



E. J. (Manny) Smith, left, presents Tsin Lon Quang, vice consul for the Republic of China, a check from the Hillel Club for the Chinese War Relief after the consul and his wife had spoken to members of the Hillel and Cosmopolitan clubs.

## De Mille's 'Light Fantastic Toe' Charms Town Hall Audience

By Doug Lancaster

As John Milton once said in one of his well-known poems—none of us can ever remember which one—“Come and trip it as you go, On the light fantastic toe.”

Whether or not it was a “light fantastic toe,” the Aggies haven't decided. All they are certain of is that Agnes De Mille and her comic ballet presented one of the best Town Hall programs this year. In her initial appearance in Guion Hall Thursday night, Miss de Mille's ballet drew a large number of Texas admirers, as the program had a near full-house capacity.

Included in her program of nine humorous ballet numbers were “Tyrolean Picnic,” “Rodeo,” “Hoe Down,” and the “Virginia Reel,” which were the most talked of the whole ballet because they were so humorously played, and also since the last three are characteristic

of this part of the country.

During her ballet version of the “Virginia Reel” Miss de Mille came to the part in which all those not dancing clap their hands and stomp their feet, in time to the music. Several Aggies started clapping and stomping right along with her, and, thinking quickly, Miss de Mille “broke the ice” by motioning to the audience several times. In no time at all everyone was clapping and stomping in good ole' hay loft style under the able direction of Miss de Mille.

This audience participation got everyone in the ballet groove, and as a result made an excellent performance even better.

Miss Agnes de Mille is not the only famous member of her family. Her father is William de Mille, well-known movie producer, and her grandfather was the late eminent single tax economist, Henry George.

This young ballet dance artist has, in a brief period, sold herself to the United States and Europe as a unique dance caricaturist and humorist. For almost three years she entertained England with her dance mimicing, and headed a ballet company with Anthony Tudor. Between concert engagements she found time to direct the dances for MGM's “Romeo and Juliet” starring Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard.

Because of Agnes de Mille's superb performance of last Thursday night, everyone who saw it and those who have heard of, but missed seeing it are looking forward to a possible appearance of Miss de Mille and her comic ballet on Town Hall next year.

## Ento Club Prepares Ag Day Insect Show

Entomology students of A. & M. will present a varied group of displays for the Agriculture Day Program April 4. Insects and their relation to national defense will be seen in the exhibits of economic insect pests and the live display of honeybees.

Members of the entomology club will show insects that they have collected throughout the year and will be present during the day to answer any questions which might arise about insects.

The club has also done much this year toward completing their annual publication, “The Texas Aggie Entomologist,” a copy of which is sent to every ex-entomology student.

## Defense Committee Show Air Raid Film

College Stations National Defense Committee is sponsoring a picture in Guion Hall Sunday afternoon on the control of incendiary bombs. The cadets will see the picture during the free show period.

At 5:15 p.m. the same show will be shown for the benefit of the general public. The picture will reveal the conditions that exist during an air raid, the sponsor stated.

## Monday Will Be Defense Day At Camouflage Show

In keeping with the original schedule of showings, Monday has been designated as Civilian Defense short course day at the Camouflage Exhibit in the basement of the Academic Building at A. & M. College.

Friday, March 6, was delegated to a special showing for the Garden Club of College Station and the Texas Dairy Products Association. At the opening night held Tuesday, March 3, the civic organizations and officers of Bryan, College Station, and A. & M. who made it possible for the Museum of Modern Art, New York City, to bring its exhibit to this vicinity were honored with the premier showing at College.

Together with the City Commission of Bryan, the City Council of College Station, deans, and heads of departments of the College, the Woman's Club of Bryan, and the Civilian Defense short course at College were taken through the improvised air-bomb shelter which houses the exhibit. Approximately 150 persons were present during the primary showing.

## Keen Competition Monday Night Among Livestock Showmen

There will be some keen competition Monday night at 8 p. m. when 90 contestants who have entered the Little Southwestern Livestock show, will present their animals to the judges.

The show which is the third of its kind at A. & M. helps the boys learn the art of showing their animals in competition and also enables every boy to have a chance at the prizes which will be given to the winner of each division and to the grand champion showman.

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## A&M Graduates Have Opportunity in Air Corps by Transferring Their Commissions

### Military Subcommittee Approves Legislation For Increased Pay for Officers

Senators of the Senate military subcommittee approved legislation this week which would raise the pay of second lieutenants from \$1,500 per year to \$1,800. In the proposed bill, pay of privates and non-commissioned officers would also be increased.

