

Support-Local-Theater Movement Enters Fourth Big Week at Aggieland

Stay-at-Home Campaign Started To Get First-Run Pictures; Bryan Is Sufferer

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(Editor's note: The following reprint from Thursday's Dallas Morning News is one we consider accurate and fair, on the whole.)

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, May 1.—The 6,000 students of Texas A. & M. College have entered the fourth week of a stay-at-home, save-your-money campaign in a movement to obtain a moving picture show on or near the campus showing first runs equal to those of Bryan.

The students, who are staying with the movement almost to a man, carefully refrain from terming it a boycott, but Bryan merchants, admitting they are losing business, declare the effect is the same.

Uniformed cadets, who were found on the streets of downtown Bryan by the hundreds the afternoon and night before the "strike" started, are a rarity now.

Students keep softball diamonds on the campus in constant use during the afternoon instead of going to Bryan. Businessmen in Bryan claim the students would like to come to town for their recreation, but their ranks so far have held firm.

Not Directed at Merchants
Durward B. (Woody) Varner of Cottonwood, cadet colonel and campus leader, said the stay-at-home movement is not directed at the merchants, but only at the three movies in Bryan, all owned and operated by Mrs. M. Schulman, who, he said, has refused to furnish the college with first-run movies on or close to the campus.

"We're going to stay on the campus until we get first-run shows, whether it takes two weeks, two months, or two years," said Var-

ner, who will be valedictorian of his class in June. "We are saving money and making better grades by sticking on the campus."

The move was voted by the senior and junior classes at a meeting April 7. It was said then that students spent \$64,000 a year with the Bryan shows, compared with \$14,000 at the show on campus operated by the Y.M.C.A., using second-run films. Bus and taxi fares to and from Bryan have cost the students \$52,000 a year, it was said.

Leaders in the move have figured that each student spent an average of 15c in Bryan when he went to town to a movie in addition to the show admission price. Bus or jitney fare is 10c each way, and the movie costs 35c. Students have available a show operated by the Y.M.C.A., costing 15c, or less when coupons are purchased, but this show must wait forty-five days after the pictures have been shown at Bryan.

The Battalion, college newspaper, printed long stories and editorials when the boycott first was decided on, calling on the Aggie

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Highlights of Press Club Banquet



Above right are (left to right) Jeff Montgomery president; Bill Becker, vice-president; and A. J. Robinson, secretary of the 1940-41 Press Club. Upper left: E. L. Angell, Manager of Student Publications and Students Activities, receives a gift presented by members of the Press Club. Presenting the gift is George Smith, out-going president of the Press Club. Mrs. George Wilcox is seated in the foreground. Lower left: Inspecting the gift are, left to right, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Angell, Charlie Hamner, Mr. Angell, E. B. "Chic" Sale, and Larry Wehrle.

Outstanding Veterinarians Appearing At A. & M. This Spring in Series of Lectures



Dr. M. G. Fincher



Dr. Frank Breed



Dr. E. F. Schroeder

Yesterday marked the close of the second of three series of lectures given in the School of Veterinary Medicine by prominent veterinarians from several of the outstanding colleges in the country. Dr. M. G. Fincher appeared April 20th to April 22nd and was followed by Dr. Frank Breed from April 22nd to May 3rd. Dr. E. F. Schroeder will start his ten-day lecture series on May 6.

Dr. M. G. Fincher, professor of veterinary obstetrics and in charge of the Ambulatory Clinic, College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, gave a series of lectures and demonstrations on diseases of dairy cattle April 20th to April 22nd. He also included discussions and demonstrations on sterility and artificial insemination. From A. & M. Dr. Fincher, who is on sabbatical leave from Cornell, went to the college of veterinary medicine at Ohio State University on a similar assignment.

Dr. Frank Breed, who is a graduate of Cornell University, is the director of the Norden Laboratories for preparation of biologics for the prevention and treatment of diseases of farm and pet animals and poultry at Lincoln, Nebraska. From April 22nd to May 3rd he lectured with accompanying

demonstrations on diseases of swine which included swine erysipelas, swine typhoid, hog cholera, swine plague, and influenza of swine. His discussions included laboratory diagnosis and preparation and use of chick vaccines, particularly for prevention of equine encephalomyelitis.

Dr. E. F. Schroeder, an ex-Aggie of the class of '05, will start his series of lectures on surgical and medical treatment of pet animals on May 6. An outstanding specialist on the fracture of bones, he has designed special appliances and

Faculty's Last Dance Is Monday Night

Come one prof, come all . . . and wear your lightest duds!

