



Above is Jeri Sullivan, vocalist with Bernie Cummins and his orchestra which will play for Friday night's Coast Artillery Regimental Ball and the corps dance Saturday night.

### Special Meeting of Ex-Student's Board of Directors Called for Saturday

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association of Former Students, called by President A. G. Bert Pfaff, also president of the Federal Tank Company, Tyler, was announced yesterday by E. E. McQuillen, Executive Secretary of the Association.

The Board of Directors will meet at A. & M. Saturday afternoon and hold regular business sessions Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The meeting was called to hear financial reports of the previous year; to make plans for the coming year and to plan for the annual Board of Directors' meeting held at commencement time.

F. A. (Bodie) Pierce, head yell-leader last year, is now serving as one of the directors and will be one of the 25 directors expected to be here Saturday for the meeting. Pierce is now serving on active duty with the 23rd Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

### Prince Addresses Engineering Cadets

David C. Prince, president-elect of the A.I.E.E., addressed the student engineers of the college Tuesday emphasizing the points which they must exercise in securing and holding positions as engineers after graduation.

The four points stressed in the talk were: (1) the process of manufacturing, (2) psychology of engineering salesmanship, (3) the job of the application engineer, and (4) the part of industry in national defense.

Among the guests present at the meeting were Dean F. C. Bolton who introduced the speaker; W. B. Clayton, southwestern divisional manager for General Electric; and E. R. Shields, assistant to Clayton.

### Hillel Club to Have Musical Tonight

The A. & M. Hillel club will present a program of Jewish music Thursday, March 6, at 8:00 o'clock in Guion Hall. The program will portray the story of the Jewish people through music.

Susie Michael, pianist, and her husband, Maurice Friedman, baritone, will be the guest artists.

Susie Michael, of Polish and Russian ancestry, has studied under Sigmond Stojowski in New York and Victor Heinze in Chicago and Frances Richter of Minneapolis.

Maurice Friedman, her husband, is a son of a noted cantor; he was a boy soprano in a synagogue choir at the age of six. He has been associated with the Belgian concert baritone, Louis Graveure, with Madame Guthman-Rice, Herbert Mustard, and other vocalists.

### He's No Nelson Eddy - But He's Pedro the Voder!

Pedro the Voder, the machine that talks like a man, is coming to the A. & M. campus for a personal appearance, fresh from long runs at the New York and San Francisco world fairs, according to professor M. C. Hughes of the engineering school.

The Voder will appear under the auspices of the student branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers of the A. & M. engineering school.

Pedro will take part in a free public demonstration at Guion Hall Friday evening, March 14, at 8 o'clock, Prof. Hughes said. The machine that speaks mechanically will be put through its paces as part of a lecture-demonstration on "The Artificial Creation of Speech" by Dr. J. O. Perrin of New York, assistant vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

While Pedro is no Nelson Eddy, he can sing as well as talk, Prof. Hughes said, and he can laugh, though he has absolutely no sense of humor. Pedro is as versatile as a movie actor—he can speak in a basso profundo voice, a high-pitched tone, or the quavering voice of an old man.

The Voder, a coined word from "voice operation demonstrator," has been one of the attractions at the two recent world fairs, and is a part of the telephone research program of the Bell Telephone Laboratories relating to future developments in telephony. Prof. Hughes stated, Pedro is made up entirely of parts used in furnishing telephone service, with the exception of the keys used to make the machine talk, according to Prof. Hughes.

Pedro will be made to perform by a "Voderette," the young lady operator. She is Miss Anna Mae Swenson of Brooklyn, New York. During the course of the lecture, Dr. Perrine will tell how Pedro operates, and will discuss basic elements of sound, while Miss Swenson will demonstrate with Pedro how these elements are combined to make words and sentences.

### Naval Examiners To Be Here March 20

The Naval Recruiting Station at Houston will send a board of examiners to College Station March 20 for the purpose of conducting examinations for those interested in entering the Naval Air Corps school at Corpus Christi.

Applicants must have completed two years college work or more and application forms may be obtained in room 17, Ross Hall, it was announced yesterday.

### A&M Undergoes Federal Inspection April 30 and May 1

Col. Keyes Is Inspecting Officer

The Annual Federal Inspection of the A. & M. cadet corps will take place on April 30 and May 1, Capt. R. P. Lively, adjutant, announced. The condition of the corps as shown through this inspection will be used by the War Department in determining the amount of funds and equipment which will be allotted to the college during the following year.

The staff of officers making the inspection will be headed by Col. E. A. Keyes, Cavalry, Eighth Corps Area ROTC officer. Accompanying him will be Col. T. A. Spencer and other officers.

"These annual inspections are for the purpose of the War Department rating given the entire unit for that year," Capt. Lively said. "The War Department then allots contracts, materials, instructors, and provides funds according to the ratings maintained by these annual federal inspections."

