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## File Now For Junior Yell Leader

Eligible Juniors  
Should File Before  
Monday, Dec 15th

No applications for the position of junior yell leader have been filed with the Student Activities office it was announced by Joe Skiles, director of student activities.

All juniors who are eligible for this position are encouraged to record their intentions of running for the office at once. The deadline for filing has been set at 3 p. m. Monday, December 15. Skeen Staley, head yell leader, is anxious that a junior yell leader be elected as soon as possible so that he may help during the coming basketball and baseball seasons.

Any classified junior with a grade point average of at least 1.25 who is now in attendance at A. & M. for the fifth consecutive semester and who passed at least three-fifths of his work last semester is eligible to run for election. In making application for candidacy, juniors should have a petition signed by two hundred seniors, juniors, and sophomores on file with the chairman of the Student Election Committee by Monday afternoon. Filing fee is 50 cents. If the candidate should prove ineligible or should withdraw, the fee will be refunded.

The election will be held at a special meeting of the junior class Wednesday evening, December 17. The office will be awarded to the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes.

## President To Address Nation On Bill of Rights

President Franklin D. Roosevelt will address the nation December 13 as a part of a one hour "Bill of Rights Day" broadcast over the National, Columbia, and Mutual radio networks between 9 and 10 p. m., E.S.T., according to a bulletin issued by the war department.

The first half hour of the program will be a dramatization of the meaning of the Bill of Rights which will be played by outstanding screen, stage and radio stars. Roosevelt will speak for 15 minutes following a reading of the Bill of Rights by the former Chief Justice, Charles E. Hughes.

Official notice of this program as well as a request that provisions be made in order that as many men as possible be afforded the opportunity of hearing the speech have been sent to all branches of the government's military forces by order of the secretary of war.

## Christmas Songs To be Sung Sunday

The annual Christmas program, sponsored by the Senior Class, will be presented in Guion Hall at 3 p.m. Sunday. Because of the program there will be no free show, Dick Hervey, president of the Senior class, announces.

Christmas carols will be sung by all those in attendance. Feature of the program will be several Christmas selections sung by the Singing Cadets, directed by Richard W. Jenkins.

Everyone, on or off the campus, including faculty members and Bryan citizens, are invited to attend the gathering which is held every year to keep up Christmas spirit.

**PICTURE DEADLINES**  
Senior Favorite deadline, Dec. 18  
Vanity Fair deadline, Dec. 18  
Club reservations due Dec. 20.  
Freshmen may now have their picture made for their class section; all other class sections are closed.

## Keep 'Em Flying



"Revved up" and ready for takeoff at the "West Point of the Air," this long line of basic training planes is representative of the mass methods now in use by the Air Corps in its expanded pilot training program. 30,000 trained military pilots each year is the goal of the program and Randolph Field will train 4500 of them. On December 12, another class of 264 student pilots completed the second phase of the 30 week course at this south Texas field and will move on to specialized schools for a final "preppag up" before receiving commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Air Corps Reserve. Later, they will go to duty with units of the Air Force Combat Command or will be reassigned to training centers as flying instructors.

## Fifty Brazilian Students Will Tour Aggieland in Buses Today

By Doug Lancaster  
Fifty students, representing the colleges and universities of Brazil, will arrive here at 9:53 this morning. The students will be moved in two buses and a tour of the campus will be conducted by Aggies. In each bus will be a representative of the school of agriculture, one from the school of engineering, one from the school of veterinary medicine, and one from the Texas Experiment Station to aid on the tours. Also an interpreter will be present since the Brazilians can only speak Portuguese and are unable to converse in English.

Their visit will be of a general type, with no long stops. The speaker of each bus will indicate points of interest throughout the trip, and an itinerary written in Portuguese and a diagram of the college will be provided each visitor so that he may follow the route taken.

The two buses will meet at the mess hall at 12:05 so the visitors may watch the Aggies march in to the noon meal. The group will then have luncheon at Sbis Hall. The afternoon will be spent in visiting the animal husbandry and dairy husbandry departments. The buses will leave at 5:30 for Bryan, where the students will spend the night. Religious mass for those desiring will be held at 7:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph's Chapel in Bryan by Monsignor J. B. Gleissner.

## Beaumont Mothers Contribute Toward General Reading Fund

Members of the Beaumont A. & M. Mothers' Club recently sent a contribution of \$10.00 to the library general reading fund.

For the past four years, this fund has been supported by the A. & M. Mothers Clubs. The money is used by the library to purchase books and classical records which the students request.

Furnishing books and records which could not be otherwise afforded is not the only benefit derived from the library by the fund. The students feel a personal interest in the library by making the selections.