The last faculty dance for the current session will be held in the Sbis Hall banquet room Monday, May 6, from 9 to 12 p. m., Faculty Club president Walter S. Flory has announced. The date has had to be advanced over that previously announced because of student demand for the banquet room.

This dance will be the spring informal. It is suggested that very informal sports wear be the dress keynote, with sports clothes of any type being worn, and slacks suits for men, cotton dresses for ladies, or any other very cool attire, being quite satisfactory. The wearing of sports clothes is merely a suggestion, Mr. Flory states; and if for any reason it is more convenient to attend in other attire, members may do so.

All staff members of the college are being cordially invited to attend and bring their friends. A large number of couples are expected, and the best faculty dance of the season is in the offing, it is declared.

Staley and Beck Elected Junior Yell-Leaders For 1940-41 School Session

Over 700 Members of the Sophomore And Junior Classes Present At Meeting

Skeen Staley, engineering student from Wichita Falls, and Bill Beck, agricultural student from Pecos, were elected junior yell-leaders for 1940-41 at a joint meeting of the junior and sophomore classes Thursday night.

Jim Borden, Ed Allen, J. O. Alexander, and Billy Davis were the remaining members of the six candidates aspiring for the office. The six candidates had previously been selected from a field of twelve sophomores, who had submitted their names by petition to be considered for the post, at a meeting of the sophomore class Thursday of last week.

The results of Thursday's election are as follows:

Skeen Staley	467
Bill Beck	367
Ed Allen	225
Jim Borden	146
Billy Davis	103
J. O. Alexander	161

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Tuesday Last Day for Senior Banquet Sales

Tuesday will be the last day that money may come in for the Senior Banquet to be held next Friday night, according to senior class President Max McCullar and social secretary Charlie Hamner. The deadline has to be established, the class leaders said, in order that the mess hall may be advised definitely of the number of couples to prepare for. Money should be turned in to McCullar, by 5 p. m.

"The biggest and best ring dance and banquet of them all is the goal of this year's function," class officers said, and "work is progressing steadily to insure seniors and their dates a great time in this event of all events for A. & M. men."

Russ Morgan, who sports a high hat and tails nowadays, will be on hand to furnish music for the banquet and ring dance. Russ at one time was an ordinary guy who hardly sported more than a miner's cap and dungarees.

For Russ is inordinately proud of his background as a Scranton, Pa., coal digger. His dad was a mine foreman, and a darned good one. Moreover he was a musician—drummer with the leading local band. His mother was a pianist too, with his father, they had played vaudeville before the mines presented the latter a more substantial sort of a living.

Naturally enough they were interested in a musical career for their son. However, there had to be a succession of cave-ins, explosions, and the deadly black damp of the mines before he got his first whack at a musical job—that of pianist in a Scranton movie.

It was dollars earned there that bought his first trombone which he shortly carried "blind baggage" into Philadelphia where two incidents of importance were to befall him. He knocked off a job in Paul Specht's Orchestra and won a radio commercial.

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NEXT YEAR'S 'Y' CABINET HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The Y cabinet for next year had its first meeting Monday night, April 29, in the Y chapel, where Preston Bolton, newly elected president, and M. L. Cashion, general secretary of the College Y, talked to the new members and discussed plans for next year.

For its first activity, the club members are going to Bastrop on Saturday, May 4, where they will enjoy swimming, a steak dinner, and hear a talk by Block Smith, the head of the Y at Texas University. About 40 members are expected to make the trip. The group is scheduled to leave from the front of the Y at 1:00 on Saturday and return about 10:30 the same night.

The newly elected officers for the club during the coming year are Preston Bolton, president; Paul Haines, executive vice-president; Tom Richey, social vice-president; Paul Egner, secretary; and Fred Smitham, treasurer. At the meeting, members were asked to select the committees on which they would like to work next year. There will probably be about two more meetings this year to complete the organization so that next year's cabinet may begin work as soon as school starts.

Mr. Mills said he was innocent of his first and last crimes, but that he took the "rap" for a friend the first time. He emphasized the necessity of keeping one's reputation clean, because, as he said, a convict has a very poor chance of convincing a jury that he is innocent of a repeated crime.

MATH CONTEST PRELIMINARIES HELD THURSDAY

Preliminaries in the Mathematics contest were held Thursday night at 7:30 in the Academic Building. In the contest, which is sponsored annually by the Math Department, there were 30 freshmen and 50 sophomores participating.

