

\$600,000 Appropriated For Four More New Dorms

Campus Theater Bankrupt; Dallas Man Is Receiver

Theatre Will Continue To Operate With C. W. Lewis Retained As Asst. Manager

College Station's Campus Theater, which opened last May 2, went into receivership August 1. V. A. Walker, manager, announced that Ben S. Ferguson, Dallas theater operator, was the receiver.

Ferguson arrived at College Station August 4 and immediately announced that the theater would continue to operate regularly. "The present policies will be continued for the time being," Ferguson said.

Although both Walker and Ferguson stated that the theater would operate in receivership "for some times", neither was able to say when the court order would be issued announcing the date of the receivership sale. Ferguson will divide his time between College Station and Dallas during the receivership.

Ferguson would make no statement in respect to the securing of either first run, class A motion pictures or more recent pictures than the Campus Theater has shown to date. "Any statement which I might make at this time in that respect would be unfounded," he said, "but I hope to be able to say something definite about this within three or four days."

Ferguson also announced that C. W. Lewis, formerly assistant manager, would act as assistant manager during the receivership. Lewis, whose home was in Oklahoma City before coming to College Station, has had wide experience in theater work.

Walker, who left College Station Monday, said, "I want to express my sincere appreciation to the 6,000 cadets and the citizens of College Station for the fine cooperation they have given us in establishing this theater. Although the venture has not been as successful as we had hoped, it would have been entirely impossible without their support." Walker announced no definite plans as he left College Station and will probably return for a few days early next week.

Constructed at a cost of \$65,000. (Continued on page 4)

DR. TAYLOR TO LECTURE ON SOIL CONSERVATION

August 13, at 8 p. m. in the lecture room of the A. & M. Building, a lecture will be given emphasizing the social problems in Soil Conservation. Students and the general public have been cordially invited.

Dr. Carl C. Taylor, head of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Welfare, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Taylor is a rural sociologist and education of long experience. In addition to his other connections, he was formerly Professor of Rural Sociology and Dean of the Graduate School of the North Carolina State Agricultural College, Raleigh, N. C.

This lecture is sponsored by the Department of Agronomy, and the State Land Use Planning Office, W. Bassett Orr, State Land Use Planning Office, and Dr. I. P. Trotter, head of the Department of Agronomy, are in charge of the proceedings. The lecture is being given in connection with the special 3 weeks graduate course on Soil Classification and Mapping which starts on August 12, and is to be taught by E. A. Norton, Chief of Physical Surveys Section, Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C.

The general problems of conserving the soil and replanning agriculture for best and most efficient use of soil is becoming fairly well understood by both the public and the professional workers. According to Dr. Trotter many people have failed to recognize the human or social problems involved in replanning our farms for more efficient use in Soil Conservation, and A. & M. is particularly fortunate in being able to secure a man like Dr. Taylor to bring this important part of our problem before the people of the Southwest. All departments interested in this type of work are requested to invite their staffs and classes to attend.

Board To Pass On Guion Hall, High School Equipment

Plans have been submitted to the Board of Directors for the purchase of new equipment to be placed in the old Consolidated school building, and for the renovation of Guion Hall.

According to M. Cashion's statement, seven new billiard tables, costing approximately \$1,075, are to be placed in the building. A representative of the Brunswick-Blake-Collender Company of Houston has made a detail study of all unit costs and submitted the total cost amount of \$1,075 to the Board of Directors.

The Board will also make a final decision on moving the picture show from the Assembly Hall to Guion Hall. If the Board's decision is favorable Mr. Cashion has announced that Guion Hall will be converted into a first-class place for movie entertainment. Although most of the old equipment from the Assembly Hall will be transferred for use to Guion Hall it is estimated that about \$5,000 will be spent for new equipment and for acoustical improvements.

