

A. & M. Helps Texas Wool Industry

One of Best Wool Scouring Plants in Nation Set Up Here

A. & M. is soon to have the largest and best-equipped wool scouring plant in the nation, officials of the college have announced.

The finishing touches are now being put on the new set-up of the Wool Scouring Plant that has been moved to the ground floor of the building formerly occupied by the Textile Engineering Department. According to Stanley Davis, wool and mohair specialist with the Agricultural Experiment Station and manager of the scouring plant, the moving will be completed shortly and new equipment added later.

Heretofore the Wool Scouring Plant was housed in a small white frame building behind the Agricultural Experiment Station building, but as it interfered with the plans for landscaping the area around the new dormitories, the machinery was moved to the Textile Engineering Building and the frame building razed.

Appropriations have been made by the state to add to the equipment of the plant in order to increase the volume of wool that can be handled. When the new equipment has been installed, Mr. Davis says that A. & M. will have the best of any school in the country. Lowell Institute in Massachusetts has a fairly large scouring plant, but it will not compare in size or in quality with the new plant here.

That Texas A. & M. should have the largest wool scouring plant is as it should be; Texas is by far the largest wool-producing state in the nation, producing 80,000,000 pounds in 1937, which was one-fifth of the United States' total of shorn wool for that period.

The Wool Scouring Plant serves the purpose of studying wool grades and shrinkage in Texas wool and issuing this information to wool producers through the Agricultural Experiment Station. It has been in operation since 1921 and under Mr. Davis' guidance since 1928.

College Employees Requested To Park Cars in Park Lots

In a circular passed out by the Commandant's Office yesterday it was asked that all college employees and others working on the campus park their cars in the parking lots provided for their convenience and not in the streets near the buildings in which they work.

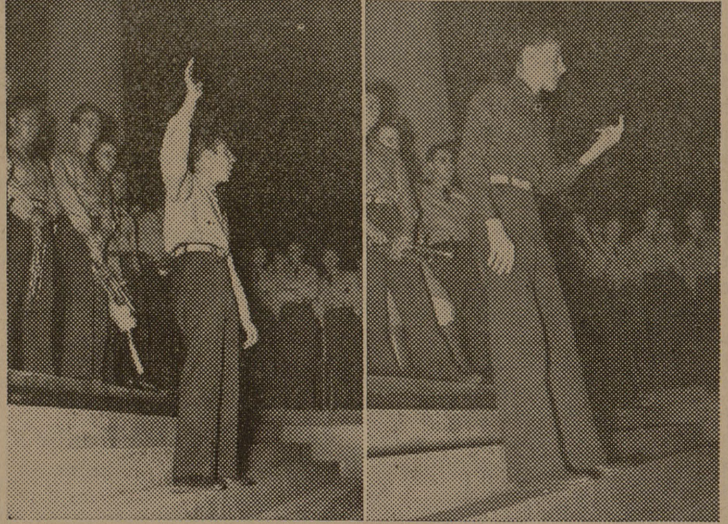
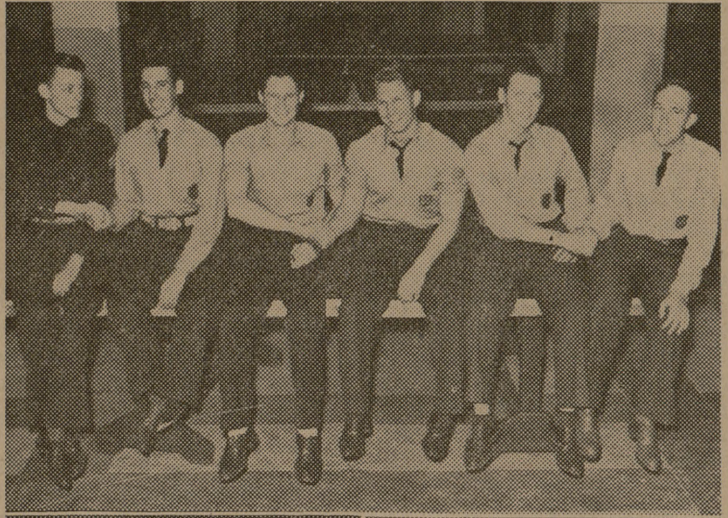
As stated in the College Regulations, "Parking on one side of each street (where indicated by curb signs) is permitted for visitors not connected with the college or with activities housed on the campus; and for college employees visiting temporarily from other parts of the campus; but not for those normally employed in adjacent buildings." The campus watchmen have been instructed to see that the parking rules are complied with, and the cooperation of all have been requested. If anyone is doubtful as to his assigned parking lot the Commandant's Office will be glad to designate one for his use.

