

HUGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS PLANNED

Housing Conference To Open Here Friday

Outstanding Leaders Will Direct Group

Meeting Is Biggest Of Its Kind To Be Held in the South

The first conference of its kind ever to be held on the A. & M. campus—the first one of importance ever to be held in the South—and one of the most important taking place in the entire nation—is the Conference on Low-Cost Housing, sponsored by the Department of Architecture of the School of Engineering, and the Architectural Club of the college, beginning Friday morning and continuing through Saturday.

"This conference is attracting probably more noted architects and speakers than any other ever held in the Southwest," stated Ernest Langford, head of the department, who is forced to miss the conference here to attend the national convention of the American Institute of Architects, the meeting of the Associated Collegiate Schools of Architecture, and the meeting of the Accrediting Board of the Schools of Architecture, taking place this week in Louisville, Kentucky.

Richard J. Neutra, one of the most outstanding architects in the nation, of Los Angeles, California, who will be on the campus during the following week for lectures and consultations, will be the main speaker. He will also give a lecture Tuesday night, May 21, for all members of the staff and the entire student body. Mayor Maury Maverick of San Antonio will be the main speaker at the dinner Friday night at which the Architectural Club will be held. During the conference there will be an extensive exhibit of outstanding residential architecture of the United States to which the most famous architects in the country have contributed their work. Motion pictures on the low-cost house and

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A. V. M. A.'s To Hold First Annual Dance

The American Veterinary Medical Association will hold its first annual dance in the annex room of Sbis Hall Friday night with the Aggeland Orchestra furnishing music for the occasion.

Invitations have been mailed to approximately two hundred members and guests of the A.V.M.A. Faculty members, members of the Veterinary Experiment Station, and graduates of the School of Veterinary Medicine are invited.

