

## White Next Town Hall Entertainer

### Subject Of Talk To Be On Present European Conflicts

William L. White, war correspondent, who has recently witnessed Britain's struggle for life on land and sea, will address the cadet corps on March 5 under the auspices of Town Hall. A brilliant speaker, White will, nevertheless, leave time for the audience to guide the program. The corps will be given ample opportunity to question him on conditions in Europe and of his personal experiences on his two trips to that country—his first to Germany and Finland and his most recent one to England. He will give facts that everyone is interested to hear but which American audiences have not had the opportunity to know since censorship has blanketed a major portion of the earth's surface.

Journeying to England on one of the 50 destroyers which the country traded for Atlantic bases, he wrote of that passage in *Life* and in the *Reader's Digest* of January, 1941. He had completed his work on December 4 and was ready to take passage by plane to Lisbon and thence to the United States by Clipper. Unable to make a reservation for the Clipper from that end, his wife, in New York, managed to get a commitment from the American office. He is expected to return to the United States by February 1 and after a few days for recovery will begin his lecture tour.

## Spanish Film To Be Presented By Film Club Thursday

A Spanish film, "Jalisco Nunca Pierde," will be presented Thursday night at the Campus Theater as the second foreign film sponsored by the Campus Film Club. Students of Spanish in the Modern Language department will be given reserved seats for the showing.

Sam Zisman, chairman of the executive committee of the club, stated that they have been trying to get the film for some time. It is being handled through a distributing agency in San Antonio. The film contains scenes which present native living and a good deal of native Mexican music.

"Arrangements have been worked out to make the handling of tickets easier and to save inconvenience," Zisman said. The near capacity house at the first foreign film impressed the members with the interest which was shown.

