

## Collegians Exempt From Draft Until July 1, 1941

### Enrollment Reaches 6,400 Tuesday; Exceeds Last Year's Total By 360

#### Count Shows An 8% Increase Over This Time Last Year

The enrollment for the year 1940-41, as known up to noon Saturday, showed that this is to be the largest registration, both of old students and freshmen, in the history of the college. At that time, it showed an eight percent increase over the same time last year and the number of students still demanding to be registered indicated a great increase in the rapidly expanding school which is already by far the largest military school in the world that enrolls only boys.

Final enrollment figures will not be known until October 10, when a final count of the students signed up for the different courses and schools will be compiled. Up until noon Monday, the number was 6400, a big increase over the 5,904 of last year, and the freshmen tally jumped from 1,920 in 1939 to 2,163 this year.

Approximately 4,700 students live in the dormitories, and the rest will be divided between the project houses and approved homes in College Station and in Bryan. Plans are up to build four new dormitories that will take care of the ever-increasing housing problem, but even after this there will not be enough room to accommodate the fast growing enrollment, since four new dorms will hold only a little more than 1,000 more students.

Due to the fact that many changes are being made in classes and many more students are still enrolling, complete figures on the registration will not be known until October 10. October 3rd is the deadline for changing courses and registration of students. Anyone dropping a course after this date will receive a final grade of F in the course.

It is estimated that the final count will be somewhere around 6,500, the largest enrollment in the history of the school. The total is already well past the 6,030 of last year and is going up steadily all the time.

### Antenna and Recording Machine Added To WTAW

A. & M. College's own radio station, WTAW, is now serving its audience with an impressive array of new equipment. The new tower near Highway No. 6 is the most conspicuous of the improvements that have been wrought between the time school let out last June and the beginning of the present session.

The tower, styled as a "vertical radiator" by the station's chief engineer, H. C. Dillingham, is 222 feet high from ground to tip. The new antenna has already effected a considerable increase in WTAW's working range, and the staff of College engineers say that this improvement will become more marked after further adjustments are made. Cards have already been received from daytime listeners as far away as Hallettsville and Wharton who have reported perfect reception.

The radio station has also benefited greatly by the gift of a new

### Singing Cadets To Hold First Tryouts Tonight In Y M C A

The Singing Cadets extend a cordial invitation to all freshmen and old students who would like to join the club.

Numerous trips have been planned for the year. Several of these include trips to Austin, Huntsville, Waxahachie, Denton, and Houston. More trips will be planned as the year progresses. A long trip is taken each year during the spring holidays. This year the club is going to either New Orleans, La., or to Monterrey, Mex.

Tryouts are to be held for the next two weeks, starting Sept. 24, from 5 until 5:30 and immediately after each yell practice. Tryouts are to be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlor.

### Aggie's Ring Found In Dakota Bad Lands; Returned To Owner

R. C. Jackson of A. & M. has his faith in fairies and also the honesty of the human race strengthened.

He received this self-explanatory letter from Paul Messer of Hedrick, Iowa:

"You'll probably think that this is a fairy tale, but I guess it really isn't. To get down to facts, I went on a vacation through Dakota and Colorado. While in South Dakota, I had to do a little climbing, and on one of the ledges I climbed I found a Texas A. & M. class ring belonging to R. C. Jackson.

"I'm trusting to luck that you will get this letter if I send it in care of your college. If you do receive this letter, send me your address and I'll be glad to send you your ring."

### Remainder of Promotion List To Be Released Soon

List promotions for the remainder of the seniors taking advanced military science will be released within a week or ten days, according to information received from the military department yesterday.

### Colonel Watson Presents His Plans And Policies To Cadet Officers

In a talk Tuesday morning in the Assembly Hall, Lt. Colonel James A. Watson, new commandant of the College, presented to this year's cadet officers and first sergeants his plans and policies for the coming year. His message was apparently well taken as was shown by the response that followed.

The text of his talk is as follows: "Doctor Walton, Colonel Ashburn, and officers of the corps, my initial appearance before you in the capacity of Commandant is an occasion of which I am very proud.

"My future contacts with you will be in furtherance of our vital National Defense program and the highly important place therein that this great school fills.

"The troubled situation in Europe which occupies most of our thoughts must necessarily guide our procedure in these times preparing to protect this country.

"I believe that this mission of the cadet officers is clearly outlined, that is to so conduct themselves as to maintain the highest

### Town Hall's Reserved Seats On Sale Today

Paul Haines, Town Hall student manager, announced Monday morning that reserved seat tickets for Town Hall programs to be presented during the forth coming school year will go on sale Tuesday morning, at eight o'clock for \$4 each. Sale on these tickets will last until Wednesday evening and may be obtained at the Y.M.C.A., College Station, and at A. M. Waldrop Co., Bryan.

A very attractive and colorful series of entertainment has been arranged and will be presented at intervals so as to last throughout the duration of the college year.

