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## Jose Iturbi To Give Town Hall Program

**Pianist to Appear March 17; Replaces Jessica Dragonette**

Late last night, Jose Iturbi, internationally famous pianist, accepted an invitation to appear on the Texas A. & M. Town Hall stage Wednesday, March 17, according to John Lindsey, student manager of Town Hall.

Iturbi replaces Miss Jessica Dragonette, who refused without explanation to make her contracted College Station appearance.

## Coast Artillery, Signal, Engineer Senior Photos Due

**Must Be Turned in At Student Activities Office Not Later than Saturday**

Seniors in the Signal Corps Engineers, and Coast Artillery regiments may begin having class pictures for the Longhorn made today. Saturday is the deadline on all these pictures. All are urged to have pictures made as early as possible to prevent rushing on Friday and Saturday. Unless proofs are selected within two days after the picture is made, they will be selected by the Aggeland Studio.

Saturday is the last day that Fish, Sophomores and Juniors may go by Aggeland and have old pictures put in the Longhorn. No new pictures will be made due to film shortages unless they are made somewhere else other than Aggeland Studios. These people, however, must first go by the Studios to get the specifications for the picture or they will not be used in the 1944 Longhorn.

## Community Singing Session Doubles Its Attendance This Week

Sunday night, the Sunday Sing in the Assembly hall nearly doubled its attendance over last week, Richard Jenkins, director of the Singing Cadets said today.

The Sing, a community sing session during which only hymns are sung, was begun last week. Although attendance was small, Jenkins expressed the firm belief that the Sunday Sings would soon be one of the most popular activities on the campus.

## FBI Agent Talks On Investigation Bureau's Methods

**Lecture Held Tomorrow Night; To Be Open To All Persons Interested**

William Newman, special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will discuss the Bureau's work at a meeting of the College Station Civilian Defense organization Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the Chemistry Lecture room, the chairman of the police committee, announced yesterday.

Following the talk by Newman, W. E. Naylor, of the Texas Department of Public Safety, will show some motion pictures on civilian defense activities.

"The talk by Mr. Newman should prove of interest to many of the corps, and it will be over in time to make Call to Quarters," said the chairman. "All persons in Bryan or College interested in hearing this speaker and seeing the films are cordially invited."

## New Farmer's Market Now Open In College Hills

The College Station Farmers' Market opens Tuesday morning at 8:00 in the brick building in College Hills Estates, formerly occupied by the Stockton Plumbing Company.

Many farmers in this area have been contacted and an adequate supply of vegetables will be assured as soon as they are available. Eggs, chickens, flowers, and all the vegetables obtainable will be for sale.

## No Smoking Rules To Be Enforced By All Bryan Theaters

The Bryan Police Department, working in coordination with the S. P.'s and the M. P.'s of Bryan Field and College Station, has issued an order that smoking will not be allowed in the theaters of Bryan. This order pertains to the three theaters, namely, the Palace, Queen, and the Dixie.

The "no smoking" law has been in the list of state laws for some time, but has not been enforced. As these theaters are not fireproof and with the coming of service men, an enforcement must be made so as to prevent a fire-trap if a fire did break loose.

A violation of this rule will result in the banishing of all service men from these theaters. This rule of "no smoking" applies to everyone.

## Seniors May Get Rings From Registrar Wednesday

**Alphabetical Order to Prevail; A-K Wednesday Morning; L-Z Afternoon**

Senior class rings are in the Registrar's office and may be had starting Wednesday morning at 8, acting Registrar E. L. Heaton said late yesterday. These are the 1944 rings that were ordered in the fall, and may be obtained by those ordering them according to an alphabetical schedule.

According to Heaton there are about 500 rings in this shipment, and to cut down confusion and rush in the Registrar's office, those students whose last name begins with A to K may get their rings Wednesday morning. Those whose name begins with L to Z get their's Wednesday afternoon.

Those who have rings, but do not have the money to get them at the moment may get them any time within 30 days as the Registrar can hold them that long. According to the Registrar's office, "We are asking those boys who have rings to come only at the designated times, as only those rings will be available then. This is necessary to avoid the rush and confusion of having all 500 boys show up at 8 a.m. Wednesday."

No orders will be taken for rings all day Wednesday, but will be resumed Thursday and continue until the deadline of March 15. Classified juniors may also order their rings again starting March 5th. The final deadline for ring orders has been set as March 15, the Registrar's office announced.

## Former Student Now in Training As Aerial Observer

Lt. John F. Rougnac, a graduate of the class of '42, has been selected for training as aerial observer at Brooks Field, San Antonio. Prior to his selection he served for seven months in the air forces and attended the Officer Training School at Miami Beach, Florida.

Rougnac was associated with the City of Houston before entering the air forces.

## Agronomy Society Holds Initiations In Meeting Tomorrow

The Agronomy Society will meet Wednesday night, March 3, at 7:00 for the purpose of initiating new members. All students majoring in Agronomy and those interested in this type of work are especially urged to be present, as participating in initiation is necessary before you can become a member of the society.

