

# JUNIORS CALLED TO DUTY HERE

## Swinford On Town Hall January 1

### Houston Soprano To Give Third Aggie Concert Next Week

Nancy Swinford, outstanding soprano of the Southwest, will again entertain the Aggies Tuesday January 5, at Guion Hall. She has been very popular with the corps since her first appearance as a singer with the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

She will sing many favorite songs with Ernest Hoffman as her accompanist. Hoffman, conductor of the Houston Symphony Orchestra, is a well-known pianist to the people of Texas and the Southwest. The two are expected to present one of the most popular and cultured programs in the Town Hall series.

Since last spring Mrs. Swinford has devoted full time to her singing, even practicing rather regularly four hours a day. She is the choir director of the second Presbyterian Church of Houston in addition to her other achievements.

## Navy Recruiters To Be On Campus Monday, Jan 11

The Naval Recruiting party which was scheduled to appear on the campus Wednesday, January 6 will not be here until the following Monday, January 11, according to F. C. Bolton, dean of the college. At that time all students who are under eighteen years of age will have the opportunity to join the V-1 program of the Navy. Those students should have their papers filled out completely before the arrival of the enlisting officers. Special mention was made by Bolton of the fact that parental consent in writing must be witnessed by a notary public before the signature will be valid.

At a future date the time and place of the recruiting party's location on the campus will be announced.

## Army and Navy Plans Provide College Training of Draftees

Editor's Note: This is the complete story as released by the Associated Collegiate Press concerning the War Department's plan for college students. Notable in all releases upon this subject is the lack of mention of the status of junior advanced ROTC contract men. This point was cleared yesterday afternoon.

After months of uncertainty the Army and Navy, with the approval of the War Manpower Commission, last week announced their long-awaited plan to utilize the facilities of many colleges for training of thousands of young selectees as specialists in the armed forces on a "broad, democratic basis."

## Four More Aggies In Navy Air Corps

Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board at Dallas, Texas has announced that four more A. & M. students, C. H. Fields, Floyd C. Dodson, Jr., G. A. White and John Herman Goad, have been selected for training as Naval Aviation cadets and will be ordered to active duty shortly.

When ordered to active duty, those boys will report to the University of Georgia for pre-flight training lasting for three months, after which they will be sent to one of the Navy reserve bases for primary flight training.

## Miss Nancy Swinford



Shown above is Nancy Swinford, outstanding soprano of the Southwest and former vocalist with the Houston Symphony orchestra. She has become popular at Aggeland by her previous excellent performances at Guion Hall, and will appear here again Tuesday night, January 5.

## Scholarship Honor Society Will Hold Banquet Friday

Members of the Scholarship Honor Society will hold their annual banquet Friday night in the Sbsa Banquet room. J.T.L. McNew, head of the Civil Engineering Department, will deliver the main address. The banquet will start at 7:30 p.m.

Membership in the Scholarship Honor Society consists of the highest ranking eight per cent of the seniors in each school and four per cent of the juniors in each school. Deans of the various schools have been invited to attend the banquet tomorrow night.

## Classes As Usual Friday and Saturday

Classes will definitely be conducted as usual Friday and Saturday and all students are urged by the Academic Council to make classes as usual. Therefore New Year parties will not be allowed on the campus, stated Walter Cardwell, cadet colonel, and extra C. Q. passes are not to be issued.

## Mother Asks Aggies Help In Recovering Family Heirloom

The Battalion has received a letter from an Aggie's mother soliciting the help of the corps in recovering an Elgin wrist watch which means more to the family than just its cash value. The watch disappeared from her Aggie son's room about a week before Christmas.

Said Mrs. Ardis Colbert, 205 Kennedy, San Antonio, "This watch means much to us as it had belonged to our oldest son, who died in a plane crash with Billy Randolph (Air Corps Captain and son of the flier after whom Randolph Field is named) nearly two years ago. Billy, our son, had this watch on in the crash. His father and I had given it to him when he graduated from high school, and when Gene (the Aggie) graduated I gave it to him. It had the inscription 'To Billy, 1937, Gene, 1940 from Mom and Dad' and its recovery means much to us all." No questions will be asked and its return will very much be appreciated.

## WAACs Need More Recruits From This Area-Sgt Janney

"Because of the expansion of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp by executive order additional applications from women of this district are required to fill the ranks of those who are doing their part for victory in the uniform of the WAAC's," states Sgt. Carl E. Janney, SubStation Commander, U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Bryan, Texas.

