

## College Night To Be Held Tonight

### A & M Enrolls 2,163 Freshmen

### Expect Attendance Of 7,500

#### College and Cadet Officials To Speak To Corps Tonight

The annual College Night celebration, to be held to night beginning at 7 p. m., will be the largest in the 64-year history of A. & M. College, E. R. Keeton, head yell leader predicted last night.

With an expected attendance of more than 7,500 cadets and civilians, the event is the first yell practice of the year and will be the first opportunity that 2,500 freshmen will have to see what's ahead of them in the coming nine months. "Everybody's back feeling flush over last year's victory," Keeton said. "This year, however, the team will need even more support than the wonderful cooperation shown by the corps last year. The yell leaders are prepared to give the team all the support they need and the corps is right behind us," Keeton added.

The College Night exercises tonight will feature short addresses by President T. O. Walton, Colonel Ike Ashburn, and Cadet Colonel Bill Becker. Following this Head Coach Homer Norton will introduce the members of the team.

Another feature of the College Night exercises will be the presentation of the Sugar Bowl trophy to the corps by Keeton. The famed bowl has recently been returned to the college after being on exhibition at the New York World's Fair throughout the past summer.

As at all yell practices, the famous 214 piece Aggie Band will be present.

The A. & M. yell leaders, who will officiate at the College Night Exercises, include Keeton, head yell leader; C. J. "Foots" Bland, senior assistant yell leader; Skeen Stanley and Bill Beck, junior yell leaders. College Night will be held at the traditional location of all yell practices, on the steps and the area immediately adjoining the Y. M. C. A.

Indications are that tonight's College Night will be the largest and most successful in the history of the event, and every cadet is urged to attend. Civilians in surrounding communities are also invited to witness the colorful function.

#### Town Hall Ticket Sales Booming as New Record Is In Sight

The success of the 1940-41 Town Hall was assured yesterday when the freshman class broke all previous records for Town Hall student ticket sales. In an announcement made late yesterday by Paul Haines, student manager, it was learned that ticket sales have gone beyond all expectations.

It was also announced that reserved seat tickets will go on sale Tuesday both in Bryan and at College Station. At College they will be at the Student Publications Office on the first floor of the Administration Building. In Bryan tickets may be secured at Waldrops. Reserved seat tickets this year will be \$4 and tickets will be distributed equally between Bryan and College Station. With the season's first number, the U. S. Marine Band, only a short time off, sales are expected to be rapid.

#### Battalion Staff Meets Tonight

The meeting for the organization of The Battalion staff is again brought to the attention of the students of A. & M. Those who wish to work on The Battalion will meet in room 122 Administration building Thursday night immediately after yell practice.

Included in this meeting will be artists, advertising men, sports writers, news reporters, editors, fiction writers for the magazine, in fact, anyone who wishes to be connected with the publication.

### Minnock Is New Head of Aggieland Orchestra; First Dance Is Sept. 28

The Aggieland Orchestra, backbone of A. & M.'s entertainment world, is rapidly getting underway. At the first rehearsal Tuesday night several very promising musicians were added. Ed Minnock, the new manager, is building a solid band around the old men who have returned.

Minnock, a Galena Park senior, has the highest grade point average in the Mechanical Engineering Department. He has many original ideas in respect to improving the orchestra this coming season.

"The band will be smoother this year, but there definitely will be no trend towards a 'mickey mouse' style," Minnock said. "Arranger Jack Littlejohn, although absent from the campus this year, will still contribute to the band's musical library," he added.

The brass section, headed by Joe Germany and Henry Baushausen, is coming along well, although the hot trumpet chair has not yet been definitely filled. Except for a few minor adjustments the reed section is ready to go. Minnock will kick off the band from the first sax chair. His excellent clarinet and sax work will be a featured attraction with the band this year. The second tenor position is still unsettled; however, with a few more tryouts, the hole will be filled. The orchestra promises a pleasant surprise in the third sax man, a band freshman, who handles a fine clarinet. R. B. "Topy" Pearce, another returning man, plays the other tenor.

