



Master Mind Makes Appearance On Town Hall Stage

Registration Reveals 1460 Men Now Enrolled In Student Body

Several Courses Added to Freshman Curricula to Adjust New Students

Registration for the new semester had reached a total of 1461 new and old-returning students at 1:30 Monday afternoon, according to H. L. Heaton, Registrar. This showed a drop of some five hundred from last semester's total. The decrease can probably be credited to the small number of new students entering A. & M. and to tightening draft regulations.

Old returning students, totaling 1253, were mostly engineering majors, premedical students, and veterinary medicine trainees. Only about fifteen were enrolled in the graduate school.

The number of new students signing in Friday, though exceeding expectations, was but 208. Of these about 10%, an unusually large proportion, were Latin American men. Also entering were quite a number of men with honorary discharges from the armed forces.

All new students this term found a new course on their schedules, Freshman Orientation. This course meets every Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. chapel. Sponsored by the Student Personnel department to assist the new men in adjusting themselves to new events, the course will carry no credit hours.

Local Credit Union Elects Officers; Declares Dividends

The stated annual meeting of the Texas A. & M. College Federal Credit Union was held in Room (See CREDIT, Page 3)

Semester for Aggies Begins in Usual Way Of "Never Die Spirit"

By Jim Gabbard

Boxes and lamps shutting from room to room, a scattered few dazed frogs, shorter registration lines and many an Aggie hand-clasp rang in the new semester Saturday as A. & M. started work again after a week's rest. Most of us returned with resolutions of harder work and more grade points in the new semester, prompted by a week near enough to the local draft board to feel their breath on our heels.

Most of the last semester residents of Walton were swapping stories of the week or out getting a head start selling books, as they were spared the trouble of moving.

But customers for freshmen books were amazingly scarce and hard to get to, as hardly two hundred new frogs were on the campus. High-pressure sales lines were evident in every transaction, where salesmen were usually five-to-every customer.

Saturday's registrants were surprised to find the waiting lines in the Administration building shorter than ever before. Many were remembering block-long lines they had waited through a year's past.

Many an Aggie of last semester was missed on the campus, either graduated or gone into a bigger game.

But in spite of the changes Aggeland was much the same. Old friends hailed each other; the Aggie hand clasp was just as convincing as ever, and there were a few new Aggies to put on the line. A. & M. was alive again.

Wesley Foundation Honored Officers At Dinner on 26th

Rev. C. W. Lokey of Bryan Delivered Talk Of Evening at Inn

A. and M. Wesley Foundation, student organization of the Methodist Church, paid tribute to past and present officers Wednesday night, Jan. 26, at a dinner at the Aggeland Inn. Members of the Foundation, which is now composed of both Aggies and service men trainees at A. and M., attended, so that in addition to Texas the states of Michigan, Kansas, California, and Illinois were represented. The Rev. Walton B. Gardner, Pastor of the A. and M. Methodist Church and Director of the Wesley Foundation, pronounced the invocation.

Rev. C. W. Lokey, Bryan District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, delivered the address of the evening. The fact that he is of a line whose men have nobly supported and fought for liberty, that he was an officer in the A. E. F. in France, and that his son is now in the armed forces of the country, plus his deep conviction, lent great weight to his encouraging message. He said that the term Christian soldier is really not a contradiction. Destruction for the present is unavoidable and due to the faults and mistakes of men inescapable. The Christian with faith in God as revealed in the person of Jesus Christ can so conduct himself, and must, that not only is he a soldier in the army of the United Nations, but a Soldier of the Cross as well, uniting with the great redemptive forces of Christ to build and rebuild the world now in its agony of destruction. "If the Son shall make you free," said Jesus, "ye shall be free indeed." This was Rev. Lokey's emphatic point. Only in alliance with Christ can this present suffering yield gain, and only through Him is there true freedom.

Attention Sleepers: Here Is a Course Composed of Movies

For any student that would like to catch up on some needed sleep in classroom there is being given a course that will perfectly suit his needs. This course offers ideal conditions to put a student in restful slumber. The room will be dark and there will be soft music which will put one at ease. It also has the advantage of not having an instructor give any lectures.

The course is Agronomy 415 which has as a subject Soil Seminar. It will consist entirely of motion pictures and will be given on Thursday from 7:15 to 8:15 in the evening. It is a one hour course.

New Spanish Course Offered in Evening

Due to such a great demand for a course in Spanish presented in a conversational style by college employees and members of their families, an evening class is being planned for them. The first meeting will be held in room 124, Academic Building, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. The course will be conducted by Professor Joe Woolket.