Both white and colored women between the ages of 21 and 44, inclusive, are eligible for enrollment in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp Janney said, and full information can be secured by calling 2-1220 in Bryan, Texas, or writing U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Bryan, Texas. Application blanks will be mailed upon request of same.

The Army needs the skill and civilian experience of women of the nation, as it needs those of the men. Members of the WAAC's have an important job to do. Their work releases soldiers for fighting jobs, and their contribution is vital. Previous specialized experience is helpful in work with the army, but it is not a requirement in the WAACs except in certain categories.

## Ring Dance To Be January 15; Junior Prom Week Later

Barney Rapp Orchestra To Play For Seniors And For Corps Dance

Climaxing the end of the '42-43 year will come the Senior Banquet January 15, followed by the Senior Ring ceremony and dance. A corps dance will follow on January 16. January 21 the Junior Prom will take place and the Final Ball will be January 22.

Rocky Sutherland, president of the senior class, said Wednesday that the Senior Banquet and dance committee have made final arrangements for the affair and have selected Barney Rapp's orchestra for the dance.

Heads of the various committees for the banquet and dance are: Ed Gordon, head of the committee board; Jack Baird, head of the favors committee; Moffet Adams, head of the decorations; John Lawrence, head of the program committee; Adolph Specia, head of banquet plans; and Bobby Stephens, head of the dance arrangements.

## Freshman Ball To Be Held January 9 With Aggie Orch

Dormitory for Girls Will Be Opened; Either Tuxedo Or Number One Regulation

January 9, from 8 to 12 in Sbsa hall the Freshman Ball will take place with the Aggeland Orchestra furnishing the music.

C. E. McWilliams, president of the Freshman class, says a dormitory will definitely be obtained for freshmen's dates, but no particular dorm has been selected yet. The usual charge of 50c per night will probably be charged each freshman whose date will stay in the dorm.

Tuxedos may be worn or the number one. All night passes are up to the individual and their respective military organization.

A. R. Orsinger, vice president of the freshman class, is in charge of tickets and has issued them to a freshman in each dorm, who in turn will sell them to the freshman Frogs at \$1.10.

## Cooperation Asked By State Officer In State Capitol

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, stated today that he believes that it would be a worthwhile idea for every Texan to take a health inventory at the beginning of the New Year.

"In the true spirit of the New Year, we should give some thought to the mistakes we have made during the past year, and a great deal of thought to planning some way of improving our health conditions during the coming year," Dr. Cox said.

"The American people are very fortunate. We have scientific knowledge of communicable diseases; we have already made important conquests in the warfare against infectious diseases. We have material wealth to make knowledge work; we have capable leaders in the sciences of life processes that see great opportunities for public good health measures that unite effectively the resources of medicine, education, finance, and government. We are probably the most realistic and practical of all people. We should be capable of even a more vital national health program and nothing can be of greater help to our country at this time than the conservation and promotion of good health," Dr. Cox asserted.

## Awarding of New Contracts In January Still Undecided

Juniors Will Go to Replacement Training Center in May; Then Get Commissions

## "Aggie Pickin's" Marks First Year Of Entertainment

Conrad Bering, Jr., Acts As Master of Ceremonies

"Aggie Pickin's", the Aggie hit parade radio program marks its first year of continuous running tomorrow when a special program will be heard on WTAW during the last thirty minutes of the Aggie Clambake at 5:00.

The idea for the show was put forth by Conrad Bering, Jr., WTAW News Editor, who also acts as master of ceremonies for the program.

"Aggie Pickin's" endeavors to present the favorite songs on the campus and in a manner similar to the famous Lucky Strike Hit Parade. Passes to the Campus theatre are given to those who correctly guess the names of the top three tunes. Guesses may be turned in at room 54 Mitchell, or room 253 Bizell.

## Parents Day Fete Cancelled Because Of Transportation

Parents' Day, annual A. & M. festivity in honor of the fathers and mothers of the Aggies, has been cancelled this year, following a meeting of Rocky Sutherland, president of the senior class, and Walter Cardwell, cadet colonel, early this week. E. I. Angell, executive assistant to Dr. Walton, said that the two senior class leaders had reached that decision because of war-time transportation difficulties.

Few parents would be able to be present at both the Parents' Day and the graduation exercises, advised Angell, and both the senior class president and the corps commander felt that the parents of the graduating students would rather be present at the graduation exercises. He also stated that awards normally made on Parents' Day would be given at Final Review.

