

## Johnson Pays Tribute To Aggies on Corregidor Isle

### General Moore, Major King, Captain Vick And Alumni Club Celebrate San Jacinto

From The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON, April 21. — Representative Luther Johnson of Corsicana, in whose congressional district Texas A. & M. College is situated, took the floor in the House to pay tribute to this school, the largest institution of its kind in the world and the greatest source of reserve officers for the United States Army in the entire country.

The present student body, Johnson told the House, is in excess of 7,000, "all young men who are husky, patriotic, red-blooded Americans, affectionately referred to as the Aggies."

"At this time there are two Major Generals and five Brigadier Generals in the Army who received their first military training at Texas A. & M. College. They are Major Gen. George F. Moore, who so brilliantly commanded coast artillery defenses at Corregidor Island, the Philippines, and Major Gen. Ralph Hudson Wooten, Air Corps. The Brigadier Generals now in service include Douglas B. Netherwood, Air Corps; Howard S. Davidson, Air Corps; John A. Warden, Quartermaster Corps; Harry H. Johnson, Air Corps, and Andrew D. Bruce, tank destroyer commandant.

"Three sons of Texas A. & M. have received high-valor awards in this war: Capt. James T. Connally, cousin of Senator Tom Connally, received the Distinguished Service Cross for leading a bomber squadron from Java to Mindanao in the Philippines, sinking a Japanese tanker and rescuing twenty-three stranded American pilots on the island.

"First Lieut. Henry C. Dittman, former Aggie football star, received the Distinguished Service Cross for leading a squadron over uncharted air route to the Philippines via India. Major Louis Hobbs was cited for valor for leading an air mission in the Philippines. First Lieut. Jonathan Wainwright, new commander of the Philippines, replacing Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

"General Moore, before leaving A. & M. to take command at Corregidor fortress, selected thirty-five graduating Aggies out of the 1940 class to precede him to the Philippines while he was serving as commandant at Texas A. & M. All of these Aggies were line officers at Corregidor during the recent conflict there."

Johnson also placed in the Congressional Record an article written by G. Byron Winsted, director of information at Texas A. & M. College, and published in the magazine Digest, entitled "Those Fighting Texas Aggies."

## Completion Nears On YMCA Work

Work on the new lounge in the YMCA is nearing completion, and by the first of next semester, A. & M. will have a completely modernized lounge and recreation center. The project is the result of the work of a committee which conceived the plan early this year. The men responsible in a large measure for the improvements are Preston Bolton, chairman of the committee, Terry Thrift, R. B. Pearce, Fred Smitham and Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis.

These men went before the board of directors with their plan and the board arranged for a \$14,000 loan to remodel and add to the building. To this amount an additional \$3,000 was contributed by the YMCA.

As the work progressed, the committee found itself in need of advice as to interior decoration. The TSCW Fine Arts, Interior Decoration class came to their aid and made a two day trip to College Station. They submitted several plans to the committee, who in turn worked out minor details regarding durability, because of the unusual amount of wear the furnishings in a boys school receive.

The ping pong tables which were formerly in the Y lobby, will be placed in the new basement of the old Y when it is completed and in the new Y building. Three tables will be in each place.

## San Jacinto Day Celebrated by Exes On Corregidor Isle

### While Officers Sang Aggie War Hymn Subordinates Let Shells Drop on Japanese

The heavy Japanese attacks on the fortress of Corregidor did not stop the Aggie defenders of the rock from celebrating San Jacinto Day. During heavy Japanese artillery action, the officers who received their training at A. & M. gathered about their commander, Maj. Gen. George F. Moore, former commandant and also an Aggie, to sing the famous Aggie War Hymn and numerous other Texas songs.

This information was sent by the Corregidor wireless to the war department and was then passed on to Senator Tom Connally. In

Washington, D. C.  
Dr. T. O. Walton  
President A&M College

War Department today received radiogram advising Texas soldiers at Corregidor celebrating San Jacinto Day. Corregidor chapter of Alumni Texas A&M of which Major Tom Dooley president is participating. Among those present General Moore, Major John King, and Captain Roy Vick, last two of Bryan, Texas. Please notify their relatives and friends.

