado, California, was named to succeed retiring President Dan McGurk at the last meeting of the spring semester.

Russell Benson of San Angelo, Texas, was selected to be vice-president of the class, while the offices of secretary and treasurer went to Scott Haggard of Plano, Texas and Bob Wilson of El Paso respectively.

Sponsorship of a corps dance featuring a nationally known orchestra, to be held during the summer semester, was approved by a unanimous vote of the class. Plans for the affair were discussed in detail, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements through the Student Activities office to secure an outstanding name band for the affair. The class also discussed plans for other activities, many of a social nature, to be undertaken during the summer.

### 100 Per Cent Goal Set for Seventh War Loan Drive

With 100 per cent participation by the Corps as the goal, the Texas A. & M. student war loan drive for the mighty Seventh War Loan will swing into action Monday and will continue through the period June 18-30, according to Verne Scott, Corps Commander, who has been designated bond drive chairman by W. L. Penberthy, general college war bond chief.

"This time we want every Aggie represented, regardless of how little each may be able to buy. Stamps and bonds purchased since May 15, this year, will be counted," Scott stated.

Company commanders will be asked to survey their organizations, reporting by name the individual war bond or stamp purchases during the period of the drive or since the beginning of the nation-wide Seventh War Loan, May 15th.

"This may be the last war loan during wartime, so let's make it the best one yet," Penberthy stated. "You purchase a part of the good old USA when you buy bonds and stamps. I am confident the Aggies will reach the goal of 100 per cent participation. This will be strictly a student drive as the fac- (See WAR BONDS, Page 4)