## A & M Graduate Gets Curtis Wright Job

Roger Pierce Scott, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Scott of De Queen, Arkansas, and graduate of A. & M., has accepted a position as junior engineer in the Buffalo plants of Curtis-Wright Corp., Airplane Division. He will be assigned to the service department. A graduate of DeQueen High school, Scott was active there and at college he was a member of S.A.E. and Y. Ae. S.

## Home Town Clubs To Pay Balance on Pages

All student and home-town clubs must pay the balance of their page reservation fee by January 1, said John Longley, Longhorn Editor. The Longhorn is going to press now and all bills are requested to be paid by the first to avoid complications. Some of the clubs who have paid their \$5 down still owe as much as \$20 or \$25 for their page in the annual.

## Waltons Hold Open House New Years Day

President and Mrs. T. O. Walton will entertain at an open house tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is the annual New Year's Day reception held at the president's home on the campus at which all faculty members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

## Keys and Honors to Be Given at Press Club Annual Feast

Walton, Bolton, Angell and Others Will Speak; Staff Writers Are Invited

January 7 in Sbsa hall the annual Press Club banquet will be held with speakers and programs. Press Club keys will be presented to all members, and perhaps special awards, according to their years of service.

Dean Bolton, Dr. T. O. Walton, E. L. Angell, and other executives will make short addresses at the banquet, said E. A. Gordon, president of the Press Club and editor of the Engineer.

All students taking active part in any student publication are members of the club. According to previous banquets, members of the club will not have dates.

## WTAW Moves Into New Studios In Adm Bldg Soon

WTAW, The A. & M. College broadcasting station will move into its new home on the third floor of the Administration building in about three weeks, provided that priorities can be obtained on essential materials, according to Phil Norton, college architect.

Norton stated that the work on the station is well started and that when finished, the studios will be attractively furnished at a cost of over \$4000. In addition to this, between \$2500 and \$3000 worth of radio equipment has been purchased from the Gates Radio Supply Company. When the new station is completed, it will be one of the most modern and best-equipped broadcasting stations in Texas.

## Senior Reception To Be Held Monday At Prexy's Home

Dr. and Mrs. T. O. Walton will hold the annual Senior Reception next Monday night, January 4 in their home here on the campus.

Invitations for the reception are extended to all members of the Senior Class, and it is hoped that every senior will attend this annual function given by the president and his wife.

Seniors may drop around at any time from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. and are free to leave when they are ready. Uniform will be number one.

## Ring Dance Favors Obtainable Today

Senior Ring Dance favors will be given out this afternoon in the Corps Headquarters office. All seniors who have paid deposits on their favors may obtain them between 2 and 6 today, according to Jack Baird, chairman of the committee.

Extra favors which were ordered this week will not be distributed until a later date. Only original orders will be filled at this time, Baird stated, so that these may be completed before any extras are given out.

## Rationing Notwithstanding Ags Travel Far Via Thumb

By Mike Haikin

The "thumb method" of transportation is still very much alive despite gas rationing, especially down at Aggeland, where hitchhiking has become sort of a tradition.

While the majority of cadets travelled by trains, buses, etc. for the Christmas holiday excursion, many of the students were left "out in the cold" as transportation facilities were definitely filled to capacity. So, there was one thing to do, the unfortunate cadets mused—the highway.

Hundreds of Aggies filed out to the East gate where each group took out for points north, south, east and west. They travelled everywhere—from the icy plains of Amarillo, 600 miles northward, to the elaborate climate of Houston, only 95 miles southward.

And, surprisingly, many of the thumbs arrived at their destination in record time. One Amarillo lad made the precarious sojourn of 600 miles in the amazing time

of 14 hours. Another trekked to El Paso, 450 miles away, in—it's really unbelievable—11 hours.

As for gas rationing, well, it didn't hold up a few hundred Cadets going down Houston-ways. One group had been on the highway no more than thirty minutes when a truck came along and whisked the highways to their destination within two hours and a half.

Just to prove that hitchhiking was definitely a success, here's an interesting tale that happened just before the Christmas holidays. Two roommates from Houston bid each other adieu as one took the noon-day bus for the Bayou City. Imagine the latter's utter surprise and bewilderment when he arrived at Houston only to be greeted by his roommate who had taken the journey via the thumb!

Yes, gas rationing may have seriously dented hitchhiking in other parts of the country but down at Aggeland the phrase "going my way, buddy" is still very much in existence.