

Commencement Friday Closes College Career of 747

Final Ball Marks End of Social Season

Graduates Come Free at Jr. Prom And Final Ball

The finish will be written on the 1941 social season this weekend when the junior class presents the Junior Prom and the Final Ball with Lou Breese furnishing the music.

Also completing the year are some 808 seniors whose finish will be honored by free admission to both the dances as guests of the junior class.

Beginning at 10 and lasting until 2, the ball will be featured by the allowance of all students to make the affair out of uniform if they so desire.

An important feature of the evening Friday will be the playing of Silver Taps at 11:00 p. m. signifying the last time taps will be played during the year. Combining to furnish the distinctive bugle ceremony will be the five regular buglers furnished by the Aggie Band. They will play from the top of the Academic building in unison and in harmony.

Lou Breese with his "Breezy Rhythm" will be a welcomed respite from the trials and woes of examinations as he makes his first appearance on the A. & M. campus. His distinctive rhythm is an undercurrent in all the band's arrangements, a rhythm pattern that makes the orchestra immediately recognizable. To musicians it is a variation of the six-eight tempo as contrasted with the straight four-four of most bands, or the straight eight-beats-to-a-bar of the boogie woogie style.

68 Students Begin Ship Building Work

Sixty-eight A. & M. students will be notified within the next day or two when they will start work for the Houston Ship Building Corporation, Lucien Morgan, head of the Student Placement Bureau announced yesterday.

Six representatives of the Texas State Employment Service and R. S. Bergquist, personnel director of the Houston Ship Building Corporation, interviewed 150 A. & M. students, who have had two or more years of engineering, several days ago and a list of sixty-eight of them is being forwarded to Morgan with the designated dates that these men will start to work.

Those students that were accepted for the jobs will be interviewed again in Houston before starting to work.

Some of the students will start work on June 9 and others will start June 12, June 16 and July 1. Each job will pay 75 cents per hour at 40 hours a week with time and a half overtime. The work that is offered includes structural work, mechanical and electrical engineering work, welding and drafting. The work will be offered to the applicants for just the summer or permanently.

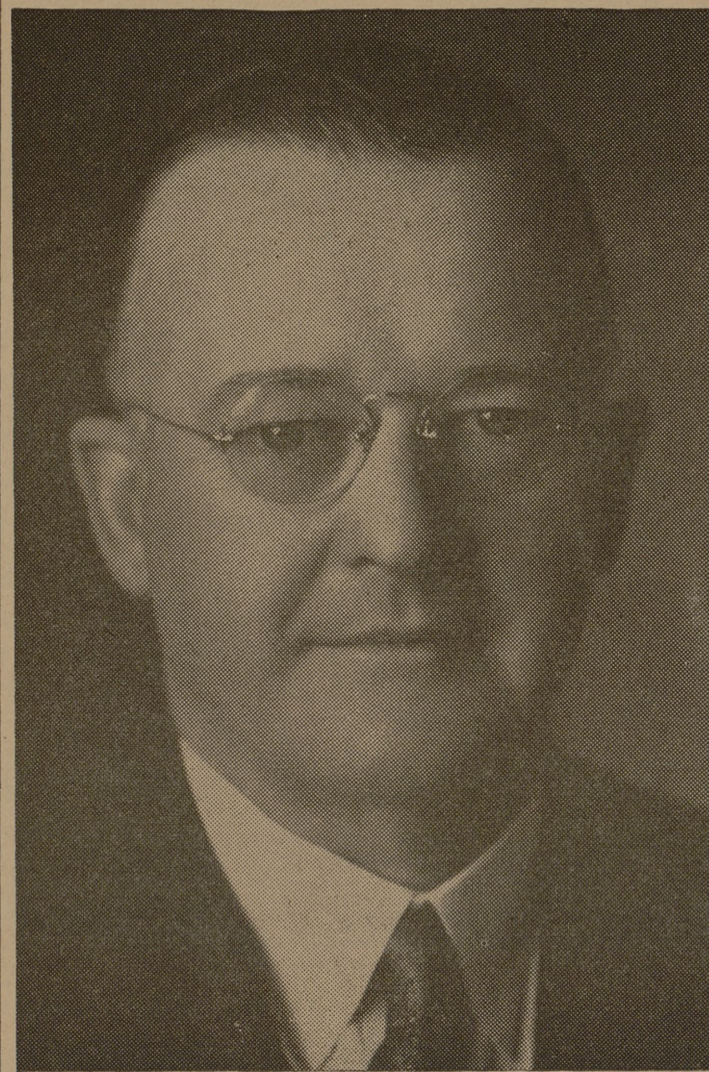
The Houston Ship Building Corporation is a concern recently organized which has contracted to build 30 cargo vessels of the "ugly duckling" type. In the near future more offers for jobs will be made, Bergquist said.

