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Construction Started On S S Roadway

Laying of Cement Delayed Owing To Freezing Uncertainty

A new road that will go through the North Gate is in the making under the name of the New Sulphur Springs Road, said the Highway Department in Bryan. The work of laying the dirt foundation has been under way for the past two or three weeks but there is a possibility that the laying of the cement will be delayed for some time as the government is likely to freeze the metal braces and other materials that are essential to it.

The highway is to come in from Highway 6 as a two-lane road and form a 380 foot circle close to the well tower by the Artillery Drill Field. It will continue from there to the Catholic Church, where it is to widen out into a 48-foot road to the railroad tracks. The new road is to be put directly over the old road with some conditioning and somewhat more foundation to balance it.

It is the object of the Highway Department to make a boulevard of the highway, but there will be no center part to it. This was abandoned when it was found that the space that would be required to make the boulevard was more than was possible to get without moving some of the buildings that are now standing close by the old highway.

Ensign Beard Visits Here Before Departing

V. B. Beard, class of '42, who has just completed Naval flight training at Pensacola and has received his commission as an ensign, is visiting on the campus.

In L Infantry, Ensign Beard served a hitch in the Army before coming to A. & M., and left here during his junior year to join the Naval Air Corps.

After visiting friends for a few days, he expects to leave for the Canal Zone, Republic of Panama.

Don't Buy A 10 Cent Movie Magazine, Read This Instead

Jean Dickenson, Soprano, Will Appear on Summer Town Hall

Jean Dickenson, gifted young soprano who will be heard here on the Summer Town Hall next Friday evening was born in Montreal the daughter of an American mining engineer and an American short-story writer.

When Jean was about six months old, her family moved to New York for what turned out to be merely a stop-over en route to India where Jean's father became manager of a mine at Churrahmahisanj, about 150 miles from Calcutta. They left there when Jean was five or six years old, this time heading for London.

"Our leaving India was quite an experience," Jean said. "I was ill with the fever and the family had to get me out. But the first World War was just over, and all the English people in India were anxious to get home. Naturally, they were given the preference, so we had a very hard time getting passage. Finally we got on a small cattle boat that went to England, not through the Suez Canal but via South Africa. We had terrible weather—dirty weather, the sailors called it—and finally hit a monsoon. They had to stop the engines and the boat drifted for days. We were even listed as lost. It was terribly exciting."

Eventually the Dickensons reached London. Then, along about Jean's grammar school age, they returned to New York. Again not for long. They drifted out to San Francisco where Jean's father had a new mining job.

"In San Francisco," says Jean, "a terrible thing happened. When we got to California, everything was so lovely that we bought a house—the darlings little house with pink bathrooms and flowers

Town Hall Feature Friday



Miss Jean Dickenson will again appear in the Town Hall series. Her performance on the current Summer Town Hall program will be the highlight of the program being staged Friday from the platform of Guion Hall, John Lawrence, Town Hall manager, states.

G F Foutrel, '98, Leaves \$15,000 For Expanding Former Student Loan Fund

G. F. Foutrel, '98, of San Antonio, died July 7, 1941 leaving a bequest of some \$15,000 to the Student Loan Funds of the Association of Former Students.

In his senior year, Foutrel was a second lieutenant of B Company. He was a quiet, scholarly man, and didn't miss a class reunion after his graduation. He was one of the men that A. & M. can always look back on as one of their favored sons and have pride in the fact that he thought enough of

his Alma Mater to leave a fund by which other students and ambitious boys may get a college education from it as he did, E. E. Mcguillen, director of former students states.

For the past 29 years Foutrel was associated with the Alamo Iron Works, San Antonio, for many years being the foreman of the Mill Supply Department. Several years before his death, he retired and became interested in trophology.

"We all loved it dearly. But—we stayed in it exactly 28 days! Father was transferred to Denver, Colorado! We really should have known better than to buy anything."

It was in Denver, when Jean was about 16 years old, that she first began to sing. She entered the Lamont School of Music to study with Florence Hinman. This time, when the family again packed their trunks for the trip back to New York, Jean stood her ground. She stayed on and lived at the school.

"Our stopping in Denver was lucky," Jean says. "It is a marvelous place for training because they have so many semi-professional concerts and things like that, a student can get real experience. Denver is a very musical city and particularly good for young musicians."

When Jean graduated from Lamont, with a Bachelor of Music degree, she had a career waiting for her in New York. You see, during the holidays, she came on to New York to visit her family and during her stay was given several radio auditions. They were successful and she was asked to stay on, but much to everyone's dismay Jean insisted upon returning to Denver for her degree.

George Engles of the National Broadcasting Company journeyed out to Denver to put Jean's name on a contract, and while she was still at school, she was heard on a weekly broadcast over the coast-to-coast network. After graduation she stepped right into several big commercial broadcasts at Radio City.

Jean was also sent to the West Coast for a series of broadcasts.