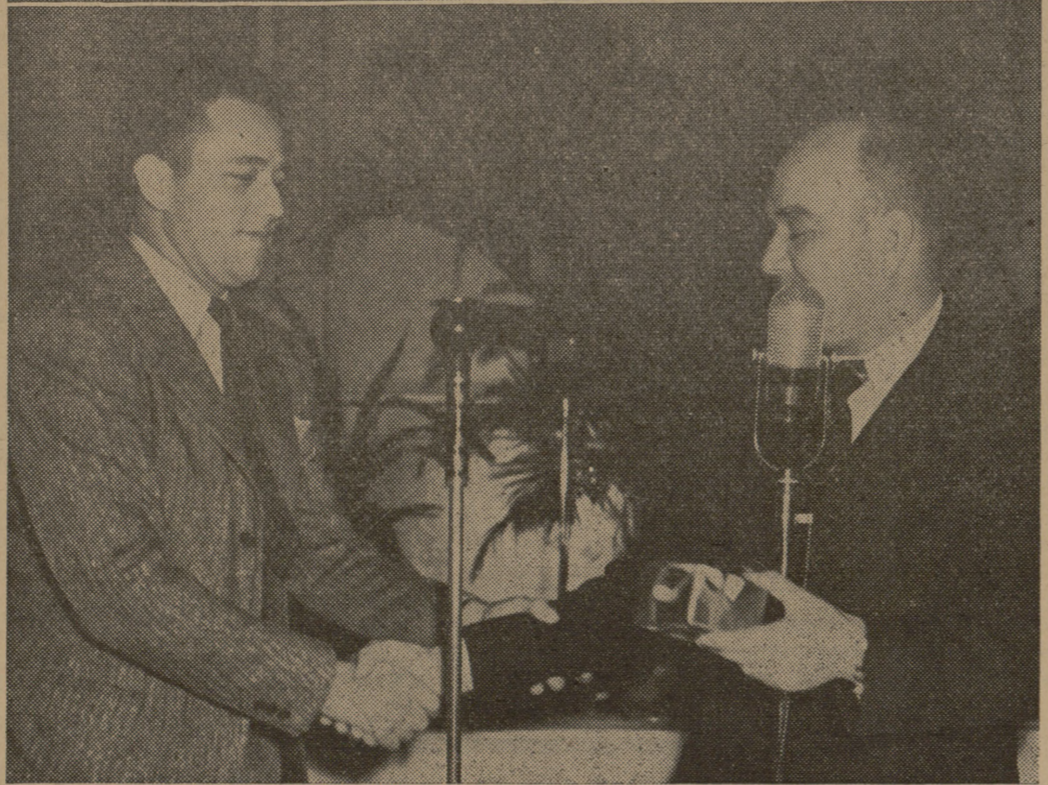
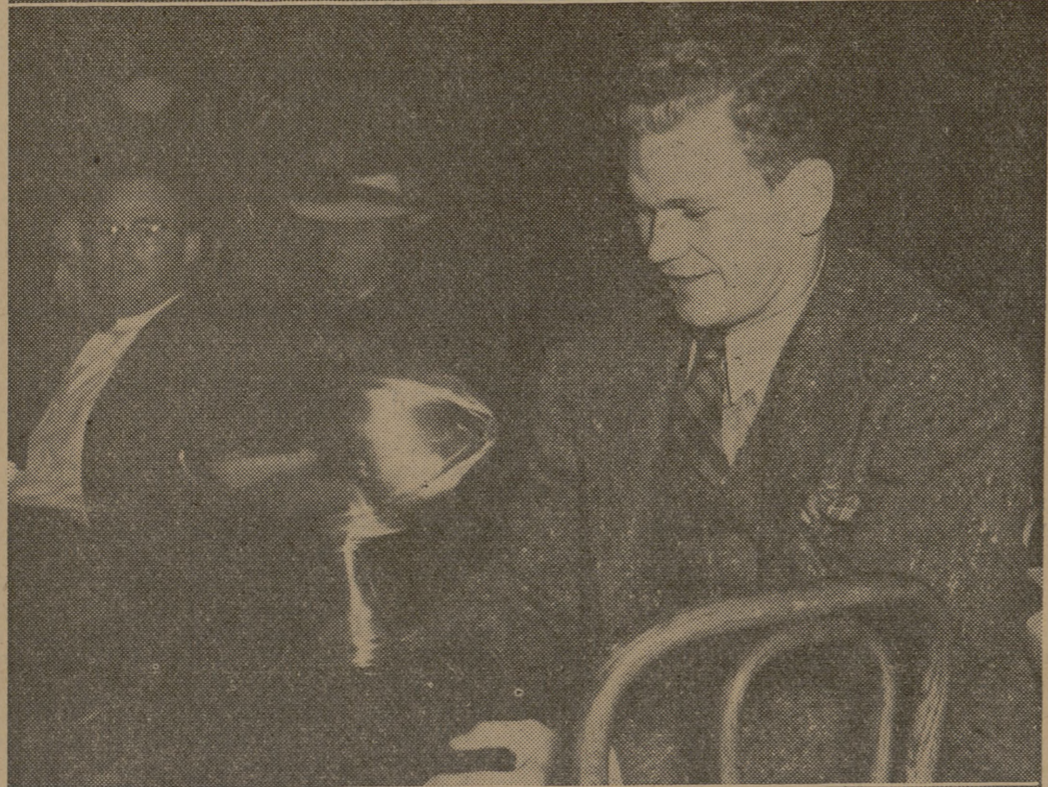
## Agronomy Course Introduces Soilless Gardening Next Term

Students taking Agronomy 422, soil fertility, may experiment with soilless gardening next semester. Dr. R. L. Donahue, teacher of the course, has announced. Due to extensive interest in this new field, the Agronomy department has extended its facilities so that those students interested may have some experience in this new branch of science.

This practice of maturing crops without soil was first brought out in 1930 by Prof. W. L. Gericke of the University of California. Since then it has spread over the country like an epidemic because of the novelty of the method and the reports of larger yields.

Last year Agronomy 422 students grew oats and cotton in a twenty gallon wooden horse tank. Six such tanks are available this year as well as several large jars. Students taking the course will get to exercise their own technique in soilless gardening besides testing the effects of the fourteen essential elements on plant growth.

## "Bank Night" At Gridiron Banquet



Chip Routh shows Miss Mavane Warner, Bryan, his new football jacket with letter on it. (top) All of the players received one of these. Marshall Robnett (center) inspects his All-American silver football trophy. Charlie Henke is congratulated by Coach Homer Norton (bottom) upon receiving one of the two best-blocking medals. James Thomason received the other one. —Photo by Jack Jones

## Footballers Hit Jack-Pot At Annual Gridiron Banquet

By Hub Johnson  
Battalion Sports Editor

Bank night in Sbis Hall! This was the general gist of the annual grid dinner Friday night.