A committee, composed of Karl Wallace, Pat Carpenter, and Paul Resmand was appointed by President Jack Barton to prepare the initiation program, and fun for all is expected. Roger Killingsworth is supervising the work. Refreshments will be served.



## A&M Laundry Keeps Aggies In Clean Clothes at Low Cost

By Bill Jarnagin

No, A&M's laundry doesn't have a bath tub of buttons taken from our shirts; in fact, the process which our clothes go through is one of the most careful and efficient methods possible.

Every week approximately 16,400 pieces of clothing go through the laundry, or about 800 bundles each day. About 200 workers are required to turn out our clothes on schedule. The cost of our shirts and pants run about three cents each, points out the foreman of the building, Ed Whitten, while commercial laundries charge from 10c to 15c per shirt.

Whitten said three typical A&M bundles, each containing twenty-five pieces, were once taken to an average Houston laundry, where they charged \$1.50 for each of the three bundles. A&M's charge of only 50¢ a week for a 25-piece bundle is probably the lowest rate in any U. S. college.

Here's the trip your laundry goes on each week:

First the laundry bundles are thrown from the delivery trucks through a big window into a pile in the rear of the laundry building. From this pile 120 bundles are laundered, making up a "lot", and

about 6 or 7 lots are laundered each day.

Each bundle is opened, the contents and laundry mark checked by ten girl markers. Each garment, as it is checked, is thrown on a moving belt, which sends the clothes down to two "separator" girls. Here the bundle is divided into five or more sections — the sheets, pillow slips, etc. in one division; the khaki clothes in another; the white shirts in one division; the towels, sweat shirts, etc. in another—and so on.

Seven big washing machines take in the clothes, then three "extractors", or dryers, whirl out all the water, except a little dampness. These machines whirl with a velocity of 750 rpm for about seven minutes.

Next all the "flat work" sheets, handkerchiefs, pillow cases, etc., are sent through a series of steam-heated cloth-covered rollers. Here the damp pieces come out neatly pressed and dried.

Ten "drying tumblers" are used to furnish fluffy, soft drying for towels, socks, and the like. Thirty-two "hot head" pressers take care of the miscellaneous garments and pants. Four sets of especially curved shirt pressers take care of all the shirts in 4 steps.

A machine is used to press the collar and cuffs, another machine is used for the front, another for the back, and another for the sleeves.

Much like a big assembly plant, the clothes make their way from the marking girls, through, the washers and dryers, across the building through its respective ironer, and on to the bundling department.

Each ironer has a repair rack upon which clothes needing mending or buttons replaced are hung. A girl from the mending department makes, gathers these clothes and takes them back to be repaired. A special button attachers sews on buttons in less than two seconds, but the reason buttons are not so frequently replaced as it seems they should be is that under the speedy assembly line it is often impossible to even notice a missing button.

The building department is in four divisions, each with pigeon holes arranged in alphabetical number. Each cadet's laundry slip is clipped to its respective pigeon hole, where his clothes are placed checked, and wrapped.

Five stations disperse the laundry to the Aggies, sailors, marines, and now the air corp cadets.

## First Corps Dance Of Spring Term Held In Sbisa Hall

**New Aggeland Band Hailed As Success By Attendance There**

The first Corps Dance of this term, held in Sbisa Hall last Saturday night, was a great success according to Rodney Brauchle, social secretary of the Senior class. The new system of arrangement of the Aggeland Orchestra, under the direction of Jack McGregor, created favorable comment among the persons at the dance. According to McGregor, this new plan allows the Aggies to plan their dances ahead, knowing just what sort of piece is coming up next. "Our set will consist of playing three or four pieces straight, then having a little break to arrange the next of two slow pieces, then a fast one, then a break; two slow ones, one fast one, and the break; and so on," said McGregor.

Due to gas rationing, war, and the army, there was no dorm vacated for Aggie dates. To conform with the new C. Q. regulations the dance was held from 8 until 11:30 in order to give the Aggies time to get their dates home before call to quarters. This new time will also give the boys without dates an hour before C. Q.

Regulations for Cadets were number one or tux for the fish, sophomores and juniors and civilian clothes, tux, or number one being reg for seniors.

## More Proof of OCS Toughness Revealed In Letter From Ex

The following portion of a letter received by the Agronomy Department from C. E. Butler, class of '42, attending Officers Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga., gives further proof that OCS is no bed of roses.

"This is going to have to be brief because we aren't given much time to call our own—in fact, this is the first letter I've written during the middle of the week since getting in the army. "I didn't realize what a picnic A. & M. was until recently; we are kept on the go continually from 6:30 a. m. until . . . Sometimes we get off at 6:00 p. m. but four nights each week we have study hall from 7:30 to 8:30; however, it's difficult to finish in that length of time so usually we finish up when we come back to the barracks. Lights go out at 10:00 except in the shower, so any studying, letter writing, etc., is done there. "Fortunately we have some really good instructors — they know their stuff and how to put it across. I thought when I was taking 418 that Doc Jones had the world beat on the use of charts and diagrams, but you should sit through some of these lectures. "There are 37 Aggies in this company; most of the others with the exception of one Tea-sipper are damyankees. But the thing that tops it all—we also have four negroes in the company. I'm not very well acquainted with two of them but the two I do know are well educated. "By the way, Mr. Potts, peanut butter is the backbone of the Army. "Sincerely, Butler."

