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## Maintenance Payment Must Be Made For March

### Issuing of War Ration Book Two Begins Feb 26

Civilians Register at School;  
Aggies Not to Register in Person

Registration for War Ration Book Two and the issuance of this book will take place in Brazos County on Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27. Registration for the civilian population will be at the public schools of the county, but a special procedure has been worked out for the Aggies which will not require each Aggie to register in person, according to T. R. Spence, chairman of the Brazos County Ration Board.

For the day students who do not live in the project houses or eat at the college dining halls, a special registration will be conducted at the Registrar's Office, and Number Two Books will be issued there to such students on Friday and Saturday of this week. Complete instructions for the registration will be issued in the Battalion.

At the present time Ration Book No. One of all students eating in the college dining halls or in the project houses has supposedly been deposited at the dining hall office or with the project house manager. Those Aggies who have failed to deposit their books are urged to send for their books at once in order that a Number Two Book can be issued.

The registration procedure for the Aggies is that a Number Two Book will be issued and placed in the files with the Number One Book which is on deposit, and both books will be issued to the students as they withdraw from school or go home at the end of the semester.

Books deposited with the dining halls will not have the stamps removed, since the dining halls operate on an allotment basis in securing ration foods. However, beginning March 1, the project houses will be able to secure rationed foods only by the use of the stamps from the books of the students and employees of each house. It is therefore very important that all Aggies get their books from home, if they have not already done so, and deposit them with the dining hall or project house where they eat, Spence stated today.

### What Makes An American Army American? Answer Given Below

What makes an American Army American? Ruth Taylor, of the Labor Bulletin of Aberdeen, Washington, tells why.

It is selection. The boys come from all ranks of life, from farm and factory, from village and city, from the work bench and the class room. There is no question of class, no bar of national origin of the names they bear, no dispute as to their religion. They are chosen because they are physically fit and mentally able to do a hard job—because they are tough enough to take it—and to hand it out.

It is leadership. With only a small standing army, war found us with too few men trained to lead. But that never stopped an American army. The boys in the ranks were culled by their officers and if they showed any qualities of leadership, they were pushed into officers training camps there to earn their ratings. Gossip mongers to the contrary, practically none of our officers were selected because of their "friends." Most have come up from the ranks through sheer ability and hard work. Our leaders know the men they are leading because in the ranks are men they know, who come from the same kind of homes, were taught in the same kind of schools the same beliefs in democracy. The men obey because they know "why." The officers lead because they know "how."

### WAACs Needed At Recruiting Office in Bryan

Pfc. Erwin W. Kandler  
In Charge of Recruiting  
WAACs From This Vicinity

"Women of College Station and the immediate surrounding area, you are definitely a part of the war program, and you are urged to investigate the opportunity offered you by the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps to become active participants in the war," said Pfc. Erwin W. Kandler, in a statement issued from the Army and WAAC Recruiting Station, in Bryan.

"The talents of women from this area are just as vitally needed as are those of women from any part of our country. You may feel you are not qualified because you are not a stenographer, bookkeeper, or perhaps because you have not finished high school. Many have this mistaken idea. The WAAC will train you for one of the many important and interesting Army jobs which will replace a soldier for more active duty on the war front, and at the same time give you training which will be valuable to you after the war," Pfc. Kandler stated.

"The Army is depending on the women of College Station just as it is on the women all over the country to answer this challenge. The main thing is to do it now, and speed the day of victory. You need only be in good health, between the ages of 21 and 44, and a citizen." (See WAACs, Page 4)

### Aggie General Decorated With Army Silver Star

Cited for Gallantry  
In Burma Evacuation;  
Made Daring Flights

Brig. Gen. William Donald Old, Class of '24, of the 10th United States Air Force, with headquarters at New Delhi, India, was decorated recently with the Silver Star for gallantry, in connection with the evacuation by air of nearly 5,000 sick and wounded from Burma in May, 1942.

During the evacuation of Burma, he made a score of daring flights to and from the Upper Irrawaddy Valley. The evacuation was largely accomplished by a few American pilots flying C-47 transport planes, aided by a smaller number of RAF and China National Airways transports. Despite enemy action and dangerous weather conditions, 15 to 25 flights were made daily during a 10-day period when the operation was at its height.

After his graduation from A. & M. he was commissioned a second lieutenant and reported as an officer aviation student at Brooks Field, San Antonio. He received his wings in 1925 at Kelly Field, San Antonio.

After a year at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., he served five years as an instructor at Kelly Field, and during that period piloted an Army plane, carrying former Vice President John N. Garner, then speaker of the House, to Washington for an important conference with the President.

In 1932, Lieutenant Old was transferred to Clark Field, Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands, one of the first places bombed by the Japs on Dec. 8, 1941. He returned to the United States in 1935 with the rank of captain and attended the tactical school at Montgomery, Ala., and the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

From 1937 to 1940 he was stationed at Langley Field, Va. He was co-pilot of the B-15, at that time the largest plane in the United States Army, on a historic mercy flight to Chile, carrying Red Cross supplies to an earthquake-stricken area.