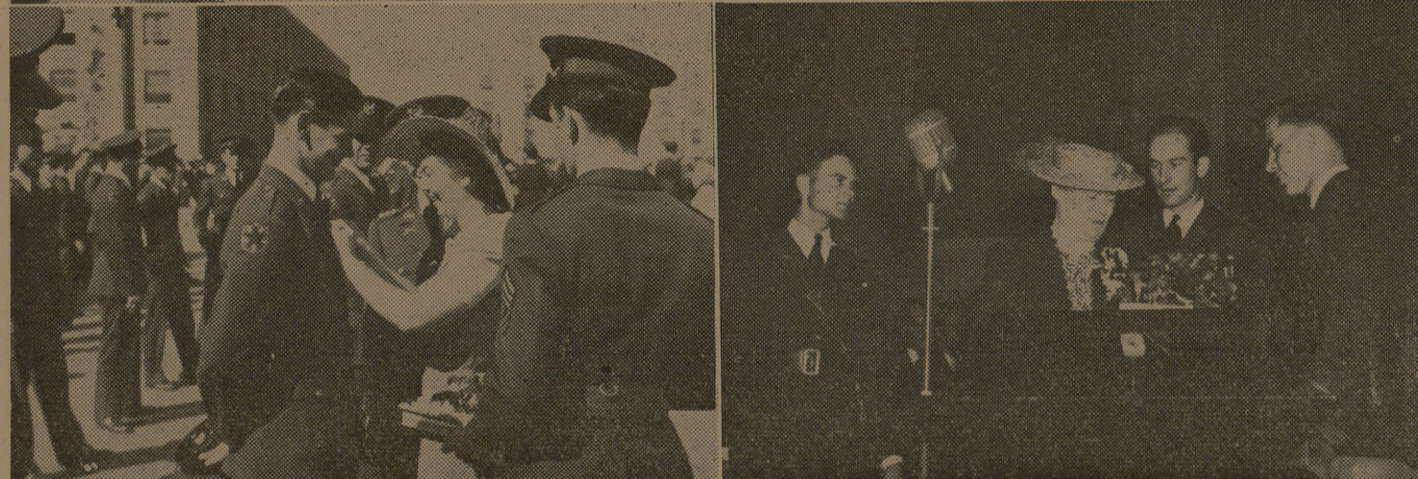
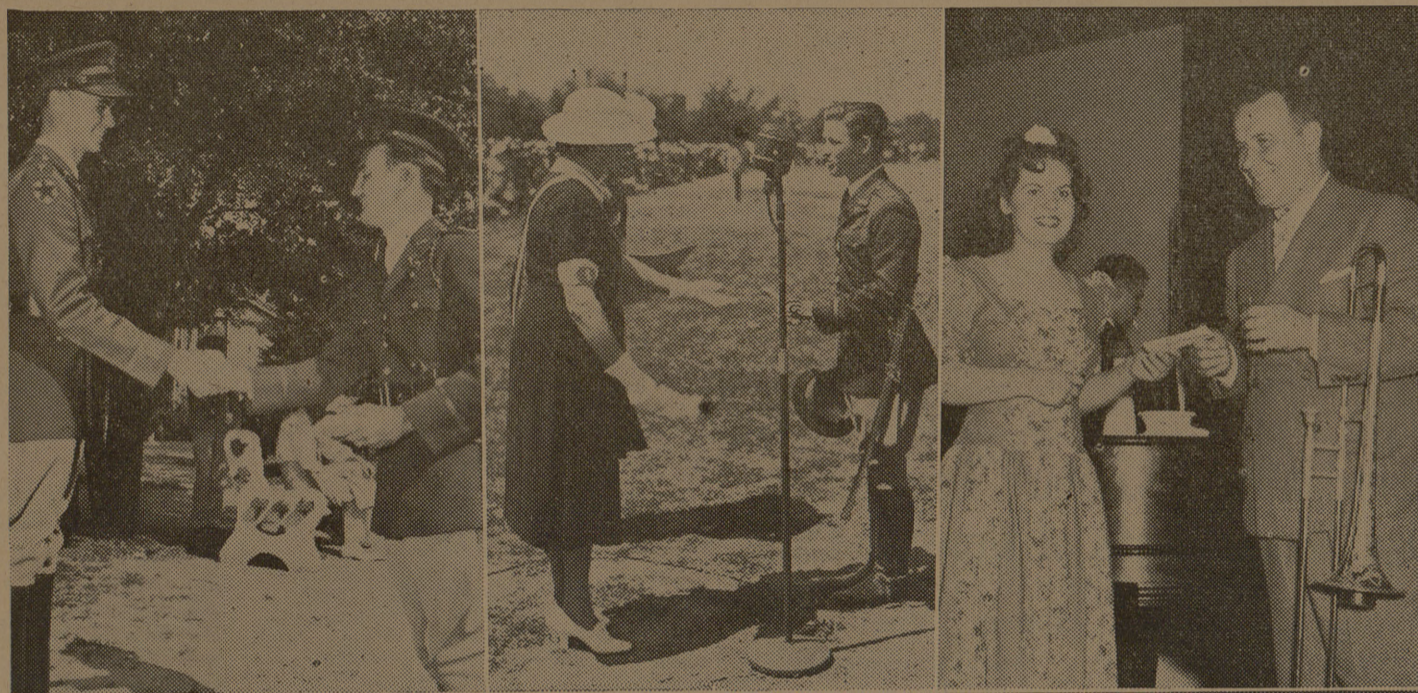
R. J. Rodgers, president of the student A.V.M.A. chapter; George Brumble, in charge of ticket sales; and Siegfried Neubert, chairman of the social committee, as well as other students, have been active in promoting this first spring dance of the local chapter. Plans are being made to make it an annual affair.

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Copies this issue

Sixteen thousand copies of this edition of The Battalion are being issued. With a normal circulation of 5,500, The Battalion today adds over 10,000 to that number in order to acquaint high school students and people of Texas with A. & M.

As Aggeland Celebrated One of Its Greatest Weekends



Ten thousand visitors thronged the campus last weekend for the annual Senior Ring Banquet and Dance, Engineers' Day, and Parents' Day festivities. A full program kept the visitors entertained throughout the three days of activity.