Luther A. Johnson MC  
addition to General Moore, the officers in the fort who are ex-Aggies number thirty-five.

In a statement delivered on the Senate floor Tuesday, Senator Connally paid this tribute to the Aggies of the "beleaguered island fortress":

"The war department has just advised me of receipt of a cable from General Wainwright in command of Corregidor fortress in the Philippines advising that Texas boys from Corregidor celebrated San Jacinto day with appropriate exercises and Texas songs.

"The group included General George F. Moore, chief of artillery. The cable also informed us there is a Corregidor chapter of the alumni association of Texas A. & M.

"It must stir every Texan's (See SAN JACINTO, Page 6)

## Boyd Raeburn Returns to A&M, Plays Two Straight in Calendar

By Ken Bresnen

Boyd Raeburn scores a double this year when he comes to the campus two weeks in a row to play for the Junior Prom and the Senior Ring Dance and Final Ball. On May 8, Raeburn and his band of troubadours will arrive at A. & M. for the second engagement in as many years to furnish the sweet and swing for the Juniors as they feast and dance.

Then after a short hop to the big city, the band will return the following Thursday to help the Senior class make merry at their annual Ring Turning Ceremonies and dance. The graduating future lieutenants will step through the giant ring to be kissed by their dates to the rhythms of Raeburn's orchestra.

Climaxing the school year and his stay at A. & M., the orchestra leader will play for the most crowded dance of the year, the night fish become upperclassmen

## Dr Walton Gives Address at Press Club Annual Feed

### Eight Seniors Receive Watches as Awards For Functions on Publications

With President T. O. Walton bringing the principal address, the members of the Press Club held their annual banquet last night in the annex of Sbisa Hall. Awards were given to those members of the club who have served on the staffs of the student publications for the past year. Dean F. C. Bolton presented the awards, and Ralph Criswell, president of the club, was the toastmaster.

Eight seniors received watches for their work on the publications. R. L. Heitkamp, E. M. Rosenthal, Mike Haikin, Ralph Criswell, Jack Grantham, Billy Davis, Roland Bing, and Harvey Lynn were the seniors who received these watches. Also fourteen seniors were given gold keys for three years service. Silver keys were awarded to all members of the publications staff who worked for two years, and bronze keys were given to those who had been on the staff for one year.

Guests for the banquet were the columnists who contributed to the Battalion. Also members of the Student Activities Committee, Dean and Mrs. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Angell, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Williams attended the club's banquet.

After the banquet an election of officers was held for the coming year.

## A A U P Climaxes Activities Tuesday With Annual Meal

### Special Tribute Paid By Dr Abbott to Dean Jones For Scientific Endeavors

Climaxing the activities of the A. & M. Chapter of the American Association of University Professors was the annual banquet held Tuesday evening and featuring the address of Dean E. N. Jones of Baylor on "What's in a Curriculum."

Special tribute was paid to Dean Jones by Dr. John Paul Abbott, president of the chapter, and by Dean F. C. Bolton congratulating him on his outstanding achievements in scientific and administrative endeavors at Baylor University and honoring him as president-elect of the College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville.

Other highlights of the banquet besides Dean Jones' address were musical recordings of Southern folksongs by Professor Owens of the English department and violin numbers of Mrs. C. H. Groneman.

A representation of nine or more professors were present from Baylor University.

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and juniors enter their last year, the Final Ball. While on the campus for the Composite ball last year, Raeburn commented that the Aggies are the finest group of men he has

## Picnic Held Today For Ag Engineers

Officers of the Agricultural Engineers Society urged all Agricultural Engineers to be present for their annual picnic this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Transportation will be provided for all from the Agricultural Engineering Building to the picnic grounds. Besides a lot of bats and baseballs for baseball and bootball, there will be plenty of good food for everybody. Later in the afternoon awards will be given to the outstanding Agricultural Engineers of this year.

