



Barney Rapp Orchestra To Play Senior Ring Dance

Town Hall Presents Eminent Singer On Stage Before Audience of Civilians, Aggies and Servicemen Thursday at 8

Crooks Is Fourth In Entertainment Series

Richard Crooks, American tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Association will be presented on Town Hall Thursday evening January 19, 8 p. m., at Guion Hall.

Crooks according to his press release has two sorts of days. He explains them as "when you sing and when you don't".

"A concert season isn't quite so strenuous as the opera", he adds, "because the bogey of rehearsals isn't there."

"On singing days at the opera," he continues, "I arise at 8:30, breakfast on fruit juice, hot cereal and toast, rest about an hour, then vocalize for a while. I read, write letters, talk as little as possible. If the day is fine, and not too icy, I take a brisk walk before noon. The comes my dinner—meat, green vegetables, stewed fruit. I rest again until about 4, then I begin to think about getting down to the opera house."

"No later than 5, I have a very light lunch—tea, an egg, some orange juice; but I take nothing that might rasp the throat or produce mucus (which milk would do)."

"I like to leave home early, to arrive at my dressing room a full two hours before the curtain. That gives me plenty of time to get used to the temperature of the house, to dress with care, to allow for unforeseen difficulties with costumes, etc."

"Next comes the call boy and then—the show is on!"

"After the performance, I like to go straight home. Sometimes friends come with us, but it is best, after a taxing performance, to keep quiet. Towards midnight, I have another light meal—soup, (See CROOKS, Page 2)



Richard Crooks

Double-Header Tilt Set for Thursday

Plans are now being made for a double-header basketball program between the A. S. T. U. and the Air Corps basketball teams to be played at DeWare Field House Thursday night.

The preliminary tilt will find the A. S. T. U. officers playing the Air Corps officers. The feature game will be the continuation of a series of games between the Regimental A. S. T. U. team and the Air Corps team. Both of the latter teams have met each other before, and both teams have emerged as victors. The A. S. T. U. team is sparked by several Aggie-exes and by a couple of ex-college performers, while the Air Corps team is made up mostly of ex-college stars.

ASTP Program Will Be Continued Despite Rumors to Contrary

The Army Specialized Training Program, which is now providing College training for thousands of Army men in more than 200 colleges and universities throughout the nation, will be continued despite rumors to the contrary which have been circulated within recent weeks.

"The number of soldiers assigned for training under the ASTP," Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson recently stated, "will be changed from time to time so as to accord with the needs of the Army and available manpower. It is now being somewhat reduced but may later be increased or still further reduced as the needs of the military situation or military training make advisable."

At the present time, about 140,000 men are being trained under the A. S. T. P.

Twenty-one students have signed up for the new course in Chinese language and culture at Wheaton College, Illinois.

Twenty-Eight Ags Received Awards At Annual Banquet

Five Cross-Country Men Letter During Season; Given Awards

Last night the Annual Football Banquet was held and the honored football boys received their letters. After their successful football season the lads were given their honors. The following is a list of the boys that received their letters last night: Earl Beesley, Goble Bryant, Jessie Burditt, Bob Butchofsky, Grant Darnell, Don Deere, Adolph Eberle, Marion Flanagan, Bob Gary, Bill Geer, Charles Gibson, James Hallmark, Charlie Moncrief, Harry Neville, Dick Overlie, Marion Settegest, Charles Shira, Damon Tassos, Herb Turley, Stanley Turner, James Wiley, Charles Wright, Dick Wright, and Warren Gilbert (manager).

A list of the cross-country runners were released last night at the banquet and the following is the list of the boys who lettered: John Bradford, C. D. Brown, F. R. Mason, J. R. Vaughn, and R. C. Webb.

Dunn to Show Clinical Movies to Veterinary Society on Wednesday

Dr. R. C. Dunn, head of the department of veterinary pathology and bacteriology, will show his collection of movie films picturing various clinical cases and conditions to the Junior Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Wednesday night, January 19th at 7:15, in the amphitheatre of the veterinary hospital. Along with the movies, Dr. Dunn will make explanatory comments regarding the various diseases shown which will contribute toward a worthwhile as well as interesting evening.

The veterinary staff is cordially invited, and members and interested guests are urged to come early for this final meeting of the semester. Coffee, dessert, and cigars will be served.

Instructor Robert O. Fink of the Beloit College faculty stepped into his classroom recently to meet a new class of Army students. A tall lad approached him and said that he was the group leader. "Well, I'm Fink," said the instructor. "I'm Funk," said the student.

YMCA Holds Dinner For Local Leaders Saturday at Noon

Group Discusses Ways To Raise Money For American Prisoners

M. L. Cashion of the Young Men's Christian Association on the campus held a luncheon on the terrace of the Aggeland Inn Saturday at 12 for the purpose of getting together the campus leaders to discuss the ways and means of raising money to aid American war prisoners in upholding morale. The meal and discussion lasted from the noon hour to 2 o'clock.

Among the men who were present were Col. Maurice D. Welty, Judge W. S. Barron of Bryan who is chairman of the local group, Capt. Jack C. Kimbrough, Capt. Sam Hill, Lt. T. Rickenbacker, George B. Wilcox, Mrs. Evelyn Brandagan of radio station WTAW, Don W. May, director of publications, and Sylvester Boone, editor of the Battalion were present to handle publicity. Robert G. Cox, president of the senior class, Jack Knox, head yell leader, Jack Jordan and George Neiman of the A.S.T.P., Carr and Dobb of the Naval Training School, and Charles W. May and Kenneth Sawyer of the Air Corps were also present to help with publicity within their own service.