In June, 1939, he was assigned to fly the ship to Mexico City with the body of Major Sabo, a Mexican air hero who was killed in a plane crash in Washington. In November of that same year he participated in a good-will flight to South America.

Promoted to the rank of major in 1940 he was transferred to MacDill Field, Fla., in command of the 43rd squadron. He went to Washington in February, 1941, to serve on the general headquarters staff under Maj. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, as a member of the staff's aviation section. In March, 1942, he was sent to India.

### Stork Pays Visit To Agronomy Ex-Prof

First Lt. Lewis M. Thompson, former instructor in the Agronomy department, has returned to College Station on leave. He is stationed at Camp J. T. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas. Lt. Thompson is the father of a baby girl.

Speaker



Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, expert on Inter-American affairs, who will speak today in the Assembly Hall.

### Rotary Sponsors Lecture On Latin American Affairs

Soldier, Traveler,  
And Lecturer Hugh C.  
Today at 3 o'clock

Bryan and College Rotarians will sponsor the second in a series of lectures under the Rotary Club's Institute of International Understanding program this afternoon in the Assembly hall at 3 o'clock when they will present Hugh C. Stuntz, lecturer on inter-American affairs. The public is invited to attend and no admission fee will be charged.

Dr. Stuntz, born in India and educated in the United States, served in the American army during the first World War. After returning from the war, he went to South America, remaining seven years in Chile, three in Bolivia, and ten in Argentina. During this long sojourn among the South American nations he was engaged mainly in educational and literary work in the Spanish language.

While in Bolivia, Dr. Stuntz acted as correspondent for the Reuter's News Service and served on the staff of the interpreter-translators for the American delegation at the peace conference in Buenos Aires in 1936. Since his recent return to the United States, he has been much in demand as a lecturer on Latin-American affairs and has participated in nearly 100 Rotary-sponsored Institutes of International Understanding.

### Improvements For Easterwood Field Scheduled

Completion of the proposed improvements for A. & M.'s Easterwood Airport will be one step nearer final when bids are let for two runways and several taxi-ways March 5. Additional grading and other minor improvements are also included in the program. Bids will be taken at Fort Worth.

When this work is finished A. & M. will have a college-owned airport second to none in the nation.

### College Station City Election To Be Held On April 6

Election To Be Held In  
Missouri Pacific Dept.;  
Five Men To Be Replaced

Five vacancies in the College Station City Council will be filled at the next regular election, which will be held on Tuesday, April 6. The election will be at the Missouri Pacific Lines Depot.

The five councilmen who must be replaced are G. B. Wilcox, Ward 1; T. A. Munson and P. W. Burns, Ward 2; L. D. Smith and W. D. Lloyd, Ward 3.

Ward 1 includes all of South Oakwood, College Park, and West Park. All of College Hills Estates east of Highway 6 and south of an extension of Sulphur Springs Road makes up Ward 2. Ward 3 is the rest of the City of College Station. Ward 2 and 3 will have two councilmen each to replace.

Forms for certifying candidacies may be obtained at the City Office.

### While Mothers Work For Red Cross, Kids Are Out of Mischief

Open every morning from eight to eleven in the Red Cross rooms on the campus, a Red Cross nursery school has been opened to allow mothers to work in the Red Cross surgical dressing program and at the same time keep the children under observation.

Last Friday morning's session introduced clay modeling for the young folks' entertainment. A tea party was also enjoyed.

### Book Written By Architecture Prof Earns Wide Acclaim

In a recent review by the Royal Institute of British Architects a Texas A. & M. Engineering Experiment Station publication entitled, "Space for Teaching" by W. W. Caudill, of the architecture department, received very favorable recognition. Caudill is on leave from the architecture department for service with the U. S. Engineer Corps.

The review recommended Caudill's book as "of immediate and first-class value to all school architects and those studying any aspect of school organization." Comment is made to the thoroughness and timeliness of the work. The review closes with the statement that "as such it is one of the most generally useful school-design studies in existence and a booklet which we should like to see read by every school architect in England."

### Army Air Force Calls Biology Prof

Dr. Paul J. Talley, of the Biology Department, received notification of his appointment as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. Dr. Talley is to report March 3 at Miami, Florida. It is expected that his work will be instructing.

### Fees Will Be Refunded If Army Inducts Aggies

Payment Necessary As Date For ERC  
Induction Not Yet Definitely Announced

Maintenance for the month of March must be paid when due, although any unused portion will be refunded to those students called to active duty in March, Dean F. C. Bolton, dean of the college, said late yesterday. Dean Bolton said this is necessary to pay the maintenance because it is not definitely known when the junior and senior Enlisted Reserves will be called to active duty, although the Army Specialized program is expected to get under way about March 10.