APRIL MAINTENANCE DUE MONDAY BY 5 P. M.

Monday will be the last day to pay this month's maintenance. In order to accommodate those students with morning and afternoon classes the fiscal office will remain open until five o'clock Monday.

As a result of the fees announced last month, the amount of this month's maintenance is \$26.00. The Fiscal Office will start accepting the maintenance for May on April 20 and will continue to do so until the eighth of May. The amount payable at that time will be \$26.50.

POLITICIANS ALL!



At the top are shown all the candidates for office who were voted on in the general election Wednesday—Bob Nisbet, editor-elect of The Battalion, and A. J. Robinson, his opponent for the office; C. J. "Foots" Bland and E. R. "Buster" Keeton, candidates for chief yell-leader, the latter being elected; and Tom Gillis, new junior representative on the Student Publications Board, with his opponent Roland Bing. They are shown just prior to the special yell practice Tuesday night when they were introduced to the corps by head yell-leader "Bodie" Pierce.

Below, candidates Robinson and Nisbet make their fervent last-minute appeals to the corps.

It's Worth More To See Col. Ike in Rompers! Price Goes Up

Hold everything! It'll cost a quarter to see Col. Ike Ashburn in rompers. The children can see the show for a dime—but it's worth more for grown folks.

Blame the mistake on the publicity man for "The Old School at Hickory Holler" which will be given in the A. & M. Assembly Hall at 7:30 p. m. Monday evening for the benefit of the A. & M. Consolidated School Parent-Teacher Association fund.

Tickets for the production have been on sale for several weeks, and they're going fast; so be on hand early and avoid the rush. All parts in the play will be taken by grown folks dressed as school children, and some of the get-ups are worth going miles to see.

Here's the cast and those who will portray the parts:

Joshua Toothacre—C. O. Spriggs; Lorenzo Juniper, D. W. Williams; Johnny Short, M. C. Hughes; Ben Long, N. Rode; Jim Henry Cobb, Marty Karow; Mug Rudd, J. S. Mogford; Corwin Kilgore, Thomas

Ferguson; Salvation Sampson, L. S. Paine; Jacob von Hoffenstein, Luke Patranello; Andrew Montgomery, J. J. Woolket; Lorena Juniper, Mrs. Lowry; Elizabeth Jane Crabtree, Mrs. E. J. Howell; Indiana Crabtree, Mrs. D. H. Reid; Deliverance Dodgett, Mrs. Irvin; Temperance Teaberry, Mrs. E. L. Williams; Emmazilla Ephill, Mrs. Grant; Mary Ellen Crockett, Mrs. J. C. Hotard; Olivia Henrietta Arabella Sue, Mrs. W. L. Penberthy; Set-Still Campbell, Dan Russell; Doc Quackenbos, Chas. Crawford; Widder Crockett, Mrs. R. R. Lancaster; Hosea Jimson, Dr. E. P. Humbert; Petero Blowhard, L. G. Jones; Henson Jackson, David Thrift; Cap. Kilgore, E. E. Vezey; Willemania Snow, Mrs. N. E. Boughton; Philipena Snow, Mrs. Yarnell; Angelenia Snot, Mrs. Long; Purenna Snow, Mrs. Cashion; Firebell Fly, Mrs. Frank Anderson; Sammy Fly, her little brother, Colonel Ike S. Ashburn; Armanda May, Mrs. R. L. Lyle; Samatha Jane, Mrs. Jack Shelton and Hank Slattery, Mr. Elms.

YOUNG GERMAN EMIGRANT ASKS FOR CORRESPONDENCE FROM A. & M.