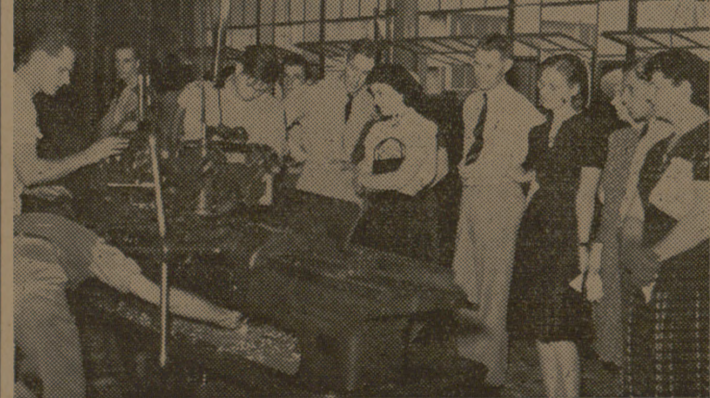
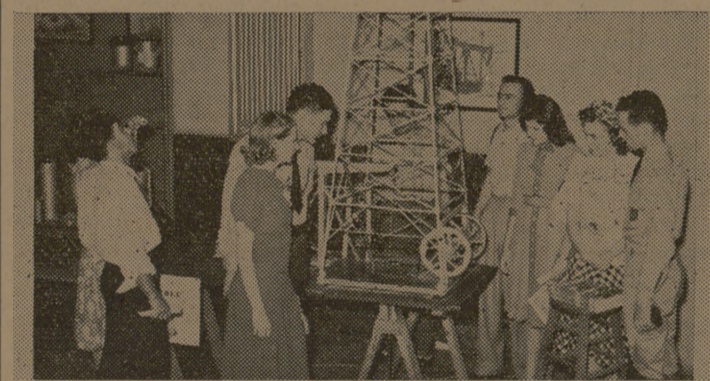
Left to right, top: Bill Lauder, Battery A Coast Artillery first lieutenant, presenting captain L. Q. Mayhew a watch

from the company for his service this year—typical of 65 similar organization presentations. Center, Mrs. S. T. Downs, president of the Texas Department of the Daughters of the Confederacy, presenting Signal Corps senior A. L. Norton with the Albert Sidney Johnston saber for high ranking in military science and tactics. Next "Backwash" Fuermann's date,

Hockaday junior Helyne Morrow talking it over with Russ Morgan whose noted orchestra played for the Senior Ring function and Saturday night's corps dance. Below is a shot of a typical flower-pinning ceremony which takes place in every organization each Mothers' Day. Right, Mrs. Irene "Mom" Claghorn, assistant superintendent of the College Hospital,



Cadet Colonel Durward E. "Woody" Varner makes a surprise presentation of a watch, at the Mothers' Day review, to warrant officer "Sergeant" King of the Military Science Department, who after 20 years' service on the campus is being ordered to foreign service.



A small part of the big Engineers' Day show put on last Saturday by all the departments of engineering, to acquaint both visitors and students with the work of the School of Engineering. At the top is a model oil-drilling rig in the Department of Petroleum Engineering; below, students demonstrate the work of one of the complex machines in the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Aggies Go On Record -- Wax-- At Noon Today

By George Fuermann

"Watch it!" . . . "Five seconds." . . . "Take it."

It's just as simple as that—a few words from director John Rosser and the thing will be under way—except that there were a few hundred details which had to be arranged first.

But to begin where all stories should begin . . . It all got started when A. & M. won the national football championship back in '39. From that day on everything about the institution from the brand of ketchup used in the mess halls to the school songs were quick to hit the nation's limelight. At least . . . the songs were. As a matter of fact, Rosser had so many inquiries about records of the several school songs that he winced every time the subject

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4,200 Copies Of New Longhorn Being Issued

Longhorns were issued to seniors yesterday afternoon; juniors receive their books this afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00; sophomores from 3:00 to 5:00 and freshmen will receive them on Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 5:00.

This year's Longhorn is the largest, most colorful annual that has ever been published, the editors believe. The book contains an even 500 pages and 4,200 copies have been printed and bound. Binding is in blue and silver, and further

color is added by the natural color pictures of the campus buildings. This book is strong evidence of the beauty and color of the A. & M. campus. A special section has been devoted to the Sugar Bowl corps trip, made up of pictures and descriptions of the New Year's football game at New Orleans. Extensive treatment has been given to the sections on the corps, military organizations, athletic clubs, activities, etc.

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New Laundry, Employees' Dorm Contract Awarded; Building Soon To Start

Four New Dorms, Six New Tennis Courts Applied For; Union Facilities Planned; Lounges To Be Installed, Dorms Repaired

By Bill Murray, Battalion Editor

A new laundry is scheduled to be ready for use when the sixty-fifth session of A. & M. College begins September 18; a new dormitory for employees of the two world's largest dining halls has been arranged for; and plans are being made by the A. & M. Board of Directors for a gigantic building program which when completed will answer all of the school's greatest physical needs, President T. O. Walton has just announced for the Board.

