

Bluebonnet Duchess



Above is Miss Floylee Hunter, Dallas, senior at the Hockaday School for Women, who will represent A. & M. at the third annual Texas Bluebonnet Festival in Navasota March 28, 29 and 30. Miss Hunter will be escorted by George L. Mueller, also of Dallas, Cavalry senior.

Anderson Says City-Owned Utilities Worth \$100,000

City's Debt Is Now Less Than \$40,000, Anderson Reveals

The aggregate value of city-owned utilities in College Station is now approximately \$100,000 according to the latest report of the city's progress, made by Col. Frank G. Anderson, mayor of College Station.

The city has acquired and installed these utilities at a cost of approximately \$50,000, but was able to purchase them at about 50 per cent of their value.

Most of these utilities include light, water, and sewer lines. The mayor reported that only about \$40,000 is owed on them at this time and that amount is being continually repaid at the rate of \$1000 per month in addition to maintaining the routine expenses.

Since the last report, which was made approximately three months ago, the city has spent \$5000 in the northeast corner of the city to provide homes in that area with city water and satisfactory sewage disposal facilities. The College Hills water and sewage utilities have also been acquired at a cost of \$8200, the report stated.

A paving program to be undertaken during the spring has been outlined by the city to provide first class streets in parts of the city. Several car loads of patching materials have been used on the streets and the new program, when undertaken, is expected to build streets of a better quality than those built by property owners and developers some time ago.

At the last meeting of the city council it was decided that an ordinance should be passed which would provide a penalty for allowing livestock to run loose within the city.

Another ordinance was passed which set county assessment and (Continued on Page 4)

New Speed Limit To Be Enforced

A speed limit of 20 miles an hour has been established and is to be enforced on the A. & M. campus by order of Commandant Lieut. Col. James A. Watson.

The establishment of this speed limit was deemed necessary because of the increasing number of cars being driven on the campus, Col. Watson said.

An officer is to be placed on the campus to see that the limit is strictly enforced.

The official order of the establishment of the 20-miles-per-hour limit was issued Wednesday afternoon and it is to go into effect immediately.

Sixth Record Concert Will Be Held Monday Night

The sixth in the series of annotated musical concerts will be given in the music room of the Cushing Memorial Library Monday, March 3, at 7:15 p. m.

The program will be conducted by F. E. Ekfelt of the English department and will consist of selections from the opera "Faust" by Gounod.

This is another in the series of annotated programs given every Monday night by faculty members and students who are interested in music. These programs, which are planned in advance, are confined to the music contained in the Carnegie endowment in the library.

Mr. Ekfelt will play the following selections and comment on them as they are played, all from "Faust":

Introductory music; song, "If I Pray There is None to Hear"; Faust and Chorus; choral music, Act II—"Wine Still or Sparkling"; "See How They Do Eye Me"; Valentine's song—"Dear Gift of My Sister"; Mephistopheles' song—"Calf of Gold"; waltz music, Act II—Faust's song—"Hail Thy Dwelling Pure and Holy"; Marguerite's songs—Act III—"Ballad of the King of Thule"; "Jewel Song"; duet—Act III—Marguerite and Faust; some of the ballad; and Parts of Act IV.

Spring Dairy Show Will Be April 26

The date for the annual spring dairy show, sponsored by the Kream and Kow Klub, was set for April 26 at a meeting of the club held Monday night.

The members of the club were divided into teams, two seniors acting as co-captains of each team. Team members will be allowed to fit and show one animal each and each team will also be allowed to fit and show one group consisting of two females from any one dam.

The awards for the individuals will be made to the student fitting and exhibiting the animal. The awards to the groups will be made to the team and will be shared equally with each member of the team including the co-captains.

There will be a final class in each group designated as a team class in which all of the individual entries will be exhibited as a group. These group winnings or placings will determine the final standing of the teams.

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A&M Appropriation Bill Passes House

Senate Now Debates Bill; O'Daniel Next

Bill Provides for Six Dormitories, New AAA Building

The appropriation bill which covers the bonds necessary for the erection of six dormitories, an office building and additional power and steam plant equipment, passed the Texas House of Representatives Wednesday morning, G. Byron Winstead, A. & M. director of information, announced late yesterday afternoon.

The bill is now before the Senate for ratification before being sent to Governor W. Lee O'Daniel for his signature.

