

The Battalion

GENERAL COLLINS STRONG IN PRAISE OF U. S. RESERVE ARMY AS TYPIFIED BY A. & M. R.O.T.C.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ARCHITECTS' BALL



Shown above are a group of the frolickers at the recent annual Architects' Ball, all garbed as famous characters from history. At the top, from left to right, are some of the faculty couples who attended as guests from the past: R. L. "Satch" Elkins, Mrs. O. R. Simpson, W. L. Penberthy, Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Elkins, and Mrs. Penberthy. Lower left: Carroll Martin and Mary Louise Griesenbeck. Lower right: Vernon Smith and Alice Thomas.

Sophomores, A. S. C. E. Swing Out In Festivities This Weekend

By Thomas Gillis

The two dances being held this week will fully usher in the social season on the Aggie campus. The Architects' Ball last week began the social whirl and the dances this week are the further beginnings of the social entertainment which will dominate campus activities each Friday and Saturday from now until final review. The Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers will have its first dance on Friday, February 23, followed on Saturday night by the Fourth Annual Sophomore Ball.

The dance being given by the Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers is the first dance given here by the student chapter of any engineering society. The Aggeland Orchestra has been engaged to play from 10 till 1 on Friday evening for the dance. Attending the dance will be all civil engineering students and all engineering administration students who are members of the club and their friends. Non-members may get bids to the dance for \$1.00 from any member. The chapter has arranged for a number of girls from Huntsville to attend the dance which will be held in the banquet room. Jack Doran and Carl Schneider are in charge of decorating the room, and they plan to show some of the work of the society. A life-size picture of a surveyor and a large A. S. C. E. shield will be part of

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J. H. Holt Selected As Champion At First Little Southwestern Contest

Freshman J. H. Holt of Big Lake was chosen as the champion fitter and showman of A. & M. Monday night in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion before 400 spectators as the Saddle and Siroloin Club staged the first annual Little Southwestern Livestock Show. As trophies of his victory over 65 other contestants, Holt, who was a member of the Reagan County 4-H Club Livestock Judging Team which won first place at the International Exposition in 1939, received a pair of hand-made cowboy boots donated by the Central Boot Company, and a purple banner presented by R. B. Dana of the A. H. Department and faculty, sponsor of the show.

Holt was champion of the sheep department with a fat lamb, and went on to win the grand championship over the champions of the cattle, horse and swine departments. Runner-up in the contest was Gordon Grote of Mason, champion of the cattle showmen with his Hereford steer.

Grand champion of the horse showmen was E. T. Rafferty of Gruver, with his Percheron mare. Champion swine showman was R. R. Gallaway of Glen Cove. The champion of each department won a medal, and the winner of each individual class within the differ-

SATURDAY CLOSING SALE OF PLATES

The sale of the traditional Aggie dinner plates will positively be closed Saturday. According to E. L. Angell, when this sale closes, there will probably be no more plates sold at all, at least not for an indefinite time.

Four A. & M. students are in charge of sales, and report a thriving business. Anyone else desiring to place orders for a set or any part of a set should contact one of the following: Jack Calhoun, dormitory 12; J. G. Wortham, project house 12; Roy Grobe in 26 Post Graduate Hall; or Edgar Butschek in project house 16.

Each plate carries a border bearing college traditions and an individual picture of some one of 12 dormitories.

General Addresses Local Chapter Of Reserve Officers

Declares United States Army In Far Better Shape Today Than Ever Before

"The United States Army is in far better shape today than ever before," declared Brigadier-General J. L. Collins in his address Tuesday night to the Brazos County chapter of the Reserve Officers Association. Speaking before the three hundred persons who attended the banquet—including two hundred-odd seniors who are members of the Junior R. O. A.—General Collins opened his address on National Defense by pointing out that adequate national defense did not necessarily constitute a large army.

Following this, he traced a brief history of previous American wars, showing the nation's lack of adequate preparation in all former wars from the Revolutionary War to the World War.

However, in respect to the World War, General Collins declared that, "The United States' achievement in the World War was the equal of any previous military achievement in the history of warfare."

From this point General Collins discussed the nation's attempts since the World War to maintain an adequate national defense. He particularly stressed the importance of the National Defense Act of 1920 and the United States Military Academy at West Point in our present national defense make-up.

"Material is now the most important factor in warfare," he declared. In peace-time all efforts are now being made to create great speed and efficiency in the manufacturing of material in case of

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Deadline Set For Annual Oratorical Contest Entries

Entries in the annual Battle of Flowers Oratorical Contest may be submitted to C. O. Spriggs, R. M. Weaver, or George Summey Jr., of the English Department as late as noon Friday, Dr. Summey, head of the department, has announced.

As usual the speeches will deal with subjects taken from research in Texas history. Students interested in participating will find a reading list and a specimen list of speech topics posted in the College Library. Copies of these lists will also be posted on bulletin board 19 near the English office.

This contest in oratory is held annually in San Antonio under the auspices of the Battle of Flowers Association at the San Pedro Playhouse, students from colleges and universities of Texas participating. Contestants to the Battle of Flowers are sponsored by their respective English departments and are subject to receive prizes of \$100, \$50, \$35, and \$15. The first tryout will be held in room 316 Academic Building after supper on Wednesday, March 13.

Jack Littlejohn of "I'd Rather Be A Texas Aggie" Fame Takes Over Aggeland's Baton

By George Fuermann

There's been a small change made in the name of the Aggeland Orchestra, but Tommy will soon go to work in near-by Houston, which is the cause of the small change. The change is brother Jack—so now it's Jack Littlejohn's Aggeland Orchestra.