The U. S. Marine Band, under the leadership of Captain Taylor Branson and directed by Captain W. F. Santelman, will be the first program presented on Town Hall and will appear Thursday night, October 3 in Guion Hall. This renowned organization, referred to as the "president's own" is under special permission granted by the President of the United States.

The second Town Hall presentation of the year will be the "Fisk Jubilee Singers," acclaimed by musicians as the finest vocal ensemble of the Negro race for seven decades, will appear in Guion Hall on Monday night, November 4. They have been received in the White House by the President and have sung before Queen Victoria and many other renowned individuals.

Jean Dickenson, 26 year old American soprano, star of both radio and opera, will be Town Hall's third presentation of the year. Miss Dickenson will appear in Guion Hall Wednesday night, December 4th. She recently made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera and received world-wide acclaim on her splendid performance.

The Littlefield Ballet, first Ballet ever composed of and directed by Americans exclusively, will appear as Town Hall's fourth presentation in Guion Hall on the night of February 4, 1941. The Littlefield Ballet is composed of a company of 65 and a full symphony orchestra, beautiful girls, gorgeous costumes, and gay dancing mark this organization.

The Houston Symphony Orchestra, outstanding musical organization in this section for a decade, will appear in Guion Hall on the night of March 3rd, 1941, as Town Hall's fifth presentation.

standards for this Corps. "Discipline and training rest with you to the greatest extent. You have been selected for your character, ability, and personality to carry out this important function.

"The opportunity presented to you to gain training and experience in command is unequalled. The firmness, wisdom, and judgment with which you exercise this authority will determine the conduct, interest, and contentment of the Corps. The responsibility is great.

"The officers of the military department are here to instruct and advise you. Detailed instructions as to your duties will be issued from time to time.

"The profession of arms and its comradeship is one in which the element of pride, some call its morale, is the greatest factor.

"I expect you to feel, exercise, and develop this quality to the highest degree in yourselves and in all the men under you.

"In a last analysis, I am your

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### Seniors To Hold Meeting

The senior class will hold its first meeting of the year in Guion Hall Wednesday night at 7:30 with Tom Richey, president; Howard Shelton, vice-president; and Jeff Montgomery, secretary, in charge.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss business which has arisen during the summer and since the beginning of the current school year. Among the various things to be brought up will be a discussion of a junior-senior corps trip to San Antonio for the Tulsa University football game on October 5. Also will be decided the places for the regular corps trips for this semester.

Senior section for football games will be the same as it has been previously, and whether or not the juniors have a separate section will be left entirely to their decision.

The senior class will decide whether or not to present the Board of Directors with the request to charge for visitors who dine in the college mess halls.

Also will be discussed the proposition of making kaki slacks regulation for meal formations, and for changing final exam week back as it was previously.

The senior class officers will appoint committees for the Senior Ring Dance and Banquet, Decorations, and for Mothers Day at the meeting.

### School Board To Discuss New Dorms Wednesday Morning

The College Board of Directors will meet at 9:30 Wednesday morning in the director's room for the purpose of discussing the erection of the four new student dormitories.

An appropriation of \$600,000 was received through an application to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation during the past summer. At a meeting of the directors, which was held in the early part of August, it was decided that the location of the buildings and the type to be erected should be postponed until this meeting.

At the meeting Dr. Walton was authorized to appoint a committee to handle the details of vacating and disposing of residences on the campus that are now occupying sites for prospective new buildings. Only administrative heads of the college will remain in campus residences, and all others now residing in buildings on the campus will be given opportunities to purchase the homes and remove them to various residential subdivisions adjacent to the campus.

At the present it is hoped that construction on the new buildings will be started sometime this winter.

### Faculty To Hold First Dance Of The Year Friday Evening

Friday night, October 4th, will mark the beginning of the faculty dances when the first dance of a series of nine will begin at 9 p. m. in Sbis Hall annex. Music will be furnished by the Aggeland Orchestra which will make its first appearance since it was reorganized by Ed Minnock.

All officials of the College and members of the faculty are urged to attend. E. D. Parnell, president of the faculty dance committee has announced that season tickets are now available and may be secured from him or Russell Couch, secretary. The price for season tickets is six dollars for the series of nine dances.

### A & M's Guardsmen Will Be Called For Year's Active Duty November 22

#### Texas Guardsmen Not Exempt Under Provisions of Burke-Wadsworth Act

By George Fuermann

Texas A. & M. students, and collegians throughout the nation, will be exempt from military conscription until the end of the current 1940-41 long session.

Section five, article (f) of the Burke-Wadsworth Military Conscription Act reads, "Any person who, during the year 1940, entered upon attendance for the academic year 1940-41

(1) at any college or university which grants a degree in arts or science, to pursue a course of instruction satisfactory completion of which is prescribed by such college or university as a prerequisite to either of such degrees; or

(2) at any university described in paragraph (1), to pursue a course of instruction to the pursuit of which a degree in arts or science is prescribed by such university as a prerequisite; and who, while pursuing such course of instruction at such college or university, is selected for training and service under this Act prior to the end of such academic year, or prior to July 1, 1941, whichever occurs first, shall upon his request, be deferred from induction into the land or naval forces for such training and service until the end of such academic year, but in no event later than July 1, 1941."