As soon as the bill has been signed by the governor, the work on the new dormitories, which has been at a standstill since late in December, will again be resumed.

The present appropriation bill is similar to the one passed late last summer with the exception that provision is made for the issuance of bonds at four percent interest with a maturity date not to exceed 30 years. The old bill provided for the issuance of bonds at four percent interest with a maturity date not to exceed 20 years.

Work on the new dormitories was already underway when the state auditor stopped work because it was decided that 20 years would not be sufficient to pay for the new dormitories if the rent from the dormitories would be the only means of paying the bonds. It then became necessary to pass another bill through the legislature with a provision for 30-year bonds.

Senator Alton York, and Rep. W. T. McDonald from Bryan introduced the new bill in the senate and the house concurrently.

The six new dormitories, which are already under construction northwest of the College Hospital, will be similar in design and construction to the last group of dormitories but will probably be faced with buff brick to match the hospital group.

The new office building which will house the A. A. A. and other federal agencies now housed on the campus will be located across from the Post Office. Provision is also being made for adequate parking facilities.

Under the new bill, additional power and steam plant equipment (Continued on Page 2)

Artillerymen Plan Colorful Ball

Will Dance To Sweet Music Russ Morgan Style

Orchestra Will Be Held Over for Saturday Corps Dance

The mellow voice of Maxine Conrad against a background of slow, sweet music of Russ Morgan and his band will be heard again Friday night at the Field Artillery Ball in Sbis Hall when he makes his first return appearance since the Senior Rings Dance and a corps dance last May. Due to the great popularity of "Music in the Morgan Manner", Russ Morgan and his band are being held over for a corps dance on Saturday from 9 to 12 in Sbis Hall.

The finance committee which has been named for the ball is composed of G. M. Ulmer, R. L. Crutcher, L. A. Larrey, J. P. Wolfe, A. C. SoRelle, R. W. Couch, W. P. Biggs, G. T. Cooper, J. B. Taylor, J. B. Hancock, W. C. Sleeper, J. M. Carpenter, and R. R. Russell. There are still a limited number of favors available which may be secured from L. Kercheville, Room 219, Dormitory 6.

The band stand will be decorated with maroon and white drapes. Guidons and regimental colors, crossed guns on a maroon background, will supplement the maroon and white decorations. Potted plants will be used from the Landscape Art Department.

In the Aggie poll which was conducted last spring during the dance season, Morgan's music was rated second. Over the nation Morgan's band is ranked as one of the outstanding orchestras.

"Music in the Morgan Manner" has won Russ Morgan fame and long engagements at the outstanding dance spots in leading cities from coast to coast. Some of his more recent engagements have been the Rice Hotel, Houston; Casa Manana, Fort Worth; the International Casino, New York City; and the French Casino of New York City.

Faculty to Vote Today on Senior Class Petition

Because of the absence of several faculty members, the meeting of the Academic council of the general faculty was changed from Tuesday to today.

At this meeting the council will vote on the petition of the senior class requesting that the date of the final review be changed from May 31, as it is now scheduled, to June 7.

As it now stands, final review will come before final exams; the senior class petition would hold the review after final exams are completed.

The petition to change the date was unanimously approved at a meeting of the senior class last Thursday night and a committee composed of Cadet Colonel Bill Becker, Field Artillery Band Captain Roy Chappell, Battalion Editor Bob Nisbet, and Senior Class President Tom Richey was appointed to present the case at the faculty meeting.

The freshman class at a meeting last Monday afternoon voted unanimously in favor of making the change as did the sophomore and junior classes at a joint meeting Monday.

These votes were taken at the request of faculty members at an earlier meeting before which senior class representatives appeared to discuss the matter. It was decided at this meeting to withhold voting on the subject until more evidence could be gathered.

Field Artillery Edition of Aggietone News Begins New Regimental Productions

"The Puritan" Is Film Club's Next Program

Show Will Begin After Basketball Game With Texas U

"The Puritan," a French production with English subtitles, will be shown at the Campus Theater at 8:50 tonight as the fourth foreign film presented by the Campus Film Club, Sam Zisman, chairman of the executive committee announced. The showing will be delayed until this time because of the A. & M.-Texas basketball game which is being held earlier in the evening.