### Today Final For Infantry, Composite Senior Pictures

Seniors Urged To Use  
Old Pictures To Save  
Limited Film Supplies

Today is the last day for seniors in the Infantry and Composite Regiments to have their class pictures for the Longhorn made. Up until late yesterday evening only 130 seniors had been to the Aggie-land Studio to have their picture made. This is a poor representation of the seniors in these two regiments.

Old pictures may be used in the annual if the senior so desires. To do this each senior should go by the Aggie-land Studio, leave his name and pay the \$1.00 cost. Seniors are encouraged to do this since it will save on the very limited supply of film.

Beginning Wednesday, seniors in the Field Artillery and Cavalry may have their class pictures made. These seniors will have through Monday, March 1, to have these pictures made. If seniors do not turn out better in the future to have their picture made the senior class will have a poor representation in the Longhorn.

All regimental, battalion, and organization commanders, 2nd in commands, 1st sergeants, and staff men should have their military picture made at the same time that they have their class picture made. The deadline on these pictures, however, will not be until March 15.

Club presidents should remember that their reservations for space for their clubs in the Longhorn must be made by March 6. Because of a limited number of pages this year, each club will be limited to a half page. This half page will be enough space for the club picture and a roster of the club officers only. The cost for a half page is \$15 as in past years.

Students with cameras should begin taking pictures of Aggie life at once as the snapshot section this year will have to depend largely on pictures taken by the corps due to the film shortage. These pictures may be turned in to Marvin McMillan Jr., 317, no. 9; Harry Saunders, A-6 Walton; Russel Jones, 413 no. 1, The Longhorn Office; or The Student Activities Office.

Amount of the fees for the month of March is \$35.00, and is payable from today until March 5 without penalty, according to the Fiscal department.

"I had no idea the boys were looking at it (ERC status) from the maintenance viewpoint, and of course when the Army does come it will affect only the juniors and seniors, but you may assure them that any unused portion of their fees will be refunded to them when the Army starts feeding them," said the dean.

He continued to say that no further notice had been received from the War Department concerning the inauguration of the program here, but it is definite that they will be here somewhere around March 1.

### College Station Farmers Market Opens on March 2

Ten Dollar Prize To Be  
Awarded to Best Display  
On Opening Day of Market

A farmers' market sponsored by the city of College Station will be opened on Tuesday morning, March 2, in the brick building formerly occupied by the Stockton Plumbing Company in College Hills Estates, and will be opened each succeeding Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Lights, heat and water will be furnished by the city. The only charge will be a 10¢ daily space charge. Any resident of Brazos county may compete for the ten dollar prize offered for the most attractive display of merchandise on the opening morning.

All produce displayed for sale in the market must be arranged according to existing state health laws. This applies especially to meats and dairy products. Growers who wish to reserve space at the market should call Mr. Lloyd Smith, Business Manager, phone 4-7004.

### Fort Worth A&M Club Meets Tonight

There will be a meeting of the Fort Worth A. & M. Club tonight in Room 119, Academic building. All students from Fort Worth are invited to attend. Officers for the coming semester will be elected.

## A & M Clubs Once Boasted Grand Sultans and Viceroy

By Gene Robards

For a great many years now it has been the practice for all clubs organized on the A. & M. campus to file copies of their constitutions with the student activities office. A look at some of these old constitutions exposes a few things that seem old-fashioned to the Aggie of 1943. Back in 1930 the "One Buttons Club" filed its constitution. The object of this club it seems was "to bring about a more perfect coordination of all cadet second lieutenants and to lend distinction to this group of

officers other than through the military department." The officers of this club were to consist of a grand sultan, a chancellor of the Exchequer, and several viceroys. Almost as odd as the One Buttons Club was the Veteran's Society, organized back in the twenties to "hold more closely together the fifth and sixth year men of A.&M. College." The faculty decided it did not want the boys in their sixth year to stay together any longer. It was about time for them to graduate.

Even the fish and frogs of past years had a few odd clubs of their

own. The lowly frogs organized a club of their own a few years ago where they could get together and discuss their troubles to one another. And way back in 1922 the Freshman Debating Society decided to get rough with its members who were raising too much hell during the meetings, so the constitution provided that any member guilty of misconduct could be told by the president that he was a bad boy if a majority of the club approved the action. Even the commandant's office never thought up such terrible and violent punishment.

### LONGHORN NOTICES

Infantry and Composite Regiment Seniors. Deadline: February 23.

Senior Favorites  
Cost: \$1.50, 5x7 glossy print (close up). Deadline: March 15.

Vanity Fair  
Cost: \$3.00, 5x7 glossy print (close up). 8x10 glossy print (full length with evening dress.)

Organizations  
Cost: \$15.00 per half page. Each club limited to half page. Deadline for club reservation: March 6.

Notes  
Aggie-land can make no 5x1 copies of portraits due to film shortage.