A young German emigrant, Peter Adler, who left Germany two years ago "owing to our difficult position" has written to the A. & M. Registrar asking for exchange correspondence with students of Texas A. & M.

Peter Adler, who now lives in

Lavras, Mina Gerais, Brazil and attends the Escola Superior de Agricultura, studied at the American School in Berlin and intended to later study agriculture in one of the United States Colleges.

He is 19 years of age and talks (Continued on page 4)

Air Corps Board To Visit A. & M. April 15, 16, 17

Prospective Candidates To Take Physical Exams

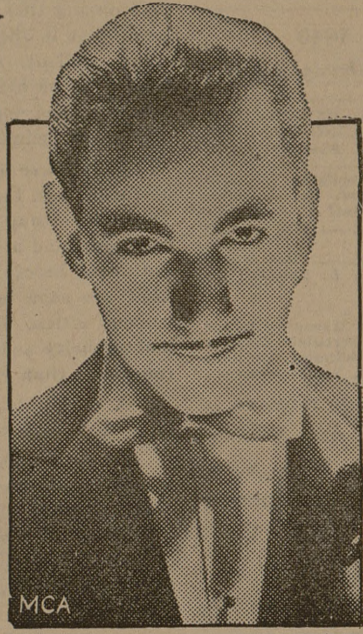
Austin, Waco, and College Station, Texas, are the next stops for an Air Corps Board of officers from the Army's flying station at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, that is touring a large number of cities in the Eighth Corps Area for the purpose of examining qualified candidates for flying training at Randolph and Kelly Fields.

Three days will be spent at College Station, April 15, 16 and 17. Here prospective candidates will be given a complete physical examination, and upon successful completion of this, will be furnished blanks for appointment as Flying Cadets in the United States Army Air Corps.

Applicants will be examined throughout the three days' stay at A. & M. Those who desire to take this examination must be unmarried male citizens of the United States between the ages of 20 and 26. They should have completed at least two years of study at any recognized college or university.

New classes for flying cadets start the nine-month course of flight training every six weeks. During this time they are paid \$75.00 a month and in addition are furnished uniforms, food, quarters, pleting shrdldofv-dshrdldushrdluu and medical care. Successfully completing this course in flying which consists of more than 200 hours of actual time in the air, the Flying Cadet is commissioned as Second (Continued on page 4)

Shep Fields Plays for Corps Dance Tonight in Third and Last Engagement



SHEP FIELDS

War Department To Fill 11 Vacancies In Regular Army

Chance for Graduates To Enter Army as 2nd Lts.

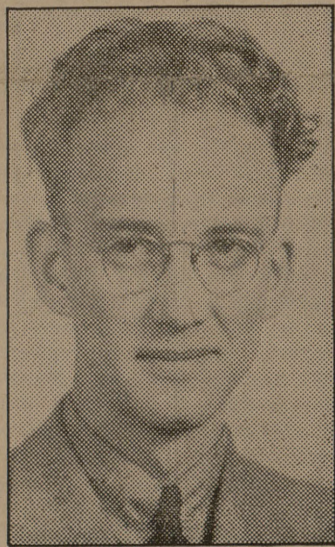
The War Department has announced that examinations will be held in June, 1940, for the purpose of filling a total of 11 vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant in the Infantry, Field Artillery, Cavalry, and Coast Artillery of the regular army.

This examination will be open to all graduates and graduating seniors of R. O. T. C. schools in the U. S. who are single and who meet the eligibility requirements, and according to Col. Moore, there will be an alternate selected for each position to be filled.

Applications must be submitted prior to May 15, 1940. The applications will go to a board of officers of the Eighth Corps Area who will check them over and then notify the applicants as to where and when they will take the examination. The examination will be given at several different points and the residence of the applicant will determine where they are to take it. They will be required to pay all of their own expenses.

Complete information may be obtained in Room 101, Academic Building.

Kansas State-Texas A. & M. Debate Duel Set for Tonight at 7 p. m.