## Former Batt Editors Serve Uncle Sam Now

Hymie Critz, former associate editor of the Battalion left Fort Sill early last month for the Philippines and no doubt was on duty there when the shooting started.

E. C. (Jeep) Oates, former sports editor of the Battalion, is still on duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as adjutant of the 31st Battalion, Replacement Center.

Hubert (Hub) Johnston, sports editor last year, is in Washington, D. C., attending an adjutant's training class.

## Singing Cadets Will Visit Houston

Immediately following the Christmas program in Guion Hall Sunday, the Singing Cadets leave for Houston where they will make several appearances before groups there, Richard W. Jenkins, director of the Cadets announced Friday.

Upon their arrival the Cadets will be entertained with an informal reception at the First Methodist Church where they will sing at 7:45 p.m. The Houston A. & M. Mother's Club will provide their lodging for the night.

Monday morning the group will make a goodwill appearance at the University of Houston. During the afternoon they will sing at Lamar and Stephen F. Austin High Schools and at the Y.M.C.A. before the Houston A. & M. Mother's Club. An informal dance for the Cadets will begin at the Y following their appearance there.

Monday night the group will hear the Messiah presented by the Houston Oratorical Society and the Houston Symphony Orchestra at the City Auditorium. After the program the Cadets will return to school.

## Silver Taps Observed For Jerome Forrest Groves of G Infantry

Silver taps was observed Thursday night for Jerome Forrest Groves, a junior in G Infantry, who died from injuries received in an automobile accident between Bryan and College Station Wednesday morning. Groves was 19 years old and a sergeant major in the infantry.

Companies G, H, and I Infantry were turned out in No. 2 uniform with campaign hats for the tribute. Marching from Dormitory 5, where Groves lived, they stood together in ranks during silver taps.

## Groneman Chosen Chairman of State Teachers Committee

Chris H. Groneman, instructor in the department of industrial education at A. & M. college, was elected state chairman of the industrial arts section of the Texas State Teachers Association at the recent meeting in Houston of that organization.

In his capacity Groneman will be responsible for the program and arrangements for the industrial arts section at the 1942 convention.

## Faculty Cooperates With Selective Service Boards

### Work Begun To Improve Aggie YMCA

Construction To  
Take \$17,000 For  
Old "Y's" New Face

Construction work has begun on improvements for the College Station Y. M. C. A. with total expenditures expected to go over \$17,000 before work is completed, giving the old "Y" an entirely new appearance.

The main lobby of the building will be converted into two lounges with glassed in sun parlors at each end of the building. The present office will be moved to the north side of the building and this old office space will be used for the ladies lounge. The ladies lounge will be complete in every respect and will allow ample space for accommodations on all week-ends.

New furnishings and fixtures will go into the new lounges with the furnishings for the south lounge to be paid for out of a fund collected from the various mothers clubs. A student committee headed by Preston Bolton has already received \$1,300 from the mothers clubs with much more expected.

New entrances to the game room in the basement are also being made. The new doorways will be under the front steps and the old west entrance to the basement will be done away with. This new door plan will furnish better light and ventilation for the basement. Enlargement of the basement floor will also allow room for the ping pong tables in this section of the building.

J. G. Gay of the Y. M. C. A. stated that, work should be completed by February 1. Upon completion of the work, students will have a first class place for meeting their parents or friends at any time.

### Russell, Barger Lead Sections At AAAS Dallas Meet

Professor Daniel Russell, head of the department of rural sociology; and Professor J. Wheeler Barger, head of the department of agricultural economics, both at A. & M. college, will serve as sectional chairmen at the meeting of American Association for the Advancement of Science in Dallas, December 29 to January 3.

Barger will be in charge of the program dealing with the agricultural and industrial resources of the Southwest, and Russell will serve as chairman of the program of population problems in the Southwest.

The Texas Academy of Science, of which Professor Fred A. Burt, of the A. & M. geology department, is secretary, is cooperating in the arrangements for the Dallas meeting of the Academy, which will be attended by scholars from all parts of the United States.

Many other scientists from the college staff, and the staffs of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the A. & M. Extension Service and the Texas Forest Service, all divisions of the college, will take part in the program.

### Dan Russell Speaks To Personnel Officers

Dan Russell of rural sociology department, spoke to a meeting of the personnel officers at their banquet in Sbis hall Thursday night on the problems of the freshmen and the outbreak of war. Lt. Joe E. Davis asserted that personnel officers should do everything they could to keep freshmen in school.

The problems of personnel officers have become three-fold since the outbreak of war, Russell stated.

### Daily Grades Will Count As Final Semester Grades for Drafted Aggies

Reacting as a patriotic cooperator with the national government, the A. & M. faculty announced this week that all students who are called to active duty in the United States' armed forces will be permitted to allow their daily grades to the date of leaving college be counted as final semester grades.

