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## Bob Gulley and John Stout Win \$75 In Bonds for Essays

### Two Balls Held At Once Utilizing Both Mess Halls

Noble Sissle Plays for Composite-Signal Regiment; Herb Miller for Engineer Corps

### Showtime Features Aggieldand, Cadets, And Trudy Woods

Tune Tumblers, Movie Stars Also Features of Sunday Afternoon Guion Hall Show

Sunday afternoon from 3:30 until 4, Interstate Theatres will present from the stage of Guion Hall, its weekly "Showtime" broadcast over the Texas Quality Network.

Featured on the program will be the Aggieldand orchestra, led by Curley Brient. Also in the spotlight will be the Singing Cadets, under the direction of Richard Jenkins.

From Dallas, Writer-Producer Conrad Brady is bringing the Tune Tumblers, three men and a girl; Trudy Wood, female vocalist formerly featured with such name bands as Everett Hogeland, George Hamilton, Jimmie Greer, and Fred Astaire on the Packard Hour.

Richard Quine and Noah Beery, Jr., stars of the movie now in production here, will be interviewed during the course of the presentation, and a brief history of Aggieldand's war effort will be told in the form of a narration with the Singing Cadets filling the background.

Harfield Weedin will be master of ceremonies, and Orville Anderson, both of the WFAA staff, will do the announcing.

Two high Interstate officials, Raymond Willie and Frank Starz, will be on hand to hear the show, and cadets are asked to be in their seats by 3 o'clock instead of 3:15 as printed on their tickets.

Tickets may be obtained from the first sergeants.

### Aggie-Ex In China Given Silver Star

This story is reprinted from the Shreveport Times.

"Lieut. John Tyson of Timpson, Texas, member of one of Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's bomber crews in China, has been awarded the silver star for gallantry in action, according to an Associated Press dispatch received from American forces in China.

Lieutenant Tyson, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Tyson of Timpson, was a member of a bomber crew that attacked Japanese concessions in Hankow on July 16. He is one of 36 officers and men decorated for heroism and gallantry in action by General Chennault, commander of American air forces in China.

"Tyson was born in Timpson, was graduated from Timpson high school, attended the College of Marshall and Texas A.M. College for two and one-half years. He enlisted while a student there and entered the service Aug. 9, 1941. He received basic training at Cimarron Field, Okla., and advanced training at Randolph and Ellington fields. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in February, 1942, and sailed over seas last May 5. He has two sisters, Mrs. Lovis Harrison of Timpson and Miss Eugenia Tyson of Houston. He received his commission as First Lieutenant October 24, 1942.

#### Chennault Warning

"In presenting the decorations General Chennault congratulated the assembled fighter and bomber squadrons for their brilliant combat records but warned, "We've got to hit harder. The Jap hasn't yet been driven out of China and we've got to do it."

"Distinguished Flying Crosses went to Major Charles W. Sawyer, of Emmett, Idaho, and Capt Bert M. Carleton, Proctor, Texas.

Last night from 9 until 1, Sbsa and Duncan halls rang with the revelry of the Engineers and Composite-Signal regiments as men of those regiments and their dates made merry at their annual regimental balls.

Sbsa rocked to the music of Herb Miller and his orchestra. Miller, who is the famous Glenn's younger brother, has a smooth swiny style that easily caught the fancy of the frolicking Engineers.

Decorations for the Engineers were along patriotic lines. Half of the floor was partitioned off and the bandstand placed in the center. Red, white, and blue backdrops with a large silver castle on a blue background, completed the decorations.

Invitations were small replicas of the Engineer castle with printing in the traditional red and white of the Engineer corps. Small leather programs of unique design were presented at the door by Jack Yardley, chairman of the program committee.

In Duncan hall, which was opened for dancing for the first time last night, members of the Composite and Signal regiments danced to the music of Noble Sissle and his nationally-famous negro orchestra.