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

"There is an urgent need for students to handle the many jobs that are now open or will be open soon on the campus. Eligibility requirements have been relaxed under existing conditions. Regardless of your family income, if you need or want work, please see the Placement Office as soon as possible."

## Prexy Leaves For Washington On Four-Day Conference Trip

President T. O. Walton will leave Wednesday for a four-day trip to Washington, D.C., where he will confer with Secretary of Agriculture Wickard. He will discuss the general agriculture situation in Texas.

## Aggie Ex Promoted To First Lieutenant

Second Lt. Lelon T. Camp, Q. M. C., Officer in Charge of General Supplies at the New Cumberland Quartermaster Depot, New Cumberland, Pa., was recently promoted to first lieutenant.

Prior to being called for active duty in June, 1942, Lt. Camp was a member of the graduating class of 1942 at the A. & M. College of Texas.

## Former Executive Assistant Visits Campus Yesterday

Colonel Ike Ashburn, director of Houston's Civilian Defense, was a visitor on the campus yesterday. He was formerly executive assistant to President T. O. Walton.

**LONGHORN NOTICES**

Signal Corps, Engineers, and Coast Artillery Seniors. Deadline: Saturday, March 6.

Fish, Sophomores and Junior Class Pictures—(Old Pictures) Deadline: March 8.

**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.) Deadline: March 15.

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

**Notes**  
Aggeland can make no 5x7 copies of portraits due to film shortage.

## Thousands of Rumors Killed Nothing New on E R C Call

**Commandant's Office Spikes Gossip; Definite Date Still Unknown to All**

There is no new information concerning the activation of military juniors and seniors, and any rumors as to the definite date of activation are to be considered as mere opinion or heresay without any basis of fact whatsoever, the Commandant's office said late yesterday.

Activation will take place only when the War Department orders such action, and although more definite information is expected soon, nothing further is known at this time.

College officials assure you that there is no reason why such information should be withheld from the Corps when it arrives, and that until that time, nothing is at all definite.

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## Company Funds Must Be Placed In Activities Office

All company funds collected thus far must be deposited in the Student Activities Office before 5 o'clock, March 3, stated the Commandant's Office. No more company funds or funds for Regimental Dances may be collected until further authorization by the Commandant's Office.

## WTAW Sponsors Special Program For Home Gardeners

Home gardens throughout the listening area of radio station WTAW will be especially interested in the program to be broadcast from 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. today, because the care of young garden plants will be discussed in detail by A.&M. Horticulture Department experts, and announcement will be made of availability of a complete set of instructions for Victory gardening, it was announced by J. J. Woolket, program director.

"The A.&M. College is endeavoring to perform a service to all those radio listeners who are served by our station, WTAW," Woolket said. "And Tuesday's program will be full of good information for the novice home gardener. The series of gardening broadcasts has been going on for some time, but we have decided to make all the previous information available in simple form to assist late starters in properly preparing the ground, planting the seed and caring for young garden plants."

While in A.&M. Elkins was an outstanding student and active in campus affairs. He was on the staff of the Battalion and played with the Aggeland Orchestra. He had his reserve commission in the Cavalry.

## Position of India In War Effort To Be Explained Here

The time was 20 years ago—1923. The place was the Anklavur Bombay Presidency, India. A young Ohio school teacher had just arrived to take up his new duties as superintendent of a rural teachers' training school. He was a man of warm sympathy toward the struggles of farm people here and abroad, keenly appreciative of their problems. His first task was to master the native languages and he set out almost immediately on a 900 mile trip to north India to study Hindi, which most nearly approximates a national language. For days he traveled by horse carriage, pullman, motor bus, and pony, struck by the curious amalgamation of Eastern and Western commerce and culture.

Eighteen years later—in October, 1941, to be exact—the selfsame Ohio school teacher sat at lunch with Mahatma Gandhi and reviewed the progress of the Indian National Congress in its efforts to achieve the long-sought goal of Indian independence. Here there was mutual respect, for Will Moomaw had come a long way since he left the home farm in Ohio. Not in a worldly fashion but by virtue of his commonsense understanding of Indian agriculture, education, religion, people. Two days before Pearl Harbor, Dr. Moomaw sailed for America for one of his periodic vacations.

Next Wednesday night at 7:00 o'clock Dr. Moomaw will appear before the Economics Club in the Petroleum Engineering Lecture Room to describe his impressions of the position that India occupies in the war. The title of his talk will be "A Farmer Sees India." Everyone is invited to attend and ask questions in the open forum that follows.

Dr. Moomaw's career eminently qualifies him to interpret the attitudes of the masses of India's huge (See INDIA, Page 4)