Senator Johnson of Colorado, chairman of the subcommittee, said the measure would cost \$255,000,000 a year, based on the size of the armed forces last January 1. Under the proposed legislation, members of the armed forces would receive nearly double their present pay in all the non-commissioned offices.

At present members of the army and navy receive \$21 a month for their first four months and then \$30 a month until they are promoted to higher grades. The new plan would increase the initial pay

to \$42 and there would be six higher pay categories through the various ranks. Second lieutenants and ensigns pay would be increased from \$125 to \$150 a month. The only other officers of commissioned rank whose pay would be raised would be the pay of brigadier generals, a raise from \$7,500 to \$8,000 a year.

### English Quiz Contest Will Be Held in April

Fish and Sophs Will Try for Cash Prizes Given by Law, Morris

Prizes will be offered to Freshman and Sophomore English students again this year in two contests which will be held between the 20 and 30 of April.

F. M. Law, chairman of the board of directors, will sponsor the annual freshman English contests which will be held the latter part of April at A. & M.

Prizes of 20 and of 5 dollars will be offered to the winners and these will be awarded at the Mathematics-English Contest dinner on May 8. The conditions of eligibility are as follows: (1) Distinguished student rating the first semester, (2) Grade A in English 103 (3) Grade A or B in English 104 to March 21, and (4) satisfactory oral work in English 104 to April 10. The exact date of the examination will be announced early in April.

There will also be an English contest for Sophomores, William Morris of Dallas is offering prizes of 15 and 10 dollars to those who stand first and second in the contest. The following are the conditions of eligibility: Distinguished student rating for the first semester, grade A in the last previous English course (203 or 231), and grade A or B in one of the current Sophomore English courses regularly taken in the second semester (207, 210, 232, or 323 if this is being taken as a substitute for the usual Sophomore course).

The examination will include a vocabulary test, not the same as the one given a year ago, and an examination on the context of the course. Students who are so far eligible for both the Freshman and Sophomore contests should notify their instructors by March 11.

### Enthusiasm High As Lunceford Plays for Field; Corps Dance

By Tom Leland

An award for a new high in enthusiasm was bestowed upon Jimmie Lunceford and his Orchestra by the patrons of the eighth annual Field Artillery Ball held last



night in Sbsa Hall. Jimmie Lunceford played for one of the largest crowds at any A. & M. social

### Get Dirt in Your Eyes, Ears and Shoes? Then Avoid the Ditches

Did you trip over a bunch of ditches last night as you came across the campus, and get dirt in your eyes and shoes so bad that you had to take a bath one night ahead of time? Well maybe you have wondered why the workmen were digging up all that cast iron pipe near the Electrical Engineering building.

This pipe which is part of an old abandoned water line, has become very valuable since it can no longer be purchased. The Building and College Utilities department has taken the situation well in hand and have used W.P.A. labor to unearth the precious cast iron tubes so that it will be available for future use. Who knows? Some of the workmen may discover an old bicycle tire or an automobile innertube while they are digging in that good old earth.

### Creamery Short Course Set For Mar 16 to Apr 25

Demand for Skilled Workers Increases By Week Under Conditions

Another in the ever increasing list of National Defense courses offered at A. & M. will be the Creamery Defense Short Course March 16-April 25, C. N. Shepardson, head of the college dairy husbandry department, announced.

With the war depleting skilled dairy workers in Texas, the problem of replacing them with men not subject to immediate service has arisen. It is to fill this need that the course is offered.

“There is a constant demand for churn men, freezer men, pasteurizer operators, laboratory technicians, department foremen, plant superintendents and plant managers,” Shepardson said. “With the intensive course we have planned, we aim to turn out graduates capable of filling any of these positions.”

In the past A. & M. graduates have filled these positions, but the majority of the graduates hold reserve commissions in the army and are being called to active duty.

The course will last six weeks and cover the field of dairy husbandry as full as possible. Plant managers have recommended that as much time as possible be spent on actual instruction.

There are no scholastic requirements but a high school education is advisable, Shepardson said.

### Lt Colonel Snyder, Ellington Field Asks 100 Men to Enter Army Air Corps

A. & M. graduates have now been offered the opportunity of becoming officers in the air corps by the announcement made yesterday by Lt. Colonel Snyder, U. S. Army air corps, from Ellington field, who asks for 100 men to transfer their commissions from other branches. Colonel Snyder and several assistants will arrive at A. & M. Monday, March 9, for the purpose of selecting these candidates of this new opportunity for A. & M. graduates to furnish their services to the nation's war effort.