Plans for Paving City Street Now Underway

Paving of the Streets of College Station will begin as soon as sufficient funds have been collected from citizens, Mayor F. G. Anderson announced this week.

Cost of the Seal-Coat Asphalt pavement will be approximately fifty cents per running foot. Of this, the property owner will be expected to pay twenty-five cents per foot.

Commencement Speaker



Blaisdell, Commencement Speaker, Has Worked for General Electric 37 Years

Leonard Tibbets Blaisdell, Commercial Vice-President of the General Electric Company who will deliver the commencement address to the graduating seniors of the Class of '41, has held almost every sort of position with GE since 1904.

Born and reared on a New England farm near Carlisle, Massachusetts, Blaisdell attended the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Nautical Training School and graduated in marine engineering in 1904. He was employed by GE the same year and has continued with them since.

From 1904 to 1907, Blaisdell attended the Students' Testing Course for Engineering Graduates located in the factories at Lynn, Massachusetts. From 1907 to 1911 he was application engineer and supervisor of power plant installations on land and also on ships of the Merchant

Marine and the U. S. Navy. In 1911 he was made commercial engineer of the Baltimore, Maryland office and remained in this position until 1917.

During the World War I, he was transferred to the Washington, D. C. office where he participated in the General Electric Company's activities with the War and Navy Department and Bureau of the Federal Government. He continued as the manager of the Washington office until 1923.

In 1923 Blaisdell was transferred to Dallas, Texas, where he was made district manager in charge of the company's activities on the engineering and apparatus lines for the several Southwestern states. In 1936 he was made Commercial Vice-President of the General Electric Company, living in Dallas until 1939 when he was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio.

Thirty-One College Staff Members Listed in Engineering Who's Who

Thirty-one members of the college staff have been listed in the fifth edition of Who's Who in Engineering, a biographical dictionary of the engineering profession, recently published.

Qualifications for inclusion in the volume are engineers of outstanding and acknowledged professional eminence; engineers of at least ten years active practice, at least five years of which have been in responsible charge of important engineering work; teachers of engineering subjects in colleges or schools of accepted standing who have taught such subjects for at least ten years, at least five years of which have been in responsible charge of a major engineering course in such college or school.

Those listed from A. & M. are Howard W. Barlow, F. C. Bolton, F. A. Burt, C. W. Crawford, H. C. Dillingham, Nat Edmondson, V. M. Faires, L. L. Fouraker, F. E. Giesecke, Gibb Gilchrist, L. L. Grandi, H. E. Gross, L. M. Haupt, E. J. Howell, M. C. Huges, A. A. Jakula, F. R. Jones, J. D. Lindsay, J. T. L. McNew and T. A. Munson. Also Judson Neff, N. F. Rode, O. W. Silvey, E. G. Smith, H. P. Smith, H. C. Spencer, E. W. Steel,

A. W. Stevens, M. K. Thornton, H. J. Vance, and S. R. Wright.

The book is published every four years and contains only material as submitted by the individual to publishers.

