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## New RV's Initiated Sunday

### Braunig Chosen King; Slicker Is First Sergeant

Initiation of new members into the Ross Volunteer Company was held Sunday, beginning with a public demonstration on Kyle Field at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Formal initiation was held at 6 o'clock Sunday night in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion, followed by a banquet honoring the fifty-seven juniors and eight seniors who had been initiated as new members. After the banquet the election of King and non-commissioned officers for the company was held.

Hubert Braunig, E Field Artillery, was elected King to preside over the festivities held during the Ross Volunteer holidays.

Joe Slicker, D Coast Artillery, was elected first sergeant of the company, and Tom Stovell, A Coast Artillery, and Paul Haines, D Cavalry, were elected line sergeants.

New members for this year's R. V. Company were chosen from a list composed of two men representing each organization as selected by the organization commander. Selections from this list were made by the R. V. Company sponsors and recommended for membership.

Vernon Smith, 2nd Hq. Field Artillery, was in charge of initiations.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS TO BEGIN

### Junior Professional Positions In U. S. D. A. Are Offered Graduates

A consolidated Civil Service examination for junior professional positions in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, given a trial for the first time last year, has worked so successfully that the Civil Service Commission is expected to make the examinations, offering nearly 30 options, an annual affair.

Under the plan graduating seniors from A. & M. who pass the examination will be eligible for appointment about July 1, according to Dean of Agriculture E. J. Kyle. Announcement of the consolidated examination will be made by the Civil Service Commission about January 1, and the examination will be given about two months earlier than last year. In this way the graduating students will know if they are eligible for appointment before school closes.

The junior professional positions pay a starting salary of \$2,000 a year and offer good opportunity for advancement for capable workers, declares Dean Kyle.

Examinations will be given during the latter part of February or first of March in the following junior grades: administrative technician, agricultural economist, agronomist, animal breeder, biologist, chemist, engineer, entomologist, forester, information assistant, librarian, meteorologist, olericulturist, plant breeder, poultry husbandman, range examiner, rural sociologist, social psychologist, soil scientist, statistician, textile technologist, and veterinarian.

Last year the register of eligible applicants was almost exhausted for veterinarians, engineers, and administrative technicians. Demand for junior professional workers is expected to continue in 1940.

### DEAN BOLTON TO VISIT BRANCHES OF A. S. A. E.

Dean Bolton left recently on a trip through Kansas and Oklahoma, where he will visit various branches of the American Society of Extension Workers. He is vice-president of the seventh district of the A. S. E. E.

## What You'll See When the Curtain Goes Up Tonight



The eighty-five piece Houston Symphony Orchestra, shown above, which under the direction of Ernst Hoffman, conductor, will play for a capacity crowd tonight at 7:30 in Guion Hall. The orchestra, most widely known civic symphony in Texas, has chosen best-loved selections from Wagner, Beethoven, Tchaikowsky, Strauss, and Handel for its program.

## AIR TRAINING CONTRACT IS LET

### Kadette Aviation Co. Of Bryan Gets Award

The contract for flying operator for A. & M. College has been awarded to the Kadette Aviation Company of Bryan, according to Gibb Gilchrist, dean of the School of Engineering. The manager of the Kadette Aviation Company is T. H. Coffelt of Bryan.

Actual flying will begin January 15 at the 500-acre college airport to be located just west of Lake Shinola.

The flying operator is designated by the Civil Aeronautics Authority and will be paid \$290 for each student by the government. This is for the actual cost of the student's flying time. New airplanes will be used for the flying courses, which will be given 40 students at the expense of the federal government.

## M. W. WATSON IS BURNED BY LAB EXPLOSION

Miles W. Watson, laboratory assistant in charge of the M. E. department foundry, was burned about the face and hands Monday morning when an unmarked paper bag containing potassium chlorate ignited.

The potassium chlorate, a chalky-white powder, was one of the chemicals used for display purposes in the A. & M. Engineer's Day show, and had been stored in the tool room of the foundry. It is believed the flare-up occurred as Watson attempted to move the bag while holding a lighted cigarette.

He was treated by Dr. Marsh, college physician, and removed to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.