H. F. "Red" Doerr brings back all his kettles and hides for another year. Along with Murry Evans, guitar for the last three years, Red will keep a solid rhythm section going. An experienced bass man, Frank "Sug" Barnes, blew in to keep the band rocking. Sug, tall and handsome, is a man who knows the band business and will be an asset. The piano, which will be easy to fill, will complete the combination.

Aggieland plays its first engagement Friday, September 27, for the faculty in the old mess hall. The following Saturday night will mark the corps' first glimpse of the new band. The occasion is the Corps Dance following the Texas A. & I. game. The dining hall floor is being refinished, and the ceiling is being rebuilt. The acoustics should be improved, and the floor will be greatly improved.

Of the old members returning, Baushausen has the seniority. He has played with the band for six years. Joe Germany has played for three, as has Murry Evans. Doerr, Minnock and Pearce played last year. Although this is his first year with the orchestra, Barnes has gone to school here before and is returning to finish.

For those Aggies who like a sweet tune played well, the band is developing a swing style for sweet music that will please those anti-jitterbugs but will not be too "sugary." The band is getting away from so much negroid phrasing and developing a solid style patterned after Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, and Tommy Dorsey whose arrangements the band is using.

Many arrangements are by Bud Nelson of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### 143 Senior Rings Will Be Delivered During Registration

Seniors have order 143 rings this year, according to information received from the registrar's office Tuesday.

Rings will be in three finishes, 12 to 13 pennyweight, antique green, dark, and light Russian. Ninety-nine rings will be delivered to seniors Thursday night from 7 to 9. Forty-four rings have been ordered for delivery October 15. Orders will be sent throughout the year on the first and fifteenth of the month.

Contract for the senior rings again was let to Jostens, Owatonna, Minnesota. Southern Engraving Company, Houston, is a Texas Branch of Jostens, the largest class ring manufacturer in the world. Last year at this time 205 rings had been ordered.

### Upperclassmen Will Boost Total To School Record

After Wednesday's registration of freshmen students a total of 2,163 had completed the procedure, according to figures issued officially by Registrar E. J. Howell. This represents an increase of more than 200 over the number enrolled by the same time last year.

Complete figures on registration are, of course, not available until after Thursday on which day upperclassmen will sign up and pay fees.

By the time registration for the semester is completed approximately 6300 students will have passed through the portals, according to an authoritative estimate by Registrar Howell. This will be a new peak in enrollment at A. & M.

Filled for three weeks before opening registration the dormitories of the college will house about 4600 of the students; nearly 1,000 can be accommodated in the project houses, and the remainder of those who enroll in the college will by necessity find rooms in Bryan or in off-campus houses.

It is not known whether or not project houses will be permitted in Bryan or other places outside the campus as was done in years past, but it is known that no student will be able to live off the campus in any residence not checked and approved by the college authorities.

### Official Hours Given For Hospital, Library And Swimming Pool

The following list of official hours for the entire long session has been given:

The College Hospital will be open from 7:15 a. m. to 2 p. m. and 4 p. m. to 6 p. m. Monday through Saturday. The Sunday hours will be from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. and the Hospital will be open from 12 to 2 p. m. on holidays.

The College Library will be open (Continued on Page 6)

### Scientists Think Bull Nettle Might Have Possible Uses

Somebody has finally got around to saying a good word for bull nettle.

The "somebody" is two University of California scientists who found that the plant contained a protein-digesting enzyme resembling pepsin in its action. It is even more like the digestive compound found in the subtropical fruit papaya, known as papain. Papain has long been used as a medicine for indigestion, an dit is possible that the new enzyme, which has been named solanain, may be useful in the same way.

It is also thought that solanain may find economic applications in tanning and other industries, especially since it is more resistant to heat than other digestive enzymes.

Maybe Texas farmers will be planting bull nettles some day.

### Gilchrist Appointed To Defense Committee

Gibb Gilchrist, dean of the school of engineering, has received his appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Engineering Education for National Defense.

This committee of ten engineering educators is headed by Dean A. A. Potter of Purdue University. Purdue is the largest engineering school in the United States, with Texas A. & M. being second in enrollment.