The expected \$5,000 is planned to be spent as follows: the cost of acoustical equipment is placed at \$1,750, widow and door covers along with a fireproof booth will cost \$600, a stage curtain \$1,200, marquee \$400, and cross and long aisle runners are expected to cost \$400. In addition to the new improvements already listed, seven large revolving fans will be transferred from the Assembly Hall, to be used along with the four already in Guion Hall, making a total of eleven large revolving fans for use. If this number of fans proves insufficient for ventilating the auditorium, additional ventilation facilities will be provided for. Other improvements expected to be made in Guion Hall is the stripping of the floor, the extension of the stage, the darkening of the front windows, and construction of a ticket booth at the entrance.

Mr. Cashion stated definitely that student prices will remain unchanged in spite of the new movie tax. Y-Cards will continue to be sold to students at the regular price next term.

18 Brazos County Reserve Officers Attend Camp Bullis

Eighteen members of the Brazos County Reserve Officers Association attended camp the first six weeks of this summer at Camp Bullis, doing advanced work necessary for promotion in the Reserve Corp.

Among these were Col. Ike Ashburn who attended as the commanding officer of the 360th Regiment, Infantry. Col. Henry Harrison also attended as the commander of the medical unit.

Others were Capt. Howard Badgett, Adjutant of the 36th Infantry; Capt. B. E. Nowotny, also in the 360th Infantry; Capt. Henry Bell, attending C.M.T.C. unit there; Capt. W. V. Maddox, C.M.T.C.

Lt. Russell Couch, 360th Infantry; Pt. O. E. Toague, C.M.T.C.; Lt. Joe Davis, Eighth Corps Area Service Commander; Lt. Harvey Caddis, 3rd-Army Maneuvers; Lt. Bob Melcher, C.M.T.C.; Lt. Joe White, 360th Infantry; Lt. George Warner, 345th Field Artillery; Lt. C. M. Simmang, 345th Field Artillery; Lt. George N. Johnson, 300th (Continued on page 4)

"Gyp the Blood", Coast Artillery's Pet



This is "Gyp the Blood", a 155 mm. gun, used by students at A. & M. as they prepare to become commissioned officers in the Coast Artillery Reserve. This gun will toss a 100-pound shell 10 miles "into the Blue". Last year 611 A. & M. students were enrolled in Coast Artillery Military Science and will sooner or later learn to fire this piece. More than 60 A. & M. graduates were on duty at Fort Crockett, Galveston, many of them as members of the regular army.

A. & M. Can Boast of Present Set-up And Past Record For Training Army Officers

Total defense plans for the nation will find Texas A. & M. well prepared because military science has been one of the required subjects at the school since the institution opened its doors in 1876.

Every call for officers and men has found Texas A. & M. giving fully its share, and in the last war the Aggies did their share in active service. A total of 2,200 students and graduates answered the call that time and the vast majority of them returned as commissioned officers, some ranking as high as colonel.

All students are required to take a two-year basic military science course which requires but three hours of their time each week. The advance course for juniors and seniors requires five hours weekly but pays those taking it a small allowance and makes them eligible for a reserve officer's commission upon graduation. Last June 360 such commissions were given to graduates.

Texas A. & M. has the largest all-male military school in the nation and its Reserve Office Training Corps unit ranks second to none. In addition to all of the regular combat units, the school also has units in the Engineers Corps, Signal Corps, Coast Artillery Corps and Chemical Warfare Service. The latter unit is one of the two in the United States and is the only such organization, including the regular army and national guard, west of the Mississippi River.

The regular combat arms of Infantry, Field Artillery and Cavalry round out the seven R.O.T.C. units at the college. Students may select the arm of the service they prefer except that only electrical engineering students may join the Signal Corps and Chemical engineering students may enroll in the Chemical Warfare Service. Veterinary medicine students are eligible to receive first lieutenant's commissions in the Medical Corps.

More than \$1,000,000 worth of government equipment, including 155 mm guns, is stationed at the college for the training of the Texas Aggies, which explains why they make such good soldiers when called upon.

Dial System Now Completed For Use In Campus Phones

Monday morning at 6 o'clock, 100 per cent dial system of telephone operation started in College Station, according to an announcement of District Manager Atkins of the Southwest Telephone Co. In August of last year a 250-unit of the dial system was installed, principally for A. & M. College and subscribers on the campus. Now an additional 450-line unit has been added. Last year there were 450 stations on the dial system, and beginning Monday morning there will be 450 stations, taking in College Station, the campus and the four additions to College Station.