## Capacity Crowd To Hear Houston Symphony Orchestra In Guion Hall Tuesday Night

A capacity crowd is expected at the Town Hall program in Guion Hall Tuesday night for the performance of the Houston Symphony Orchestra. The performance will begin at 7:30 p. m. and will last approximately one and one-half hours.

Student tickets are available to those who have no season tickets, at fifty cents each, while reserved seat tickets may be had for \$1.50 apiece. Holders of season tickets can buy reserved seat tickets for one dollar apiece.

There will be a booth for the sale of student tickets and one for general admission tickets on either side of the front entrance to Guion Hall Tuesday night, according to W. W. Sullivan, manager of the A. & M. Town Hall.

The symphony orchestra has just finished an engagement in Austin, where their performance was the main entertainment feature of the inauguration of Dr. Homer P. Rainey as president of the University of Texas. The orchestra is now in its most extensive season of performances and has thirty definite engagements on its calendar. It will play at the Galveston Mardi Gras festival in February for the fourth consecutive year.

The performance of the symphony orchestra at A. & M. last year was the most largely attended and enthusiastically received program on the old Entertainment Series. This year's performance on the A. & M. Town Hall program is expected to bring an equality as large, if not larger attendance.

After the performance last January, conductor Ernest Hoffman stated that Guion Hall was the "jivest hall in this part of the country, and magnified every sound of the orchestra." He also said that he had never seen such an appreciative audience as he found at A. & M.

## TEXAS U. STUDENT IS A. & M. FAN; PRAISES OUR HOSPITALITY

From The "State Observer" of Austin, Texas

Exhibiting the folly which makes Americans at once objects of amazement and objects of enviable pluck to most foreigners, we joined 40,000 other Texans to trek through mud and mire to see the always-classic Thanksgiving game between A. & M. and Texas.

Every Texan gets big and proud when he sees A. & M. Being a Longhorn ex ourselves, we still feel the most intense pride when we see the College Station campus. Dozens of new buildings have gone up, there is an atmosphere of progress about the place, there is a sense of public service in the air. And remembering what A. & M. College means to hundreds of thousands of farm families like our own, it makes us ardent Aggie boosters.

Absolutely unequalled in Texas, and we guess, in the nation, is Aggie hospitality. We've heard ex-Aggies offer the criticism that a

boy's school's chief limitation is that it doesn't give much social polish. "We let our manners get sloppy, we don't learn much about mixing in company, we don't have that training in social amenities that every college ought to have," one said.

But these social amenities aren't necessary. Every cadet we've ever met there in dozens of trips to the college is full of genuine friendliness and hospitality, and that's the best social amenity we want.

They go out of their way to be friendly and helpful, and every cadet is a walking apostle of goodwill for his school. They're not afraid to say "Hello" to strangers, and the stranger feels at home right away. That lesson of genuine friendliness is the biggest thing anybody can learn, and A. & M. does it to a "T" for its cadets.

The biggest sight at the game itself was that of the cadet cheering. Every seat from the fifty-yard line to behind the goal line

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## Dr. H. P. Rainey Is One Of Youngest College Presidents In Nation Today

On December 9, Dr. Homer Price Rainey, former Texas league baseball player and director of the American Youth Association, was inaugurated president of the University of Texas. Dr. Rainey, who is only 43, happens to be one of the youngest college presidents in the country. The young athletic director is head of the university that is only 13 years older than himself.

Representatives of 300 colleges and educational societies were present to see the former professional pitcher become head of one of the richest universities in the nation.

According to the board of regents a young man was selected so that he might serve for at least 20 years.

Dr. Rainey will live with his wife and two daughters, Helen, 14, and Lenore, 11, in a new \$50,000 home on the campus, which the regents recently voted to build. The position of president of the University of Texas pays \$17,500 a year.

Dr. Rainey has broad plans for the university. In his inaugural address he stressed the geographical opportunity of the school to be an important factor in promoting cultural relations with Latin-American countries. He said that "Texas is situated geographically midway between the North and South American continents and is itself potentially one of the richest pieces of land in the world. This means that Texas is to have a destiny thrust upon her whether

## Jitterbugging Is On Way Out, Says Prof

The jitterbug is dying a slow death.