Cox was appointed to the position of chairman of the student and service man group. This group met yesterday afternoon at 5:15 to plan the details. They will be published in Thursday's Battalion. It was urged at the meeting that every attempt be made to collect money for the World Student Service Fund, as it is called, and make this post go over all quotas.

Corps Ball Proves To Be Great Success

The final Corps Ball of the semester presented last Saturday night was an outstanding success. All Aggies and Exes who attended the Ball enjoyed themselves immensely throughout the evening.

Music for the dance was provided by the Bergstrom Field Orchestra which did a wonderful job. There was music to suit the taste of anyone who attended, from sweet and slow to Boogie-woogie.

Dormitory 17 was vacated at noon Saturday to provide accommodations for the dates of those who attended the dance.

Tickets For Dance On Sale Today; Price Set At \$2.50

Student Activities Committee Releases '45 Class Funds for Use; Dorm to be Vacated

Announcement was made late yesterday afternoon that Barney Rapp and his Orchestra will play for the Senior Ring Dance January 28 in Sbsisa Hall, according to Hank Avery, chairman of the ring dance committee.

Tickets for the dance go on sale this morning at \$2.50 per couple, announced Avery.

Taking action Monday morning, the Student Activities Committee released the money

Press Banquet Will Be Held Wednesday Night in Sbsisa Hall

Awards for Important Members To Be Given; McQuillen To Speak

A. and M.'s Press Club will hold their annual Press Club Banquet this Wednesday evening in the Banquet Room of Sbsisa Hall at 6:30. The banquet is a tradition at the end of every semester. It is given to honor the journalistic students on the campus who have been especially active in all publications work. At the present time, the newspaper staff is the only group undertaking work along these lines.

E. E. McQuillen, secretary of the Ex-Students Association, will be the guest speaker for the evening. The subject will be "The Post-War Development of A. & M. College." Everyone on the campus who are connected with the paper will be guests of the Press Club at the dinner. Approximately seventy-five people should be present at the affair, it was announced by Charles Murray, the club president.

Entertainment will be furnished by the Singing Cadets, and Pinky Hull will provide some popular and boogie-woogie music on the piano.

Special awards will be presented to the outstanding members of the Press Club at this time. For this reason, the banquet is considered to be the climax of the year's work.

Lass-O' Staff Visits Here on Week-end To Edit Battalion

Fourteen members of the Lass-O came to Aggeland last Friday to put out the "Battalion." Upon arriving on the campus, the girls were taken to Sbsisa Mess Hall by members of the Press club to eat at a late table.

That afternoon the girls journeyed to the Battalion Office and successfully put out the paper. Taking time off for relaxation, the journalists participated in a snow fight.

Friday night found the girls, escorted by members of the Battalion, at Guion Hall enjoying "Louisiana Purchase." Upon leaving the show, the party went to the "Y" where they danced to the music of a phonograph.

The party separated into couples Saturday morning and afternoon and went their own way. Theatres were the scene of most couples.

Saturday night the party as a whole went to the Corps Ball that was held in Sbsisa Hall and danced to the music of the Bergstrom Field Orchestra. The dance was attended by many besides the journalists.

Sunday, after dinner, the party attended a moving picture which featured "Winter Time". At 6:12 that afternoon the girls boarded the Sunbeam Streamliner and headed back to Tesseliland.

World Student Fund Contributes For Better Morale Within Prison Camps

By Sylvester Boone

A high or low morale standard can be the winning or losing factor of the war at the fronts. Not only is it important at the front, but at home, and in prison camps. Morale of the war prisoner is gradually being recognized as the most important factor to the winning of the war and the winning of the peace after the war, so it is here that work has begun. The World Student Service Fund, sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association, has been at work for months, helping American prisoners wherever and whenever they need help. It is to this source that war prisoners look for aid because they know that every effort will be made to get what is asked for.

How can morale be put on a higher scale? This can be easily answered when the term is defined. Morale is the mental state that a person finds himself in when he has nothing to think about hour after hour. The mind becomes inactive and from inactivity of the mind comes a loss of a winning spirit and confidence. Morale, then, is an important factor in the

winning of this war.

To give the morale a boost, something, just anything, can be used. Prisoners are asking for books, athletic equipment, musical instruments, and any number of things that the Fund can get for them. As it is put by the prisoners themselves, they want, "something to do with your minds and hands," and that is just what is being done, but it is going to be done in a most successful way only with the help of every American, particularly students and service men who are stationed on the many college campuses throughout the nation.

To buy all of the things that are needed by these prisoners of war, money is needed. Contributions have to be asked for and received. Books of the nature that are wanted cost money, just as do athletic equipment and musical instruments, or anything else that might aid in boosting morale. This is where the students and service men come in.

The World Student Service Fund has been set up by the YMCA to buy and send over the necessary

German Authorities Complain

German authorities in Norway have complained to the Quilzing regime that efforts to educate Norwegians in the use of the German language have completely failed. The Germans complained that this Norwegian obstinacy had caused the cancelling of many German language courses because of the lack of pupils.

Students at the University of New Mexico during the fall semester hailed from 42 states and foreign countries, and those from out-of-state form 37.4 per cent of the total student body.