



Above are shown the Battalion staff members named by Editor-in-Chief R. L. Doss as the "Five Most Valuable." Left to right, J. A. Stansell, reporter; E. C. "Jeep" Oates, sports editor; James "Hymie" Critz, managing editor; Cecil DeVilbiss, editorial assistant, and Bill Murray, managing editor, and editor-in-chief.

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Ag School Has 294 Men Graduating

Engineering School Second With 215 of A Class of 643

Once again the School of Agriculture with 294 candidates for baccalaureate degrees leads the field at Texas A. & M. College, with the School of Engineering taking second place with 215. The School of Arts and Sciences ranks third with 56 and the School of Veterinary Medicine takes fourth place with a total of 47 students who will receive their doctor of veterinary medicine degrees.

Completing the class of 643 candidates, the largest in the history of the school, is the Graduate School, which has 28 candidates for master of science degrees and six for professional degrees in engineering subjects. All degrees will be conferred in the Kyle Field Stadium, Friday evening, June 2.

One student, Paschal Martin, of Gilmer, will receive two degrees as he has completed the work for a bachelor of science degree in both petroleum engineering and mechanical engineering.

For the first time in the history of Texas A. & M. the degree of bachelor of petroleum engineering will be conferred, with Duval A. Davidson Jr., of Houston, being the student to receive the honor.

FIRST SUMMER PAPER IS TO BE ISSUED TUESDAY

"The Summer Battalion", to be published weekly during the first semester of this year's summer session—and probably during the second semester also—will be the first summer publication in A. & M. history.

With a staff headed by Bill Murray as editor-in-chief, George Fuermann as managing editor and Don Burk as advertising manager, it is expected that the first issue will be published next Tuesday, at registration for summer school.

The paper will be slightly smaller in size than the regular "Battalion" and will be published to give the college and students an opportunity to get notices before the student body, to carry news occurring here during the summer months, and to furnish A. & M. with a publication which will tend to make summer school of greater interest to the students.

All students attending summer school during the first semester who wish to work on the staff are urged to get in touch with Bill Murray or George Fuermann.

AG ECO DEPT. ANNOUNCES ITS SUMMER TOUR

The second annual summer tour course of the Texas A. & M. Department of Agricultural Economics, involving 6,000 miles of travel in 20 states and two countries, will be conducted from July 1 to August 27, Prof. J. Wheeler Barger, head of the department, has announced.

Prof. L. S. Paine, of the department, will be in charge again this summer and will take a group on a tour through the southern and eastern states and return by way of Canada and the middle west. Problems of land use and the economic aspects of production will be observed in the regions visited, and special emphasis will be given to agricultural marketing operations in the large consuming centers.

The course carries six hours of college credit. All expenses on the trip, including transportation, meals and lodging, will amount to \$187.50 for the six-weeks period.

Press Club Heads



From left to right, the men above are George Smith, newly-elected president of the A. & M. Press Club; Larry Wehrle, new vice-president; and Jeff Montgomery, secretary-treasurer. They received their offices for the 1939-40 session in the election at the business meeting of the club following its annual banquet last week.

Williams To Attend World Breeders' Meet

Will Visit Ten Foreign Countries Besides Going To Meeting in Zurich

D. W. Williams, head of the Texas A. & M. College animal husbandry department, will make a comprehensive tour of Europe this summer to study animal production in several foreign countries.

As a delegate of the American Society of Animal Production, he will attend the International Congress of Animal Breeders which will be held in Zurich, Switzerland, August 9-12. However, he will have visited England, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Sweden, Germany, Russia and Czech-Slovakia before going to the Congress.

Upon completing his work there he intends to visit France for the purpose of studying the sheep industry near Rambouillet. He also will visit the Channel Islands and other livestock-producing centers of the Old World.

He will sail from New Orleans, Louisiana, June 15, and return to New York or Montreal from Liverpool, England, about Sept. 1.

"MARCH OF TIME" SHOOTS FILM HERE

A. & M.'s in the movies now! Last Friday and Saturday four men visited the campus of Texas A. & M., taking numerous motion picture shots of the military and the campus and student activities of the college, for "March of Time".

The men were Jack Glenn of New York, director—a Rice graduate and former cheer-leader; Jimmy Lederer, cameraman, who shot the picture "Too Hot To Handle"; Paul Willett of San Antonio, assistant cameraman; and Gene Glenn of Houston, assistant director.

"March of Time" is making its first feature-length picture, a five-reel film named "The Ramparts We Watch", dealing with the national defense of the United States. The subjects included in this film are the Regular Army, the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines, West Point and Annapolis, Randolph and Kelly Fields, and the R. O. T. C. Texas A. & M. is the only R. O. T. C. school pictured in the film, and represents it the R. O. T. C. of the nation.

The movie men took shots of demonstration maneuvers and tactics of every one of the seven military organizations of the college, and shots of the Coast Artillery theory classes in which all the coastal defense equipment of the school was used.

