



Swimming Meet of Semester Will Be Held August 28-29

Preliminaries On 28th At 2 p. m.; Finals On 29th At 2 p. m.; Aggies Urged to Enter

The swimming meet which will climax the summer semester will be held as scheduled in the swimming pool on August 28 and 29, according to W. L. Penberthy. The preliminaries of the meet will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday, the 28th, with the finals being run Sunday, the 29th at the same time, 2 p. m.

For all Aggies who wish to enter, the following races are going to be run: The 400 ft. relay will be run in laps with each member of the team swimming 100 feet. The 100 ft. backstroke, the 100 ft. freestyle, the 200 ft. military swim, the 400 ft. military relay with each man swimming 100 ft., and fancy dives.

The military swims are being based on an obstacle being carried so as to be a hindrance to the swimmer. Plans of just how it will be run have not been worked out as yet, but a later Battalion will cover the details.

Three dives will be required of each entrant in that race. These dives will be the front dive, the back dive, and the one-half twist. Three other dives which may be chosen by the individual diver must be made besides the three required dives.

Aggies who wish to enter the swimming meet as a contestant in any of the events are asked to decide the race they want to enter in and report to the pool on Saturday, August 28th. A limit of three races, including diving will be imposed on each Aggie, but there is no limit to the number of Aggies from each company that enter.

Air Corps Aggies Well Pleased With Spirit Over Radio

Boys Stationed in San Antonio Join in On Songs And Yells While Listening

The fact that the Aggie Spirit is always alive where ever Aggies are together is adequately demonstrated in the following letter received by E. E. McQuillen from Willie G. Williamson, '44, who is located at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center.

"Dear Mac—
"We wish there was some way we could let you know how much we enjoyed the program last night. We have heard that the Aggies' spirit was practically dead, and that there wasn't much left at Aggie-land—but after the yelling, music and singing, we knew it was just another rumor.

We all gathered around the radio in the classification center and had a real old yell practice; singing and yelling right with you. There couldn't have been any more spirit at a midnight yell practice in the old days. A few of the Yankees thought we were gathering for prayer meeting, but they changed their minds—we had their mouths hanging open!

"By the way, don't ever let anyone tell you that the Aggie spirit is dead or dying. It is growing now as never before. Aggies are spread out over this man's Air Corps so completely that the "War Hymn" is getting to be a regular marching song. I have several Yankee friends who can sing it almost as good as your freshmen, and that's pretty good.

"The freshmen and whatever other "Aggies" might be left, made us very proud of the way the Aggie spirit is being carried on. Your program brought new pride to our heart, tears to our eyes, and "goose pimples" all over. Many of us, with our degrees yet to come, renewed our vows to go back after them after we clear up this little mess.

"Our every prayer now is that we can get an "Open-Post," with no "K.P." or guard-duty, in time to see the "show of the century"—the one

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Aggie Team Begins Rigorous Training For Season's Start

Coach Norton Releases News On Football In Southwest Conference

According to Coach Homer Norton the remainder of the boys out for football will be issued uniforms this week and regular scrimmage should start soon. The boys have been practicing in tennis shoes and shorts for the past few weeks and have shown up well in these preliminary drills. When asked about the progress up to now, Coach Norton said "What we have been doing is letting the boys limber up and show us just how well they can take care of themselves. There have been only the most tentative plans made as to the order of the teams." Running and passing drills are being taken daily and by the time we are ready to start real work, the boys should be in top physical shape."

There is being quite a bit said both for and against the present ruling which allows Navy V-12 men to play for the college they are attending. There have been persistent reports that many of these boys have already reported for work at Rice, a few Aggie-Exes among them. Texas, Baylor, T. C. U., and S. M. U. all have V-12 men in sufficient quantity to assure at least a few good football prospects from among them, while A. & M. does not have a V-12 unit.

Of course we have many army units, and we are perfectly willing to let these boys play, but as yet the Army has not followed the Navy in allowing its boys to enter into college athletics. The result of such a situation is that we are depending solely on our own resources, while the other schools are constantly gaining new players, some of them experienced men. There are some who say that when the going gets tough the servicemen might drop out, since they have no college ties, but that does not seem to be very probable. At any rate, the season is still in the very early stages and anything can happen.

The Aggie team will play its first game against Bryan Field on September 25th, and the Air Corps boys should prove to be tough competition. (See AGGIE TEAM, Page 4)

Aggie-ex Dies of Solomon Is. Wounds

First Lt. William H. Reeder, '40, of Ft. Worth has just been reported to have died of wounds received while in battle some where in the Solomon Islands. Lt. Reeder entered the service on the 5th of March, 1942.