The manual board will be maintained at College Station so that subscribers there wishing to call Bryan telephones may dial "O" and give the operator the Bryan number, as well as for the convenience of Bryan subscribers calling College Station numbers. Mr. Atkins requests that any subscriber in College Station having difficulty to report to the company and immediate adjustment will be made.

At the Bryan exchange, the new automatic equipment has arrived and installation of this equipment will start about August 15. The new building is nearly completed adjoining the present building. It will require about twelve weeks to install the new equipment and change the remaining 1800 receivers to the dial type. Already 300 of the receivers are of the dial type. Other improvements to the local telephone system will include the installation of about 7,000 feet of cable, and the rebuilding of the section from Uraline Avenue to 33rd Street east on College Avenue.

It is estimated that the change-over to use the dial system will be about Nov.

Nat Allen Masters R. S. 315 Technique; Weds Dorothy Gunter

Nat Allen, Aggie senior from Bryan, took his summer course in Rural Sociology 315 (Marriage Relations) seriously last Thursday when he tripped to Houston and got married. Undoubtedly it was a coincidence that the event took place immediately after the class had finished the chapter on the wedding and the honeymoon.

Mrs. Allen is the former Dorothy Gunter, daughter of P. G. Gunter of the English Department.

The wedding ceremony was held at the home of the bride's grandmother in Houston Thursday night, and the two honeymooned in Galveston through Sunday, whereupon they returned to Bryan in order that Nat could complete his summer work.

Nat Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Allen of Allen Academy. He attended Allen Academy before coming to A. & M.

Shuffleboard Courts New Addition at "Y"

Shuffleboard games are the latest additions to the amusement facilities of the Y.M.C.A. building. Under the direction of J. Gordon Gay, several of the regular members of the Y.M.C.A. cabinet have painted enough triangles and constructed enough pucks and mallets for two courts, one inside the chapel, and the other outside on the porch.

In playing shuffleboard the object is to give the round wooden puck an appropriate push, attempting to cause it to skid to a stop inside a painted area at a distance of about twenty feet. This game was originated aboard ship where

New Radio Antenna Will Be Completed About September 1

The steel frame on station WTAW's new broadcasting antenna has been completed and is now occupying a prominent place on the north horizon. The antenna, itself, together with the ground equipment, will be completed and go into operation about September 1st, according to H. C. Dillingham, professor of electrical engineering.

Though WTAW's power-output of 500 watts will not be changed, the new antenna is so efficient that it is expected to increase the signal strength of the station by about 25%. Also increased will be the effective broadcasting radius of the station, which on the completion of the new antenna will be nearly 40 miles, or an area of 80 miles across.

This new antenna is 220 feet in height, triangular in shape, and of the most modern type. The base of the tower is anchored in enough concrete to make further supports unnecessary, even in the strongest winds. The vertical sections of the tower are painted alternately red and white in order to make it plainly visible from the air. Aiding in the plan to remove the antenna as an aerial hazard is the red light on its summit, which can be plainly seen at night.

On one side of the tower is a ladder which will facilitate any repair work which may become necessary.

According to Mr. Gay, the Y. M. C. A. will attempt to make or set up any game or amusement possible if students who have ideas on the subject will leave them with someone in the "Y".

Decision Made By Board In Meeting Wednesday

Board Appoints C. H. McDowell To Succeed Mangelsdorf; Approves New Radio Studio

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the college held Wednesday it was learned that an application to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan of \$600,000 to be used for the purpose of constructing a total of four new student dormitories has been approved.

The decision on the location and the type of building to erect will be made at another meeting of the Board to be held in September. It is hoped, however, that construction of the new dormitories will be started sometime during the winter.

In order to make room for the new buildings the Board of Directors authorized President T. O. Walton to name a committee to handle details of vacating and disposing of residences on the campus that are now occupying sites for prospective new buildings. Only administrative heads of the institution will remain in campus residences, it was pointed out, all others now residing there will be given an opportunity to purchase the homes and remove them to other locations in the various residential subdivisions adjacent to the College properties.

