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It's Town Hall Tonight! Max Gene Nohl, Famous Diver, To Show Pictures

The mysteries and difficulties of underwater motion picture camera exploring undersea territory are to be explained to the Aggies tonight when Max Gene Nohl, famous submarine explorer, lectures here under the sponsorship of the Town Hall program. Mr. Nohl's lecture, accompanied by technicolor motion pictures, will be given in the Assembly Hall at 7:30 tonight. The usual prices for admission will prevail, students \$.50 and outsiders \$1.00.

Mr. Nohl has had many exciting adventures in pursuing his work of exploring the ocean bottom, and his technicolor pictures will show much of marine life and characteristics to his audience. Mr. Nohl now holds the world's record for diving, having descended to a depth of 420 feet. At this depth the pressure on his body was 190 lbs. per square inch. This descent broke the record held for 22 years by a United States Navy diver.

As an inventor of diving apparatus, Mr. Nohl has demonstrated his ingeniousness and engineering ability. He has invented and built a new type diving lung, a 14 lb. midget diving apparatus for rescue work and submarine escape, a self-contained open helmet, and an

underwater motion picture camera. Thus by materials of his own invention he has been able to further his explorations and experience. His self-contained helium and air diving suit is the only major development in this field since the first diving apparatus was invented in 1837.

Immediately after Mr. Nohl and his associates published their data on use of an 80% helium and 20% oxygen mixture in diving work, the use of such a mixture was recommended by the United States Navy for use on its rescue ship "Falcon." The men raised in diving bells are fed this mixture, which greatly reduces the danger of the "bends", dreaded disease of divers. Men breathing this mixture are able to ascend more rapidly and are in better condition than men breathing the nitrogen and oxygen air mixture.

Since graduating from M. I. T., Mr. Nohl, now only 28, has spent his life in undersea exploration. He discovered and explored the remnants of the ancient civilization; D. V. Varner and Ernie mids in Rock Lake. Because of his wide experience and knowledge, Mr. Nohl is expected to present an interesting and educational lecture.

Southern Belle Not Impressed By Aggieland; In Fact She Didn't Like It!

By George Fuermann
She was a Southern belle of the old school; there was no question about that. She looked so much like Hollywood's Bette Davis that you might have been fooled unless you were one to believe that Bette wouldn't waste her time on the A. & M. campus during a holiday season. She didn't like Aggieland, either; but then she was prejudiced, being a Sophie Newcomb sophomore; and everybody knows that Sophie Newcomb is the better half of Tulane.

from the very beginning. In the first place, when Aggie Clark Ross invited her to come, she had no end of difficulty trying to persuade fond parents that it was the thing to do. Then she missed her train; and, finally, the double-decker combination of no Sugar Bowl and no uniforms was a called third strike.

Two things were strictly on the level, though. In the first place, (Continued on page 6)

Minnesota Engineers Would Publish List Of Professors' Jokes

Engineering students are famous for their mathematical approach to all phases of life—and University of Minnesota engineers are no exception.

They've started a move to publish a list of all jokes used by their professors, a list that will classify and number all wisecracks and favorite stories of the pedagogues.

Chief reason for the project is that it will be a time saver for all concerned, for in the future professors will merely give the number of their jokes when they feel the moment has arrived to spice their lectures with a touch of levity.

It's no wonder she didn't enjoy Aggieland; the trip was jinxed

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Dr. S. Eddy, Noted Author, To Visit Here

To Deliver Series Of Addresses In Behalf of Y.M.C.A.

Sherwood Eddy, famed author, lecturer, and world traveler, will deliver a series of addresses at A. & M. Sunday and Monday, March 31 and April 1.