"When I went," she said, "I swore I wouldn't wear slacks or dark glasses, but in one week I went completely Hollywood. You just can't help it," she laughed.

Her next trip brought her back to Denver, the city she was beginning to consider her home town. That trip was for just one performance in which she sang the role of Gilda in Verdi's "Rigoletto." When Jean got back to New York she was met at the train by a representative of the NBC Artists Service with the news that she had been signed as featured singer on the Sunday night "American Album of Familiar Music" program. Her voice—on a recording—was one of 150 voices listened to by the sponsors. They signed her up without even seeing her.

Today she lives in a penthouse apartment with her mother and father, whom she adores. The apartment is in the Chelsea district of New York, with a wonderful view of the North River docks. Her father paints as a hobby and her mother has gone back to writing short stories and serials. Miss Dickenson has been studying under the direction of Maestro Cesare Strani since her arrival in New York. In January 1940 she made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House singing the role of Philline in "Mignon."

The fourth member of the family is a Scottie, named Ghillia Bria, which means "Handsome Boy" in Gaelic. "He sings and he's stubborn," Jean said. "He rules the house completely. We even send all the way to Denver for his particular kind of dog biscuits—Mother has a firm conviction that he'd (See DICKENSON, Page 4)

24th Aggie Rodeo Big Success

Student Activities Will Allocate Funds Wednesday

Only Clubs Which Have Submitted Blanks Will be Considered Eligible for Money

Wednesday, August 19 the Student Activities Committee will meet for the allocation of funds to clubs which have put in their applications. All clubs are requested to have their applications in by 5 o'clock Monday, August 17. The three forms required to be filled out are available at the Student Activities Office.

Members of the Student Activities Committee are: Prof. D. W. Williams, Department of Animal Husbandry; G. B. Wilcox, Dept. of Education; Dean Bolton, Dean of the college; David Pinson, editor of The Agriculturist; John Lawrence, Town Hall manager; Bobby Stephens, social secretary; J. B. Cofer, Battalion editor; John Longley, Longhorn editor; E. A. Gordon, editor of The Engineer magazine; William B. Harrison, senior representative of the student activities committee; Sid Smith, junior representative of the student activities committee; and E. L. Angel, executive assistant to the president of the college.

Student appropriations will be made only to those clubs considered at this meeting.

Men of Aggeland Go to Ellington To Complete Training

Three Aggies are among the group of fliers who will receive their wings in the near future. The group will graduate from Ellington field, and will include Jack W. Williams '41, John C. Kerr '40, and Tracy E. Smith '40.

Williams graduated from Munday High School in 1934. Before entering A. & M. he attended North Texas State Teachers college. He made a name for himself as a football player in high school.

John C. Kerr was an architect before entering the Air Corp. He graduated from A. & M. in 1940 with a bachelor of science degree. Kerr graduated from Amarillo High School before enrolling at A. & M.

Tracy E. Smith graduated at the same time as Kerr. His home is in Corsicana. Before enrolling in the Air Corp he was working with an Oklahoma concern. While in college he lettered in football.

Junior Picture Deadline Set For August Thirtieth

August 30 will mark the last day the junior class can have their pictures made for the Longhorn, was the information released by Longhorn Editor John Longley today. All juniors are asked to follow the schedule in order to avoid the last minute rush. So far the percentage of proofs turned in has been very small.

The above date is the deadline. Seniors are also reminded to get their senior favorite and vanity fair pictures in as four weeks are left until the deadline September 15.

Any close up will do for the Senior Favorite. For vanity fair, a full length 8 by 10, evening gown picture will be required as well as a 5 by 7 full length street dress picture and a 5 by 7 close up.

Dr Patric Henry To Speak in Bryan Tomorrow Morning

Dr. Patric Henry of Fort Worth is to be the guest of the A. & M. class at the First Christian Church, of Bryan. It is to be a Rally Day for the class, according to Wayne Rosenberg, the class president.

While he is here, Dr. Henry, secretary of mission work in the Texas Christian Church, hopes to formulate plans for helping to provide larger meeting quarters for this class.

Rough Riding Riders, Rope Wrangle Jingle and Jangle

Under the threatening skies of Brazos county, the Saddle and Sirloln Club of Texas A. & M. presented the opening performance of their twenty-fourth annual genuine old-fashioned rodeo at the American Legion grounds in Bryan last night.

Rough riding, bronc-busting' tootin' and routin' cow-poking cowboys from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande, fought the best that Texas stockmen can produce for two and one-half hours before a record crowd of several thousand fans.

With equipment donated by the Gulf Oil Corp., the Texas Prison System, and stock rounded up by Eugene Chaddock of Rockdale and Clyde Goen of Bryan, the Aggies produced one of the most entertaining rodeos ever presented.

Everything from a wild mule race to ribbon-roping was done or attempted by the boys from the banks of the Brazos, an even the kids of Bryan and College Station got to show off with their ponies.