A memorial service was held on August 15 in the First Methodist Church of Hughes Springs which was formerly his home. Lt. Emit Thorland commemorated Lt. Reeder in a tribute entitled "Changing the Star."

During his senior year at A. & M., Lt. Reeder was president of the Accounting Society. He was also a representative of the Infantry on the Advisory Council to the class president his senior year. His degree was received in Business Administration.

Mrs. Reeder, the former Miss Alta Lett whom he married in January 1942, survives him. His business connections included Richardson Oil Company of Ft. Worth where he was employed before entering the service of his country.



BRASS SECTION—Pictured above is the heavy brass section of the Houston Symphony Orchestra which plays on Town Hall a week from today. Left to right: Eddie Erwin, J. Knauss (now in the service), H. B. Amich, Trombonist and Roy Perry, Tuba.

Houston Symphony In 4th Season of Open Air Concerts

The summer orchestra of the Houston Symphony Society is playing its fourth season of open-air free concerts in the parks of the City of Houston. Sixteen concerts are scheduled for Houston; eight at Miller Memorial Theatre in Hermann Park on Wednesday evenings, and eight in various neighborhood parks.

Orchestra Will Play On A. & M. Town Hall Thursday, August 26

In the summer of 1940, through the efforts of Hubert Roussel of the Houston Post and N. D. Napman who placed funds at the disposal of the sponsors of summer concerts, seven free concerts were presented.

Crowds which averaged 12,000, at first, grew rapidly until at one of the closing concerts a crowd, estimated by the traffic department of the City of Houston, in excess of 35,000 attended—the largest gathering ever to be held in the city.

This summer the City of Houston appropriated, from its funds, an amount sufficient to defray a portion of the expenses, the balance being provided by the Houston Symphony Society and by popular donation. Attendance and interest have been so great that an enlarged program is being planned for next summer.

The summer symphony consists of 45 picked members of the Houston Symphony Society.

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IT CAN'T BE BEAT . . .

Yell Practice Staged by Exes For Baltimoreans at WNBL Show

(Editor's note: The following review of the Aggie picture, "We've Never Been Licked" was printed in the Baltimore Sun. It gives the reader a good idea of what others think of the picture and it gives an idea of the extent of the Aggie Spirit, a spirit that can never die.)

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 16.—On the basis of what went on in Lexington street last night, it seems you can take a Texas Aggie away from the farm—but how are you going to get the farm out of the Aggie?

The answer is—and you may quote 50 Texas Aggies who are now officer candidates at the Edgewood, Md., Arsenal as our authority—that can't.

These officer candidates, who were graduated last May from the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, were the guests last night of Keith's Theater at the Baltimore premier of "We've Never Been Licked," which was filmed on the campus of their college.

All of them, along with about 7000 fellow-students, were filmed in the picture. None of them had seen the picture until last night, and each one, trying to spot himself in the college scenes, acted like the man who searched for a needle in a haystack.

The officer candidates would

F. R. Jones Writes Series of Articles For Trade Journal

Service Operations Theme First Article Appearing In Aug. "Southern Hardware"

At the solicitation of "Southern Hardware," the leading Southern hardware and implement trade journal, Fred R. Jones, head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering of the Texas A. & M. College, is writing a series of articles on farm equipment service.

The first, based on the fundamentals of service operations, appeared in the August or current issue. Others to follow will deal with various phases of machinery and tractor repairing and servicing.

"The completely mechanized farm is no longer a mere dream or a rarity," said Mr. Jones, "but is more or less common in every section of the country today." This, he explained, does not mean that the horse as a source of farm power will fade from the picture "as horse-drawn machines will be necessary on certain farms and in handling certain farm operations for a number of years to come."

Very radical changes have taken place in farm equipment in recent years, according to the author. These have been in the interest of longer service, easier operation and to enable it to do a better job. Introduction of improved all-purpose type tractors to perform jobs formerly done by hand has brought about a number of new machines.

In Mr. Jones' opinion, the primary object of a machinery and implement dealer is to sell a tractor to his farm customer. Then the selling of necessary additional equipment and building up a profitable sales volume depends to a large extent on the kind and amount of services the dealer performs.

Dealer responsibilities have increased with improvements in designs and as a result of higher quality material and precision manufacturing. When machines and equipment need repairing and overhauling, it is more or less essential that the job be handled by a mechanic in a well equipped shop.

