

# The Summer BATTALION

The Weather  
Fair and Warmer

Today's Editorial  
Summer Time . . . Ho Hum

VOL. 1    PHONE 8    COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 16, 1939    Z725    NO. 2

## SENIOR EXEMPTIONS, WEEK-EARLY FINAL REVIEW, RULED

### 10 Big Short Courses Slated This Summer

#### Cottonseed Oil Session Is First Beginning Monday

Ten big short courses have been scheduled for this summer session.

The first has already taken place—the State Veterinary Medical Association convention, June 6 and 7.

Next Monday through Friday will take place the Cottonseed Oil Mill Superintendents Short Course, under the supervision of Dr. C. C. Hedges, head of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering. One hundred men are expected to be on the campus to attend this course.

Third on the list is the County Superintendents and Supervisors Conference, June 26 through 29, under Dean T. D. Brooks, head of the School of Arts and Sciences; and fourth is the Texas School Administration Conference, June 27 through 30, under W. L. Hughes, head of the Education Department.

Other short courses following these are the Farmers' Short Course, Junior Division, July 5-7, and the Farmers' Short Course, Adult Division, July 12-14; the Firemen's Training School, July 16-21; the Farm Security Administration Conference, July 31-August 4; the Air Conditioning Short Course, July 31 and August 17-19; and the annual Short Course for Coaches, August 20-26.

#### Frank Speaight, Distinguished English Actor, to Be First On Entertainment Series Next Thursday

##### Newest Building Project



Pictured above is the foundation recently laid for A. & M.'s newest building project, the \$20,000 American Legion cooperative project house being constructed in the area just north of the present fifteen campus project houses. It will be occupied next regular session by sons of American Legionnaires. The South Texas district of the American Legion lately held its district convention in Bryan.

Frank Speaight, distinguished English actor, will present one of his entertaining Dickens Recitals Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, June 22, in the Assembly Hall.

Mr. Speaight's reputation as an actor is of the highest type. His recitals on other college campuses have won the ardent praise of student bodies in Europe as well as in America. He possesses the rare gift of being able to carry his audience to the depth of pathos one moment and swing it back to mirth the next instant.

Early in his career Mr. Speaight decided to specialize in the works of Charles Dickens. The unusual appeal of Dickens is surpassed by no other author. The rollicking hits of laughter in "Pickwick Papers," the intense drama in "A Tale of Two Cities," the lovable story of Little Nell, and others make up a program which delights every audience.

Mr. Speaight's stage ability makes any character a live, real, person—whether it be an old man, a young girl, or a gaunt horse, as in "Pickwick."

Press notices of praise and commendation on Mr. Speaight's performances are abundant. B. L. Perkinson, President of Mississippi State College, expressed as follows his student body's reaction to the actor's performance: "As an actor and a lecturer, we have not seen his superior in years. Dickens' characters actually came to life and marched across the platform for an hour and forty minutes, and still the audience asked for more."

#### Graduation, Final Review To Come Week Before Exams

Passing Seniors Exempted; Special Exams Provided

##### GRADUATION EXERCISES

WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY AND FINAL REVIEW SATURDAY, ONE WEEK BEFORE THE END OF THE REGULAR SESSION; ALL SENIORS WITH PASSING GRADES WILL BE EXEMPT FROM FINAL EXAMINATIONS, AND SENIORS WHO ON APRIL 1 LACK NOT MORE THAN TWO SUBJECTS MAY TAKE SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS IN ORDER TO GRADUATE, ACCORDING TO NEW REGULATIONS JUST ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A. & M.

A senior who on April 1 lacks not over two subjects, including his current program, and has a mathematical chance to graduate at the end of the semester, may be allowed a special examination in each of two subjects taken subsequent to his junior year. Such special examinations are to be scheduled on designated Saturday afternoons about May 1.

Classes for candidates for graduation will close on the second Wednesday preceding the close of the session, and semester grades will be reported to the Registrar by 5 p. m. that day.