Three prizes are being offered to the winners of the contest. The first and second place winners will receive watches, while a prize of ten dollars goes to the third place winner.

The twenty students receiving the highest grades in the preliminary examination will take the final exam Thursday night, May 16th, at 7:30 in the Chemistry Lecture Room. These students selected to take the last test may substitute their score on the final test as their semester exam grade in Math 104.

Today marks the final deadline in which entries for the English Contest, sponsored by the English Department, may be filed. No entries will be accepted after 10 a. m., regardless of the reasons for delay in filing.

The contest will be held May 9 in the library classroom between 6:50 and 9:30 p. m. According to Dr. George Summey Jr., head of the English Department, the examination will consist of a general vocabulary test, course questions on material in English 104, 207, 210, and 232, and will include high value questions that will test the student's ability to organize and develop short papers, with enough options in subject matter to allow for differences of training and special interests.

Those students that participate in the contest are invited to attend the Mathematics-English Contest dinner Tuesday, May 21, tickets for which will be furnished without charge.

ENGLISH CONTEST FILING DEADLINE IS THIS MORNING

Major Irvin To Be Transferred To Fort Oglethorpe

Army orders have been issued from Washington to the effect that Lieutenant-Colonel John A. Weeks, Cavalry, at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia has been transferred to College Station. The Military Department at A. & M. College has received no word as yet about the time he will arrive here.

Lieut.-Col. Weeks will take the position which has been held the past six years by Major W. R. Irvin, who will go to Fort Oglethorpe at the end of school.

Major Irvin has been senior instructor of the Cavalry unit at A. & M. College.

College Station's Newest Addition, 'Campus', Opens

Management Opens Theater Without Ceremony; Feature Opens Program

Thursday night saw another step in the march of progress of College Station with the opening of the new \$65,000 theater, the Campus, which, for its first performance, was filled to capacity.

The management of the Campus avoided the pomp and ceremony that usually accompanies an opening of this sort and instead slipped quietly into the regular program of the theater.

The opening of the show, entirely eliminating a stage program, was very brief. The proceeding was begun by the playing of two recordings of Aggie songs and yells which were made at an Aggie football yell practice by W. A. Owens, of the English Department. Following the recordings and preceding the show a specially prepared trailer of Aggie interest was run as an introductory element which explained the policy of the Campus theater.

The refrigerating unit of the theater was not in operation Thursday night due to the failure of a small part of the machine to arrive on time, however, the system is working in perfect order at the present time.

At the midnight show Saturday

the Campus will feature the show "His Girl Friday". The manager of the Campus said, "It is my aim to keep working until I secure for College Station pictures that are both first run and First Class."

NO CORPS DANCE TONIGHT

There will not be the customary Saturday-night corps dance tonight, May 4, because of the large number away from the campus this weekend, social secretary Charlie Hamner has announced.

Welfare Committee Endorses Principle Of Plan To Distribute Jobs More Evenly

Local Movie Campaign Also Up for Discussion; Varner Restates Purposes, Expresses Confidence

The Student Welfare Committee, composed of representative members of the faculty and the student body, at its monthly meeting Thursday evening, voted unanimously to endorse in principle the plan lately proposed by the Student Activities Committee of the college, whereby student positions would be more evenly distributed among the students.

The recommendation from the Activities Committee, originally proposed by a group of seniors headed by Cadet Colonel D. B. Varner, states its purpose as to distribute the various student jobs and activities among as many students as possible, and at the same time prevent any one student from having more to do than time will permit. The basis for the limita-

tion is a point system; the points are determined by the amount of work required for a position and the importance it carries; and no student may be permitted to carry more than 10 points.

The point system originally recommended had as the highest number of points the cadet colonel, Battalion and Longhorn editors, with 10 each, and took in all student positions in a scale descending to 2.

The committee appointed by Dean F. C. Bolton, consisting of D. W. Williams, faculty chairman; (Continued on page 4)

Rockefeller Board Gives Scholarship To Joe Slaughter

Joe Slaughter, son of Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Slaughter, of Bryan, has received word that he has been awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Research Scholarship by the Foundation Board in New York City. Slaughter is now attending the Graduate School of the University of Iowa.

In 1937 Slaughter received his bachelor of science degree from A. & M. The two following years he was a graduate student assistant and in 1939 he received his master of science degree. He has now almost completed a year's work toward his Ph.D. degree.

The scholarship which Slaughter has been awarded is a very high honor. It does not require that the student change his field of work. It provides adequate remuneration for continuation of his chosen work.