

Col. Ike Ashburn Speaker On Jobs Ahead Program On Radio W.T.A.W.

Col. Ike Ashburn To Be Heard Over WTAW This Morning at 11:15

Col. Ike Ashburn, formerly connected with A. & M. College, and now director of public relations and publicity for the Houston Shipbuilding Corporation, will speak on the "Job Ahead" program from WTAW over the Texas Quality Network this morning at 11:15 a. m.

Col. Ashburn's talk will be on the general program of Jobs Ahead, the subject for the 27 broadcasts of the current series arranged by the Texas School of the Air presented by Texas A. & M. College at 11:15 every Thursday. This series of programs is being carried on in co-operation with the State Department of Education.

Col. Ashburn was a familiar figure on the campus of A. & M. for many years. Back in the "teens" he was supervising the publication of The Battalion and other student publications and also handling publicity and public relations for the college. After World War I he was commandant for several years and later became executive assistant to the present. In 1941 he resigned his post with the college to form his present connection in Houston.

The corps is urged to listen to Col. Ashburn in his broadcast from WTAW and the Texas Quality Network this morning.

Spanish Class To Meet at 7 Thursday

Announcement has been made that the Spanish class taught for the members of the faculty and their family and friends will be held Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the lecture room of the Agricultural Engineer Building, Thursday evening, February 24.

All those who have enrolled in this class are urged to take note of this announcement and meet the class at the time and place named above.

This class is in conversational Spanish and is being taught by Joe Woolket, teacher of modern languages in the school of arts and sciences.

Reviewing Stand Might Hold Battalion At Camp Hood, Texas

The men in the 761st Tank Battalion at Camp Hood, Texas, are planning to put their commander on the spot. The battalion commander announced that platoons which are 100 per cent contributors in the Fourth War Loan Drive would be honored with a review by the rest of the outfit. GIs brought up this possibility: If the entire battalion contributed 100 per cent, it would put every soldier in the reviewing stand; then would they review?

History Dept. Has New Instructor

A new member has been added to the History Department. Carl F. Craghead, Graduate of the University of Oklahoma, has been added to the staff of the History Department, as an instructor of History 306, American Government.

Before coming to A. & M. Craghead did war work for the government, the nature of which was not disclosed.

Craghead was employed to make up a deficiency in teachers resulting in an increase of men taking 306. There are approximately 300 Aggies taking History, with but 12 instructors. Mr. Craghead takes over 5 sections in 306.

Craghead has had no experience in teaching college, but has taught the Dewey High School at Dewey, Okla. for twenty-one years.

Craghead received his B. A. at William Jewel College, at Liberty, Mo. He got his M. A. degree at Oklahoma University by studying in the summers of 1929, 1932, 1937, Peabody College, in the summer of 1935, and at Colorado State College of Education, in the Summers of 1939, 1941, and 1942.

Jobs For 15 Men Are Open to Students

Ten to fifteen men are needed by the Student Placement Office Saturday afternoon February 26th, it was announced by W. R. Horsley. These men will be employed in tree planting.

Another job open is a police radio operator for night duty. Those interested in applying for these jobs should contact the Placement office in the basement of the Administration Building.

Scrap Paper to Be Collected Friday By the Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of Brazos county will collect scrap paper in keeping with the salvage plan to aid in the war effort on Friday, February 25, it was announced in College Station today. Those who have scrap paper about their offices or residences are requested to gather it in bundles and have it ready for the scout collectors between four and six on that day.