Twenty-five years old, a marketing and finance student, and—like Tommy—a Tulsa boy who made good, Jack was formerly the orchestra's tenor saxophonist; that is, before he became director. As for Tommy; "I'll miss the orchestra more than anyone will ever know, but I've got to go to work some time, and this is my chance." Tommy, who can play second

Town Hall Scores Again With 4-Star Program Friday Night

Prima Donna of Grand Opera



Gladys Swarthout, movie and screen star and famous singer of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will arrive here tomorrow to appear for a Town Hall Program tomorrow night. Season tickets are good for the program; tickets for non-season ticket holders will be \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for others.

Gladys Swarthout To Give Season's Top Performance

Reception Committee To Greet World-Famed Star Upon Her Arrival Friday

Tomorrow noon will witness the arrival of Gladys Swarthout, for whom Texas A. & M. has waited some five months. It is expected that the entertainment to be offered by this great singing star of Metropolitan Opera, Paramount Films, stage, and radio will surpass all that has been presented to the Aggie student body in the past; and probably, Miss Swarthout will live up to all expectations, for hers is an exuberant personality, she has unusual beauty of both face and figure, and she has actually a wonderful mezzo-soprano voice.

The train bearing Miss Swarthout into Aggeland will arrive at 12:02 p. m. Friday, when she, according to tentative plans, will be met by Dr. and Mrs. Walton, Col. Ike Ashburn, E. L. Angell, and W. W. Sullivan. A crowd is expected, and all are invited to join in the reception.

Miss Swarthout's program of Friday night, which will take place at 7:30 in Guion Hall, will consist of the more familiar semi-classics and popular selections taken from the best musical productions of stage and screen. Ticket sales indicate that Guion Hall will be filled to capacity, with the community interest for an individual performance being greater than ever before. The performance will be over in plenty of time for the Civil Engineers to make their annual hop, and there are still seats available at the Y. M. C. A.

City Commission Rules Out Increased Telephone Rate

Sufficient evidence for a proposed raise in telephone rates in Bryan and College Station was presented by the Southwest Telephone Company according to a report made Friday night to the Bryan City Commission by the committee appointed to study the matter. A hearing has been set for February 27 at which time the company must present additional information. On the committee to study the problem are City Manager W. W. Scott, City Attorney F. L. Henderson and Finance Commissioner Mills P. Walker.

Contained in the report of the committee was:

1. The application as presented, together with the accompanying data, is not sufficient to be used as a basis to fix said telephone rates.
2. The rates having been recently fixed by a contract under franchise granted to said company by the city, there must be facts shown to show a change in conditions, which of necessity require an increase in rates. These conditions must also have occurred since the franchise has been granted.
3. The data to show the necessity for the increase in rates must under the franchise, the Charter and the Law, be present and existing, and not based upon an estimate or on what might occur in the future.
4. The city has the right in passing on the rates of a utility to inquire into the service (by the law and by the contract); consequently, the City should be appraised of which service is contemplated under the proposed rate structure. Hence, we believe that the application is premature, and that

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306 New Students Register at A. & M. For Second Term

With 306 new students registered for the second semester, approximately half of whom have entered A. & M. for the first time, the total enrollment for the 1939-40 long session reached a high mark of 6,391 by Wednesday, February 1.

Almost 5,500 students are expected to be in attendance at A. & M. after the deadline for registration, Monday, February 26. There was a total of 5,413 students attending classes Wednesday, March 21.

Compared with the 5,413 in attendance today there were only 5,095 in classes on February 21, 1939, an increase of over 300 for this year. There was a grand total of 6,856 students last year against 6,391 for 1939-40.

Approximately 40 or 50 more students are expected by February 26, according to Registrar E. J. Howell.

Guest Stars To Be In Spotlight On Friday's Clambake

John O. Rosser, manager of station WTAW, has announced that the most important and pretentious Clambake and Battalion newscast of the year will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Feature of the hour-long program will be Jack Littlejohn's Aggeland Orchestra who will have the services of their new vocalist, attractive Dorothy Thames. The orchestra will play many of the current song hits.

This program will witness the introduction of the Clambake's theme song, Jack Littlejohn's popular "I'd Rather Be A Texas Aggie." The orchestra will also feature vocals by Gerald Elder and Sonny Pendery.

Jack Rudy's organ music from Guion Hall will be worked into the body of the program, which also represents a change from previous performances.

Others on the musical portion of the program will include Harry Springfield, Gavino Fahardo, and Isidor Trueba, all popular Clambake artists.

Radio editor George Fuermann and associate C. A. Montgomery have announced that it is hoped that Gladys Swarthout will be interviewed on the program. Student interviewers will include Bert Burns, senior yell-leader and president of the A. S. M. E.; Frank Corder, president of the Saddle and Siroloin Club and King of 1939's Aggie Rodeo; and Don Simpson, co-captain of A. & M.'s tumbling team.

The program will be on the air from 4:30 until 5:30 Friday afternoon.

Library Campus

NAMED COMMITTEE

Dr. J. H. Boney of College Station and Mrs. Douglas Howell of Bryan have been named to the book committee of the Carnegie Library by Mrs. Lee J. Rountree, chairman of the board.

Other members of the committee are C. M. Bethany, Mrs. R. O. Allen, Mrs. Thomas Lundin and Mrs. Lenora Hooker, librarian.