Porkey Bridges, C Infantry, from Bronte, Texas, who was a big drawing card the last year's rodeo, put on a show last night with his ribbon-roping and calf-roping, and Jimmie Winnie, Bill Law, Bill Braid, Charles Beasley, Vick Fredrickson, and E. E. Roth tore around the arena on such fiery steeds as Head-In-Jones, Hurrican, Cap Rock, Scar Neck, Old Man O'Mountains, and Wagon Wheels.

Miss Doodle Bug Teich thrilled the crowd with her excellent exhibition of calf-roping, and Shorty Fuller, Tom Rogers, Jimmie Winnie, Ed Maier, Charlie Post, and Charles Beasley fought High Roller, Dynamite, Head-In-Jones, Thunder Bolt, Done Gone, and Scar Neck, unsaddled and untamed.

Former Gov. James V. Allred, in the senatorial race run-off with Senator W. Lee O'Daniel, opened the show with a short patriotic speech about the glories for which we fight.

Tonight, the second program of the rodeo will be presented with the same gala retinue of bronc-bustin', saddle-fighting, fearless cowboys dishing out the thrills at the rate of one per.

Admission for the show is fifty-five cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children. Aggies are not considered as children.

Judges were Aubrey Jones and Will Locke, Brazos county ranchers.

J J Speery Receives Doctor Philo Degree

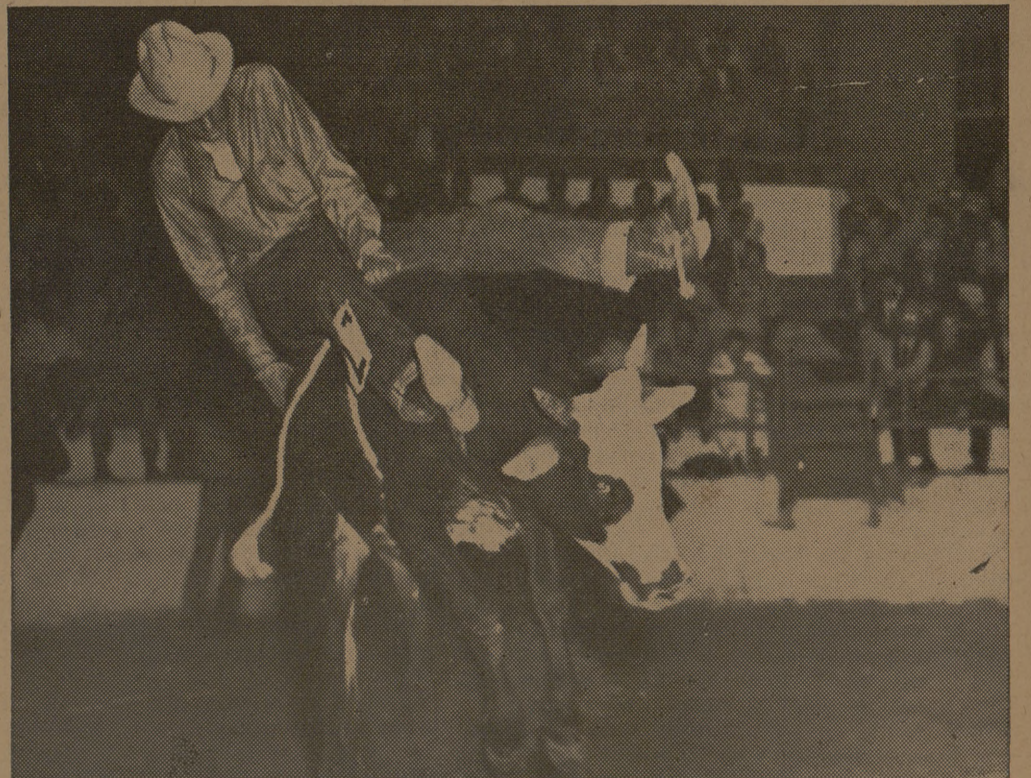
John Jerome Speery of College Station received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Nebraska at the close of the summer session.

Speery's major work was in the field of botany, and he was one of 257 graduates who completed work during the summer at the U. of Nebraska, and one of six awarded doctor's degree.

Commanders Meeting Follows Steak Fry At Cashion Cabin

A steak fry will be held Monday night at 6:15 at Cashion's Cabin for all regimental, battalion, and organization commanders, said Walter Cardwell, cadet colonel. These men are especially urged to attend as the regular monthly meeting will immediately follow the supper.

Action Scene From Rodeo



Thrills and spills will take place again tonight in the arena at the twenty-fourth annual Aggie Rodeo held this year in Bryan at the American Legion Fair Grounds. There you will see performers on such wild steeds as Head In Jones, Hurrican, Cap Rock, Scar Neck, Old Man O'Mountains, and Wagon Wheels. Students performing this year will be Porkey Bridges, Jimmie Winnie, Bill Law, Bill Braid, Charles Beasley, Vick Fredrickson, and E. E. Roth.