Bundles for Britain Headquarters Open

The local Bundles for Britain headquarters will be closed until June 9 after which time it will be opened for the summer according to an announcement Friday by Mrs. C. B. Campbell, chairman.

During the summer the headquarters, which is located at Dean Puryear's old residence, will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30.

Engineering faculty wives will be in charge on Tuesdays while wives of experiment station workers will take over on Wednesdays. On Thursdays the work will be directed by army officers' wives, and liberal arts faculty wives do the work on Fridays.

Mrs. Campbell urged all students to bring their old clothes over to the headquarters instead of throwing them away.

Motion Picture Committee Chosen To Continue Fight

Gillis, Heitkamp and Sterling Will Carry on Work of Current Committee

The Senior Class Motion Picture committee announced yesterday afternoon the three juniors who will carry on the work during the forthcoming long session in the event that the controversy is not settled by the arbitration which begins in Dallas June 9.

Battalion Editor-Elect Tom Gillis, Longhorn Editor-Elect R. L. Heitkamp and Varsity Letterman James Sterling are the men who have been named by Senior Committeemen W. A. Becker, George Fuermann and Benton Elliott.

L. W. Klingman, Dallas insurance man, has been named arbitrator of the clearance dispute involving the Campus Theater of College Station, the Bryan Amusement Company, and the Jefferson Booking Company of Beaumont Ben Ferguson, manager of the Campus Theater announced today.

Hearings on the matter will begin Monday, June 9. The case as filed by the Campus Theater contends that the Jefferson Amusement Company has a financial interest in the Bryan theaters as booking agent, and further, that the Palace and the Queen theaters in Bryan have 30 to 45 days clearance over College Station.

This clearance, the complaint holds, is unreasonable because College Station and Bryan are separate municipalities. The request for arbitration asks that this clearance be eliminated or adjusted to a reasonable basis.

Many Students Make Applications

With recruiting officers from both the Army Quartermaster corps and Air corps on the campus many students are trekking daily to Ross Hall to make application.

Students who will receive commissions this week but who desire to do construction work in the army should make application to Captain C. W. Terry, QMC, who will be in Room 18, Ross Hall at 8 p. m. today, Friday, and Saturday.

Engineering or architecture graduates who will not receive commissions but who want Quartermaster corps service in a civilian capacity should also contact Captain Terry.

Many applications for flying cadet training have been received by (Continued on Page 6)

With Last Week's Exercises Year's Total Grads No. 808

Weekend's Festivities Begin Today With Concert and End with Final Review

Seven hundred and forty-seven graduates—the remainder from the special early graduation exercises held last week—will parade across the stand to receive a diploma certifying that their college careers have come to a close. With the 61 graduated Friday, the total figure for the year is 808, the largest graduating class to come forth from the college in its 65-year history.

The weekend's activities open this afternoon with a concert from the Aggie Band at 4:30 in Guion hall. The program will be presented from the stage with Lieut. Col. R. J. Dunn directing.

Tonight from 10 'till 2 the juniors hold their prom in Sbsa hall, dancing to the music of Lou Breese and his orchestra. Graduating seniors will be the guests of the class at the dance and will be allowed to enter free of charge both at the Junior Prom and the Final Ball.

The baccalaureate sermon will be given Friday morning at 10:30 by Rev. Umphrey Lee, D.D., president of Southern Methodist university at Dallas. Seniors and parents will attend.

The processional to Guion hall for the sermon will form in the order as follows: President Walton, Rev. Lee, members of the board of directors, deans and directors, heads of departments and candidates for degrees. The formation will be in column of two's, and with the exception of the candidates, will form in the lobby of the Academic building.

The graduating class will form on the lawn west of the Academic building and south of the sidewalk, arranged alphabetically according to courses, those receiving advanced degrees first in line.

