

Annual Elephant Walk To Be Held Thursday Morning

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Bonfire and Dance Scheduled For Wednesday Night

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Exes To Meet In 'Y' Lobby Turkey Day

Plans for Handling Visitors During Day Arranged by School

A. & M. ex-student headquarters for Thanksgiving day will be located in the Y. M. C. A., the Former Student's Association has announced. An information desk will be located there for the benefit of A. & M. men. Due to the difficulty of moving from one place to the other on the campus, the Association office in the Administration building will be closed. Headquarters for Texas University for the day will be at Guion Hall.

Rest rooms for women will be open in the first three ramps of Law and Puryear, the Y. M. C. A., Guion Hall, the lounge on the bottom floor of Kiest Hall, the Gymnasium and at the Athletic field. Check rooms will be located at the Y. M. C. A. There will be a charge of 10c per article checked.

In case of rain, the Department of Landscape Art and the Dairy Farm will furnish trucks and tractors for the purpose of pulling visitor's car out of the mud in the parking areas.

In case of dry weather additional parking space will be available south of the new dining hall.

Meals will be served at both dining halls to visitors and guests of students. Charge will be 35c per person. Students and their guests will be served at eleven o'clock. All other visitors will be served beginning at eleven-thirty.

93 MECHANICAL ENGINEERS MAKE INSPECTION TRIP

A group of 93 Mechanical Engineering seniors and five instructors recently completed a tour of inspection of the Texas Electric Steel Casting Company in Houston.

The party left college last Wednesday morning and spent the greater part of the afternoon in the foundry of the casting company. Later they visited the Gable Street Plant of the Houston Power and Light Company where they were shown the new high-speed turbo-generators. The party arrived back in college at 9 o'clock that night.

The instructors accompanying the party were A. V. Brewer, W. E. Long, C. M. Simmang, L. G. Barryman, and K. M. Loughmiller. The Texas Electric Steel Casting Company has announced the awarding of cash prizes for the three best papers presented in competitive writing on what the individual student learned on this tour through the foundry. The awards are for 50, 35, and 15 dollars respectively.

Committee Passes On Dance Schedule For Spring Term

The dance schedule for the year and the allotment of the remaining benefit shows were taken up at a meeting Monday afternoon of the Student Activity Committee. The formal notification of clubs given the benefit show will be done this week, E. L. Angell, student activity advisor on the committee announced today.

The committee, headed by J. W. Williams, also set the admission price for the next performance of Town Hall which is to be the Houston Symphony Orchestra on December 12. The single admission price for cadets and high school students will be 50 cents while the admission price for adults will be \$1.50. However, anyone holding a reserve seat season ticket may purchase a single admission for adults for \$1.00.

Appointment Of Flight Operator Holds Up Training

Only 19 Students Pass Preliminary Exams For Flight Training Course

According to word received from Dean Gibb Gilchrist's office yesterday, the appointment of a flight operator by the Civil Aeronautics Authority is the outstanding obstacle for the beginning of air training here. It is understood that this appointment is to be made in the near future.

So far only 19 students who have passed the preliminary physical examination have been recommended to the C. A. A. by the Department of Engineering. However, there are more than enough applicants who have passed this first exam to fulfill the allotment to almost 100.

The field has not been worked on in any way. It is expected to require about four days to clear the field of obstacles and to provide a north-south runway. Actual flying should begin a short time after the Thanksgiving holidays.

DECEMBER 1ST GRADES WILL BE SENT TO PARENTS

The parents of A. & M. students will soon be sent a report on how well their son is progressing in school work.

The instructors are giving the "B quizzes" this week in preparation for turning in the grades to the Registrar's office by December 1st.

The week following December 1st the Registrar's office will send a report of the student's grades through December 1 to his parents. This year, for the first time, there will also be a report of all unexcused absences incurred by the student during this semester sent in to parents.

A duplicate copy of the report will be sent to the dean of the school in which the student is enrolled. These Deans will take whatever action they think best regarding those students whose reports are unsatisfactory.

Wife of Department Head Seriously Ill

Mrs. J. B. Bagley, formerly Miss Helen Bittle who was reared on the A. & M. campus, is seriously ill at the Plaza Hotel in Houston. Mrs. Bagley is the wife of Professor John B. Bagley, for many years head of the Textile Department here, and is the mother of Tom B. Bagley, '31, Houston. Her father, the late Dr. Bittle, was for many years chaplain of A. & M.