Underclassmen are especially urged to be present to see the awards and to realize that the Society has to offer.

## Infantrymen Dance Tomorrow To Strains by Aggieldand Orchestra

### Aggieldand Orchestra



Pictured above is Topsy Pierce's Aggieldand Band who will play for the Infantry Ball tomorrow night when the regiment swings out in their annual dance.

## Color Variation Is Theme Of Architecture Student Lounge

The wall is red! Brick-red, at that. And the ceiling is pearl-grey. Another wall is yellow—maybe canary-yellow. The finishing touch is that pea-green wall and the red columns—yes, brick-red, too. That's the story of the colors in the lounge the students in the Architecture department are finishing.

Colors aren't all that it takes to tell the story of this lounge—the only one of its kind on this or any other campus. After having talked about it for several years, the students and profs decided to have delicately drawn the fine lines of art of the past, present and future grabbed hammers, nails, sewing needles, paint brushes and saws. And—

As the lounge stands today, it is solely for the leisure and pleasure of the students and faculty of the Architecture department. The furniture consists of couches, overstuffed and under-stuffed chairs, and tables—card tables, serving tables and just plain tables. Most of the furniture is of original design, but some of it is reupholstered furniture. In the corner that houses the circular stairway leading to the lounge is a mural of student life as an architectural student.

## Tank Destroyer Unit Stages Small Review for Aggies

Displaying more of the power of the United States Army, a company from the newly organized tank destroyer battalion which is located at Temple performed for the cadet corps Tuesday afternoon after the review. The company was inspected by all Aggies as well as visitors who wanted to learn more about the newest unit of the armed forces.

A tank destroyer company is composed of two platoons with each one containing four 75 mm guns mounted on trucks. Also in the company there is a platoon 37 mm guns. All guns are mobile in order to meet the opposition of the tank. The other part of the company is made up of headquarters and maintenance sections.

## Freshman Corps Contest Is May 27

Monday, May 27, the annual Freshman Corps Judging Contest will take place in the basement of the Agriculture Building.

The contest, sponsored by the Agronomy Society, is open to all freshmen in the school of agriculture and is divided into two divisions: the judging of farm crops and the identification of crop varieties and weeds found in field crops.

## Sophs Seeking Q M C Contracts Interviewed Today

Those men who have made application for advanced contracts in the Quartermaster Corps and who are also finishing their basic military science this semester have been requested by Captain Lester Hanks to report to the QMC office at 36 Ross Hall today. Captain Hanks will interview these men from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and after 5 p.m.

## Culberson, Chapman, Brown, Pesek and Taylor on Committee

Infantrymen will take the dance floor with their dates tomorrow night at ten o'clock as Topsy Pearce and his Aggieldand Orchestra open the annual Infantry Ball to the strains of the music which gate returns indicate to be most popular with the Aggies.

Arrangements for the dance are being made by a committee of juniors under the chairmanship of J. H. McAllister, H Infantry. The finance committee consists of McAllister, J. R. Fritsch, M Company, K. N. Parker, F Company, C. G. Henderson, A Company and J. P. Alford, D Company.

O. L. Culberson, J. T. Chapman, H. D. Brown, J. T. Pesek and J. L. Taylor have been in charge of orchestra arrangements for the dance, while E. A. (Flash) Gordon, J. B. Longley, E. E. Jones, J. R. Adams and R. W. Mulholland have been in charge of procurement of programs, favors and invitations.

Decorations for Sbisa Hall have been planned and carried out under the supervision of R. L. Hanby, C. R. Barth, A. J. MacNab and J. L. Standefer.

President T. O. Walton and the deans of the several schools have been invited to the ball as representatives of the faculty and also to act as the official chaperones.

Col. M. D. Welty, commandant, and other members of the military department have also been extended invitations, as have various members of the executive staff and the sports department.