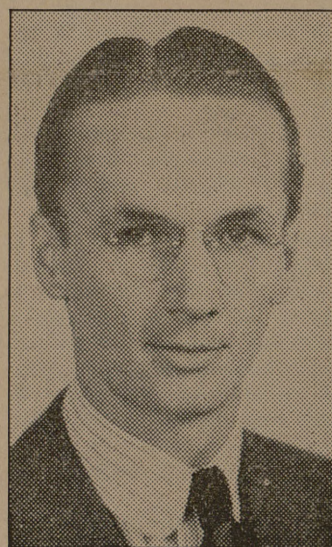


FRANK RICKEL

The A. & M. Debating team, consisting of Mayo Thompson and Don Gabriel, will undertake to defeat the Kansas State College Debating Team tonight in the Physics Lecture Room at seven o'clock.

The subject of the debate will be, "Resolved: That the United States should follow a policy of strict economic and military isolation toward all nations outside the western hemisphere engaged in armed, civil, or international conflict."

The debaters for Kansas State are William Hickman and Frank Rickel. Both are juniors and are prominent figures around the K-State campus. Hickman has done newscasting and commentaries over radio station KSAC, is ex-chairman of the independent party, and a member of Pi Kappa Delta. Rickel



WILLIAM HICKMAN

is also a Pi Kappa Delta and is engaged in many extra-curricular activities. He is chairman of this year's independent party and is a power in the Y.M.C.A. cabinet.

Barger To Address Academy of Science

Professor J. Wheeler Barger, Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, has accepted the invitation to speak before the West Texas Regional meeting of the Texas Academy of Science at San Angelo on April 9. He will give the address on Friday morning, April 19, discussing "Interstate Trade Barriers in Relation to Agriculture." That night he will speak at the banquet on "Agriculture in Modern Life."

PETROLEUM CLUB TO ENTERTAIN AIME OFFICIALS

President and Secretary Of Institute Visit Here

The Petroleum Engineering Club will entertain officials of the A. I. M. E. from New York City with a barbecue Tuesday at 12:00 noon. The official party from New York City will include H. G. Moulton, president; and A. B. Parsons, secretary, of the A. I. M. E. Guests from Houston will include T. V. Moore, Chairman of the Petroleum Division of the A. I. M. E., and his party.

The barbecue will be held at Vance Field, which is the petroleum experimental field just North of the Petroleum-Geology building. In case of rain or cold weather, the barbecue will be held in the Animal Husbandry Arena.

Cost of the barbecue will be 10¢ for A. I. M. E. members and Petroleum Engineering Club members, and 25¢ for non-members. A. I. M. E. members must bring their membership cards. Students having one o'clock classes will be given excused absences from classes.

Campus Study Club To Present Parts From The Mikado Tuesday

A musical program from the "Mikado" will be presented at the next meeting of the Campus Study Club Tuesday at 3:00 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. Chapel. Various members of the club are taking part in the directing and presenting the numbers. The members of the chorus and soloists will be in costume.

Mrs. F. I. Dahlberg and Mrs. Theodore Freeman have been directing the chorus. Mrs. John Ashton has been responsible for arranging for this program to be presented. Mrs. Paul Pearson is reader and will explain and announce each number. Mrs. J. R. Ketchersid will be in charge of arranging the stage.

Solos will be presented by Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mrs. Homer Martin, and Mrs. S. W. Lange.

Hillel Club Holds Twentieth Annual Dance Tonight

Fields and Troupe Leave Tonight for West Coast

After playing Friday night for an annual Infantry Regiment Ball that was highly successful despite a rain that set in during the afternoon, and after entertaining hundreds of Aggies with his "rippling rhythm" at the Town Hall program during the early evening, Shep Fields will again present his nationally famous orchestra tonight in Sbis Hall for what promises to be an outstanding corps dance of the year.

To suit current tastes of the American public Shep Fields has made a considerable change and improvement in his style during the last year. His radio style, furthermore, is much different from the style of music he plays for dances, the "rippling rhythm" not being emphasized quite so much in the latter.

With Fields will be featured such outstanding performers as Miss Claire Nunn, beautiful New Orleans songstress; Hal Derwin, the "whispering baritone"; Sol Gioe, pianist; Caesar Mussioli, accordionist; Danny Grey, jitterbug trumpeter; Jerry Stewart, and a host of other entertainers.