Within six months or a year the cave-man acrobatics and heavy, rhythmic thump of the species will be history, and civilized man will have triumphed again, if the prophecy of William Kimmel, instructor of music at Michigan State College, is fulfilled.

According to Mr. Kimmel, popular music has always traveled in constant cycles, changing from "hot" to "smooth and sweet," periodically. The jitterbug style is, or "was," merely a novelty.

Fewer and fewer of the "animals" have been noticed on ballroom floors this fall, and requests for "swing" and "jitterbug" tunes of last year have definitely fallen off. "Sweet" tunes characterized by slow tempo, decided lift and substantial rhythm, have superseded more bizarre tunes, according to the leader of a campus swing band. He says that these demanded tunes are those popularized by Glen Miller and Jack Teagarten, reputed to have the most modern swing bands in the country.

she wills it or not. Our relationships, therefore, with the Latin-American countries—cultural, scientific and economic—are to become increasingly significant."

Dr. Rainey was quoted as saying that the university was planning an institute of Latin-American studies, the aims of which will be facilitation of inter-American relationships.

Although he is young for a university president, he looks even younger. Even now he can throw a mean curve that he retained from his professional baseball career in the Texas league. He also gives the university's tennis stars a stiff match and blends a glee club tenor with student's voices at pep rallies.

## CONFERENCE OF COUNTY JUDGES ADJOURNS HERE

The conference for county judges and commissioners adjourned here Thursday. Judge Jake L. Loy, Grayson county, presided. It was decided to abandon their four regional meetings yearly and hold one session at the college to delve deeper into their problems.

Among the improvements discussed at the conference were the study of county lateral roads, county financing and budgeting, conservation of soil, and county home and farm demonstration work, tax assessing and collecting, and county purchasing.

Clarence E. Crow, assistant attorney-general, held a discussion on points of law concerning the bonding by counties and explained how some counties have overburdened themselves with unnecessary debt.

## Littlejohn Announces Schedule Of Aggieland For Christmas Holidays

Tommy Littlejohn leader of the Aggieland Orchestra, announced today the schedule of home-town dances during the Christmas Holidays for which the music will be furnished by the Aggieland Orchestra, and the open dates on which the orchestra may be secured for other dances. The open date of January 1 is expected to be filled by an engagement in New Orleans following the A. & M. Tulane post-season football game.

The following is a list of the dates and locations: Dec. 21, Wichita Falls; Dec. 22, Greenville; Dec. 23, Sherman; Dec. 24, Paris; Dec. 25, Temple; Dec. 26, San Angelo; Dec. 27, La Grange; Dec. 28, Orange; Dec. 29, Lufkin; Dec. 30, open; Dec. 31, Beaumont; Jan 1, open; Jan. 2, open.

One home-town club or other organization which wishes to secure the services of the Aggieland Orchestra for any of the remaining open dates should see Tommy Littlejohn or Jack Littlejohn as early as possible.

## SUGAR BOWL TICKETS ON SALE THIS MORNING

By E. C. "Jeep" Oates  
Battalion Sports Editor

E. W. Hooker, ticket manager of the Athletic Department, has announced that tickets for the Sugar Bowl game will go on sale at eight o'clock Tuesday morning, but added that only the \$2.75 tickets were left.

## Separated Seven Years; Brothers Discover Themselves Neighbors At A.&M.

After being separated for seven years two brothers recently met on the A. & M. campus as brother Aggies. That's the story of Harry P. and Charles H. Neuhardt.

To start from the beginning, the story goes this way. Both Harry and Charles were born in Sisterville, West Virginia. Harry was born in 1919, and his brother in 1921. Seven years ago Harry moved to Amarillo with his parents, but brother Charles stayed in Sisterville and lived with an aunt. Last year Harry came to A. & M. and was a fish in 'A' Field Artillery. This summer Charles also decided to come to A. & M. Harry heard about it, but wasn't able to find out what hall or organization his brother would be in.

At the first of school both were busy registering and didn't have time to look each other up. However, after school had been going a week they still hadn't seen each other. The unusual side to the situation is that both were living in the same hall, dorm No. 10, but just hadn't run across each other. Harry was still in 'A' FA, and Charles was in 1st Headquarters Battery.