According to word received from Mr. Bagley, Mrs. Bagley will be brought back to her home here at A. & M. about the 1st of December or as soon thereafter as possible.

Kraft Co. Gives Reason For Not Broadcasting War Hymn

In a November issue of the Battalion it was stated that the "Aggie War Hymn" would be played over the Kraft Music Hall program that night. Burt Burns had received a letter from Bing Crosby saying that he would use our song. Much to everyone's disappointment our "War Hymn" was not played. Following is a letter received a few days ago explaining why our song was not played:

Nov. 21, 1939
Bill Murray, Editor,
The Battalion,
College Station, Texas.
Dear Mr. Murray:
Your letter on November 7th, to the president of the Kraft Cheese Corporation, has been referred to me. Here is the story.
On October 16th, W. W. Sullivan Jr., student manager of your Town Hall, and B. H. Burns, a senior yell-leader, wrote Bing a letter giving him some excellent material on Texas A. & M. Bing's reply was to thank them and agree that he would use it to give the Aggies

Houston Symphony To Appear on Town Hall December 12

Orchestra Made Big Hit With Aggie Audience In Performance Last Year

The Houston Symphony Orchestra will appear under the auspices of Town Hall at College Station on December 12, with the program starting at 7:30 p. m.

The brilliant performance given by this masterful group of musicians last year was said to be accepted as the outstanding program of the year; three encores were necessary before the program could be brought to a close.

Most striking is the versatility of the programs this orchestra offers, and equally appreciated is the beauty and feeling the musicians are able to transmit from their instruments, many of which are special or foreign made.

Ernest Hoffman, conductor, is due a vast amount of credit in regard to the success of the Houston Symphony, for his efforts are painstakingly applied, and no detail does he omit. Soon after his graduation from Harvard, Mr. Hoffman went abroad where he played in and conducted some of the finest symphony orchestras in Europe. At present he has original orchestrations in the Houston Symphony's repertoire, only a few of which exist.

The members of the Houston Symphony are strictly professional, and they are masters of their respective instruments, which accounts for the unusually keen ability with which they play.

Season tickets for Town Hall are still available and may be purchased at the original price.

COOPERATIVE LEADER TO MAKE TALK MONDAY

An address on the "Cooperative Marketing of Dairy Products" will be given Monday morning, at 8 o'clock and at 10 o'clock in Room 312 of the Agriculture Building by A. B. Tarwater of Plainview, according to J. Wheeler Barger, head of the Agricultural Economic Department.

The address has been arranged by the Department of Agricultural Economics, primarily for students in the course in Cooperative Marketing, but is open to the general public.

Mr. Tarwater has served several terms in the Texas Legislature, and has been prominent in matters relating to agriculture, conservation, and reclamation.

He lives on and manages his own farm and has been a prominent leader in the cooperative movement in Texas. For some time he has been president of The Plains Cooperative, Inc., which operates several creameries and other cooperative ventures in West Texas.

While in California Champion Hitch-Hiker, Keyes Carson, Had Many Unusual Rides, And Time for Radio Broadcast

By George Fuermann
Editor's note: This is the third in Fuermann's series of four articles relating the adventures and happenings of Keyes Carson on his record-breaking cross-country hitch-hiking trip this past summer. The first two articles in the series appeared in The Battalion of November 21 and 23.

Many colleges and universities have their All-American football players—Aggieland included—but only Texas A. & M. has an All-American hitch-hiker. He's Keyes Carson who journeyed from Texas to New York in less than two days and then from New York to San Francisco in four days—via the thumb!
While in San Francisco, Keyes spent most of his time viewing the Golden Gate World's Fair Exposition, but he also found time to appear on a major radio program. On Thursday afternoon, July 6, Keyes bid the Pacific coast city farewell and headed back to his home state—Texas.

Church Speaker



Dr. DeWitt C. Baldwin, national secretary of student work for the Methodist Church, who spoke at the A. & M. Methodist Church to various congregational and student groups, this past Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Dr. Baldwin is a world traveler and is noted as a fine speaker.

