



Call For Track Men Made; Position On Team Offered

Lil Dimmitt Asks Those With or Without High School Training to Report for Try

Coach Lil J. Dimmitt today issued his annual call for prospective track and field events men to represent Texas A. & M. College in the various track meets during the Spring season.

"Any boy who participated in any event in high school, or those who did not participate in high school but want to have a try at it in college, is welcome and urged to come out for the team this year," Coach Dimmitt said.

"This year is a wonderful opportunity for every boy to make the A. & M. track team, and we are going to participate in several big meets. We need dash men, jumpers, hurdlers, distance runners and boys who want to enter the shotput, javelin and discus throws. High jumpers and pole vaulters also are needed. There's a wonderful opportunity for any boy with ability and a willingness to train and take direction to make the team.

"We are defending champions this year in track, and I want every boy in school to have an opportunity to represent A. & M. on the track team."

Coach Dimmitt wants the track team prospects to meet at the Athletic office at Kyle Field just as soon as their last class is over Thursday afternoon. At least 100 loyal Aggies are expected to report for the track team, and the more the merrier, Coach Dimmitt says.

Garbage Collection Dates Are Given

Claude W. Rodgers, assistant city manager for the City of College Station, has announced the dates scheduled for the collection of garbage and requests that residents of this area please take note of these dates and co-operate with the city in this new program.

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the garbage trucks will collect in the College Park, West Park and Oakwood sections. Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning collections will be made in College Hills sections. Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning collections will be made in the North Gate area, Meadowlane and the area north of highway No. 6.

Householders and residents of these areas are asked to aid the city sanitary department in maintaining this schedule of collection dates.

Coast College Gets Addition To Group

Berkeley, Calif. (ACP)—The University of California is on the way to having its eighth campus. Plans are taking shape now for the incorporation of Santa Barbara State College into the University of California's statewide system.

The incorporation plans are in accordance with recent action by the State Legislature and the University Board of Regents.

In voting to accept the new campus, the Regents declared that it was not proposed to expand the instruction at Santa Barbara to the full curriculum offered at Berkeley or Los Angeles.

"The institution should be primarily an undergraduate institution, emphasizing, as it does now, the industrial arts, home economics, art, music, and teacher training, but at the same time giving a substantial general education," the Regents resolved.

University officials pointed out, however, that certain changes would probably be required to fit Santa Barbara into the structure of the statewide institution, and changes are being considered in such matters as admission requirements, faculty organization, degrees and curricula.

Radio Program To Enact Scene of CAP Control Room

Newly-Activated CAP Forest Patrol Goes On Duty This Week

A scene from the control room of a CAP Texas Forest Patrol base will be re-enacted for the radio by A. & M. Department of English instructors next Friday morning over the Texas Quality Network at 6:00 a.m., according to Lt. S. L. Frost, commander of the patrol.

Participating in the program, which shows how the new Civil Air Patrol unit coordinates with the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, on fire prevention and suppression, will be J. Q. Hayes; C. O. Spriggs and H. L. Kidd. Dick Gottlieb will be narrator and Ken Spaulding the announcer. The script was written and directed by Tom Journey, of the WTAW staff.

The newly-activated CAP Forest Patrol will go on active duty this week, following a month's intensive training program for pilots, observers and ground personnel.

In addition to spotting fires from the air and reporting them by radio, the unit will drop reminder messages to farmers—an effort to prevent forest fires.

"Extremely high fire hazards exist now," Commander Frost said, "because of the broken limbs and tops in the forest caused by the recent ice damage and we want to use every possible means to warn people to be careful with fires."

"The flying fire fighters" have also been trained in directing ground crews from the air at the scene of an actual forest fire. An elaborate system of signals has been worked out and these will be used in addition to the two-way radios of both ground and air crews.

Members of the Bryan-College squadron will fly the initial patrols over the ten million acres of East

Brazil Poultryman Visits Campus To Study New Methods

Member of Brazilian Agriculture Arrives For Two-Week Stay

A member of the staff of the Brazilian ministry of Agriculture, Luiz de Rego Cavalcanti de Albuquerque, is on the A. & M. College campus for two weeks to study the latest poultry production, dressing, and disease control methods.

