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## Faculty Modifies 'E' Quiz Ruling

### Graduates Until September, 1940, To Be Allowed Quizzes

Secretary of the Faculty E. J. Howell announced yesterday that on February 19, the general faculty adopted a new rule permitting seniors, under certain conditions, to take special examinations. This action is to make less abrupt the transition from the former system allowing seniors to take not over two special exams to the proposed method eliminating reexaminations entirely which becomes effective in September, 1940. The latter plan was passed last October.

The new ruling embodies the following:

A senior who, on April 1, lacks only one subject for graduation may be allowed a special examination in that subject provided:

- (a) the subject was taken in class subsequent to his junior year,
- (b) the student is passing all the work of his current schedule with grades which will give him a mathematical chance to graduate at the end of the semester,
- (c) only one special examination may be given any student.

These special examinations are to be scheduled for a designated Saturday afternoon early in April.

A similar privilege of taking one examination about the middle of their final summer term will be extended to seniors who are to graduate in summer school.

## Petroleum Club To Hear Talk On Work In South America

"Exploration in South America" will be the subject of an address to be made by J. E. Brantly, president of the Drilling and Exploration Company, Inc., of Los Angeles, California, to the Petroleum Engineering Club Tuesday.

Mr. Brantly, a native of Georgia, studied geology and mining engineering at the University of Alabama, where he later became an instructor. He subsequently became assistant state geologist of Georgia and wrote numerous reports published by the Geological Surveys of Georgia and Alabama. After completing his army experience, Mr. Brantly located in the mid-continent at the end of the World War, setting himself up as a consulting geologist. Later, as chief geologist for the Atlantic Refining Company, he devoted much attention to geological and geophysical surveys in Mexico and South America.

In 1929 he organized, and has since been president of, the Drilling and Exploration Company, Inc., and has engaged in geological and geophysical surveys, diamond coring and drilling operations on a substantial scale in Columbia, Venezuela, Trinidad, eastern Canada, Pennsylvania, Texas, and more recently in California, Peru and Brazil.

## John C. Burns, Former Head of A. H. Department Here, Has Multiple Duties

John C. Burns of Fort Worth aptly has been called the steer arborer of the nation, because in recent years his services have been in demand in judging livestock at leading expositions throughout the country.

In addition to his duties, he is superintendent of the department of carloads of fat steers at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

Burns, a native Texan, was born of ranch parents in DeWitt County in the heart of the Southwest cattle breeding area, where, as he grew to manhood, he gained through practical experience in ranching. He made his first visit to the stock show here 37 years ago, just one year before he grad-

## Placement Bureau Carrying on Work In Effort To Place A. & M. Graduates

The Placement and Personnel Division of the Former Students Association is carrying on its work in cooperation with employers and students in its efforts to place A. & M. men.

Monday and Tuesday of this week W. B. Gracey, manager of the Dallas office of the Aetna Casualty and Surety Corporation, was on the campus interviewing seniors in the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Agriculture. Mr. Gracey interviewed 21 seniors while here, looking for men to enter a line of sales promotion work. No decisions from Mr. Gracey have been received here.

S. L. Stark, the Director of Technical Employment of the Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan, was on the campus Wednesday and Thursday interviewing engineering students.

The Placement and Personnel Division was opened here November 15 of last year by the Former Students Association to establish a centralized placement service and to develop and maintain personnel records for A. & M. men, both graduates and non-graduates.

Lucian Morgan, '35, is heading the work of the division. Under his direction 1,100 leaflets concern-

## 250 Attend Annual Water Works Meet

Approximately 250 men, representing 75 cities, attended the 22nd Annual Water Works Short Course held at A. & M. Monday through Friday.

Ashley G. Classen, superintendent of the City Water Works Department of El Paso, presided at the meetings. D. B. Dickson, superintendent of the Filter Plant of Wichita Falls, was elected as the new president.

The objective of the course was to give fundamental training in the management of city water pumping and distribution, and in the management of sewage.

A banquet was held Thursday night with Dr. George W. Cox, of the State Health Department, Dean Gibb Gilchrist, and V. M. Ehlers, Chief Sanitary Engineer of the State Health Department, as main speakers.

The Rio Grande Water Works Association won the attendance prize for the second consecutive year. If won by them next year it becomes their permanent possession.

## Baptists To Observe Evangelist Week Here

Southwide student Evangelist Week will be observed by Baptist students here February 24th to March 1st. Each day will be begun with a prayer service at 6:15 a. m. in room 10 of the Civil Engineering Building.

Two classes in "Soul Winning" will be taught daily by the pastor at the First Baptist Church from 6:45 to 7:30 p. m. and 7:45 to 8:30 p. m. The regular evening prayer meeting will be held between the class periods.

All Baptist students are being urged to attend and others are cordially invited to attend services at the Baptist Church Sunday. The pastor will bring appropriate messages for the beginning of this week's special program.

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uated from Texas A. & M. He was a member of the first livestock judging team that represented the college in 1904 at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. In 1920 he was head of the Husbandry Department at A. & M.