Decorations were along the same patriotic theme as the Engineers, but were touched off by neon Chemical Warfare and Signal Corps insignia at each end of the hall. The ceiling was covered by a solid canopy of red and white crepe paper strung the entire length of the hall.

Tonight, the Hillel club will take over Duncan with the Aggieldand orchestra dishing out the jive, and in Sbsa Herb Miller will provide the rhythm for the Victory Corps dance.

## Movie Films on Russia Depict War-Marred Lives of Mongols

In Russia there is an old peasant adage: "Russia is not a country. It is a world." This "world", whose land comprises one-sixth of the land surface of the earth, which is, roughly, about the size of the moon, has come, in a sense, to the College Library for two weeks.

Through the American Council on Soviet Relations sixty-one photographs on cooperative farming in the Soviet Republic are on display in the lobby of the first floor.

They are not ordinary photographs in any sense. They depict through the medium of excellent photography a Russian people whose intense devotion to the Russian land has throughout history proved to be stronger than Napoleon, the Tzarist regime, or Hitler and his Nazi hordes. It becomes easier to realize this love of the land when we see how close the people live to it, how it is, in fact, their life. In every photograph the expression on the faces of the people reflects devotion: it is seen in the face of the camel herder on a collective camel farm in the Stalingrad region; in the strong, light-ed features of the senior sheep-herder on a farm in North Caucasus, in the faces of the children caring for the lambs or eating honey, and in the proud bearing of every member of the Chuckchee family in Northern Siberia.

These are not merely devoted farmers, they are scientific farmers, as is evident in the scenes of agronomists collecting specimens for laboratories, girl students studying botany, and attentive groups in the Ukraine listening to harvest instructions. Prize cattle in lands now occupied and plundered by the Nazis were kept in lighted, clean stalls where they were given shower baths and had their

### Infantry Contract Applications Due By Next Wednesday

All Other Branches Also Due Then; ERC Enlistment Not Needed Until You Sign

All sophomores who have been making out applications for contracts in the Infantry regiment should submit these blanks to the Infantry office completely filled out and in correct order by Wednesday, November 25, stated Lt. Col. L. W. Marshall, senior instructor of the Infantry, yesterday.

Any other students who are eligible for contracts at this time should fill out applications for contracts by next Wednesday. This group includes all those who were not here during the summer semester, those students who did not classify for a junior standing when they should have, and any others who may now be eligible, and for some reason have not yet signed a contract.

These application blanks may be made out in the Infantry office, announced Col. Marshall, but all applications for contracts must be in by Wednesday, November 25.

### Herb Miller Plays For Corps Dance At Nine Tonight

Tonight at 9 in Sbsa hall, Herb Miller and his orchestra will play for the Victory Corps dance, and will hold forth until midnight.

Decorations for the Engineers ball held last night will still be up for the corps tonight and the same band will supply the swing.

Miller is the younger brother of Glenn Miller, until recently the number-one bandman in the country.

Uniform for the dance will be number one with khaki shirts and black ties, and the scrip will be the usual 1.10.

### Recruiting Officers To Be Here Monday

Navy, Navy Air, and Marine Candidates To Be Given Full Tests

All students interested in joining the Navy, Naval Air Corps, or the Marine Corps should report to the Assembly hall between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, with all necessary application blanks and papers properly filled out and verified.

Joint Recruiting Party Number Three will arrive at 9 a.m. next Monday and will stay here as long as is necessary for the completion of papers of all students which appear before examining boards of either the Navy, the Naval Air Corps, or the Marine Corps. The purpose of the recruiting party is to enlist students in the deferred programs that are offered by the respective branches of the armed service.

Application blanks are available in Dean Bolton's office; these should be obtained and properly filled out before appearing before the respective examining board.

The recruiting party will not only handle the actual enlistment, but also the mental and physical examinations.