Meetings of All Students Will Be Held At 11 o'Clock

Convocations of all students will be held Wednesday at 11 a. m. All new freshmen and transfer students in Engineering will meet Dean Gilchrist in the Y. M. C. A. Chapel. All new freshmen and transfer students in Veterinary Medicine will meet Dean Marsteller in the lecture room in Francis Hall. All new freshmen and transfer students in Agriculture, Agricultural Administration, and Agricultural Engineering will meet Dean Kyle in the lecture room of the Agricultural Engineering Building. All new freshmen students and transfer students in Arts and Sciences will meet Dean Brooks in Room 123 Academic Building.

All other students will meet Dean Bolton in Guion Hall. Matters of deferment will be considered at all meetings.

New Specialist Is Named By College Extension Service

Miss Martin Names Head Of Home Dairy Division; Newly Created Department

Appointment of Miss Gladys Martin as home dairy specialist, a newly created position on the headquarters staff of the A. & M. College Extension Service, was announced today by Acting Director James D. Prewitt. Miss Martin, currently county home demonstration agent for Eastland County, will take up her new duties about February 15.

According to Mildred Horton, vice director and state home demonstration agent who will supervise her activities, Miss Martin will work with the 220 county home demonstration agents in the state in assisting farm and ranch families to produce good quality milk in sufficient quantity to meet

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Dreams Of A. & M. In Future May Become Reality After The War

By J. C. Tanner

Immediately after the war, plans for a huge expansion program will go into effect for Texas A. & M. College.

Under the new expansion program, new buildings will be erected, present ones repaired and remodeled. New courses and schedules will be made, new classes introduced.

Probably the most prominent of the new buildings to be erected on the A. & M. campus will be included in the Memorial Student Activity Center. These buildings will be located approximately where the basketball, tennis, volleyball courts are now situated between Kyle Field and the drill field. The Center will include a hotel, lounge, recreation rooms, swimming pool, and recreational grounds. All this will cost 1,000,000 or more.

A chapel will be among the new buildings. This promises to be a great asset to the beauty of the campus. The location has not been determined as yet.

According to Dr. Bolton, acting president of A. & M., another



THE MASTER MENTALIST—Joseph Dunninger, Mystic and Psychic, who will appear on Town Hall tonight as its fifth feature of the season. The program which this master-reader appears in begins at 8 p.m. on the stage of Guion Hall.

Localities Notice; Scouts Take Over City Thursday

In the upholding of National Boy Scout Week, the local scout troops will hold their annual election to choose the boys for the positions they will fill when the organization meets at the city government station next Thursday.

The offices of mayor, city manager, fire chief, marshal engineer, and others will be held all day by members of Boy Scout troops 102 and 411 and Cub Pack 102. Ballots will be had for the voters to designate their choice from the two parties, Reds and Blues.

The heated election will take place at the Consolidated School to elect the following men to their offices of the day. Local residents are reminded to watch their P's and Q's during the day if they wish to stay out of trouble.

Red Ticket: Mayor, Bobby Wright; Councilmen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Dickie Yarnell and James Prewitt, Van Adamson and Homer LaMotte, David Haines and Allan Davit, Harry Snapp and Rowland Jones, Billy Mogford and George Johnson, George Bond and Dan Williams.

Fire Chief, Curtis Burns and Donald R. Whitmore; Fire Marshall, Knox Walker and Ide Trotter; City Manager, John Lambert; Foreman, George Rodgers and Milford Beans; Electrician, David Guthrie; Plumber, Clifford LaMotte; Health and Sanitation, John Grant and Bob Smith; City Engineer, Richard Buevans; City Attorney, Luther Jones, Jr.; Dog Catcher, Billy Hale and Francis Pfrimmer; City Marshall, Elvin Street and Delbert Myers.

Blue Ticket: May Curt Weinke; Councilmen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Wally Anderson and G. Klipple, Billy Brukhalter and P. Dickerson, Jimmy Milliff and Royce Rogers, Bob Marshall and J. H. Stockton, George Stephens and Dickey Dowell, Bill Munnerlyn and Jason Magee.

Fire Chief, Johnny Lancaster and Bill Williams; Fire Marshall, Neal Alexander and Donald R. Brogdon; City Manager, Jerry Bonnen; Foreman, John Parnell and Bob Barlow; Electrician, Ralph Smith; Plumber, John Gay; Health & Sanitation, Aden McGee and Jerry Spiker; City Engineer, Dan Davit; City Attorney, Graham Horsley; Dog Catcher, Gene Potts and Edward Branchi; City Marshall, Thomas Long and Lloyd Gay.

Dunninger Reads Minds Of Audience Tonight At 8 p.m.

Demonstrations on Radio Program Prove Abilities of Mentalist in Mystic Feats

Turn in Ration Books

Ration books which were taken out of the mess hall office during mid-term vacation should be submitted immediately to this office. New students who have not turned in ration books, should also do so at once.

