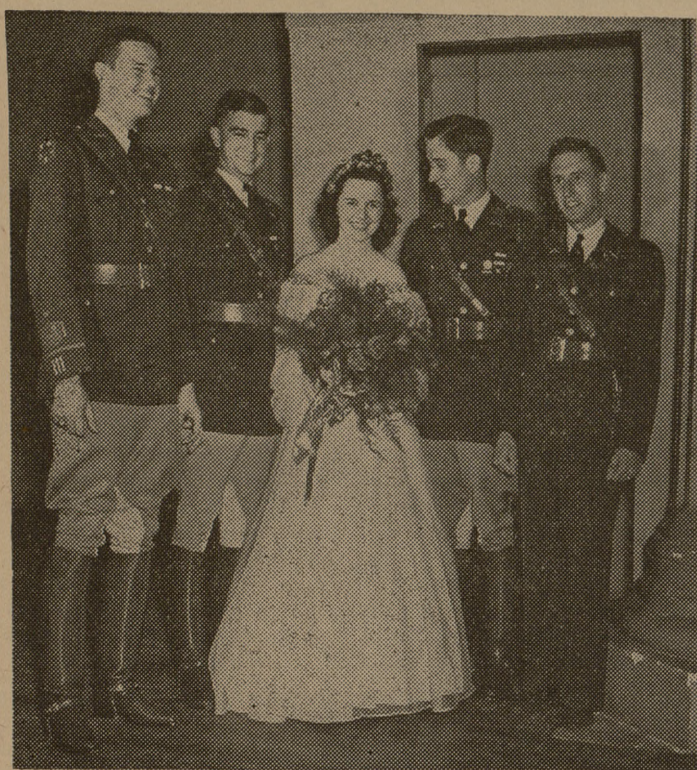


1940-41, A Thrill-Packed Year of Activity and Excitement

A Bouquet for a Star



Clustered about lovely Jean Dickenson are those responsible for the arrangement of this year's Town Hall series. From left to right are Henry Beville of Waco, David Yarbrough of Allen, Jean Dickenson, Paul Haines, manager, from Bryan, and Billy Hensel of College Station.

Eight Outstanding Performers Presented on Town Hall Programs

Drawing attention from cadets, with dazzling costumes, and local citizens alike is the A. & M. Town Hall, a series of entertainments presented at interval throughout the school year. Nationally famous entertainers and performers are brought to the campus to supply the spice for enlivening campus life. This year eight such performers appeared at A. & M. under the sponsorship of this activity.

Opening the years programs, the United States Marine Band, known as the "President's Own Band" appeared on the campus early in October. The Marine Band is directed by Capt. W. F. Santelman.

Second group to be presented on the Town Hall program was a colored vocal ensemble, the Fisk Jubilee Singers. This group was originally organized shortly after the Civil War.

Beautiful and gracious Jean Dickenson, radio and concert star, was next in line on the list of presentations, presenting a program of familiar semi-classical numbers.

With the appearance of the Littlefield Ballet, the Town Hall management presented a new cyclorama for the stage of Guion hall. Also new to the A. & M. was the ballet itself, being the first of its kind to perform here. The program featured 40 beautiful girls

with dazzling costumes, and the music of a symphony orchestra.

A lecture on the current war situation by one fresh from the field of action was given by William L. White, famous foreign correspondent and author.

At A. & M. for the third successive year was the Houston Symphony orchestra. A packed house and unlimited encore it its annual reception.

And a program by A. & M.'s own musical organization, the Singing Cadets, was in order, marking their first concert appearance on the campus, though they have sung concert tours throughout the state and have sung for numerous campus entertainments.

Final program of the year was a program of popular music by Dke Ellington, nationally famous orchestra. He has been judged among the best in the country.

Directories of Catholic university graduates living in every metropolitan center of the country are being compiled by the university's national alumni office.

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From College Night to Final Review Year Will Be Classic in A&M History

Early Dismissal for Xmas Holidays and Removal of Mess Hall Guest Charge Are Year's Memorable Events

An event-packed year, some of them thrills and some heart breaks, will be indelibly impressed upon the memory of all the Aggies as the 1940-41 school year comes to a close at Final Review June 7. The year saw the Aggies on the top of the world on several occasions and in the depths of despondency on others, all of which only go to make the year more memorable. But throughout all the outstanding events which will be particularly remembered as part of the Aggie scene during the reign of the Class of '41, the regular and traditional atmosphere of the A. & M. college filled in all the spaces by adding deeply to the pleasant memories of the cadets and the traditions of the corps.