On Wednesday, November 25, a mobile recruiting unit will be at the Assembly hall to enlist men in the Army Air Corps. This unit will be here only that day, so it is necessary to report between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. of that day.

Men appearing before the Aviation Cadet Examining Board should have all the necessary papers filled out, and in proper order. This means that the applicant should have the application blank correctly filled out, signed by his parents if under 21, three letters of recommendation, birth certificate and consent affidavits in proper order.

### Templeton Thrills Audience in Third Town Hall Program

Pianist Displays Genius Changing Readily From Classics to Modern Jazz

Alec Templeton held his Town Hall audience in a trance last night as he presented a varied program of swing and the classics in Guion hall from seven until almost nine.

Featured on the program were his own original impressions and improvisations, along with original interpretations of the way one composer's music might sound if written by another.

Templeton displayed his genius by readily turning from the classics, which usually "stiffen" the corps, to swing and what he calls "modern jazz."

The thirty-two year old blind pianist and composer continually delighted his audience by his witty explanations and impersonations. He was born in South Wales in the British Isles but reached the extreme popularity which makes him a radio favorite in the United States.

Templeton opened the program with several classical selections from Schumann, Bach, Roberts, and Beethoven. The second part of the program was very informal, and it was in this portion that the audience saw Alec Templeton, the musical wit.

### Gertie Is Having Her Face Lifted, Or Is It the Heat

Gertrude, the Administration building, is having her face lifted! Yessir, everyday now for the past week, workers have been chipping old make-up off of Gertie's mug. 'Course, their removing it doesn't make Gertrude look as bad as it does most girls, but then Gertie is the glamor girl of the campus.

Seriously, they are repairing the roof and chalking the mortar between the building stones. They say it leaks.

### Christmas Bundles Must Be In Mail By December First

The bulk of Christmas mail must be in the post offices by December 1 this year if deliveries on time are to be assured, according to Smith W. Purdum, Second Assistant Postmaster General. Purdum is responsible to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker for smooth and efficient air and railway mail service.

Unprecedented wartime demands on the postal and transportation systems, plus a prospective record volume of Christmas mailings, were cited by Purdum as necessitating earlier mailings than ever before. "It is physically impossible for the railroads and air lines, burdened with vitally important war materials, to handle Christmas mailings as rapidly as in normal times," Purdum said. "If the bulk of parcels and greeting cards are held back until the usual time—the period of about December 15 to 23—they simply cannot be distributed in time, and thousands of gifts will reach their destinations after Christmas."

In 1941, about 21,950 mail cars were required between December 12 and 24 to deliver Christmas mails—enough cars to make a train 270 miles long. This year, the extra cars needed to move holiday mails are large ybeing used by the armed services, and a severe shortage is in prospect.

The postal service usually borrows about 2,500 trucks from the Army and other Government agencies, and rents about 10,000 from private owners, to handle the Christmas mails. This year, it will be extremely difficult to obtain enough of these vehicles to meet even a substantial part of the need. The Army needs its own trucks and private owners are reluctant to let someone else use their tires.

### Essays Explain What Spirit of Aggieldand Is to Movie Producers

Over Twenty-Five Entries Were Turned In To A&M Publicity Office for Consideration

Bob Gulley, E Battery Field, and John Stout, H Field, are the first and second place winners, respectively, in the Walter Wanger "Spirit of Aggieldand" contest held by the movie-makers to find out just what the spirit of Aggieldand is so that it may be embodied in the motion picture.

Gulley will be awarded a \$50 war bond and Stout gets a \$25 bond. Each will be introduced to Miss Anne Gwynne, female lead in the picture.

Over twenty-five entries were turned in to the publicity office, and were sent to Hollywood where they were studied by Universal officials. Judges were G. Byron Winstead, college publicity director; E. N. Holmgreen, college business manager; Jack Rawlins, director of the movie; E. E. McQuillen, director of the Former Students Association; and Fred Franks, production manager.