Members of the inspecting staff will spend the mornings of Wednesday, April 30, and Thursday, May 1, in the various military theory classes asking questions of the students and observing the instruction. Wednesday afternoon will be spent inspecting the drill and practical classes. Also inspected will be the facilities for instruction, stables, indoor range, outdoor range, supply room, motor shed, class rooms, drill field, armory and other equipment.

A review for the inspecting officers will be held Thursday afternoon.

### Library Buys New Books With Reading Fund Aid

Complying with the many requests made by students for new books the College Library, with the aid of the Student General Reading Fund which has been made possible by the various A. & M. Mother's Clubs, has purchased the following books listed.

"Your Career in Agriculture" by Anderson, "From Many Lands" by Adamie, "The Fields of Paradise" by Bates, "Mexican Frieze" by Burbank, "Who Walk Alone" by Burgess, "My Boyhood in Siam" by Chandruan, "Theory and Practice of Fencing" by Castello, "I Saw France Fall" by Chambrum, "Mark Twain in Eruption" by Clemens, "Dago Red" by Fante, "The Ox-bow Incident" by Clark, "Twenty Years After" by Dumas, "Father and Son" by Farrell, "To The Indies" by Forester, "Western Union" by Grey and "Through the Overcast" by Jordanoff. "Westerward Ho!" by Kingsley, "El Indio" by Lopez y Fuentes, "The Mixture as Before" by Mautham, "Tragedy in France" by Maurois, "The Face is Familiar" by Nash, "Anna Christie" by O'Neil, "Oliver Twist" by Roberts, "My Name is Aram" by Saroyan, "The Strategy of Terror" by Taylor, "Fables For Our Time" by Thurber, "Native Son" by Wright and "South American Excursions" by Young.

### Fitzpatrick Signs For Cavalry Ball

Eddie Fitzpatrick and orchestra has been contracted to play for the annual Cavalry Regimental Ball April 4, H. H. Brians, chairman of the function, announced yesterday.

Fitzpatrick and his orchestra will also play for the corps dance the following night, Social Secretary Jack Nelson announced at the same time.

Now playing at Houston's Plantation, Fitzpatrick and his orchestra are well known throughout the South and next week will open an engagement at the Plantation in Dallas.

### Little Southwestern's Champ



Phil Chauvin took first place honors, as he was chosen Grand Champion Showman of the "Aggie Little Southwestern" held Monday night. Left to right shows Fred Hale, D. D. Giles, J. S. Scofield, Rufus Peoples and J. D. Prewit who acted as judges. Phil Chauvin is shown kneeling with the sheep.

—Staff Photo by Phil Golman

### J. T. Anderson Is Elected King Cotton

#### Queen to Be Named Within Month; Will Be A T.S.C.W.-ite

J. T. Anderson was elected King Cotton for the 1941 Cotton Pageant and Ball at a meeting of the Agronomy society Tuesday night.

Anderson, a senior of K Company Infantry from Mesquite, has served this year as the club president, and in his capacity as King Cotton he will be the tenth such royal entity to reign over the affair.

Also elected at the meeting were Gene Wilmeth of Ebony as junior business manager and Howard Brians of El Paso as junior social secretary for the society.

A queen of the affair to reign with Anderson will be chosen from the student body of T.S.C.W., it was announced by Anderson. Two candidates from each of the four classes will be selected and a committee from the Agronomy society will journey to Denton to make the selection. The remaining seven girls will act as maids of honor and will be presented with her as the immediate court of the queen.

The selection of a director for the May 2 extravaganza was announced at the same meeting. Mrs. Manning Smith is to direct the Cotton Pageant and will supervise arrangements for the Style Show to be presented this year by Sanger Brothers of Dallas.

Other officers of the society in charge of arrangements for the Cotton Pageant and Ball are John Robinson and J. D. Pinson, business manager and social secretary respectively.

This annual affair is planned and managed by students and is an event of state-wide importance. The proceeds, as is the custom and the original and basic purpose, will go to send winners of the spring cotton contest on an extensive tour. In the past winners have tripped to Europe and to Canada. Last year it was planned to journey to South America, but it was decided to tour the southern states of this nation instead.

### Humbert Addresses Meeting in Arizona

Dr. E. P. Humbert was a principal speaker at a meeting of the Arizona Crop Improvement Association which met in Phoenix, Arizona last Friday. The topic which Dr. Humbert discussed at the banquet Friday night was "Plant Breeding in a Changing World."

"The program of partially controlled agriculture that we are in now," Humbert said, "makes it necessary that we have new crops.

### J. B. Thomas, Aggie-Ex, Heads Electric Company

Julian B. Thomas, graduate of the class of 1911, was recently elected president of the Texas Electric Service after having been vice president and general manager of the company for many years.

Thomas has been with the firm since 1929 when it was formed to provide electric service for Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, and other cities in West Texas.