Arrangements for Mr. Albuquerque's visit in Texas, which is expected to cover a nine-month period, were made by the A. and M. College Extension Service in cooperation with the federal Extension office and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

Following Mr. Albuquerque's study here with members of the poultry faculty and Extension poultrymen, he will go to the Luling Foundation Farm for several weeks work and training. During the Houston Livestock Exposition and Fat Stock Show Mr. Albuquerque will confer with a fellow Brazilian who now is studying on a large dairy farm in Jim Wells County. He, too, was placed by the Texas Extension Service.

The Brazilian will conclude his months of work and study at several large poultry dressing plants in the state and with field work arranged by Extension poultry husbandmen and county agents. Mr. Albuquerque is a graduate of the Escola de Agronomia, Recife, State of Pernambuco, Brazil.

Texas timberland and other CAP pilots and observers will be called in as needed.

CAP ground crews will also assist the personnel of the Texas Forest Service where needed, serving as radio men and women, tower lookout men and other assignments, Mr. W. E. White, director of the Texas Forest Service said.

"Only the churches stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth," Dr. Albert Einstein.

Assessment Notice

The City of College Station is now assessing taxes for the current year. If you have property in city limits, including personal and automobile, subject to taxes, please call at city offices and render same according to the law. Unless you do this you surrender your right to participate in fixing value.

Claude W. Rodgers
City Tax Collector.

Funds Advanced For Extension of REA Co-op Electric Lines

Value of electricity in increasing the amount of food produced and processed on the farm is revealed in the current expansion of rural electric cooperatives in Texas.

Funds for extending lines and services have been granted to six REA co-ops in recent weeks, the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service has been advised. The list includes allotments for expansion to rural electric cooperatives at Navasota, Muenster, Cleburne, and Livingston.

Dunninger Performs For Over 2000 Mystic Fans

By Charlie Murray
Performing before an audience over-running Guion Hall's seating capacity of 2000 Joseph Dunninger, nationally famous mentalist and magician, mystified everyone with his marvelous feats of mind-reading and slight-of-hand tricks. He can be heard weekly on Sunday afternoon at 6:30 over station WJZ of the Blue Network.

First on the program was a series of warm-up teasers; a volunteer from the audience walked to the rear of the building, glanced at a card from a supposedly new deck, and returned to the stage. Then Dunninger thumbed through a duplicate deck and held up a card: four of hearts. Right!

This act started the show with a bang! Several other card tricks followed, each mystifying the audience to a greater extent.

Two more aides were chosen to assist him in his next act. From

"Y" War Prisoner Work Carried Into Jap Occupied Areas

M. L. Cashion Announces Extension of Service; Prisons Are Described

Extension into the Philippine Islands of the work of War Prisoners Aid of the Y.M.C.A., a participating service of the National War Fund, was announced today by M. L. Cashion, general secretary of the Texas A. & M. Y.M.C.A. upon receipt of a report from the organization's national headquarters in New York.

Definite information that the Philippine Islands have been opened to Y.M.C.A. representatives in the Far East was brought to the United States by Hugo Cedergren, of Sweden, Associate Director of the War Prisoners Aid, who arrived from Europe last week. The neutral War Prisoners Aid delegates in Japanese-occupied territory are all Swedish, and it is through Sweden that news of their activities is received.

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Bolton Gives Lowdown on Draft In Student Meeting Held at Guion Hall

Speaker To Be At Guion Hall Feb. 16

Residents of College Station, the Cadet Corps, Sailors and Marines, and men of the Army Specialized Training Program on the Campus of A. & M. will be permitted to hear Merle Burke speaking on "The Oriental Nations as Contributors to a New World Order" February 16 on the Stage of Guion Hall when this authority on the Far East is brought to the campus by the Bryan Rotary Club through its Institute of International Understanding. Mr. Burke will speak at four o'clock and special guests for that hour will be the Sailors and Marines of the Naval Training school, and again at 7:15 with the Cadet Corps and the ASTP as special guests.