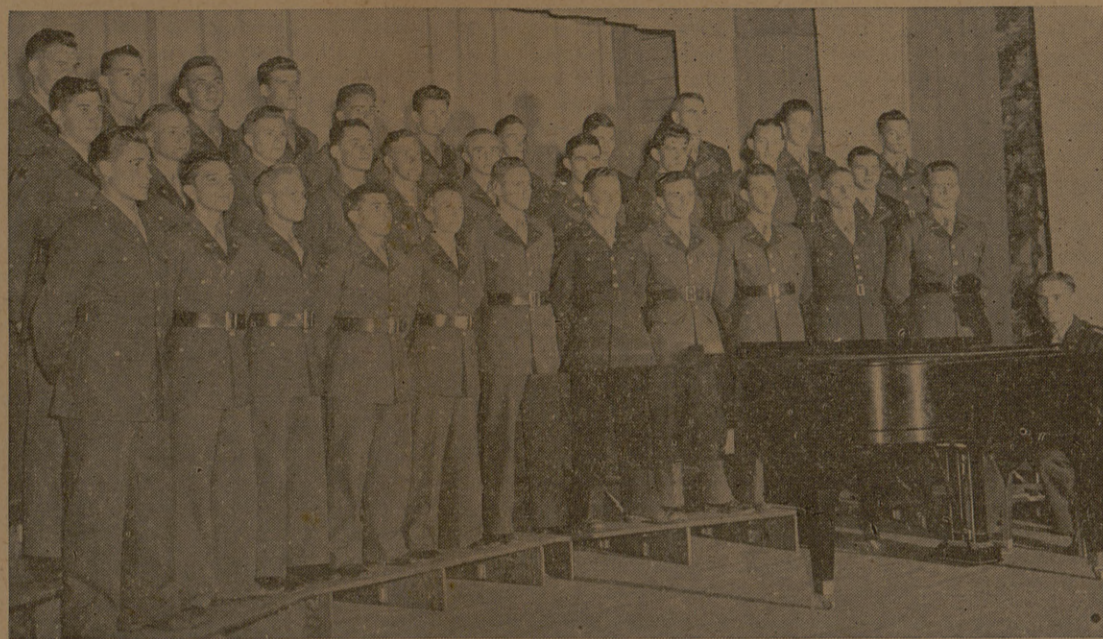
To aid in speeding up the collection of waste paper, householders of this area are requested to have the bundles tied up and placed in front of the houses. In this manner, it was pointed out, the scout will not have to bother the people of the house by knocking or ringing the door bell, but just pick up the scrap paper.

In the event that anyone has an unusually large amount of paper that cannot be easily handled, they are requested to call telephone No. 4-6294 and leave their name and address. A truck will call at their home or office and pick up the large bundles.

Co-operation in this drive is very important, it was pointed out, in that the waste paper is turned into boxes and cartons to ship needed supplies and materials of war to the men fighting at the front. Through the collection of waste paper by the Boy Scout organizations all over the nation, a fairly normal supply of paper can be kept for domestic consumption and still at the same time give a sufficient supply to the war effort.

Woman Draft Can Solve Problems

New York, N. Y.—Dean Virginia G. Gildersleeve of Barnard college recently returned from England, says she sees no reason why American women should not be drafted "for national service—particularly after observing the beneficial results of such conscription in Great Britain."



Pictured above are the Singing Cadets of Aggie as they appeared last semester before one of their weekend trips. Many new additions have been added to the club since our present semester began, as well as several losses. Euell Porter of Bryan is director of Aggie's all-male choir. Members are listed from left to right as follows:

First Row: Beerwinkle, Ferguson, West, Gripon, Roxburgh, Dyal, Ervin, Davis, Ward, Stanford, Sevier.
Second Row: Cilaya, Barth, Oates, Carr, Baker, Houtz, Richtie, Myatt, Smith, Kiwalski.
Third Row: Selby, DeWitt, Johnson, Paxson, Adams, Vein, Chinoweth, Davis, Sullivan, Schumann, Haynes.

Singing Cadets Will Perform In Four Appearances In Weekend Excursion

This weekend, the Singing Cadets will go to Camp Swift, San Antonio, and New Braunfels to give the first concert tour of the spring season.

The first stop will be at Camp Swift, where they will perform for the officers and enlisted men on Friday evening, February 25 at 8 o'clock. Arrangements for this performance were made possible through the efforts of Capt. Robert B. Tate, Special Service Officer. After the concert the singing group will spend the night in the

camp's barracks and the next morning will go to San Antonio.

The San Antonio concert will be given at the U. S. O. Club at 422 North Alamo from 7:30 until 8:30 p. m. The cadets were secured through the efforts of Mrs. W. T. Bolger, Associate Regional Director of the U. S. O.

The group will offer their artistic talents at the Sunday morning service of the St. Laurens Heights Methodist Church. This special performance is to be given in order to raise funds for a larger Meth-

odist Church on the A. & M. campus. After the concert the group will be honored at a luncheon.