Sponsored by the College Y. M. C. A., Dr. Eddy lectures and speaks constantly in all sections of the country and has spoken in several hundred colleges in all parts of the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Sunday night he will deliver an address in Guion Hall, his subject being, "Can Religion Build A New World?" Monday night, also in Guion Hall, his subject will be, "The Crisis In Europe and America's Responsibility." Both of these addresses are open to the cadets, faculty members, and the (Continued on page 6)

Lowdermilk to Talk Here on Survey Of Land Use in Europe

The inclusion of fish culture in a crop rotation was an unusual method of land use found by Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk, assistant chief of the Soil Conservation Service in his recent survey of land use in Europe, North Africa, and the Near East. This survey will be the basis of his discussion "Soil Erosion and Civilization" here on March 29. The lecture will be given in Guion Hall at 7:30 o'clock and the public is invited to attend. The production of fish, as part of the farm "cropping" system, fits practically into the land use pattern in several sections of France, particularly in the region of Les Dombes, between the Eaone and Rhone Rivers above their junction and north of Lyons, Dr. Lowdermilk reports.

The industry, which dates back to the Middle Ages, is now thriving and proving more profitable than the production of field crops there, the speaker says. The usual rotation in Les Dombes region, he explains, are two years in water and 1 year in grain, and 2½ years in water and one-half year in grain. One pond has averaged 164 pounds of fish per acre per year since 1880.

After the fish are "harvested" in the spring by draining the pond and when the area is sufficiently dried out, the land is plowed and sown, usually to a crop of oats. The rotation of field crops is desirable to provide conditions for fish food, and in turn the fish fertilize the grain crop, Dr. Lowdermilk said.



Vanity Fair Beauties for the 1939-40 Longhorn, who were picked by Kay Kyser of radio and screen fame, are pictured above as follows: Top row, left to right, Daphne Salois, Hallie Beth Willingham. Second row, left to right, Catherine Pool, Mary Louise Lewis, Doris Watson. Third row, left to right, Martha Perrin, Gertrude La Voice, Connie Eversberg.

Vanity Fair Beauties Named By "Professor" Kay Kyser

Announcement of the eight most beautiful girls selected by Kay Kyser for the Vanity Fair section of the 1940 Longhorn was made recently by George Smith, Longhorn editor. The girls were selected from 46 entries.

Following is the letter that was received from Kyser: Mr. George Smith, Editor 1940 Longhorn Texas A. & M. College Dear Mr. Smith:

Under separate cover I'm returning the pictures submitted to me.

I appreciate the honor of selecting the first eight ladies for the beauty section of the Longhorn. However, you gave me a tough assignment because they're all so pretty. Also it's a very ticklish thing to stick your neck out and

say one gal is prettier than another. Nevertheless I have made a stab at it and I certainly hope my selection meets with the approval of the student body and you.

I hope you'll impress upon everyone concerned the fact that we have never seen any of these ladies, and, therefore, the selection was made entirely on the merit of the pictures. No doubt the pictures flatter some and do not do justice to others. However, on the basis of the photographs my choice is as follows:

- Miss Connie Eversberg
- Miss Gertrude La Voice
- Miss Mary Louise Lewis
- Miss Hallie Beth Willingham
- Miss Daphne Salois
- Miss Catherine Pool
- Miss Martha Perrin
- Miss Doris Watson

Thanking you again for the honor you have bestowed upon me and hoping that the 1940 Longhorn will be the best ever, I am, Sincerely yours, Kay Kyser.

In the group picked by "Professor" Kyser T.S.C.W., sister college of A. & M. took the lead with four of the eight beauties being coeds there. Mary Louise Lewis of Waco, Hallie Beth Willingham of Sabinal, Daphne Salois of Dallas, and Catherine Pool of San Antonio are all "T.S.C.W.-ites." Of the remainder Connie Eversberg of Houston is a student at the University of Texas, Gertrude La Voice lives at San Domingo, California, Martha Perrin is from Greenville, and Doris Watson is a student at Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

Bland And Keeton For Yell - Leader

Roland Bing, Thomas Gillis Running For Jr. Representative

With 5 p. m. Wednesday the deadline for filing, seven candidates have announced their intentions of running for three important student-body offices which are to be filled by the general election which will be held next Wednesday, April 3.