The film concerns the moral and mental trials of a young Frenchman who is a religious fanatic and believes himself destined to eradicate immorality from the world. The Nation magazine says, "A sensitive young man...murders a young woman. From there on we watch two parallel actions—the police tracking down the murderer, and the murderer tracking down himself." He tries to justify the murder to himself by thinking he is saving her soul.

His search for peace of mind and away from the police turns him to drink and cheap Paris night clubs. His conscience and the police both catch up with him at the same time for his true motive in the murder.

"This is an adult picture," Zisman stated. "The Campus Theater management has been asked not to admit anyone under 18 years of age and it is to be hoped that all those attending will accept this film as an honest presentation."

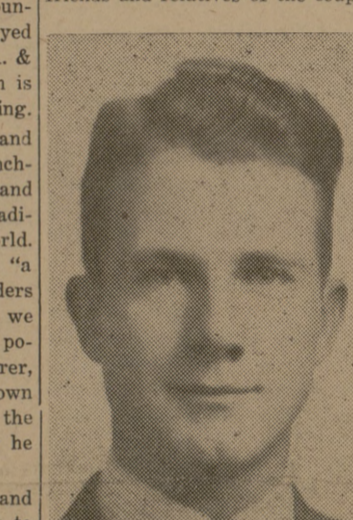
Members of the Campus Film Club will be admitted to the theater at 8:50 and non-members who wish to witness the feature will be admitted at 9.

The film will be shown again at 10:30.

C. A. Montgomery Weds Dallas Girl

Lieutenant Charles A. Montgomery, A. & M. graduate of the class of 1940 and associate radio editor of The Battalion, married Miss Jane Elizabeth Cann of Dallas Monday, Feb. 17.

The marriage ceremonies took place at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas. Rev. Hopper, associate pastor of the church, officiated at the wedding which was attended only by close friends and relatives of the couple.



C. A. Montgomery

York Murphy, A. & M. graduate of the class of 1940 and Montgomery's roommate, was best man at the ceremony.

Immediately after the ceremonies, Lieut. and Mrs. Montgomery left for Charleston, S. C., from where he will sail for Panama to be stationed with the United States Air Corps. Mrs. Montgomery will fly back to Dallas to remain with her parents until her quarters are available at Panama.

Mrs. Montgomery was a junior at the University of Texas.

Lieut. Montgomery graduated from Kelly Field Feb. 7.

Show to Be Sent To Ex-Student Clubs Over Nation

The first of a new series of Aggietone News productions, featuring A. & M.'s Field Artillery Regiment, begins a three-day showing today at the Campus Theater.

The revamped Aggietone News will present a series of seven productions this semester, one being devoted to each of the seven branches of the R.O.T.C. at A. & M.

Cooperating with the Aggietone News staff in producing the Field Artillery show was a committee headed by Cadet Lieut. Col. James P. Giles Jr., Okmulgee, Okla., and including Cadet Majors James C. Rominger, Breckenridge; P. R. Henry, Pontotoc, Miss.; and H. W. Gillespie, Dallas.

Vastly improved over former Aggietone News Productions, the Field Artillery show was filmed by F. W. (Lucky) Allen, McKinney, director of photography for the newsreel.

Charles Tigner, assistant manager of the theater who formerly was in radio work in Texas and Louisiana, is now training the narration staff.

Assisting Tigner in developing the continuity for the narration was R. M. McGee, Crowell.

The Field Artillery production has a running time of ten minutes and will show four times each day of the commercial showing.

Following the showing at the Campus Theater, the newsreel will be sent to all ex-student clubs throughout the nation.

A calendar of future Aggietone News regimental pictures includes the Signal Corps Regiment production, March 19, 20 and 21; Corps of Engineers, March 26, 27 and 28; Cavalry Regiment, April 2, 3 and 4; Infantry Regiment, April 23, 24 and 25; Coast Artillery Corps, May 6, 7 and 8; and Chemical Warfare Service, May 13, 14 and 15.

The dates for the various pictures were set by the several regimental committees.

Hereford Cattle Auction Sees Top Price Hit \$1575 As Buyers Gather at College Station from Entire State

C. I. Francis of Houston Is Biggest Purchaser With \$1570

Beef came rather high Tuesday afternoon when the first auction of Hereford cattle sold under the sponsorship of the Mid-South Texas Hereford Association was held in the Animal Husbandry pavilion.