The entire orchestra arrived early yesterday afternoon in their private car at the Southern Pacific station. They had come straight from New York where they just finished making recordings. After the engagement here is completed, Fields and the rest of the troupe will continue on directly to the west coast where they are booked for the next few months.

The decorations for tonight's corps dance will be the same as those used last night for the Infantry Ball. As usual the time will be from nine until twelve and (Continued on page 4)

Hibbard Lectures On Ag Economics April 8 thru 12

Dr. E. H. Hibbard of the University of Wisconsin, a noted agricultural economist, will address the entire School of Agriculture of A. & M. Tuesday morning, April 9, at 11 o'clock in Guion Hall. His subject will be "Farmers' Movements."

Dean E. J. Kyle of the School of Agriculture has issued notice that all agricultural students, including freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, will be excused from their 11 o'clock classes Tuesday morning. They will be required to attend the lecture.

Agricultural faculty members are expected to attend, and all other students, faculty members, and officers of the college are invited to be present.

Tuesday night at 7 o'clock in room 312 of the Agricultural Building, an important meeting of the Agronomy Society will be held. All agronomy students, including freshmen, sopomores, juniors, and seniors, are to be present at this meeting. "It is of vital importance that all agronomy students attend without fail," Dean Kyle stated.

WAR BOOKLETS PROVE POPULAR

The College Library has announced that the booklets obtained from the Dallas Morning News of "The First Six Months of the War in Maps and Pictures" had proven so popular that they were given out within a few minutes after the library opened Tuesday.

In accordance with this show of enthusiasm for the booklets the library has obtained 200 additional booklets from the Dallas Morning News and will start distributing them Saturday morning at 8 a. m.

The booklets may be obtained—as long as they last—at the reference desk in the main reading room of the library. (Continued on page 4)

A. & M. Honors Jim Farley With Review And The Largest Banquet In School's History; Farley Pays Tribute To College

U. S. Postmaster-General James A. Farley paid tribute to Texas A. & M. in Sbis Hall Thursday night when he said, "At no place have I been greeted as cordially and shown as much consideration here at Texas A. & M. as to your institution this afternoon. I have never seen anything like it no matter where I have been. You certainly have a great school here."

Approximately 1,000 persons, including about 400 students, packed the main wing of Sbis Hall to hear the distinguished visitor who spoke on business and politics as similar fields of endeavor. It was the largest banquet in the history of the school.

Mr. Farley and his party were met at the East Gate by a committee of college officials and was escorted by D Troop Cavalry to the drill field where a review was held in his honor.

Following the review he retired to the Board of Directors house on the campus where he met with members of the board and other college officials until time for the banquet.

Dr. T. O. Walton, president of A. & M., presided as toastmaster and introduced F. M. Law, chairman of the Board of Directors, who welcomed Mr. Farley to the college. Mr. Law told the distinguished guest that Texans love him because they know that he is "loyal to his friends, loyal to his principles, loyal to his church, and above all, loyal to his country."

He also told Mr. Farley that Texans are strong not only for social security but we are also strong for some military security. "No country on earth is going to tell this country where to head in!" he said.

Burriss Jackson, Hillsboro postmaster and former student of A. & M., class of '27, introduced the other distinguished people present. Cadet Colonel Woody Varner, welcomed Mr. Farley in behalf of the cadets and told him that it gave him his greatest pleasure to present the corps in review for him.

At the conclusion of Mr. Farley's address, "Jo-Jo" White, senior letterman end and president of the "T" Association, presented the Postmaster-General with a regulation Homer H. Norton football which was autographed by all members of the 1939 national champion

football team, the Texas Aggies. Immediately after the presentation of the ball, Mr. Farley left by car for Hearne where he was to board a train for Tyler where he will speak today before the state meeting of postmasters.

Notables who attended the banquet included former governors Pat Neff, now president of Baylor University, who delivered the invocation, and James E. Ferguson; Wright Morrow, president of the Houston Chamber of Commerce; Bascom Giles, Commissioner of the General Land Office; Charlie Lock-