### Dairy Products Ass'n Selects Prof Shepardson Head

Ridgeway Elected Sec. McMurray Manager At Wartime Convention

Professor Charles N. Shepardson, head of the dairy husbandry department, was elected president of the Texas Dairy Products Association at the conclusion of the two-day wartime convention which closed here at noon yesterday.

Joe Ridgeway of San Antonio, was reelected secretary and M. E. McMurray of Fort Worth was reelected manager. Buster Laughlin of Abilene was elected vice-president.

Final speaker on the program was A. L. Ward, Dallas, director of the education service of the National Cottonseed Products Association who summed up the dairy products manufacturer's war time task as a four part program emphasizing increased production, improved quality, efficient operations, and better salesmanship.

Jack Nisbet, New York, of the American Jersey Cattle Club, delivered a graphic illustrated lecture on the values contained in milk. In his talk he declared that 17,000 more dairy cows are needed in America to produce adequate milk for the proper diet of the nation.

Other speakers on the two day program were Dr. E. W. Gaumnitz, surplus marketing specialist, USDA, in charge of lend lease purchases of dairy products from Washington; J. O. Clarke, of Chicago, chief central district, Federal Food and Drug administration; retiring president A. J. Reddle, Shepardson, Dr. T. O. Walton, A. & M. president, who welcomed the visitors to the campus, and E. R. Eudaly, of the Extension Service.

A. & M. was chosen the site of the convention because of the educational opportunities it affords the visitors. The experimental farms, dairy herds, along with the pasture improvement and other projects aroused much interest according to convention officials.

### Seniors Leaving For Active Duty

Three seniors from the Signal Corps battalion and one senior from the Infantry regiment will leave immediately for their respective army schools for officer's training.

These men have not received their degrees, but have finished the requirements in military work to attend the army school, and will be commissioned, on graduation from there, as second lieutenants in the U. S. Army.

Those from the Signal Corps include J. H. Snow, R. B. Gibson, and W. H. Granfors. These men will report to Fort Monouth in New Jersey. R. A. Sladnovik, Infantry, who completed his military work last June, will report to the Infantry army school in Fort Benning, Georgia.

### Deglar Speaks For ASME Meeting Tues

Prof. H. E. Deglar, Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Texas and a member of the College Relations Committee of the A.S.M.E., addressed the A.S.M.E. Tuesday evening. He spoke on “Aims and Activities and the Student's Place in A.S.M.E. Programs.”

Colonel Snyder will be located in Rooms 36 and 37 of Ross Hall starting Monday, for the purpose of interviewing cadets who are due to be commissioned at the end of the present school year or at the end of camp and who desire their commissions transferred to the air corps.

Any questions students have in regard to the air corps, the qualifications for it, the type of services to be offered by the air corps, or any other matters concerning the air service will be answered by Colonel Snyder.

Commissions may be transferred only from the cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery, and infantry. Members of any other branches, the chemical warfare service, signal corps, or engineers will not be allowed to transfer their commissions, Colonel Snyder stated.

### Certificates Ready For 306 Distinguished

Distinguished Student Certificates are ready for the 306 students who qualified for that honor the first semester of the 1941-42 session. These certificates may be had by the honored students by calling for them at the information desk in the registrar's office.

The 306 students being awarded these certificates make up 5.59 percent of the total enrollment. Of the whole student body there were fourteen men making A's in all their subjects.

In order to be distinguished, a student must be carrying sixteen hours, he must have no grade below C, he must have no incomplete work and is required to have a grade point ratio of at least 2.25.

### Senior Scouts Ass'n Holds WeinerRoast

Members of the A. & M. Senior Scout Association held their first fellowship meeting and wiener roast since the organization of the group last Wednesday night. The campfire and the meeting were held under the roof of the Animal Husbandry Pavilion because of inclement weather.

The Senior Scout association was organized recently on the campus to enable A. & M. students who are former Boy Scouts to have the opportunity of continuing their Scouting activities. The group plans to work with local Scouts so that training in Scout leadership and advancement toward the Eagle rank may be facilitated. All former Scouts on the campus are eligible for membership regardless of their rank. It is not necessary to be Star, Life, or Eagle as was formerly announced.

### History Faculty Launches Lecture Series for Soldiers

Members of the faculty of the Department of History of A. & M. have launched a series of lectures in army camps in this area at the request of the U. S. Army Public Relations office. Dr. S. R. Gammon, head of the Department of History and V. K. Sugareff already have addressed enlisted men at Camp Wallace and Fort Crockett.

J. L. Dodson is slated to talk on the Fallacy of Imperialism at Camp Hulen March 13 and at Camp Wallace March 18.