One of the most widely known A. & M. men, Thomas received his degree in mechanical engineering and was valedictorian of his class.

Thomas, as a former president of the Association of Former Students, played a leading part in the development of the gift of the McFarlin Farms into the McFarlin Memorial Student Loan Fund. He is an active member of the Fort Worth A. & M. Club and is a major in the Coast Artillery Reserve, U.S.A.

### Farmer-Aid Policies Talked At Meet Here

Broad agricultural policies which will help Texas farm and ranch families in the time of peace or preparedness were under consideration by members of the State Land Use Planning Committee.

The chairman, Director H. H. Williamson of the college extension service, brought the committee up to date on subsequent development of agricultural policies since the committee's last meeting held in Mineral Wells as the two-day meeting opened. Later the committee and host of visiting agricultural workers heard K. J. Nicholson of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, D. C., in an address on "Agricultural Outlook in Relation to National Defense."

Sub-committees on education, planning action, health and nutrition, marketing and marketing of surplus commodities, land tenure, (Continued on Page 4)

### Announcement Follows Weeks of Detailed Planning

Date Set to Coincide With Many Activities Current That Weekend

May 10 is the date set for the first annual Agricultural Day festivities at A. & M., T. R. Jones, professor in the agricultural engineering department, announced late Wednesday afternoon.

The announcement followed a long series of organization meetings held by a joint cadet-faculty committee which included Graham Purcell, Archer City; Bob Ramsey, Uvalde; Roland Bing, Oakwood; William Hensel, College Station; and faculty members W. P. Davis, fish and game department; T. W. Leland, accounting and statistics department; D. W. Williams, head of the animal husbandry department, and Jones.

Committeemen stated that the reason for setting the date of the first show May 10 was to parallel it with the many other activities then in session, including the annual Engineering Day activities, the Senior Ring Dance and the Parents' Day activities.

Under the proposed plan, the various departments of the agricultural school will prepare independent displays and exhibits which will show the extent and activity of that particular unit's work.

"In the future," Purcell pointed out, "it is hoped that Ag Day will draw together all of the major agricultural shows held throughout the year."

Purcell was referring to the annual rodeo, horticulture show, Cotton Ball and many other parallel events which come up in the agricultural school each college year.

Although plans are still in the embryo stage, complete details will be published within the next 30 days, committeemen said.

### Benefit Picture For Consolidated To Show Thursday

"Pride and Prejudice" will be the feature picture shown at the Campus theater Thursday, for the benefit of the Mother's Club of Consolidated grade and high school athletic fund.

Through courtesy of owner Ben Ferguson and Assistant Manager Charles Tigner of the Campus theater, the entire day's proceeds will be apportioned for use of the Mother's Club in the interests of equipment for Consolidated school athletic teams.

### Annual Coast Artillery Regimental Ball, Featuring Bernie Cummins and His Orchestra, Set for Friday Night

Bernie Cummins' theme song, "Dark Eyes," will open his program Friday night when he swings out for the Coast Artillery Regiment in Sbsia Hall for their annual ball.

Cummins was voted the best band to play on the campus during the social season last year according to the Backwash poll.

While on the campus he will see the Aggie football team which he picked to win the conference title during each of the past two years. Such sports forecasting is one of his hobbies since he had to stop playing the game in his school days because of an injury.

Accompanying Bernie on his trip here will be his singing, guitar-playing brother, Walter Cummins. They participated in sports events together during his undergrad days at St. Vincent's and they have stuck together throughout their musical career.

The big break which led the band to fame came when he played the New York Biltmore for three years. This led to his selection to open the Hotel New Yorker and started his climb to the top.

Jeri Sullivan is to be the songstress with the band. The Coast Artillery Ball is given



Bernie Cummins

in honor of the seniors of the regiment.

The decorations for the dance will include the band stand draped in heavy maroon and white material. The center section will have

the maroon draw curtain pulled up to show a large built-up replica of the Coast Artillery insignia.

The programs for the dance contain a history of the Coast Artillery Regiment here at the college. They are made of colorless celluloid wrapped around a ridged silver-foil metal insert. The regimental insignia is printed in red on the celluloid.

Silver bracelets with a pendant Coast Artillery ornament will be the favors given to dates attending the ball.

By arrangements with the Cavalry regiment, the first six ramps of Puryear Hall will be vacated by cadets by 1 p. m. Friday for the accommodation of dates and friends attending the ball. Guests will be admitted to the hall at 3 o'clock. Escorts will be held responsible by the Commandant's office to see that the girls are in by 2:00 a.m. both Friday and Saturday nights.

The juniors who have made the arrangements for the dance are: Jimmy Goldston, Beverly Byrd, Tom Gillis, Robert Frost, Jimmy Rivenbark, Dow Wynn, Henry Rollins, Ransom Kenny, Raymond Read, Harry Whitmore, and Don Gabriel.