In 1920 Burns enlarged his service in the livestock realm when he became field representative of the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association in Texas and Louisiana while serving as secretary of the Texas Shorthorn Breeders' Association. From 1922 to 1926, he served as secretary of the Texas Hereford Association and did field work for the Texas and American Hereford Association.

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## CADET PLAYERS FILL PARTS FOR PRODUCTIONS

Group Will Present "The Drums of Oude" and "A Question of Principle"

The Cadet Players, A. & M.'s recently organized dramatic club, swung definitely in the direction of the accomplishment of its dramatic goal last Thursday afternoon when rehearsals were begun on two plays, "The Drums of Oude," and "A Question of Principle."

The characters selected for the parts of "The Drums of Oude" were Dorothy Doane, a guest player, as Mrs. Jack Clayton; J. M. Piester as Captain Gregor; T. A. Reiner as Lieutenant Hartley; Albert Murray as a stuart; A. J. Vicevich as Sergeant McDougal; S. H. Cooper and Leonard Darnell as servants, and A. F. Timmons as a private.

The name of the feminine player in the play "A Question of Principle" will not be announced until immediately before the presentation of the play. The other characters for the play will be J. C. Braden as the banker; C. C. Anderson as clergyman; C. R. Brown as judge; Jerome Rosenfeld as a communist; and K. W. Huffman as a policeman.

For those interested in dramatics who have been unable to attend the previous meetings, a second tryout for the selection of parts for a third play and radio dramas will be held. Students who are interested in joining the dramatic movement are urged to report to C. O. Spriggs, Wednesday afternoon, from 4-6 p. m. in room 316 Academic Building.

## May 14-15 Date Of R.O.T.C. Inspection

The annual Corps Area Commander's inspection of the A. & M. R.O.T.C. units will be headed by Col. E. A. Keyes, Cavalry, and Col. T. K. Spencer, Infantry, on May 14 and 15, Col. Moore has announced.

On the morning of May 14 and 15 the inspectors will visit various classes of their respective units. On the afternoon of the 14th the inspection will cover the activities of practical instruction and drill of the various units. The following afternoon a review of the entire cadet corps will be held.

The inspection group will visit all senior units of the eighth corps area and compare the efficiency of each school with those standards set by the War Department.

## T.S.C.W.-A. & M. Featured In Art Section of Paper

Brother and Sister Schools—the title of a whole page in the Art Graveure Section of Sunday's Houston Chronicle. Everyone knows that that title could refer only to Texas A. & M. and T. S. C. W.

In the story told by pictures were depicted various customs carried on by the students in the two schools. Writing to "blind boxes" or boxes corresponding to that of the writer is a custom long known to Aggies and T.S.C.W.-ites. Doris George of Ardmore, Oklahoma, was shown at her box in Denton receiving a letter from Sam Crews of Crowell, whose response to her letter started a warm friendship.

Another picture showed the newer and more modern method of correspondence between the two schools, the shortwave radio. Station W5AAN in Denton contacts Bryan and College Station Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5 p. m. Operator in Denton is Travis Tittle.

Other pictures showed the joint meeting of A. & M. and T. S. C. W. junior classes at Fort Worth on the corps trip this year, with C. J. "Foots" Bland and Eli Baggett dancing with T. S. C. W. girls; and Band major Tommy Balmer escorting the Aggie Sweetheart, Edna Clarke, to receive her flowers as the Aggie Band played between halves.

## Sophs Import T.S.C.W.-ites For Annual Class Activities

### Astronomy Takes Interesting Air As Five Planets Gather Near One Another

All five of the planets which are easily visible without the aid of a telescope have now gathered near each other in an unusually close group and appear in the western sky just after sunset. In order of increasing altitude above the horizon, they are Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn and Mars. The whole group is scattered over an arc of the sky about 45 degrees in extent. Actually, Uranus is nearby, too, but it is a much less conspicuous object than the others.

Of course, this gathering together of the planets is only apparent. They are really separated by enormous distances, each revolving in its own practically circular orbit about the sun.

On a six-lane circular track, the earth is running a counterclockwise race against the five planets, under the rule that each contestant must keep to his own lane. Mercury has the pole. Running in the next lane is Venus. Then come Earth, Mars, Jupiter

and Saturn. The earth has a slight lead on Mercury. Venus and Mars are about a quarter of a lap and Jupiter and Saturn about a half a lap behind. As earth looks back over her left shoulder, she sees the others just as they appear to us in the sky.

During the next few weeks, the apparent motion of the planets will take them westward. One after another, they will disappear into the blinding light of the sun, to emerge on the other side as morning stars.

The best time to observe this planetary display is during the few days immediately preceding and following Thursday, February 29. Students who are taking the course in astronomy will meet at the Physics Building at 7 o'clock that evening for an hour of "stargazing." Any others who would like to join them and view the planets with a telescope are cordially invited to do so.

## Convention Broken as Film Club Shows Movies In Chemistry Building

By Bob Nisbet  
Sacrilege! Imagine showing movies in the Chemistry building. It could just never happen, but it did. Charles Boyer and the French actress, who is now known in this country as Danielle Darrieux, cavorted for over two hours across the screen in the lecture room. They called the picture "Mayerling", and it was presented as the grand opening of the spring program of foreign movies being sponsored by the Campus Film Club.