Outstanding about Gulley's entry was the fact that it not only explained the "spirit," but was told in such a form that it was possible for the film makers to use much of the material in the picture.

He told the story of his fish year at A. & M. day by day, putting in the little details that made fish life so "thrilling" under the pre-war regime. According to G. Byron Winstead, "Gulley told his story in an interesting, informal, tenderly sympathetic manner, and some of the events were so human, there was really no doubt about which entry would win the contest after all the entries were in."

Stout's entry was in the form of a little booklet, with the cover and illustrations cut from the Battalion magazine and Longhorn of 1940. It was dedicated to Gen. G. F. Moore and contained humorous cartoons and other illustrations (including one Tumlinson Boy) besides the many pages of written matter telling just what the Aggie spirit is.

Prizes will be awarded after Misses Gwynne and O'Driscoll arrive on the campus November 26.

### Press Club Picture Scheduled for Monday

The Press Club including The Engineer, The Agriculturist, The Battalion newspaper and magazine staffs will have their pictures made for the Longhorn Monday, November 23 at 1:45 p. m. on the steps of the east entrance to the Administration building. Wool pants, khaki shirts and khaki ties will be worn. Seniors will wear boots.

### Organist Presented By Baptist Church

Elwin Myrick, concert organist, will present a half hour of organ selections Sunday night at 7:45 at the College Station First Baptist Church.

Myrick is enrolled in the Naval Training school here on the campus.

## Less Than 35 MPH Prescribed For Some Old Collegiate Autos

By John Kieran

If the class will come to order, the old Professor will explain the virtues of the 35-mile-an-hour limit for the speed of autos for the duration, with special reference to its application in collegiate circles. Having seen many of the rattle-traps operated by undergraduate chauffeurs, this past master mechanic is of the opinion that it is unsafe to operate most of them at even normal glacier speed (1 mile per week, Leap Years excepted) under normal atmospheric pressure and local traffic conditions. At anything above 15 m.p.h. they were dangerous to the life and limb of innocent bystanders or other occupants of the streets. They have a tendency to come apart at the seams with celerity and shed parts in all directions.

Automotive experts have charts and figures to prove that autos are operated most economically at a speed under 35 m.p.h. and it is to be hoped that undergraduates

### Sound Recordings Made at Long Yell Session Thursday

Film and Wax Records Made In 2 Hour Practice; Corps Tires As Retakes Necessary

Sound recordings were made of the yells and songs of the corps in a special session of yell practice held on Kyle Field from 8 until 10 p.m. Thursday night.

About 3,000 cadets attended the session and recordings were made by the sound department of Universal Pictures on both sound film and wax records.

Members of the corps became tired and restless after so many rehearsals and re-takes, but in the end satisfactory recordings were made of the yells and songs.

Sound Director Bill Fox, assisted by Ken Darby, musical director, and Head Yell Leader "Chuck" Chambers, was in charge of the work.

Many re-takes were made necessary by an airplane that repeatedly flew over the field, by a dog that seemed to bark at just the wrong time, and by members of the corps who broke in too soon or coughed during supposedly quiet spots in the yells.

Records of Farmers Fight, Aggies, Old Army, Wildecat, Twelfth Man, Goodbye to Texas, and The Spirit of Aggieldand were made, after which the Singing Cadets, led by Richard Jenkins, made records of several songs and Christmas carols.

The Aggie band played for the corps songs, and was under the direction of Lt. Col. Richard J. Dunn.

### Maintenance Is Due And Payable Until 7th

December fees are now payable to the Fiscal department, it was announced yesterday. Total amount due is \$36.45.

Fees can be paid anytime from now until December 7. Anyone failing to pay them by that time will be dropped from the rolls of the college. It is urged that students pay their fees as soon as possible so as to prevent a rush before the deadline.

This payment covers maintenance through January 23, 1943, and includes board \$26.90, room rent \$6.85, and laundry \$2.70.