Helen Jepson Or Grace Moore To Be On 1941 Town Hall

Either Grace Moore or Helen Jepson will be featured on the seven-feature program Town Hall for next year, it was announced after a meeting of the Student Activity Committee Monday afternoon. Three other entertainments have already been contracted.

According to Paul Haines, manager of the Town Hall, inquiries have been sent out to Grace Moore and Helen Jepson concerning prices and booking dates. One of these outstanding opera, movie and radio stars will be contracted for an engagement on the program, although definite plans are not yet ready for publication.

Among the other entertainment features of the year will be a group of choral singers, probably the Fisk Jubilee Singers, a group of negro artists. A nationally-known swing band will, of course, play a prominent role. Tentative plans are being made for a play or possibly a ballet, and a lecture on current affairs will be scheduled.

The United States Marine Band will play here on October 3, giving a matinee and evening performance. This organization is one of the most outstanding bands in the United States, playing in numerous concerts and radio programs.

The Houston Symphony Orchestra, one of the popular entertainments on the Town Hall last season, will be brought back to the campus for a return engagement some time in March. No definite date has yet been set, but the group has been contracted.

The Singing Cadets, the Aggies' own talented representatives, will also be featured on the Town Hall. Their program will follow the general lines of the one used on the annual tour of the group throughout the state.

Those in charge of completing plans for the Town Hall are E. L. Angell, D. W. Williams, T. W. Leiland, Ernest Langford, and Paul Haines.

Radiant Heating Will Be Discussed At Air Conditioning Course

The Second Annual Air Conditioning Short Course which will be held at A. & M. Aug. 15-17 will have as its instructors many noted lecturers in the field of air conditioning.

Heading the staff will be Dr. F. E. Giesecke, professor emeritus of heat and ventilating engineering at the college and a world authority on the subject. Other lecturers will include: Dr. C. P. Yaglou, department of public health, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; C. F. Boester, Purdue University, Evansville, Ill.; Prof. G. L. Larson, head of the mechanical engineering department, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.; A. B. Banowsky, United Gas Co., and Bert Fisher, Payne Heater Co., both of Houston; and Fred Rabe, Fort Worth.

Subjects to be covered will range from radiant heating and cooling to skin temperature and comfort and will embrace all phases of the somewhat infant but booming industry.

The course is open to the general public and registration will be held at 8:30 a. m. Thursday, Aug. 15, in the Mechanical Engineering Building. Last year almost 200 attended the course.

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LAST GRADUATE AG COURSE WILL BEGIN AUG. 12

On August 12, the last of 6 special graduate courses made possible at A. & M. College during the summer of 1940 by a special program instituted by Board of Directors, will begin. This course, offered by the Department of Agronomy, will teach "Soil Classification and Mapping", and will be taught by Mr. E. A. Norton, Chief of Physical Survey Section, Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C. Mr. Norton will arrive in College Station on the morning of August 9, and will perfect plans for the beginning of his course.

To date, the Department of Agronomy has had the largest advance indication of enrollment in this course than any of the 4 special graduate courses offered by the Department of Agronomy this summer. Thirty-six men have actually enrolled and have written that they would certainly be here in time to enroll for this course. The great majority of these prospective students are established professional workers in Soil Conservation Service who are coming in to enlarge and perfect their knowledge of Soil Classification and Mapping and the new system of classifying land according to land use capabilities which Mr. Norton will teach. Most of these men are junior soil surveyors with the Soil Conservation Service, and Mr. Norton is the head of the office which employs them for this work. A very large number of A. & M. graduates have been employed by Mr. Norton's office in recent years. These men are now scattered throughout the south from South Carolina to Arizona.

According to present indications the advance enrollment in this special course will come from these following states in addition to Texas: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Louisiana, and Wyoming. In addition to this classroom and laboratory work at A. & M., this class will make frequent field trips to study principal soil types and soil regions within a radius of 10 to 15 miles of College Station, taking in the river bottoms, flatwoods, and prairie soils.