About 150 faculty members saw the film, but now that the facilities of the Chemistry lecture room have been made available, the officers of the club announce that there is room for still more members if they wish to join.

The film, being printed on 16 mm. rills, necessitated the use of a special projector, and that kept the picture from being shown in the Assembly Hall. Except for lack of space, however, the Chemistry lecture room proved quite satisfactory.

## Danger—Keep Off!

Captain B. S. Shute of the Engineers' regiment has again issued notice that the Engineer R.O.T.C. unit will be firing high explosive charges on the north side of the R.O.T.C. drill field, in the vicinity of the old Engineers' Lake on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 27, 28, and 29, between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 each afternoon. All persons are being warned to remain out of this area during the period stated.

## One Goes and One Stays, But the Popular Aggeland Orchestra's Still in the Family

He leaves. . .



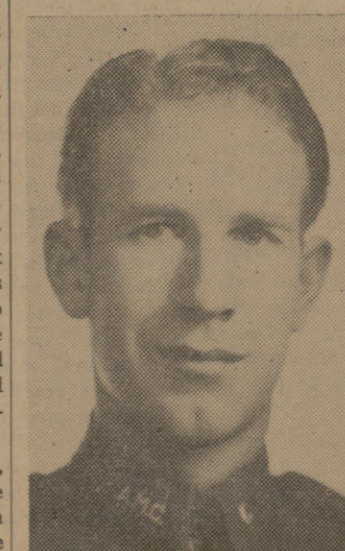
TOMMY

The familiar phrase "Tommy Littlejohn and his Aggeland Swing Band," which has appeared in orchestra publicity for the past year and a half, has ceased to be. The reason for this change is that Tommy, a graduate student in Marketing and Finance this year, has gotten a job out of town and will no longer head the orchestra.

However, the position of leader will be kept in the family. Jack Littlejohn, Tommy's brother, has taken over the post. He has also been a prominent name with the orchestra due to his song hit "Td Rather Be A Texas Aggie" and his vocal renditions with the orchestra.

Jack was previously a vocalist, sax player, and arranger for the orchestra. His greatest ambition now is to get the orchestra on the Fitch Company's "Summer Band Wagon" radio program.

He takes over. . .



JACK

## Annual A.S.C.E. Ball Held Friday Night

Seniors Will Be Guests Of Sophomores Tonight

At 5 o'clock this afternoon several busloads of T.S.C.W. girls will arrive at Aggeland to attend the class of 42's Sophomore Prom, which is to be held tonight in Sbisia Hall.

A list of T.S.C.W. girls who could attend the dance was submitted to the second year men several days ago for the purpose of obtaining blind dates for the dance.

The dance will begin at 9 o'clock and end at 12. The music will be furnished by Jack Littlejohn and his Aggeland Orchestra featuring Dorothy Thames, feminine vocalist, who is now with the orchestra.

Decorations for the dance will consist of an arrangement of plants around the walls. In the back of the bandstand, there will be a giant drawing of an Aggie with his date.

The entire senior class has been extended an invitation to attend the ball. The party planned at the Bryan Country Club after the dance, however, is said to be exclusive of everyone but sophomores.

Last night the A.S.C.E.'s had their annual dance, which proved to be a success. The decorations consisted of a life-sized surveyor and a replica of the society's shield placed in the back of the bandstand. Around the walls were placed various types of surveying instruments and drawings made by students.

The music for the dance was furnished by the Aggeland Orchestra.

## MICHIGAN STATE PROF INSPECTS VET MED SCHOOL

Dr. E. T. Hallman, head of the Department of Veterinary Pathology of the school of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State College, was a visitor at A. & M. Friday, and was being entertained by Dr. R. P. Marsteller, dean of the school of Veterinary Medicine at A. & M.

Dr. Hallman is a member of the committee on education of the American Veterinary Medical Association and is on the campus to inspect the facilities and work of the Texas A. & M. School of Veterinary Medicine, preparatory to a report he is to file with the American Veterinary Medical Association, Dr. Marsteller pointed out.

Dr. Hallman is a native of Alabama and a graduate of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, (Auburn).

## Kemmerer Named As Referee on Carotene By Chemical Society

Dr. A. R. Kemmerer, chemist at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, has accepted an appointment as associate referee on carotene for the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists in cooperation with the general referee in feeding stuffs, Mr. L. S. Walker of the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station. Dr. Kemmerer is already associate referee on riboflavin, in cooperation with the general referee on vitamins, Dr. E. M. Nelson of the Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D. C.

Carotene is an important compound which supplies vitamin A potency in feeds and foods, while riboflavin is another important vitamin. The duty of Dr. Kemmerer as associate referee is to study methods for the determination of the quantity of carotene and of riboflavin in foods and feeds and to recommend methods of analysis to the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists. In testing the methods proposed, Dr. Kemmerer will have the cooperation of official chemists, investigators, and chemists connected with various industries.