JUNIOR MILITARY CONTRACTS TO BE SIGNED MONDAY

The actual signing of all junior contracts will begin at 1 p. m. Monday. In an announcement made by the Military Science Department it was learned that after the above stated time all juniors receiving contracts for advanced training are expected to report at their first vacant period to sign their contracts. The actual signing will require only the brief time necessary to affix three signatures.

These contracts are dated for September 31, 1939, and extend to the end of the course not exceeding two years. This indicates that students here for three years after completing their basic training are not eligible for more than two years of advanced training.

The first payroll, amounting to twenty-five cents per day from September 21, to December 31, will be paid sometime in January.

12 NATIONS ARE REPRESENTED ON A. & M. CAMPUS

Students from practically all surrounding nations are represented at A. & M. this school year, according to reports made by the Cosmopolitan Club, a student organization.

There are 97 foreign students enrolled in A. & M., representing 12 different nations as follows: Central America 3, Canal Zone 6, Cuba 1, Hawaii 4, India 3, Ireland 1, Mexico 37, Palestine 1, Persia 1, Puerto Rico 23, South America 14, and North West Indies 3.

The Cosmopolitan Club, which is an international organization on the A. & M. campus, has a membership comprised of these students, American students, and school faculty. The latter group is supposed to constitute at least 50 per cent of the total club enrollment.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the second meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club will be held in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A. Refreshments will be served.

Greatest Crowd in History of A. & M. Will Swamp Aggie Campus Thanksgiving

COMMITTEE ON ZONING OF CITY HEARS REPORTS

A report on proposed city ordinances for College Station was given by the Zoning Committee at a meeting of the City Council this week. The report consisted of the suggested regulations of land use by setting aside areas for business and dwelling districts.

A motion at the council meeting was passed permission to the Student Welfare Committee to appoint one student to represent the student body at council meetings.

A public hearing of the proposed zoning ordinances was set for December 8th at 7 p. m. in the Physics lecture room.

The only point in the proposed ordinances arousing controversy was the location of business areas. The committee on zoning desired to prevent over zoning of business districts (caused by pressure of land owners) to prevent unsightly idleness of land. It was said in the report that by zoning as business areas only those blocks where businesses are already established, sufficient business frontage for a population of 20,000 would be established.

The report showed that opinion of residents is opposed to a business area on the cross road near the new school. Residents also oppose a business district in the new undeveloped area opposite the project houses although a petition for

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Glee Club Appears At Houston Theater

Last Saturday at 12:20 noon, immediately after the corps parade in Houston, the A. & M. Glee Club made a stage appearance at the Loew State Theater there. The club had the pleasure of singing four numbers to a large crowd at that hour. The program was opened with "The Aggie War Hymn," which was followed by the songs: "I Love A Parade," "Drive Goes Down," "God Bless America," and "Stout Hearted Men." As a courtesy of the theater management, some forty-five members of the club plus the dates of several, were treated to the feature showing on the stage at that time.

The Glee Club is scheduled to sing on December 9, from Guion Hall, over station WBAP, Fort Worth. This program is in keeping with a regular monthly radio schedule now arranged for the rest of the school year. The remainder of this series are for January 27, February 24, March 23, April 20, and May 18.

Unexpected Guest Addresses Marketing And Finance Club

The Marketing and Finance Club was to have had an important business meeting last Wednesday night.

Some of the more important business was discussed, and then Charlie Hamner, who was presiding in the absence of club president, Woody Varner, noticed that Tom

Power had brought a rather distinguished-looking visitor with him to the meeting. Upon asking Tom to introduce his visitor, it was learned that he was Tom's uncle, Louie Drockenheimer, from New Braunfels. After welcoming Mr. Drockenheimer to the meeting, the club business was continued.
At the cessation of the business a discussion arose concerning the present European war and a rather hot discussion was inaugurated concerning Hitler and his policies. All was well until Paul Haines gave the cue by stating that he thought Hitler should be shot and Germany put under the control of the Allies. At that statement, there was a sudden outburst of stuttering, stammering English mixed in with a little German and a decided German accent. This came from Mr. Drockenheimer, who was on his feet expressing his astonishment at the narrow attitude taken by supposedly intelligent college students. With much stuttering.