Article (a) of section five exempts, among many other groups, "cadets of the advanced course, senior division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps." The announcement made public last Thursday calling all Texas Guardsmen into active service for a year's training beginning November 22 will affect Texas Aggies, but the number of A. & M. students who are members of the National Guard is yet undetermined.

President T. O. Walton pointed out, however, that there are probably very few Guardsmen enrolled here. "It is my belief," he said, (Continued on Page 4)

Formerly, the Texas Farm and Home Program was heard at 11:30 over WTAW and TQN. Under the new setup, the program is heard only over WBAP, WOAI, and KPRC every morning at 6:15 o'clock, and WTAW may make use of the 11:30 time locally as it sees fit.

The College studio will also originate for the network a quarter-hour weekly program as part of the Texas School of the Air. To be heard Wednesday at 1:15 P. M., the A. & M. series will be called "Jobs Ahead." It is designed to offer occupational information to youths of high school age who will shortly be seeking work. The series will be written and produced by Rosser, in collaboration with outstanding educators in the College and the State Department of Education. The first program will be broadcast on October 9th.

"Even without the new program series, A. & M. College has for many years had more time on the Texas Quality Network than any other school or college in the State," Rosser said. "At the present time, I believe that we produce more actual broadcast hours than any other educational institution in Texas."

Yell practices, however, are by no means the limit of usefulness of the machine, Rosser pointed out. The recorder is of the double-turntable type, capable of transcribing a high-fidelity record of any sound, from music to speech, of any length, and without interruption. The switch from one table to another can be made instantaneously, allowing a program of any length to be recorded in "takes" varying in length from fifteen to twenty-seven minutes.

It is planned to record a series (Continued on page 4)

### American Society Of Civil Engineers To Hold Its First Meeting Tuesday

The A. & M. Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers will hold its opening meeting of the year Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. in the lecture room of the Civil Engineering building.

As guests of the Chapter, all freshmen enrolled in civil, administrative and agricultural engineering will meet with the sophomores, juniors and seniors in an informal smoker for the purpose of discussing plans for the coming year.

At the conclusion of the smoker, election of a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer will be held and various standing committees appointed by the president, Henry Drumwright.

The Chapter brings to the campus of the institution an organization affiliated with the National Society, which has in its membership 16,113 engineers representing every state of the union and 46 foreign countries. Through the efforts of Mr. R. J. Potts, formerly a professor of Highway Engineering at A. & M. and now a prominent business man of Waco, a Texas section of the Society was

### Football Dances Open With Saturday's Corps Dance

By E. M. Rosenthal

Open season on bird dogs will officially start this coming Saturday night, September 28, when the corps will have its first dance of the year in Sbis Hall. Ed Minnock, maestro of the Aggeland Orchestra, at that time will present the new members of the band and the latest arrangements of songs that are being acclaimed over the country.

Both the jitterbugs and the other dancers, who take life less recklessly, should be well pleased with the new floor and improved acoustics that they will find in Sbis Hall. The addition of these features was started during the summer and will probably be completed before the end of the week.

There have been unconfirmed rumors going about that prices will be slightly higher for the corps dances this year. If this is true the small addition will be merely a government tax and not any increase of the base price. However, it is believed that Saturday night's cost will be the regular \$1.00.

The price of season tickets for the nine faculty dances is six dollars. They are available now and may be secured from E. D. Parnell, president of the faculty dance committee, or from Russell Couch, secretary of the organization. Mr. Parnell urges all members of the faculty and officials of the College to attend their first affair of the year.

Minnock says that the orchestra is every bit as hot as it was last year, and he hopes that the corps and the faculty will again give the boys the rousing receptions that they have in the past. He promises music from the slow sweet style to those fiery swing numbers which proved to be so popular last year. Minnock's big wish is that everyone let his tune preference be known so that the Aggeland can feature what the campus, as a whole, wants.

Annual A & M Staff Banquet To Be Sept. 27

New members of the staff at Texas A. & M. College and their wives will be honored at the annual dinner to be held in Sbis Hall Friday evening, September 27, Dr. F. C. Bolton, dean of the college has announced.

All of the new members and their wives will be guests of the Deans and Directors and all old members are expected to attend to meet the newcomers to Texas A. & M. Further details will be announced later.

### College Students Offered A National Photography Contest

Youth In Focus, a national photo contest, paying more than \$1500 for the best pictures about young America awaits every college camera fan as they return to school today. The contest is sponsored by Dr. Mary E. Wolley, president of the University of North Carolina. It is open to amateur photographers whether they own dollar Brownies or expensive Leicas, Youth In Focus announced that, "The subject, story, and skill will determine the winners; technical ability will be entirely incidental." Interesting pictures of students in class rooms, labs, dining halls, at football games and "bull sessions" will form an important part of the photographic document Youth In Focus will produce.

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