Lumber Needs of War Require That Forests Be Saved

Drain On Wood of Post War Construction Will Consume Large Tracts

The present "world outlook accentuates America's need for an effective forest program," Lyle F. Watts, new Chief of the U. S. Forest Service told Agricultural Secretary Claude R. Wickard in his first annual report recently made public by the Secretary.

The situation in the war-torn countries, where entire cities have been devastated and normal economies thoroughly disrupted, coupled with the inevitable depleted condition of much of the commercial forest of our own country after the war, Watts said, makes it of utmost importance that "the United States take stock of its present and potential forest productivity."

The Chief estimated that in post-war Europe the "timber deficit will probably be greater than the anticipated surplus of all the rest of the world."

Watts predicted post-war use of the new moulded plywood and paperbase plastics in automobiles, furniture and other articles, and said that the post-war "outlook offer large incentive to farmers to manage their woodlands for maximum sustained yield, either by their own efforts or with the help of cooperative organization."

Indicating that the present "pinch" on civilian use of forest products in this country would become even more acute before the end of the war, the Chief Forester reported that "purchases for direct war use in the first six months of 1943 were greater than in the preceding six months, whereas estimates of total cut for 1943 fall some ten billion feet below 1942 consumption." He added that inventories of retail yards declined "by more than one-third in the first half of 1943, leaving them some 60 percent below the Pearl Harbor levels."

In pointing out the need of timber management for maximum sustained yield, Watts said that at the present time the growth of trees suitable for lumber in the United States "is currently not much more than half of anticipated post-war requirements," and (See LUMBER Page 3)

Press Club Holds First Meet Wednesday

The A. & M. Press Club will hold its first meeting of this semester in the Lounge Room of Sbis Hall immediately following supper Wednesday night. The purpose of this meeting is to make plans for the coming semester and all students interested in journalism and the school paper, the Battalion, are urged to attend.

New freshmen are especially urged to attend if they are interested in working on the Battalion. There is a great need for new staff members on this semester's staff. It is educational, interesting and a good pastime. The time again, 7:00 p. m., Wednesday February 9, in the Sbis Hall Lounge Room.

There is perhaps no one other entertainer in the United States whose remarkable accomplishments have won so much "page one" recognition as Dunninger, "The Master Mind", who will present a mystifying demonstration of telepathy and mind reading when he appears at Guion Hall tonight at 8 p. m. under the auspices of Town Hall.

Dunninger has exposed fraudulent mediums whose claims for communication with departed souls have cheated many misguided individuals seeking "word from beyond." His work in this field has won important recognition, for by such exposures he has saved victims the thousands of dollars annually poured into the coffers of these so-called "mystics". His amazing experiments in thought transmission which have been performed for large audiences in many sections of the country have baffled the nation's greatest psychologists. His seemingly superhuman accomplishments with the human mind have gained him an international reputation.

In recent months he has proven his abilities to be more astonishing than ever before because he has developed astounding powers of "long distance" mind reading. In Philadelphia on March 5, 1943, he presented the first demonstration of such telepathy as a radio feature when without personal contact he read the mind of a newspaper editor seated at the city desk of the Philadelphia Record, two miles away from the studio, and broadcast the exact working of the "banner" headline of the newspaper even before it was set up in type.

Dunninger had no means of knowing just how many words the editor had written, nor had he any information as to what the biggest news of the next edition was to have been, but he checked the editor's mind word for word as the latter concentrated on each item of the headline, and when the fifth word was reached Dunninger announced: "Stop there, I think I have it" . . . and he was entirely correct! Imagine the surprise of the editor when he was told his mind had been read over a distance of two miles by a man he had never seen or spoken to!

This is only one of a series of amazing demonstrations of mentalism that Dunninger has effected. There are apparently no doors locked against this master men-

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Friend Of Aggies Sends Regrets Of Reveille's Death

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In a letter to W. R. Horsley, of the Student Placement office, R. L. Auten of Passaic, N. J. expressed feelings typical of many people about the country on the death of A. & M.'s beloved mascot, Reveille. Auten is a supervisor with the Curtis-Wright Corporation.)

January 20, 1944.

Dear Mr. Horsley:

I was sorry to read in last night's paper of the death of Reveille.

She had made herself a very definite part of the campus life and I looked forward to seeing her again on my all too few visits to Texas. I know that she will be missed by faculty and students alike and that a definite warm spot in many hearts is gone.

May I extend from the Corporation and myself sincere sympathy to you and the other members of the campus group with whom Reveille has so closely allied her life during the past years.

Very truly yours,
R. L. AUTEN.