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Aggie Profs Trying To Revive Spirit In Annual Play About A.&M. Campus Life

Dr. T. F. Mayo, Head Librarian, and Mr. R. L. Elkins of the Economics Department are endeavoring to revive the annual Aggie play. The men expressed a desire to cooperate with anyone who wishes to write a play. A prize will be given to the author of the play chosen. The deadline is the first of January.

C. O. Spriggs of the English Department and J. J. Woolket of the Modern Language department will coach the play.

The annual play was started in 1934 by Dr. Mayo who wrote and produced the first one. The original idea of the play was to show the drama of A. & M. life and also act as a vehicle for any talents found in the students.

During the period from 1934 to 1938 two of the plays were written and produced by the students. In 1935 Tom Brown of Houston wrote "The Aggies of '35," which was about the "Aggies Abroad." Again in 1937 Brown wrote the play which was entitled "Love From a Bridge." This play was directed by J. D. Metcalfe of Pearsall and the music written by Miss McNeely of Byran, who was at that time a summer school student here.

In the spring of 1938 the first play, which was written by Dr. Mayo, was again produced with Roy Young playing the part of the country boy that had been played by "Honk" Irwin in 1934.

TRAFFIC RULES MADE TO EASE THANKSGIVING TRAFFIC JAM

The office of the Commandant has announced the following program regarding College Station traffic on Thanksgiving Day: To relieve a large part of the downtown visitors the Commandant is requesting that all students and College Station residents owning automobiles refrain from using their vehicles during the late morning and the afternoon of November 30 except in cases of emergencies.

Approximately seventy A. & M. students have been appointed temporary military police to direct the heavy traffic at strategic points on the campus, to prevent parking on both sides of the streets, and to direct the visitors to the free parking areas. These areas are the drill field and that area west of Law Hall, the area between Kyle Field and the project houses, and the area immediately south of the new mess hall.

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Friday Afternoon All of 38,336 Seats Had Been Sold

Shorthorn-Fish Battle Wednesday Afternoon To Start Holiday Program

The greatest influx of visitors in the history of A. & M. will descend on the campus Thanksgiving with an anticipated attendance of some 40,000 people. The game is dedicated to Jesse Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, who was instrumental in securing the new dormitories.

E. W. Hooker, secretary of the Athletic Department, announced at 3 p. m. Friday that tickets for only 40 bleacher seats remained. Mr. Hooker also stated that students would be allowed to sit with their dates in the student section but that coupons would not be good for the student's dates. Bonded fiscal department employees will assist seniors at the gates. Total available seating capacity for the game will be 38,336, counting the special bleacher seats and the box seats that are being constructed around the field.

The first event on the Thanksgiving Program will be the clash between the Longhorn and Aggie Freshman teams on Kyle Field Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday night after supper yell practice will be held on the drill field around the largest bonfire in the history of the school. There will be a Bon-Fire Dance at 9 p. m.

SENIORS TO HOLD ELEPHANT WALK THURSDAY MORN

Next Thursday morning at nine o'clock will again be the time for the traditional Elephant Walk by the seniors. To the participants it is an act of great significance that has an ancient history. Because of many conflicts the walk is being held at the announced time.

The Elephant Walk is held each year just before the Thanksgiving Day game with Texas University. The graduating seniors gather for the last ritual of the football year; they lay aside their dignity and pull their shirt tails out to march to the low mournful beat of the piccolo and the brass horn. The line of march is meandering and twisting, like the movements of a snake, and extends from the "Y" to the old mess hall and back.

This age old tradition dates back many years. It portrays the last journey of an old or wounded elephant that realizes he is of no further use to the remainder of the herd. He goes off to die alone so that the rest of the herd will not see him in his suffering. The graduating seniors are in the same humor about this time of the year. They realize that this is their last Thanksgiving game; they feel old and of no further benefit to the up and coming underclassmen that are still young and will see more games with the University. The seniors gather and are led on their way by two senior members of the band playing a sad and mournful dirge on the piccolo and the bass horn.

39 TELEPHONES ARE INSTALLED

Word was received today from M. C. Atkins, District Manager of the Southwest Telephone Company, that 39 telephones have been installed in the dormitories to date.

In addition to the telephones installed in the dormitories, 4 pay stations are to be installed as follows: 1 in the new mess hall, 1 in Kiest Hall, and 2 more scattered over the new dormitory area. A directory of the dormitory phones for this year may be found on the back page.