Details are given by Mr. Jones on what should be included in adequate service consistent with a reasonable tractor and machinery sales volume. Shop business and expansion, shop order and the necessity for keeping simple yet adequate records are also discussed.

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Freshmen Ball Committee Members Appointed by West

Finance, Decoration, and Orchestra Committees Begin Making Arrangements

C. R. West, President of the Freshman Class, has announced that members of the finance, decoration, and orchestra committees have been appointed and will go to work immediately to form plans for the Fish Ball which will be Friday night, August 27, from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m.

Members of the finance committee are J. W. Harrington and G. R. Jackson of the Fish Class; James R. Leasley, Jack Kaufman, and Phil Donahue of the Frog Class.

Members of the decoration committee are: Ben Moon Ng, B. B. Wallace, and Ernie Whittig from the Fish Class and Donald Deere, Tom Carpenter, and Jim B. Wilson of the Frog Class.

The Orchestra committee is composed of Fish George Spicer and Frog Donald McClatchy. The committee is striving hard to obtain the best band that can be had for the occasion, but as to date no arrangements have been made. A later Battalion will carry details.



Bidu Sayao

Bidu Sayao To Be Town Hall Feature Here October 19

Brazilian Opera Star To Be Featured On Program; Has Successful Career

The Town Hall Committee, functioning in connection with the Student Activities office of the college, announces the appearance of Bidu Sayao, outstanding Metropolitan opera soprano, on the winter Town Hall, October 19.

Bidu Sayao is one of the most effective agents of Pan American good will and is the only South American woman on the roster of the Metropolitan Opera Association. President Vargas of Brazil has called her "Brazil's Singing Ambassador," and she is an ambassador made to order, for her dainty person sums all the sparkle and charm traditionally associated with Brazilian women. But, due to the fact that she has made a successful career she is much closer to North American women than she is to those of her own country.

The Town Hall programs, of which Bidu Sayao is one of the outstanding, will be presented during the winter and spring months and will be staged in the Guion Hall Theatre. Season ticket sales will be announced in the near future it was revealed by the Town Hall committee.

A/C Jno. W. Bryant Is Training at Big Spring

Aviation Cadet JOHN W. BRYANT has just arrived at the Big Spring Bombardier School to pursue the tough twelve weeks course as a bombardier cadet, it was announced by Colonel Robert W. Warren, commandant of the school.

Cadet Bryant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bryant of 1412 Riverside Drive, Fort Worth. He attended Riverside High School, Fort Worth, N. T. A. C. at Arlington, and A. & M. College at College Station. He received awards in baseball and softball and an efficiency award for ROTC.

Upon satisfactory completion of his training here he will win his silver wings as a bombardier and be appointed a flying officer in the Army Air Forces.

The Big Spring school, one of the world's largest bombing colleges, graduates a new phase of "hell from heaven" men every three weeks, and its outstanding record for safety in the air has earned for it the reputation of being the safest school of its type in the country.

Bombardier cadets spend many long hours flying over the vast Texas range country on practice bombing missions, culminating their intensive training activities by making bivouac out on the plains and engaging in maneuvers that stimulate actual combat conditions.

Civil Service Is Seeking Women

A nation-wide examination to select policemen for the Washington, D. C., Police Department was announced today by the United States Civil Service Commission, according to information received here today at the College Station postoffice by the local civil service secretary.

Young women between the ages of 25 and 35 who are in good health are sought. They do not need to have had previous experience or specific education, but a knowledge of social case work and an aptitude for police duties is necessary to do well on the test.

Applications must be filed with the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., by August 31.

Playing an important part in wartime Washington's effort to curb delinquency, policemen supervise capital amusement places with special regard to protection of young people, investigate causes of delinquency, take steps to combat them, and perform general police work in detection and prevention of crime.

Entrance salary is \$2,200 a year; opportunities for promotion are good.

Information and application forms may be obtained at any first or second class post office, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Applications from war workers are not desired unless they may use higher skills in these positions. Appointments will be made in accordance with War Manpower Commission policies, regulations and employment stabilization plans.

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6:02 a. m. Texas Farm and Home Program — TQN, Extension—C. E. Bowles and Walter Hammond
11:25 a. m. Today's Summary on the Home Front
11:30 a. m. Something to Read — Dr. T. F. Mayo
11:40 a. m. Dramatized News Event
11:45 a. m. Brazos Valley Farm and Home Program — FSA
11:55 a. m. News—Interviews
12:00 a. m. Sign—Off

Each graduate of the Big Spring school leaves here with the knowledge and experience equal to forty actual combat missions.