The Aggies hit the jack pot! Silver tipped belts, watches, spur tie clips, overcoats, gold footballs, plaques, Sugar Bowl replicas, and trophies of all sort—all came from one side of the table to the other with the solid maroon jackets that were given to the lettermen.

Toastmaster Dough Rollins held the diners in the palm of his hands until Byron "Curly" Winstead, chief of publicity here at College Station, introduced his wife as the secretary of war of the Winstead family.

Mid-way in the schedule of events a wire was received from Dan Rogers of the Cotton Bowl to the effect that cowboy boots for each member of the squad were ready for delivery.

Norton thanked the boys for all the cooperation they had given and highly praised the work of the "blue boys." "Success doesn't come the easy way," he told them. "You have to work for it."

Pat Flaherty held the crowd in laughs with his broadcast over WOAI and KPRC. He questioned Kimbrough as to what his plans were following graduation.

"I'd like to get back on the range with a wife and get six kids right fast," John told him.

Marshal Robnett's reply to the same question was, "I guess I'll take pro football. I can't get six kids as fast as Kimbrough."

After the fifteen minutes on the air, back the program went to Dough Rollins. He read the praises to all who had helped in making the great Texas Aggies the best of the land and then read James "Dumby" Chance Jr.'s toast to the team.

The following is Dumby's contribution: Again we meet, drink and break bread; With the swell gang that has spread, The Aggie spirit from coast to

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## Aid Fund Receives Final Approval Today

### Foster Hall Repaired For Defense Trainees

Foster Hall is now being repaired in order to accommodate the Civilian Defense Trainees who will take courses in National Defense Engineering which will start February 10.

All repairs are being done by the department of building and grounds and according to that department only such work as to make the building livable and weather-proof is being done. The reason for only these essential repairs are being made is to allow the trainees to pay the smallest rate possible. At present the plans are to have the rentals only high enough to pay the expense of janitor service.

After the plastering and patching up is finished Foster Hall will house at least 80 men. At present the object of the extra facilities is for the use of the Civilian Defense Trainees but they may also be used for students during the summer short courses.

By providing this low cost housing feature, the officials have cut the expenses of trainees to a minimum. The United States Office of Education is providing all expenses of instruction, materials, and equipment and there will be no tuition fee. However the trainees will be required to furnish their own text books, note books, and provide for their board along with paying for their rooms in Foster Hall.

### CSC Offers Examinations In Scientific Fields

Open competitive examinations for the positions described below were announced by the United States Civil Service Commission today. Applications will be accepted at the Commission's Washington office not later than the closing dates specified. Where two closing dates are given for receipt of applications, the extra time is allowed those sent from Colorado and States westward. All salaries are subject to a 3 1/2 percent retirement deduction.

Positions in scientific fields for which examinations were announced are:

Associate chemist-petrographer, \$3,200 a year. Applicants will not be required to take a written test. They will be rated on their education and experience which must include professional experience in chemistry or geology. Closing dates are March 3 and 6, 1941.

Junior technologist (any specialized branch), \$2,000 a year. A 4-year college course with major study in a branch of technology is required, except that applications may be accepted from senior students subject to certain conditions. Closing dates are February 20 and 24, 1941. For higher grade Technologist positions, with salaries (Continued on Page 4)

### Two Cent Meal Reduction Will Cut Enrollment Fee

A two cent per meal reduction will reduce the cost of enrollment for the second semester for those students living in the dormitories from \$58.75 to \$57.25. This will include board to March 8.

The cost of board to March 8 has been reduced from \$19.25 to \$17.75. The cost of board from March 8 to April 8 has been reduced from \$21.25 to \$19.50. A reduction in board from April 8 to the end of school has not yet been made.

As a result of this reduction in the cost of board for these two months the total payment for all of the second semester has been reduced from \$157.50 to \$154.25.

### Could Exams Be The Reason For Such Goings On?

By Lee Rogers

There is something funny going on around here these days—and there must be a reason for it.

It is not the normal thing to see a cadet walking across the campus at 2 o'clock in the morning mumbling and swearing about cosines and the life cycle of earth worms. And usually there would be a slight doubt in your mind about your room-mate's sanity if he were to put a fountain pen in his mouth touch a match to it and at the same time try to write with his pipe, but such actions are looked on as matter-of-fact now.