It was further pointed out that students who voluntarily resign from college for any purpose will not be granted this concession. Consensus of faculty opinion was that A. & M. students should not become hysterical and resign from school but should remain until needed by the government. On the other hand, members of the faculty were quick to commend any patriotic action or indication on the part of Aggies.

Text of the entire resolution passed at the faculty meeting was as follows:

"It was moved and carried—  
(1) That the Executive Committee be authorized to permit daily grades to the date of leaving college to be counted as semester grades for any student called from reserve status to active military and naval duty or called to duty under the Selective Service System.

(2) That in the exercise of this authority, the Executive Committee is to be guided by the policy that before leaving each student should complete the courses for which he is to receive credit as nearly as is reasonably possible without interfering with his patriotic duty to his country."

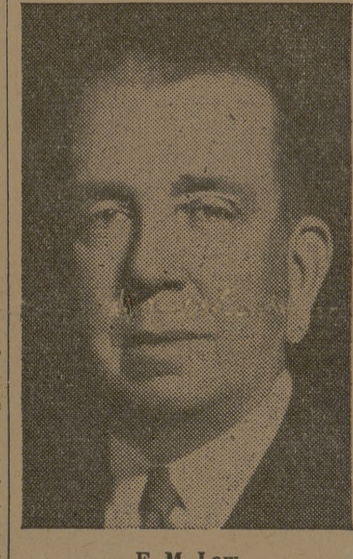
### Law to Lecture On Business For Economics Meeting

Meeting in Chemistry  
Lecture Room Will Be To  
Discuss Business Problems

"Today's Business Problems" will be the topic of a speech to be delivered by Dr. F. M. Law to members of the Economics club Monday night in the chemistry lecture room at 8 p. m.

Dr. Law, who is chairman of

### Eco Speaker



F. M. Law

the board of directors of A. & M., is president of the First National Bank of Houston. He has also served as president of the American Banker's Association.

All students and faculty members interested in contemporary business problems are cordially invited to attend this meeting. There will be no admission charge.

## Bracy Requests Freshmen Place Date Applications

Dates for the freshman ball will be provided for all fish who sign up for them not later than Tuesday, Lewis Bracy, president of the freshman class, announced today.

Fish in the new area, Dormitories 1, 2, 3, and 4, must sign up for dates in room 427, Dormitory No. 1; those in Dormitories 5, 6, 7, and 8, in room 411 Dormitory 5; and those in Dormitories 9, 10, 11 and 12, in Room 322 Dormitory 1.

Old area fish may sign up in Room 8, Ramp D, or Room 12, Ramp I, Walton Hall, Rooms 82 or 36, Mitchell Hall, or in Room 1, Ramp 4, Law Hall.

## Effect of Light on Quail Is Studied by Graduate Biologist

By Bill Morehouse  
All you Aggies who have been loading your shotguns to go quail hunting in the vicinity of Pfeuffer hall can shelve those guns.

The three cages at the east entrance of the hall contain three quail that are playing the leading role in an experiment being performed by Bryan P. Glass, graduate biology assistant from Baylor, their preparation for his master's thesis.

The experiment is an investigation in sexual photoperiodism, or, more simply stated, the effect of light on the regulation of the sexual organs in birds. Glass believes that when the quail have received the proper amount of light stimulation, they will reproduce. Then, the following spring, the birds will produce the normal generation, thereby producing a second generation in one year.

If the experiment is a success, it will assist breeders and farm owners who wish to stock their lands for hunting purposes. Then, too, this process need not be confined to the quail family alone, but might possibly prove of value in raising other fowl.

Glass began his experiment in September of this year, and has gradually increased the light period for the quail until it is now greater than the length of ordinary daylight. This accounts for the electric light bulbs which may be seen burning in the cages during the night.

birds could not be exposed to the entire daylight period because it was too long. To remedy this, a light-tight box was built equipped with a self-timer clock which would turn the fluorescent light within the box on and off at the proper intervals to give the birds the needed light.

Financial aid from the Texas Academy of Science enabled Glass to build the box and purchase the automatic clock. The Academy said the grant was made in the belief that the information obtained from the experiment would be valuable.

Yesterday morning, Glass took his physical examination for entrance into the U. S. Air Corps and should be accepted for training, the experiment will be deferred until the completion of his service.

## Presbyterian Choir To Present Oratorio 'The Messiah' Sunday

"The Messiah" will be presented by the Presbyterian choir at the services in Guion Hall beginning Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. under the direction of Irving M. Dietz.

Norman Anderson, pastor, will speak on "The Price of Peace and a World at War."  
Mrs. H. H. Garretson will be soloist and Caroline Mitchell will be pianist.