Then one day it happened. Both A Battery and Headquarters decided to do a little moving. When the moving had ceased Harry had a room on the third stoop and decided to look around and see who his new neighbors were. The first place he looked was the room across the hall from him. On the door he saw the schedule card of his younger brother.

## BRAZOS MOTHERS INCREASE FUNDS

A recent donation of \$35.00 from the Brazos County A. & M. Mother's Club, of which Mrs. Ernest Langford is president, swelled the library's general reading fund to \$595.40.

Donations for this school year alone total nearly \$250.00. Included among these are donations from the Ft. Worth A. & M. Mothers' Club, Sonora A. & M. Mothers' Club, San Angelo A. & M. Mothers' Club, Temple A. & M. Mothers' Club, and the San Antonio A. & M. Mothers' Club.

## Welfare Committee Considers Joining Intercollegiate C. of C.

The Student Welfare Committee has received a letter from the National Intercollegiate Chamber of Commerce at Waco asking the committee to affiliate with them.

Dean F. C. Bolton, chairman of the Student Welfare Committee, has appointed a sub-committee to consider the matter consisting of Ed. F. Fullwood, Jack C. Bibbs, James P. Ledbetter, and Professor Daniel Russell. In case this sub-committee decides it will not be appropriate for the Student Welfare Committee to affiliate with the Chamber of Commerce, they will consider whether any other agency should properly be affiliated.

The sub-committee will make a recommendation at the next meeting of the Student Welfare Committee.

"A student may purchase a \$2.75 ticket for \$1.75 if he presents a coupon book, and will be allowed to buy two other tickets at the regular price so long as they last. To buy more than this number, student will have to present a letter from his home or from the people who want them," stated Hooker.

Dean E. J. Kyle, Chairman of the Athletic Council, stated that the Council would bear the one-dollar reduction in tickets to coupon-book holders to aid the students and encourage more of them to go to the game. Dean Kyle, Head Coach Homer Norton, Joe Utay of the Board of Directors and Hooker made the trip to New Orleans a few days ago to make arrangements for the game, tickets, hotels, and other things that present themselves. They came back with reports that the Athletic Department would take the Band to the game and that the Sugar Bowl would give the band game tickets. This is the first time the Bowl Association has ever consented to give away tickets to anyone.

The giant stadium costing close to one million dollars, was built after selling bonds. The bondholders have the privilege of purchasing a certain number of tickets and they have most of the choice seats. Dean Kyle stated that the way the stadium is built every seat in it is a good seat.

He also stated that all students must have their tickets before going to New Orleans as none will be available there.

Some 11,500 tickets have been allotted to the Aggies and their friends. All the choice seats of this group are scattered over the stadium, and only the end zone seats are all together.

The Tulane student body will sit in one end zone and the Aggies will have the other.

Anyone wanting hotel accommodations should write to the Hotel Association in New Orleans. Towns outside of the city have announced that they will do everything possible to accommodate the people unable to secure lodging in New Orleans.

The Sugar Bowl people are willing to do anything within reason to aid the visitors and are doing everything possible for their entertainment.

## Harvard Business School Offers 20 New Scholarships

BOSTON, Mass.—The Harvard Business School has announced that by consolidation of funds from four donors 20 to 25 national scholarships carrying a maximum stipend of \$1,000 would be granted for the first time to students entering the school in September, 1940. These scholarships are made possible by donations from the W. T. Grant Fund, the James C. Melvin Fund, the Jerome Jones Fund, and the Commercial Credit Company. They will be similar to the National Scholarships awarded by Harvard College to selected undergraduate students from certain states. The Business School is the second graduate school in Harvard University to announce a national scholarship plan.

Funds are available in sufficient amount to grant 20 scholarships of \$1,000 each, but it is expected that the average award will be slightly less than this figure. The amount granted to each successful applicant will depend on his financial need. If a satisfactory record is achieved in the first year, the applicant will be assured of adequate financial assistance through scholarships, loans, jobs, and other types of aid to permit him to complete the work for his M. B. A. degree in the second year. No public announcement will be made (Continued on page 3)