Surprisingly, there are little blades of grass sprouting on the beaten path to Uncle Ed's. While on the other hand it is becoming a common sight to see a student gulp down three cups of black coffee at midnight and then buy a handful of strong cigars.

So if you are still wondering what is happening just inquire a bit and you will find that final exams are practically here.

### Sanger Brothers To Sponsor Cotton Pageant Style Show

J. S. Mogford, sponsor of the annual Cotton Ball and Pageant announced that Sanger Brothers of Dallas have accepted an invitation to participate in the presentation of the affair this year. This announcement was made as a correction of an erroneous previous statement that A. Harris and Company would take part in the presentation.

The pageant which will take place on May 2 is expected to be the most elaborate that has ever been presented. Sanger Brothers is the first firm of Dallas or that vicinity to accept an invitation to take part in this annual style presentation.

Within the next week or ten days a designer and publicity agent will be sent to A. & M. to study the plans and arrangements that have been drawn up by the Agronomy Society concerning the pageant. Their job will be to arrange the colors, styles and lighting effects.

Following the pageant the annual Cotton Ball will be held in Sbis Hall with the Aggieband Orchestra furnishing the music for the occasion.

More definite plans for the program are being planned by the Agronomy Society.

### Faculty Committee Is Only Obstacle

Student, Executive  
Committees Have Already  
Passed On Proposed Fund

The proposed Texas A. & M. Student Aid Fund will receive final approval or rejection at the regular meeting of the college faculty this afternoon. Already passed by the Student Activities Committee and the Executive Committee, passage by the faculty is the only remaining obstacle in the path of the fund's organization.

As approved by the Student Activities Committee and the Executive Committee, the Student Aid Fund would do the following:

1. (a) Pay for emergency operations for students who are unable to obtain the necessary money through other channels. b) To send a suitable expression of sympathy to each family of an Aggie whose mother or father may die during a long session. c) To take care of any other cases of merited need which may come to the Student Aid Fund Committee.

2. Money for the Student Aid Fund would be obtained in the following ways:
  - a) The Student Aid Fund would have an initial capital of \$774.43, the remainder of the George Stidham fund. (Continued on Page 4)

### Seniors, Grad Students Offered Fifty Internships

The National Institute of Public Affairs is offering present seniors and graduate students 50 internships in the Federal Government, during the academic year 1941-42.

This announcement, during the last two years, has been sent to several administration officers and heads of departments at A. & M. The National Institute of Public Affairs is financed by the Rockefeller Foundation. Its purpose is to obtain, every year, fifty outstanding graduates from American colleges. To each of these men it gives nine months of practical training in various government departments in Washington. This training is along administrative lines rather than technical ones.

At the end of the nine months training period, the trainee has an excellent chance for a permanent position, via civil service examinations, in one or another of the government departments. The (Continued on Page 4)

### Former A&M Professor Named Folklore Research Director at TU

W. A. Owens, who was a member of the A. & M. English department for three years prior to last summer, has been recently named director of research in folk materials in the Division of Extension at Texas University.

Owens left College Station last June and attended the University of Iowa during the summer. For his outstanding research in folklore he will be awarded a doctor of philosophy degree from that institution.

During his stay here Owens devoted a considerable amount of time to recording Aggie songs such as the "Aggie War Hymn," "Spirit of Aggieband" and "Silver Taps." In addition to this much of his time was used in collecting Texas folk songs, religious songs and Negro chants.

When he was first beginning his research in 1930 he discovered "Dry Bones" in a Negro community near Dallas. Later he made a recording of it in the Brazos river bottom as it was sung by a Negro quartet. This song has been made

into a popular arrangement and is now becoming quite popular throughout the country.

"Hitler Blues", another favorite (Continued on Page 4)

### Eight New Books Have Been Added To Library Reading List

The Student Reading Fund, established and maintained by the A. & M. Mothers Clubs, has purchased another list of books to be added to the constantly swelling collection of books in the Student Reading Fund collection. Those recently purchased are as follows:

- Bush ..... Gringo Doctor
- Cather ..... Sapphira and the Slave Girl
- Cooper ..... The Last of the Mohicans
- Dupey ..... Perish by the Sword
- Haas ..... The American Empire
- Huxley ..... Brave New World
- Morier ..... Adventure of Hajji Babba of Ispahan
- Stefansson ..... Ultima Thule