Friday at 6:00 p. m. the commencement program will begin. Leonard T. Blaisdell, commercial vice-president of General Electric at Cleveland will make the commencement address. This speech will be followed by the valedictory address, delivered by Jeff Montgomery who was elected by the graduating class as its scholastic leader. The same order of procession will be observed for the commencement program as for the baccalaureate address. As is customary, President Walton will confer the degrees and the president of the board of directors, F. M. Law of Houston will present the

Montgomery, Haines Presented Harvard Awards

W. Jefferson Montgomery of Mason, Texas, and Paul G. Haines of College Station have received word from Harvard University that they have been awarded scholarships in the Harvard Business School.

Only two other schools in Texas, Rice Institute and Southern Methodist University, were represented by the fifty-five students who will enter the business school next September. Twenty-one students have received National Scholarships ranging in amount from \$100 to graduates with their diplomas. (Continued on page 5)

Former Students Hold Annual Meet Here Over Weekend

Several Changes Made In Arrangements to Make It a Livelier Occasion

Friday and Saturday Aggie-Exes from all parts of the country will trek to Aggieland for the annual meeting of the Former Students' Association.

"Service to A. & M. men who have been called to military duty" will be the central theme of this year's meeting. At a recent called meeting the Executive Committee of the Association declared this subject to be the most important facing A. & M. men today. Speaking for the Committee, Association President Bert Pfaff of Tyler, said, "We believe this subject should have the earnest consideration of every A. & M. man and the officers and directors of the Association of Former Students need your thoughts upon what we and our organization can do along this line."

Meeting Changes

In an effort to make the annual meeting this year a livelier occasion the Executive Committee at its recent meeting authorized several changes in general arrangements. The annual Association business meeting will follow immediately the Faculty-Former Student luncheon at Sbsa Hall, Saturday, June 7. This will eliminate the usual delay in moving from the luncheon to the Y. M. C. A. Chapel.

Another change designed to both improve and facilitate the business meeting will be delaying the meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors until after the conclusion of the general session. In the past the Directors have retired during the meeting for the election of officers, as provided by the by-laws of the organization. Under the new program their session will be held after the general meeting and newly elected officers announced thru the Press and the Texas Aggie.

These changes and a general shortening of other routine items of business have been designed by the Executive Committee to provide more time for general discussion by Association members.

Busy Week-End

The annual meeting will get under way Friday, June 6, with reunion classes leading the way with special class parties that afternoon. Graduation exercises at Kyle Field, the lawn party of President and Mrs. T. O. Walton and the Final Ball will complete the Friday program. Commencement speaker will be Mr. L. T. Blaisdell, Commercial Vice President, General Electric Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Blaisdell is an honorary member of the Dallas A. & M. Club.

On Saturday morning the Final Review will provide its old, old thrill to visiting A. & M. men. Members of the Auditing, Nominations and Resolutions Committees, appointed by President Pfaff, will meet for business sessions that morning in preparation for the general meeting.

YMCA Sponsors Trip To Camp in Hollister

This morning J. Gordon Gay and Alfred Paine of the Y. M. C. A. leave with several A. & M. students to go to Hollister, Missouri for a nine-day camp beginning June 6 and ending June 15.

This camp is held each year at the close of the academic school year and is maintained by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of the southwest. The A. & M. Y. M. C. A. has attended this camp every summer for several years, taking from three to six students for the training program that is carried on there. The camp is attended by both students and faculty members from the various colleges and universities of the southwest and includes training courses in leadership and planning, religious inspiration, and includes opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Auld Lang Syne



Above The Battalion's editors for the 1940-41 session are seen working on the last edition of the publication issued under their editorship. Left to right, they are Associate Editor George Fuermann, Houston; Editor-in-Chief Bob Nisbet, Bryan; Managing Editor Bill Clarkson, Corsicana and Managing Editor Earle A. Shields Jr., Amarillo.