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## O'Leary Landslides to Junior Yell Leader Victory

### Winner Leads Field With 118 Votes; O'Connor Next

**Regular Committee Counts Votes After Junior Class Holds Special Election Meet**

Ted O'Leary, newly elected junior yell leader to replace Jack Nagle, who has gone to the army, said last night after he got the news, "I'm happy that I now have the thing that I have wanted most in college." O'Leary won with 118 votes, and was followed by James O'Connor with 54, Pat Patterson with 29 votes and George Ferguson with 19 votes.

Members of the election committee found the four students eligible as set forth in the rules published in The Battalion last week. The votes were cast at a meeting of the junior class in the Assembly hall and were turned over to the committee. The committee then carried them to the corps headquarters office where they were counted and the results tabulated.

### J Lunceford Signs to Play For F A Ball

#### Negro Band Also Schedules Mar 7 Corps Dance

Jimmie Lunceford's band has been signed up for an appearance at A. & M. March 6 and 7 to play for the Field Artillery ball and the corps dance following the ball. Alden Cathey, social secretary, announced yesterday.

Lunceford's band was one of the first American casualties of Europe's war blackout. The Luncefordians were practically walking up the gangplank when Lunceford was informed that the guns of Europe were thundering again and his annual continental jazz tour was scuttled. That is one reason that the Aggie audience will be able to hear Lunceford's famous "cats."

In musical circles, Jimmie Lunceford is often referred to as "The man Europe will never forget," Cathey states. This innuendo of Lunceford's European promenades with his jazzocracy band, is something that Americans can still boast about because no orchestra before or since, has exhausted the critical superlatives in the same manner.

The band has never yet played a return engagement without breaking the record which usually is held by Lunceford's band. His recordings are year round sellers and popular favorites because their style carries wide appeal.

### A&M Shows Six Booths at Dallas

A. & M. will be represented in the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be held in Dallas during the week of December 29 to January 3 with six booths at the Baker Hotel. Four for the agricultural experiment station, and two for the engineering experiment station have been set aside for the college.

### Contracts For New Dormitory Furniture Awarded

#### Desks, Chairs, Dressers To be of Wood; Equipment Starts Arriving in 30 Days

Contracts have been let for the furniture to be placed in the new dormitories located on the north end of the campus totaling around \$49,700. The contracts include beds, desks, mattresses, study desks, and chairs. The furniture will start arriving within 30 days Phil Norton, college architect, stated, and will continue arriving as fast as possible so long as it does not interfere with any defense contracts.

The beds will be Simmons beds from Swann Schuller in Austin, the mattresses will be from the Taylor Bedding Mfg. Co. in Taylor and the dressers will be made of birch wood instead of metal and will be furnished by Beckley School and Church Furniture Co. of Houston. Study desks will also be made of birch wood and will come from W. C. Hixon in Dallas.

Other contracts let this week included a \$320 contract with Fred Pontello of Houston for the laying of a teraza floor on the first floor on the electrical engineering building. This floor will be laid during the Christmas holidays.

### Wednesday, 2:25 p.m.-Whining Bombers Give Aggies First Taste of Air Raid

Aggieland got its first taste of dive bombing at 2:35 P. M. Wednesday afternoon when eighteen planes from Ellington Field near Houston attacked in a mock air raid. The planes circled low over the old area and drill field and evidently scored many technical "hits". The raid continued intermittently for nearly an hour.

The demonstration was staged in conjunction with the War Department sponsored picture, "Keep 'Em Flying," now showing at the Bryan theaters. Co-sponsoring and heartily endorsing this production is the American Legion, Defense Guard, and other patriotic organizations.

"Keep 'Em Flying," starring Abbot and Costello, portrays the work and spirit of the Army Air Corps as well as its humorous side. The production will be shown Wednesday and Thursday at the usual prices.

Captain William H. Culberson, in charge of the mobile recruiting unit here, announced that the Air Corps was dedicating today's complimentary flight to the college in order to reciprocate for the recently issued proclamation by Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis affirming the support of A. & M. in observance

### Three Exes Killed Since Hawaii Attack

Major Clarence R. Davis, '27, Beaumont, Texas; 2nd Lieutenant Arthur E. Gary, '40, San Marcos, Texas; and Captain James J. Backlouse, '33, Ennis, Texas, were the first three Ex-Aggies to die in action since the attack on Pearl Harbor.

### Fable Tells Old St. Nick Was True Dad of Xmas

Christmas in this modern world has lost much of its significance because of a misunderstanding of its origin. Christmas is usually attributed to Santa Claus or the birth of Christ. However strange as it may seem, for many years after the life of Christ, the world did not celebrate Christmas.

The man who really started Christmas was born during the barbarian invasion of Rome, in the town of Patara on the shore of the Mediterranean. His father was a rich merchant whose name was Epiphaneas and his mother's name was Johane. The first son of those people was named Nicholas, which in the language of the parents meant both victory and people. This son was to become the first man to originate the practice of giving gifts at Christmas. Later Nicholas became a saint and was attributed with miraculous powers.

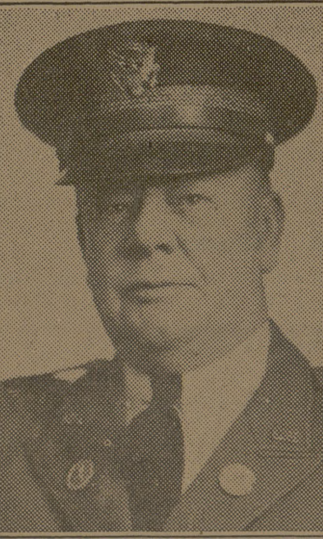
He became the benefactor of seamen, money lenders, merchants, farmers, children, and all humanity. Not only is this worthy man remembered for Christmas, but a great many other things as well. He is regarded as one of the three guardians of Russia. He and St. Olaf have the honor of protecting Norway. With St. Julian he watches over a good part of Italy. Hundreds of small towns in Europe claim him as their patron.