They "filled in" with campus shots of the boys going to and from between classes, of the Corps marching to the mess hall for dinner, of the Aggie Band playing, and other scenes. They will probably be back this week-end to shoot the Final Review.

For himself and his crew, director Glenn expressed a great pleasure in being here, in seeing this campus and eating in the mess hall and having a number of other new experiences. He declared their great appreciation for the cooperation and assistance given him by

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Junior Prom, Final Ball Plans Are Being Completed

Orders Now Being Taken on New Senior Rings for Next Year

The class of 1940 can order their senior rings now, according to information from the Registrar's office. The rings will be delivered at the beginning of school next year.

The Josten Jewelry Company of Owatonna, Minnesota, has the contract for the senior rings, and will send the order blanks very soon. However, if any man who will be a classified senior next year wants to order now, he can do so by filling out one of the old order blanks and it can be transferred later.

Only those who expect to be classified seniors next year will be allowed to order rings. If a junior puts up the \$3 deposit on a ring and then fails to classify as a senior next year, he will probably lose the deposit.

Ring orders are being handled in the Registrar's Office so that undergraduates cannot obtain rings.

Seniors of this year's graduating class may order rings from the Josten Company by waiting until after June 1, when the present contract with the Star Engraving Company of Houston expires.

Prices for the rings are somewhat cheaper than they were this year. The prices are \$18.50 for the 12 penny-weight ring, \$19.35 for the 13 pwt., \$20.20—14 pwt., \$21.05—15 pwt., \$21.90—16 pwt., \$22.75—17 pwt., and \$23.60 for the 18 pwt.

Anyone wishing to see one of the rings can do so at the Former Students Association Office in Room 104, Administration Building.

Herbie Kay Will Play for '40 Hop

Mess Hall Thursday Night Will Be Scene Of Junior Festivities

The nationally-known 14-piece orchestra of Herbie Kay will be heard at the Junior Prom and Final Ball, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 2.

The banquet before the Junior Prom will start at 7:15. Tickets may be bought at the door for \$2.50, and will be good for both the Banquet and the Prom. Favors and menus will be distributed at the Banquet. The favors will be heart-shaped lockets with mother-of-pearl fronts and with gold A. & M. seals in the center. Programs and menus will be fine maroon and white leather booklets, con-



HERBIE KAY

tracted for with the Southern Engraving Company. "Stags" as well as favors, programs, and menus. Elaborate decorations are being planned by Max McCullar, chairman of the decorations committee.

The sparkling rhythms of Herbie Kay will be heard during as well as after the banquet. This outstanding orchestra-leader had his start while a student at Northwestern University. His fraternity brothers persuaded him to organize his own band and dispense the dance tunes at their local Prom. At the completion of his college days, Herbie entered a well-known Chicago brokerage office. The members of his college orchestra kept hounding him to resign from his job and form an orchestra, and in the end prevailed upon him to do so.

From this point on, Herbie Kay's meteoric rise to national recognition in the world of music is history. Making his professional debut at Chicago's famous Trianon Ballroom, Kay was an instantaneous hit. From the Trianon he moved his aggregation of musicians to the Blackhawk Restaurant in downtown Chicago. His sparkling dance rhythms, now heard throughout the land via the networks of the Mutual, Columbia, and National Broadcasting Systems, have caught the fancy of dance-lovers everywhere.

Wynne Faire is Kay's vocalist, and Puzzy Combs, featured instrumentalist. Herbie Kay and his orchestra have appeared at the following hotels and supper clubs throughout the country: Five engagements at the famed Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago; four engagements at Meadowbrook Country Club, St. Louis; four engagements at the Baker Hotel, Dallas; and many others, including the Rice Hotel, Houston; the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco; and the Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati. Kay and his orchestra hold records throughout the entire country for the thousands of dancers who have attended their one-night engagements.

Thomas Mann, German novelist, has been awarded the Cardinal Newman award for 1937 by Newman Foundation at University of Illinois campus.

Aggies Do NOT Prefer Blondes—To Judge by Choices Made at TSCW

Upsetting various theories and the hopes of all blonde entrants in the competition for the six most beautiful girls at Texas State College for Women, the five gentlemen from Aggiedom made the final choices not only picked four brunettes but left out the blondes entirely. Selected from the sixteen nominees from all four classes, the dark-haired beauties are Misses Margie Smith, senior from Llano; Doris Harrison, freshman nominee from Tuckerman, Ark.; Naomi Boutwell, Terrell sophomore; Edith Eppright, senior from Charlotte, selected at large. Miss Elsie Black of Hallsville, junior chosen at large, is suburban-haired; and Miss Corinne Zimmeric, Dallas junior, is a brunette.

Each of the girls are featured in full-page pictures in the Daedalian yearbook. Their identities were kept secret until they were presented at the Senior Formal Prom by Editor Doris Coats. Cadets W. D. Barton, Longhorn editor; Andy Rollins, scholarship society president; Joe Boyd, outstanding football player; Bob Adams, senior president; and Bill Smith, Battalion advertising manager, were the blonde-banning judges.