One member of the company of 65 which composes the world famous Littlefield Ballet which will appear on the Texas A. & M. Town Hall February 12, 1941.

### U. S. Marine Band Is First On Town Hall Programs; Appears Here Oct. 3

By Jack Hollimon  
The United States Marine Band, oldest, first and foremost band in America, will be the first offering of the new Town Hall series on October 3rd at Guion Hall. This performance is made possible through the permission of the President of the United States to allow a limited tour of this organization, often called "The President's Own."

Captain William F. Santelmann, leader of the Marine Band, will bring his talented musicians, resplendent in their scarlet and blue uniforms known throughout the nation, to the A. & M. campus for a full program of artistic excellence and stirring marches.

The band has been in existence since John Adams officially approved a bill that brought the band into being on July 11, 1798. It has performed at White House functions since the days of George Washington. Probably no musical organization so gloriously expresses the soul of the nation—its history, its religion, its patriotism, its hopes and aspirations—as does the United States Marine Band.

Following the United States Marine Band will be the Fisk Jubilee Singers, the finest vocal ensemble of the negro race for several decades. Organized in 1871, this group has grown in fame and reputation throughout the following years. They have become internationally important and the timbre and quality of their voices will be met with the utmost approval by the students of A. & M.

The Houston Symphony Orchestra, fresh from a successful summer

stand during which they entertained many thousands of delighted music lovers at their outdoor concerts, will make a triumphant return to Guion Hall where they gave a superb concert last year. This will be one of the highlights of a superior Town Hall season.

Jean Dickenson, vivacious young soprano, star of both radio and opera, will doubtless be another favorite with the Aggies when she presents her performance in Guion Hall for another hit Town Hall program. Glamorous Miss Dickenson, nationally reknowned, offers a program which none can miss this season.

The beautiful Littlefield Ballet, bringing to Aggieland some of the most talented and lovely ballet dancers in the world, will be another evening of grand entertainment for the Texas Aggies.

Texas A. & M.'s Cadet Singers, with a program that is destined to lift this organization on up the ladder of success, have also found a place on the Town Hall program.

Two other numbers, a popular dance band and a famous news commentator, will fill out the rest of this years great Town Hall presentations. These two will be announced in a later edition of the Battalion.

A student season ticket for all numbers cost \$2. Single admission prices range from \$1 to \$3 for each number, therefore the season ticket will be one of the best bargains for real entertainment on the campus. Reserved seat tickets for civilians are \$4.

### Nine New Taylorcraft Trainers Bought by College for CAA Course

Nine new Taylorcraft training planes roared over College Station Wednesday morning at 11:30 while most students were in the midst of registration. These new planes were being rushed to the college in preparation for the college-taught course in flying taught under the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Two professors in the Mechanical Engineering department, six students of the college, and the flying instructor made the trip to Alliance, Ohio, to bring the airplanes home. One of the students and the flying instructor also took their wives. Those making the trip were the following: Guy Davis, Raymond Berger, Roger Jackson, Clint Ritchey, Edwin Bowles, Rudy Rudasil, students; Al Nelson, and Paul Higgins, M. E. professors; Ralph Parkman, instructor. Mrs. Parkman, and Mrs. Rudasil were the ladies who made the trip.

Leaving Ohio Sunday morning, the group who made the trip ran into foggy weather, and were forced to delay their journey both

at Columbus, Ohio, and at Cincinnati, Ohio. Though the trip required three days to make, the total flying hours did not amount to more than about 15. On the trip the pilots passed through Columbus, Ohio; Cincinnati, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; Memphis, Tennessee; Littlerock, Arkansas; Texarkana, Tyler, and finally College Station.

With these nine planes the total now in possession of the college and housed at the airport has been brought to 14. These will all be used in training this year, and are a result of an increased appropriation from the C.A.A.

The new planes are 65 horsepower Lycoming Taylorcraft Trainers valued at about \$1,500 apiece. They were bought with the preliminary appropriation of \$36,000 made for immediate expansion.

That all of the planes now in use can be housed remains in some doubt. According to students who flew them in, if they all fit into the small space of the hangar, "it will be a tight squeeze."