Candidates for graduation with passing grades will be exempt from examinations; but those whose grades are below passing, and those who wish to try to raise their grades, may take semester examinations on the following day (Thursday) at a time to be set by the head of the department involved. Semester grades with examination given a weight of one-third are to be reported to the Registrar by 5 p. m. the same day.

#### Lal "Frog" Wadhvani, A True Aggie, Succumbs to Death After Long Illness

A streptococcal infection of the heart last Friday prevailed in an eight-month battle for the life of an Aggie, and Saturday last rites were held for Lalchand H. ("Lal") Wadhvani, 24, of Hyderabad (Sind) India.

Since his entry at Texas A. & M. College in 1935 Wadhvani had been known as "Frog", the appellation of first-year students who enter A. & M. at mid-term. Wadhvani, a transfer from John Tarleton, liked his nickname so well that he insisted upon retaining it even after he became a sophomore.

Stricken last October, Wadhvani's Hindu stoicism with an admixture of Aggie spirit amazed physicians, who held little hope for his recovery from the inception of the illness.

Aggies responded with a will when dictors called for volunteers to give blood for transfusions for the popular dark-skinned fellow-student who so willingly had conformed to regulations and restrictions placed on new students at Aggieland.

A dozen blood transfusions prolonged the Indian student's life; and injections of sulfanilamide reduced his fever to normal from 105 degrees, bringing renewed hope for ultimate recovery; but since Easter Sunday little hope had been held.

"Frog" Wadhvani knew death was near, and his last request to Mrs. Irene "Mom" Claghorn, beloved Aggie hospital "mother" for 20 years, was to be taken outside the college hospital to see the Aggies march for the last time on his birthday May 23. This request was granted, and it was only then that "Frog" Wadhvani allowed the little Christmas tree, placed in his room last December by the A. & M. Mothers' Club of College Station, to be removed from the table beside his bed.

Following funeral services by Rev. Norman Anderson Saturday, the body was taken to San Antonio for cremation; and his ashes are to be returned to India and his father, Hotchand G. Wadhvani, a government official at Hyderabad.

Another Aggie, D. H. Bhawani, graduate student, of Hyderabad, will convey the remains to Hyderabad personally within a fortnight.

#### Summer Directory Is Issued With Battalion

Today is being issued the complete faculty and student directory of all those at A. & M. for the first semester of the 1939 summer session. Included are the total enrollment of 1,357 students, 200 instructors, and all the administrative officers of the college.

The directory has been prepared and is being issued to subscribers with this copy of The Summer Battalion, with the compliments of the staff. All those not subscribing to the paper may get their copies of the directory at Room 126 Administration Building, at 10 cents a copy. Or they may obtain a free copy of the directory by subscribing to The Summer Battalion, the rates being only 25 cents for the first semester or 50 cents for both semesters.

The Summer Battalion will be issued each Friday of the summer session from now on. It was not issued Friday of last week, the first week of summer school; instead, free introductory copies were distributed to the students registering Tuesday of last week.

##### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Summer School and the clerical staff of the College will observe July 3 as a holiday instead of July 4.—THE PRESIDENT

#### Col. Ernest O. Thompson Speaks About Oil Proration for Lecture Here



COL. ERNEST O. THOMPSON

"An Administrator's View on Proration and Conservation of Oil and Gas" was the topic of Railroad Commissioner Ernest O. Thompson of Austin, who delivered the

Wednesday address of the series on conservation of natural resources at A. & M. College.

The lectures comprise a special course being presented to summer school students in agricultural economics; but the public is cordially invited to attend the daily lectures held at 10 each morning in the Civil Engineering lecture room.

Col. Thompson is probably the best-posted man in the country today on the oil business, having made a detailed study of the situation during his tenure as a member of the Texas Railroad Commission. He also represents Texas on the State's Oil Compact Board, and long has been an advocate of conservation of natural resources, especially oil and gas.

Tuesday's lecture was delivered by John W. Pritchett, of the State Board of Water Engineers, Austin, who spoke on "Law Governing the Control and Use of the Water Resources of the State".