The death of this saint was recorded as the year 326 A.D. He died after a long life as the Bishop of Myra, a defender of Christianity at its most critical moment, and most important of all, the true founding of Christmas giving.

### Colonel Dunn is Guest Conductor For Bryan Xmas Community Sing Tonight

Combining their efforts during the holiday season the Lamar junior high and Stephen F. Austin high schools of Bryan will present their annual Christmas community concert tonight at 7:15 under the direction of Hugh Emerson, conductor of the bands and Colonel R. J. Dunn, A. & M. bandmaster. The program will be given in the Bryan high school auditorium and Emerson asks that any members of the cadet corps who can attend do so. Admission is free.

Colonel Dunn will direct the high school band in their presentation of "Everglades Sugar March" by Sturchio and the "National Anthem" by Key. This arrangement of the anthem was written especially



Colonel R. J. Dunn

ially for the A. & M. band by Colonel Dunn.

The program for the two bands is as follows:—Lamar Program—"Onward Christian Soldiers" by Sullivan, "Deep River," a folk song, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," by Bland, the Bulldog quartette singing "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen" by Vestdorf, a poem by Fibisch, and "Little Anne Rooney" by Nolan.

The Stephen F. Austin program will follow presenting "Yule Tidings" arranged by Schaefer, "Five Favorite Yule-Tide Songs," arranged by Tobani, and "American Patriot," by Meacham.

### Cotton Bowl Date Tickets, Selling Slowly, Available

#### Student Ducats May be Had Till Noon Saturday, Reserved Seats Until Dec 24

Date tickets for the Cotton Bowl game are now on sale at the YMCA announces E. W. Hooker, secretary of the athletic council. The date tickets and student tickets, selling for \$1.65 each, will be available until noon Saturday. These tickets absolutely will not be available after the holidays begin.

Reserved seat tickets, which are on sale at the athletic office, will be sold at college until a week before the game. These tickets sell for \$2.50 and \$4.40. There will be no general admission tickets for the game.

Junior and senior military students who desire to get tickets by drawing on their January checks may do so by signing a promissory note for the tickets. These notes may be obtained from the students' senior M.S. instructor, who will certify that the cadet has a contract.

Cotton Bowl officials expect a near capacity crowd for the game. Ticket sales over the country are progressing steadily. According to reports received by the athletic office, 37,000 of the 45,000 seats available at the Bowl had been sold Wednesday.

Sales for the student tickets are not up to previous expectations, according to Hooker. At noon Wednesday, only 1200 student and date tickets had been sold. Hooker contributes the slow response on the part of the cadets in part to the war, as there was a noticeable slump in ticket sales after the United States declared war on Japan. Approximately 1500 of the date and student tickets are still on hand, but it is hoped that last minute sales will account for the bulk of these.

### Who Says There Ain't No Santa; Brazos Exes Make Good Team's \$74

Meeting the team at the training table last night P. L. Downs, Jr., president of the Brazos County Ex-Students A. & M. club, presented the team with the \$74.60 which was stolen from them while in Tacoma. Derace Moser who lost \$34 said, "Who said there wasn't any Santa Claus?" The money was collected by S. A. (Doc) Lipscomb, chairman of the athletic committee of the club.

Members receiving the balance of the money were Les Richardson \$6, Roy Bucek 60 cents, Maurice (Cotton) Williams \$15, A. J. Mercer, \$8, Cullen (Slick) Rogers \$9 and Bill Sibley \$2.

### Competition Sought By Ag Chess Team

The A. & M. Chess Team will begin playing a number of chess tournaments with other college chess teams in January according to Dr. E. P. Humbert, sponsor of the chess club.

### Local Observer Watches Calm Washington Become War City

By Charlie Babcock  
Washington—the nerve center of 130,000,000 Americans, a city crammed with diplomatic tradition and history—forgot all of its beautiful lawn parties and social engagements the day of the Pearl Harbor disaster. All individual indulgences were disregarded and thousands jumped without hesitation to place the proverbial shoulder blade behind the proverbial wheel—patriotism!

The eye witness to the heart-warming scene was local resident E. N. Holmgreen, business manager of the college, who was in the capital on official college business.

"People in Washington were very calm but also possessed a very distinct under-current of determination," states Holmgreen.

It was a pleasant Sunday afternoon. Observer Holmgreen was attending the professional football battle between the Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles. He says that the 28,000 spectators were kept at peace longer than the rest of the nation, for the announcers refused to broadcast the pacific news until after the game was over.

However, most of the fans realized that something serious was in the air, for many high-ranking military and government officials were being called from the game.

Once that the prospect of war became eminent, Washington moved swiftly in placing bridges and important buildings under heavy armed guard.

"When Monday morning came," Holmgreen observes, "all government structures were humming with the activity of a veritable bee hive. Committee meetings, plans, projects, proposed bills—all these were the concern of the twentieth century Jeffersons, Hamiltons and Calhouns."

**LAST BATTALION**  
This will be the last issue of The Battalion before the Christmas holidays. The first issue after the holidays will be on Tuesday, January 6.