Mr. Burke is recognized throughout this nation as an outstanding authority on the Orient. He was born and educated in Illinois and began traveling in the far east soon after completing his formal education. He collaborated with Upton Close, NBC's expert on Far Eastern affairs, in writing a text book on world history which is now on the press.

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Membership in PCC Increased to 24,000 Farmers, Ranchers

Membership of the 36 Texas Production credit associations has reached the highest point in their 10-year history. During 1943 the membership increased to 24,797 farmers and ranchmen, the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service has been advised by the Production Credit Corporation of Houston.

A recent check-up showed that members now own more than three million dollars in stock in their short-term credit cooperatives, while earned surplus totals were in excess of two million dollars. The year just past reflected a 12 per cent gain in membership and 20 per cent increase in locally owned capital stock.

Yesterday in various lecture rooms and in Guion Hall talks were given by Deans Bolton, Gilchrist, Kyle, and Marsteller to their respective student listeners. Classes were dismissed at 11:00 Wednesday morning for the important talks concerning deferments for upperclassmen and college regulations for freshmen. All students, however, were given forms on which to fill out the information about their draft status.

All the deans stressed the importance of filling out the printed forms, giving them the necessary information of draft classification and to be returned, if the students have not done so immediately.

Dean Bolton explained in his talk that during the last few months more men were needed for the draft to fill the country's quota. Now since the father draft bill has been passed, the War Manpower Commission has decided to take more college graduates and undergraduates rather than married men with children. Bolton stated that approximately 10,000 college students would be granted deferments and these deferments would only be given on high scholastic grade averages. About 16,000 students will apply for deferments, which means two-thirds of this number will be deferred. The present graduating class is expected to be allowed to graduate by the War Manpower Commission, said Bolton.

The eligibility for these draft deferments will require a student to be able to graduate within 24 months of his 18th birthday. Scholarship will be the determining factor in granting the 10,000 deferments, which will be requested for the student through his local draft board.

Persons Needed By Civil Service With Business Ability

Persons with a knowledge of business and industry will have an opportunity to serve their government in the OPA, WPB, Smaller War Plants Corporation, WMC and other federal agencies in the state of Texas, at salaries ranging from \$2600 to \$6500 a year, plus overtime, College Station, local civil service secretary said today posting a new type of civil service examination announcement for top ranking federal administrative positions.

The general type of positions to be filled include: statistician, board operations officer, price specialist, tire inspector, investigator, economist, price analyst, accountant, chief of office services, priority and order specialist, industrial analyst, redistribution analyst, compliance examiner, industrial specialist, contract specialist, training specialist, manpower utilization consultant, placement specialist, labor market analyst, administrative assistant, training within industry representative, training within industry specialist and other similar positions.

"Qualifications and duties will vary with the grade and the position to which the appointment is made," it was stated, emphasizing that applicants are graded on the basis of appropriate experience for the position to which they seek appointment.

Applications should be filed immediately with the director, 10th civil service region, 210 S. Harwood St., Dallas, 1, Texas.

All appointments will be made in conformance with War Manpower Commission regulations.

CREDIT TO FARMERS IN 1943 BY PCC \$64,000,000

Credit extended to Texas farmers and stockmen through production credit associations in 1943 amounted to more than sixty-four million dollars, a gain of about one million over the previous year.

Philadelphia Opera Company Comes To Town Hall On February 21 For Next Appearance In Current Series

That grand opera is grand theatre as well as great music was the eager belief of two young Americans a few years ago. David Hocker, a bank clerk, and Sylvan Levin, who went from a Baltimore night club piano to the podium of the Philadelphia Symphony as Leopold Stokowski's assistant, not only held this belief. They acted on it.

Wherefore the Philadelphia Opera Company, with three astonishing years of performance behind it, is this season making its first tour under the sponsorship of the veteran impresario S. Hurok.