The was only one official corps trip during the year, to Dallas, but the football game with the S. M. U. Mustangs and the joint corps trip with the TSCW-ites added never-to-be forgotten events. The corps parade was rained out, but that did not prevent the joint festivities of the Aggies and the Denton sister students. Miss Mary Margaret McCarthy, freshman from Fort Worth, was chosen by an Aggie committee of five seniors to be the Aggie Sweetheart from T. S. C. W. for the occasion. She was presented in Dallas at a banquet for Dean E. J. Kyle, reigned as queen of the festivities between the halves of the football game, and led the grand march of the official corps dance with Bill Becker that night in the Adolphus Hotel.

Early Holiday Dismissal
As the year approached Christmas, the holidays loomed large in the eyes of the students, as any holidays do, but the Christmas holidays this year were especially important.

An epidemic of influenza broke out on the campus. The college hospital was filled to overflowing by a week before the holidays were due to begin. At a turbulent meeting of the junior and senior classes, at which Commandant James A. Watson and Dean F. C. Bolton were present, the classes decided to leave school on Saturday, December 14, one whole week before holidays were scheduled to begin. The epidemic was getting worse and moving the holiday period up would allow more Aggies to attend the Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day in Dallas. At an emergency meeting of the president of the college and other high authorities, the period of the holidays was officially changed to these dates, and a joyous group of Aggies, minus their sick friends, went home one week early.

Mess Hall Meals
Further strife which will make the year remembered was the 30-cent meal charge issue which seemed to change Aggie mess hall guests into customers. The board of directors imposed the meal charge and was promptly petitioned by the senior class to have the charge removed. After delayed action and wild talk by students, the board finally heard a class committee present the reasons of the corps for wanting the charge removed, and finally granted the petition. Aggie visitors were once again guests of the corps and not customers.

Motion Picture Committee
Further action by the cadet corps which will ultimately help the conditions on the campus is the action of the Student Motion Picture committee which is continuing the effort of the students to obtain first-run motion pictures on the campus.

Last year a campaign was started with that end in view, an action which to date has led to filing of a charge to settle the question by arbitration under a new concert decree ruling. The question is yet tied up in legal red tape, and it may not be finished this year, but definite progress has been made, responsibility for the condition has been fixed, and steps made to alleviate the condition.

Honor Graduates
On the side of the accomplishments of the school during the year there have been many. Concerning the military phases of the school, it stands well that of the 6 graduates of military schools in the Eighth Corps Area selected to receive regular army commissions, 3 were from A. & M. Cadet Colonel William A. Becker, Cadet Major Hub Gillespie, and Senior vice-president Howard Shelton were the three principals selected. Four of the alternates for the commissions were Aggies Tom Harris, Ernest Wehner, Joe McCrary, and Lynn Grasshoff.

Defense Week Observance
Another military event which reflects credit upon the school was

the activities which the college carried on in connection with National Defense Week. The week was proclaimed throughout the nation by President Roosevelt, and a student committee originated plans and carried out a vigorous program for the participation of A. & M. in the observance of the week. Three days of events were climaxed by a full dress mounted review of the Cadet corps, followed by a mass rally of the corps and visitors in Kyle Field stadium. There they were addressed by Commandant James A. Watson and Dr. T. O. Walton, president of the college, on pertinent matters concerning national defense.

Student Aid Fund
But one of the greatest accomplishments of the year and one which will probably have the most effect on students which are to follow was the organization of the Student Aid Fund. Growing out of the George Stidham Fund which was raised from the corps last year to help the injured Aggie, (Continued on Page 12)

Aggieland Orchestra, Singing Cadets and Aggie Band---No Dearth of Music at A&M

By Allen Madeley
Any way you look at it Texas A. & M. has a variety of musical organizations.

First there's the 220 piece cadet band, truly the pulse of the "Spirit of AggieLand." The largest college band in the Southwest, it is divided into two units, an Artillery Band and an Infantry Band. These bands have their own officers and all members live in one dormitory. They furnish the music for military reviews, parades, yell practice, and meal formations.

Widely known for its marching and drilling ability, the band plays at all intercollegiate athletic contests held at the college and accompanies the football team on trips to other schools.

From the Artillery and Infantry Bands is selected the 75 piece concert band which gives Sunday afternoon concerts throughout the spring and a final concert during the last week of school. Highlights in the concert band's activities are the annual concert trips made each spring to surrounding cities and colleges.

The Bandmaster, Lieut. Col. Richard J. Dunn, GSST., is one of the few members in Texas of the American Bandmaster's Association.

At the beginning of school, try-outs are conducted by senior band officers and by Col. Dunn to determine which applicants shall become band members. Candidates of top-ranking ability are chosen

on the basis of current needs of the organization.

The band has consistently ranked high scholastically, indicating that being a member of the band does not handicap a student in his studies.

Then there's the Singing Cadets, a student organization under the direction of a member of the Faculty. The purpose of the organization is to build up and support all musical interest on the campus and (Continued on Page 12)

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