Top price of the sale was received by Fred M. Allison, Jr., Corsicana, for his bull, Publican Domino 2nd 2984375, which brought him \$1,575 from Black and Largent, of Granbury. Strange to relate, the buyers were the owner of the sire of the bull and they bid it back to be used at their ranch.

Top cow, Miss John Randolph H. 165th 3047909, owned by Jim Hering, McGregor, was sold to A. P. George, Richmond, for \$550. Others sold well above \$300 each and the average for all the cows sold was \$267.

The average price for the 33 bulls sold was \$222 and the average for the entire sale was \$238. The average for the bulls came down when several went for prices ranging from \$115 to \$160.

Big buyer of the sale was C. I. Francis, Houston attorney, who bought five cows for \$1570.

Other buyers listed in order of catalogue included: W. T. Sims, Bryan, bull for \$305; Miles Knolle,

Industry, bull for \$270; Wes Buler, Brookshire, bull for \$225; M. W. Sims, Bryan, cow for \$260; Charles Burdy, North Zulch, cow for \$200; Black and Largent, Granbury, bull for \$1,575; R. R. Childs, Jacksonville, bull for \$310.

R. E. Eunace, Thorndale, bull for \$230; Miles Knolle, Industry, bull for \$135; R. L. Bumpers, Marquez, cow for \$150; C. I. Francis, Houston, cow for \$225 and a twin of the same cow for \$365; D. W. Williams, College Station, bull for \$200; Roy Wright, Hempstead, bull for \$225; Wheelock Hereford Ranch, Corsicana, cow for \$250; Dr. H. H. Maidley, Navasota, bull for \$125; Dr. Maidley, another bull for \$120.

A. P. George, Richmond, cow for \$270; Fr. Francis, another cow for \$310; Will Roysse, LaGrange, bull for \$160; Rufus Pebles, Teuhanna, bull for \$150; J. Webb Howell, Bryan, bull for \$150; Gus Schultz, Bryan, bull for \$115; L. P. Clausen, Houston, cow for \$135; Boenke Ranch, Hearne, cow for \$205; W. L. Williams, Bryan, cow for \$225; A. P. George, Richmond, cow for \$325; W. H. Long, Crockett, cow for \$195.

Mr. Francis, another cow for \$290; Alf Von Gonten, Rockdale, cow for \$295; Drs. S. D. David, Hempstead, bull for \$165; D. W. Williams, College Station, bull for \$165; Wright Ranch, Hempstead,

bull for \$200; Rufus Pebles, Teuhanna, bull for \$155; P. C. Milner, Streetman, bull for \$155; M. C. Peters, Navasota, bull for \$200; Earl Porter, Caldwell, bull for \$310; E. H. Astin, Bryan, bull for \$175 and another for \$125; D. W. Williams, College Station, bull for \$140; V. O. Wall, Cameron, bull for 145 and another bull for the same price; M. C. Peters, Navasota, bull for \$145; H. J. Smith, Cameron, bull for \$125; M. U. Borden, Houston, cow for \$195; M. C. Peters, Navasota, bull for \$140; and Cecil Regan, Franklin, bull for \$120.

February Magazines Are Off Press Today

The February Battalion Magazine is ready for distribution and copies can be received from the circulation room in the basement of the Administration building. The issue has a valentine theme and features a cover design of old rose and lace with attractive Bettye Battalion.

The Agriculturist for February will be ready for distribution this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The cover is faced with a pink half-tone of a Hereford bull against a silver background. The issue contains articles on calf-rearing, muskrat rearing, agriculture in Palestine, and others.

Defense to Be Theme Of 1941 Longhorn

National defense is the theme of the 1940-41 Longhorn, editor Morton Robinson said yesterday. Many photographs of the R.O.T.C. units in action will be included, he stated. More full-page color photography will appear in the 1940-41 annual than in previous years.

Heretofore, one of the high lights of the Longhorn has been the most-popular-seniors section, but in its place this year will be the A. & M. section of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

The Longhorn is scheduled to go to press May 1 and will come out May 15 Robinson added.

Local Farm Bureau Unit Meets Today

A meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau of district eleven called by George Chance of Bryan, will be held at the Assembly Hall Thursday. The meeting, which will begin at 10 a. m., is one of a series to be held in each district throughout the state.

Chance will preside. He is a member of the board of directors of the Texas Agricultural Association and chairman of the organization in Brazos County.