The company which will come to the Texas A. & M. Town Hall on Monday, February 21st, is an aggregation of young Americans, of the average age of twenty-seven, with only one exception native born, all of them the products of the great American conservatories and the excellent quality of American musical teaching.

They have proved in three active seasons that a pretty girl who can act is not thereby barred from being an admirable soprano, that a romantic hero who looks romantic may also be a fine tenor despite his narrow waistline, and that a company which demands of itself at least twenty-five full-cast rehearsals and three to four rehearsals with full orchestra before offering a production to the public can give a well integrated, well paced, vital performance and inci-

dentally can make operatic history. They have also proved that despite the moribund state of the major operatic companies who have been playing to half-filled houses and appealing to the public for funds to keep them alive, the American people want grand opera and want it enthusiastically and solvently.

Americans want opera, however, on their own terms. They want fresh, well acted, well dressed performances instead of shabby ill-rehearsed ones. They want beauty on the stage for the eye as well as the ear. They want opera in a language they can understand, and at a price they can pay.

The Messrs. Levin and Hocker felt strongly that the public had a case, and the response of both public and critics have corroborated them.

"Something momentous is stirring. It is time for the country to take notice," wrote the New York Times. The Boston Globe pointed out: "Boston has just seen a promising ideal in practical operation. Their ideal of youth, beauty and a good show is going to make operatic history."

With the emergence of this new kind of opera in Philadelphia's decorous Academy of Music a dwindling opera audience was suddenly augmented by boys and girls from college and high school, by young office workers, by thousands who never before had entered a symphony hall or an opera house. They



MODERN MISS—Who sings a leading role in "Die Fledermaus" (retitled "The Bat") by Johann Strauss will be presented on the stage of Guion Hall by Town Hall, February 21.

paid little more than the price of admission to a neighborhood movie, and thrilled to great music that was a first class show besides.

This season they constitute a solid and reliable audience for the repertoire of seven operas which the Philadelphia Opera Company will offer its home devotees.

Three principles moved the collaborative Levin-Hocker brains, and these principles still guide the operations of their brain-child: to show that opera is good theatre,

to win a new and wider opera audience, and to provide the many fine young American artists with opportunities in grand opera.

To turn to the show itself, it is a genuine and enthusiastic collaboration among the performers, the stage director and the orchestra. Stage director and orchestra conductor share equal responsibility and the emphasis is as much on dramatic as on musical effectiveness.

Thoroughness of rehearsal is an ironclad rule. The traditional opera companies, even the greatest which have borne the banner of grand opera for generations, normally stage most of the traditional operas without a single full-cast rehearsal. A newly imported singer often disembarked from a boat in the morning and stepped onto the stage as Faust or Siegmund the same night, uncertain from which entrance his Marguerite or Sieglinde would come to greet him or where and how she would receive his embrace. A rehearsal with orchestra is almost unheard of, except when a new conductor is given an hour or so to outline to the players his general conducting ideas.

Almost the entire membership of the Philadelphia company is likely to be found at any given rehearsal of the Philadelphia Opera, for the simple reason that the star system does not exist here. The soprano who may be singing the

Countess in the Mozart's "Figaro" may have a subordinate role in "The Bat" and an understudy the leading role in a third work. Even those who do not have roles in the opera in rehearsal sit nearby, following the score and often mouthing the parts being sung, studying every possible role for which their voices are suited.

To build his initial audience General Manager Hocker toured the schools and colleges around Philadelphia with a talk on the company and illustrated with a few musical numbers by the singers. How well the idea appealed to young Americans was shown by the fact that two of the six operas presented the first season were complete sell-outs and the other four drew an average audience of nearly 3,000. The third season was more than half sold out by subscription two full months before the opening.

Like Hocker and Levin, the personnel of the Philadelphia Opera Company is average young American in background, exceptional in spirit and enthusiasm. Soloists are under AGMA contracts and chorus and orchestra are fully unionized.

And, because all the performers are devoted enough to learn their lines and bright enough to remember them, the payroll—and the audience—are spared one burdensome heretofore thought indispensable to grand opera. The Philadelphians don't want, don't need and don't have—a prompter!