Contracts for the new dormitory for mess hall help and for the new laundry building, aggregating \$167,314, were let by the Board of Directors at a lengthy business session on the campus Saturday.

The Smith Building Company of Waco was awarded the general contract on both jobs on a bid of \$88,430. The plumbing and heating was let to David Vickers of Abilene on a bid of \$45,150. The electrical work went to Laddie Lesikar of Palestine for \$7,900. A contract for the equipment for the laundry, which will be fireproof, one-story, and 120 by 140 feet, went to the American Laundry and Machinery Company on a bid of \$28,934.

The dormitory will be four stories and fireproof. It will accommodate a maximum of 272.

A. C. Finn, Houston architect who designed the twelve new dormitories and the new mess hall erected on the campus last year, will serve as architect of both structures.

Construction will start within the next three weeks, Dr. Walton stated.

The old laundry is to be torn down to allow for street widening and straightening. The new one is to be erected immediately northwest of the power plant. The mess hall employees' dormitory will be just north and east of the Board of Directors residence (which is just above Sbis Dining Hall).

Six More Tennis Courts To Be Built This Summer

Application also has been filed with the Works Progress Administration for a loan, and an appropriation has been made to take care of the college's part of the expense, to build six additional concrete tennis courts, probably this summer, and as near the present twelve new dormitories as possible. A study of possible locations will be made in the near future.

Restroom Need Is To Be Answered

The building committee of the Board is at present making plans (Continued on page 2)

A. & M. Totals 240 Members In A. I. M. M. E.

Texas A. & M. College membership in the student association of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers totals 240 for the current year, only one member removed from a tie with the Colorado School of Mines for the leading place in the nation, it was announced by Harold Vance, head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering.

The A. & M. membership is not a requirement for students and is entirely voluntary, also being limited to junior and senior students. A. & M. stood eleventh in membership in 1938, third in 1939 and is second this year. University of Texas with 189 members is third this year, was seventh in 1939 and 13th in 1938. The two Texas schools probably will lead in 1941.

Board Applies for Loan To Build Four New Dorms

The Board of Directors has applied to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a sum not to exceed \$600,000 for the purpose of building four more new dormitories. The building committee of the Board and college authorities have been studying locations for those buildings, which are expected to be in the old dormitory area since they must be serviced from Sbis Hall.

'41 Seniors Elect New Officers Tonight

Senior class officers for the next year will be elected tonight at 7:30 in Guion Hall when members of this year's junior class vote in a special meeting of the senior class of 1940-41. Offices to be filled tonight are class president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and historian.

Senior class officers are to be elected now instead of at the beginning of the fall term so that the newly elected officers can start work immediately on problems which cannot readily be postponed until the beginning of next term. Contrary to previous statement, numerous classes previous to this one have elected officers during the spring term; the issue being one that is decided individually by each class. The senior classes of 1939 and 1940 elected their officers during the fall term but most of the classes previous to these had elected officers at the end of the junior year so that the officers could start work at that time and the class could start the senior year completely organized.

Cadet Colonel "Woody" Varner will preside at the meeting tonight until the new senior presi-

dent is elected and will then turn the meeting and the election of the other officers over to him. Every member of the junior class is urged to be present, so that the vote will be representative of the whole class.

Officers of this year's junior class include Ele Baggett, president; Tom Richey, vice-president; I. B. Stitt, secretary-treasurer; and Jeff Clarke, historian. The post of social secretary for the senior class of 1940-41 has already been filled as the result of a junior ballot election of Jack Nelson.

Barger To Be Visiting Prof at Michigan

J. Wheeler Barger, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at A. & M., will serve as a visiting professor at Michigan State College during one term of the coming summer session.

Professor Barger will offer a special course there dealing with economic and social planning along agricultural lines, which will be open particularly to county agents, governmental employees and vocational teachers who are to be in attendance.

'Harvest Day' Feed Will Be Held by Exes

The year's biggest picnic, with 1,250 guests invited, will be the second annual "Harvest Picnic" given May 27 by the Association of Former Students in honor of the teaching staff of the college and members of the 1940 graduating class. The event is given by the Association to celebrate the completion of another year's school work.

Invitations have been mailed to both teaching staff and all men expected to receive their degrees in June, or during the summer. Ex-Student Secretary E. E. McQuillen requests that any member of the teaching staff, or any senior, not receiving an invitation, should come anyhow, since mailing lists of this variety are difficult to com-

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