Bob Nisbet, George Fuermann, and A. J. Robinson, junior editors on The Battalion newspaper and magazine staffs, have filed in the order named, to run for the position of editor-in-chief of The Battalion for 1940-41.

C. J. "Foots" Bland and E. R. "Buster" Keeton, the two junior yell-leaders, have filed for chief yell-leader during the coming year.

Roland Bing and Thomas Gillis, sophomores, have filed for the position of junior representative on the Student Publications Board.

At a meeting of the Student Publications Board to be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Dean F. C. Bolton's office, eligibility of the various candidates for the editorship will be passed on.

Members of the Board are Dean Bolton, chairman; E. L. Angell, manager of Student Publications; George Wilcox, Education Department professor; Colonel Ike Ashburn, executive assistant to the president; George Smith, Longhorn editor; Bill Murray, Battalion editor of the sunken Azatlan pyramid; editors of the Scientific Review; senior representative Mick Williams and junior representative Paul Haines.

Haines will be senior representative next year, the junior member regularly being elected for a two-year period.

Every member of the corps will be eligible to vote in the election April 3. Presentation of the receipt for the payment of dues for the second semester is required.

17th Annual Aggie Horse Show To Be Staged April 13

The seventeenth annual horse show at A. & M. College will be held on Saturday, April 13, on the show grounds just north of the college on highway 6 according to a recent announcement. In recent years the shows have been handled and managed by Major W. R. Irvin with consistent improvement in the number of classes and interest in the show. It is Major Irvin's hope that this year's show will be the biggest and best of all, as this will be the last show under his management. He has already received orders which will transfer him to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., later in the year.

Letters are now being sent to horse breeders and fanciers in Texas, and it is expected that many of the better-known stables and owners will enter horses in the show. The A. & M. Horse Show has an outstanding reputation in the state for being one of the most colorful and successful of the state's smaller shows.

The event for this year has been tentatively planned to have 24 classes, but others will be arranged provided there is sufficient demand. Six entries will be required to form a new class. Beginning at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, April 13, seven classes will be shown. The remaining classes will be shown in the afternoon, starting at 1:30.

Versatile Bernie Cummins And His Orchestra To Furnish Music For Composite Regimental Ball

Members of the Composite Regiment will swing out this week at their annual ball to the music of Bernie Cummins' famed swing band, that is well known to all radio listeners. Bernie's orchestra was started on its way to be a big name band when it won an audition of over fifty bands to select an orchestra to play for the formal opening of the Hotel New Yorker in New York. Since then, Cummins' orchestra has played in spots all over the nation with top billing.

Before starting on his band career, Bernie Cummins and his brother Walter, were interested in boxing and all types of sports. An injury resulting from his boxing made him decide to quit active sports, but his interest is undiminished. He is highly regarded

by sports writers all over the country for his ability to recall sports statistics, rattle off football and baseball lineups, and recall sports events and records. While not busy with his orchestra, Bernie is usually in some sports discussion or playing golf. He shoots a mean score in the low seventies and drops 50 foot putts without the flicker of an eyelash. He is a personal friend of Barney Ross, former welterweight champion.

Connie Barleau, the "Swing Songstress," furnishes the vocal refrains for Bernie's orchestra, and his brother Walter sings beautiful ballads. Artie Shaw was started on his way to the top by Bernie Cummins. In 1938 Bernie Cummins was selected the best dressed band leader in the U. S. Rudy Vallee, another of his per-

sonal friends, relinquished half his time on the air so that Cummins could play over a national hookup.

Making arrangements for the Composite regiment are: Henry Heitman, Joe Snow, Ernest Amundsen, Jack Hines, Eldred Wheeler, Harry Warnke, Harold Hausmann, Robert Hoff, and Dan Wilson. The permanent dance decorations will be made especially attractive this week because the insignia of both the Signal Corps and the Chemical Warfare Service will be displayed on the backboard.

Dormitory 4 is to be vacated for the dates and guests of the cadets in the Composite regiment. Cummins and his orchestra will also play for the Corps Dance Saturday night.



Connie Barleau . . . sings with Bernie Cummins and Orchestra.