Pearce has added to the personnel of his orchestra and will greet the Infantry regiment with new arrangements of the latest hit tunes. The Aggieldand is one of the few orchestras to appear at A. & M. dances this season successfully.

## Alexander Assigned To Instruct Ordnance

Major Donald D. Alexander, Ordnance, has been assigned to A. & M. as the instructor for the newly formed ordnance branch of the ROTC. Major Alexander is expected to arrive within a few days from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

## 'Bill' Owens Speaks on Folklore Before Hillel Group Sunday

"Folk Music of the Southwest" will be the subject of a talk by Dr. W. A. ("Bill") Owens of the English Department Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to hear the talk, which is sponsored by the Hillel club at its regular meeting in the lounge of Sbisa Hall.

In addition to telling "tall tales," Dr. Owens will play phonograph recordings from a selection of numerous records he has collected throughout the Southwest. They will consist of folk ballads and the songs of cowboys, Mexicans, Louisiana Cajuns, and negroes, many of which are known only to specialists. Typical of these are "El Chino," a comic song in which a Mexican imitates the mispronunciation of Spanish by a Chinaman; "Cinq Sours," a French Cajun song from Pont Breaux, Louisiana; and "De Hitler Blues," which was composed by Grey Ghost, a young negro from Navasota, and recorded by Dr. Owens in June, 1940. In February of this year it was broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company from London to illustrate what is happening to American music in time of war. The words of the song are as follows:

De Hitler Blues  
You talk about Ribbentrop.  
You ought to see him in No-Man's-Land.  
He got de wuss ole Hitlerism  
Of any man in de land.

## Graduation Exercises For '42 Published

### Tom Gillis To Deliver Valedictory Speech At Guion Hall Assembly

The program of the Commencement Exercises for the class of 41-42 has been issued, and the plans promise three full days of activity, beginning with the final concert of the A. & M. College Band, Thursday, May 14, and ending with the Final Review Saturday, May 16.

Following the band concert on Thursday, the Senior Ring Dance and included ceremonies will be held in Sbisa Hall for the Seniors and their dates. Friday morning, May 15, the day's activities will begin with the Baccalaureate Sermon, rendered this year by Rt. Rev. Clinton S. Quinn, D. D., Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, of Houston. Friday afternoon all departments will be open for inspection.

Beginning with the Commencement Processional, the Commencement Exercises will be held in Guion Hall, Friday night, May 15. For the commencement address, the arrangement committees have been fortunate in obtaining Hon. Sam Rayburn of Texas, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. Following the commencement address, Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis will deliver the Valedictory address, and the conferring of degrees will be carried out by President T. O. Walton.

After the commencement exercises, President and Mrs. Walton will be at home informally to members of the graduating class and their guests, former students and their families, and members of the faculty and their families. The Final Ball will be held in Sbisa Hall beginning at 10 o'clock. Saturday morning, immediately following the formal presentation of reserve commissions by Brig. Gen. Andrew W. Bruce from the Tank Destroyer Center, Temple, Texas.

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He say his air fleet is so powerful,  
Ain't no army can hold de ground.  
But I say when the good ole U. S. comes in,  
There won't be no Hitlerism nowheres around.  
Don't worry, people,  
After po' ole Hitler's gone,  
You can just say to yo'self,  
"One more overrated man done dead and gone."  
After he's dead and gone,  
There'll be peace in every land.  
But I want to say to you,  
Mussolini;  
You ought to do de best you can.

For the past five years Owens has specialized in the collecting and recording of Southwestern folk music. At the University of Iowa he studied under Dr. Edwin Ford Piper, a specialist in folklore. He has lectured before the Texas Folklore Society (for three consecutive years), the Times Club of Iowa City, and various college groups. On April 16 he spoke before members of the Kentucky Educational Association at Louisville and the next day before the combined faculty and student body of the University of Kansas, his subject on both occasions being "The Southwest Sings." His conviction is that the folklore and culture of the Southwest deserves to be better known to his fellow Texans.