Bus Lines Offer Cut Rate Trips To Both World's Fairs

This year the cost of highway transportation reaches an all time low in the announcement that the Greyhound Lines and other bus companies throughout America are offering a sensationally low fare of \$69.95 from any point in the United States to both the New York World's Fair and the San Francisco Golden Gate Exposition and return. At this rate, the cost will in many instances run less than 1¢ per mile, since passengers are allowed wide choice of routes to take in famous vacation and historical spots, and routes will vary from 6,000 to 9,000 miles.

Gladys Swarthout, Don Cossack Chorus To Appear on 1939 Town Hall

BY WALTER SULLIVAN

Gladys Swarthout, the noted American soprano, will appear on the 1939-40 A. & M. Town Hall next fall, it was assured in a telegram from her manager just received. Also assured for the Town Hall programs are the Don Cossack Russian chorus and the Houston Symphony Orchestra. With such programs as these, it seems certain that the 1939-40 Town Hall will be a success.

What the name of Gladys Swarthout has come to stand for in American music is expressed in the words of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's music critic who began his comments on her latest recital in that city—"An American beauty, both as regards personal and vocal endowment, Gladys Swarthout has skyrocketed to fame and grand opera, in the concert field, over the radio, and in sound films."

The students of A. & M. know this great singer as a woman with a beautiful face and figure, a delightful personality, and a wonderful voice.

During the last four years Miss Swarthout has starred in four Paramount sound films, "Rose of the Rancho", "Give Us This Night", "Champagne Waltz", and "Romance in the Dark". She has been the star of several important radio series, and has appeared as guest artist on innumerable outstanding programs.

Statements made in review columns of all the large newspapers over the United States have nothing but praise for this talented young singer. According to the Detroit News she is a "double-barreled source of delight", and according to the Kansas Times, has "a voice as lovely as herself". No one has to be told that this woman is loved, and it was only year before last that she was named one of the ten most beautiful women in the world.

The Cossacks are coming—but no longer the wild-riding conquerors in battle. The original Don Cossack Chorus, composed of 36 stalwart Russians, ex-officers of the Czar's Imperial army, will appear on the Texas A. & M. Town

Hall, also next fall. Conquerors still, they march to peaceful victories under the command of their diminutive leader, Serge Jaroff, one of the world's best conductors. Since they organized during the latter part of 1923 in a prison camp near Constantinople, these Cossacks have made history as the greatest singing organization in the world. Their record of over 3000 concerts given in Europe, England, and Australia has never been equaled. It is believed that a Don Cossack concert will prove to be a thrilling experience. According to newspapers the world over, the exultant fervor of their voices in Russian sacred music, the passionate longing expressed in their folk song, and the riotous accompaniment of shouts, whistling, and frenzied dancing in their Cossack war songs make a program that, once heard, is never forgotten. The singers are excited forever, and it is through their singing that they best express their longing for their mother country which must forever remain a memory. Attending the Don Cossack concert next November 16 should prove a memorable experience, and it shouldn't be missed.

The third program to be presented next year, one that has already been arranged for, is the Houston Symphony Orchestra. Nothing more than a statement to the effect that it will be here is necessary, for the students of A. & M. are already well acquainted with their ability to play classical and semi-classical music as it should be played. Not one person on this campus who heard their concert this last year can be quoted as saying that he did not like the program.

Several other programs of the same caliber as have been mentioned above are being contacted at present, and the result of the committee's work will, in all probability, be that Texas A. & M. Town Hall will have a series of programs that will be unequalled.

Final Band Concert Thursday Starts 63rd Commencement

The final band concert of the present school year will be held Thursday afternoon, June 1, at 4:30 p. m. in front of the Administration Building. This concert will mark the start of the Sixty-third Commencement Program of the A. & M. College of Texas.

The concert promises to be a very interesting one as the senior members of the Band will choose the numbers to be played, which should be agreeable to everyone.

"This is the last concert the senior members of the Band will play at Texas A. & M., and the boys would really appreciate a good turnout for the affair," Colonel R. J. Dunn, bandmaster, states.

Those who attend can sit in the shade of the Administration Building. Those with cars may park their cars along the circle drive and walk into the Formal Gardens and sit there in the shade.

SEVEN EXES GRADUATE FROM FLYING SCHOOL

Seven A. & M. former students graduated, last Thursday, from the United States Air Corps Advanced Flying School at San Antonio. The seven graduates were James C. Barham, '36; Walter S. Rector, '39; Charles E. Gregory, '38; T. H. Watkins, '40; Captain Leroy Hudson, '27; First Lieutenant W. L. "Cerry" Lee, '27; and M. F. Itz, '38.

Following graduation the men received their "wings" as airplane pilots, commissions as Second Lieutenants, Air Corps Reserve, and orders detailing them to extended active duty with tactical units with the Army Air Corps for a period of three or more years. After this initial three-year period, they have the option of continuing on extended active duty for an additional two years as a First Lieutenant. At the end of the original three-year period of active duty the men will be given a bonus of \$500.