On Sunday evening, they will assist in raising additional funds for the New Braunfels Methodist Church with the singing. Following this last presentation the singers will return to the campus.

In addition to their repertoire, special numbers will be rendered by Pinky Hull, Harvin Brown will appear as magician on the Camp Swift program.

Army-Navy Tests To Be On March 15

Men on the campus who are interested in taking the Army-Navy College Qualifying test for the various specialized branches of the service program are urged to note that these tests will be given throughout the nation on March 15 at 9 a. m. The tests here on the campus will be conducted by G. B. Wilcox, Director of Student Personnel. Mr. Wilcox's office may be found in the Academic building, first floor.

A leaflet of general information which contains admission identification forms may be obtained at this office, it was announced. This form properly filled out will admit students to the test, provided they are between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive and are graduates from high school or who will be graduated from high school by July 1, 1944. Intent to take (See ARMY, Page 3)

Ex-Com. Suggests Grades To Be Given Boys To Be Drafted

Stay In School As Long As Possible Is Recommendation Of Council; Dates Are Set

Students called to Active duty in the armed forces during the current semester will receive credit for their work with certain stipulations it was announced by the Executive Committee today. Candidates for graduation will be credited with the course if they remain in school until April 8. Students who are not candidates for graduation will receive their A and B grades if they complete their work through April 22; students not called before May 6 will get their A, B, and C grades.

Credit will not automatically be given. The student must file a petition with the executive committee to receive his grades in accordance with the ruling.

Kyle To Be Heard Over Radio Friday

Leading citizens of Texas will be heard over Texas Quality Network from Austin Friday at 8:30 p. m., in observance of Texas Farm and School Victory Day, proclaimed by Governor Coke Stevenson in recognition of the role of vocational agriculture students in producing food and feed crops and livestock, and for their support of other war activities.

Among those who will review the war work of rural people, agricultural teachers and Future Farmer organizations of Texas are Governor Stevenson, President Homer P. Rainey of the University of Texas, and E. J. Kyle, dean of the School of Agriculture, Texas A. & M. College.

In his proclamation, the governor stated high school boys and girls supplemented farm and ranch production during 1943 "with (See KYLE on Page 3)

Aggie Muster In 1944 To Follow The Sun April 21

Thousands of Aggies in Service Plan Activities for Traditional Ceremony

The 1944 Muster of A. & M. men on April 21st will follow the sun, under plans laid down for the annual observance of the traditional Aggie meeting date this year. The first of the hundreds of meetings to be held that day will be on Guadalcanal, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands, the Marshalls or one of the other islands near the International Date Line. From that point the Musters will follow the sun around the earth, ending at Hawaii or in the Alaskan area.

Officers Arrest Window Peeper

After a few sleepless nights and diligent work one of the window peepers was brought to justice. He was placed in the county jail after arrest by Marshal Lee Norwood and given a speedy trial next morning and received his penalty.

Major Joe E. Davis, Col. Bennett, and L. D. Smith stated the peeper was fortunate that he went to jail rather than to the hospital after seeing the men who soon appeared on the scene who were capable of protecting their own homes as well as their neighbors.

The idea that THE 1944 MUSTER FOLLOWS THE SUN came from Major Vernon L. Wimberly, '31, the only Aggie remaining on Guadalcanal who was present at that group's great Muster last spring. He is already making plans for this year's Muster, although another locality in that area might muster shortly earlier by virtue of being closer to the date line. Guadalcanal does have the honor of being the first Muster to be announced, with Major Wimberly serving as general arrangements chairman.

From those Southwest Pacific points the Muster will follow the sun thru Australia, New Guinea, China, India, Persia, North Africa, Italy, Sicily, Corsica, England, the Americas, and finally end up at Hawaii or in the Alaskan area. As April 21st mover around the globe, the 1944 Muster will move with it. No better commentary could be made on the extent of the participation of A. & M. men in the Global affairs of the year, or on the degree to which they are scattered over the world.

A steadily growing tradition since 1903 the annual April 21st Muster of A. & M. men last year broke all previous records with over 600 separate gatherings celebrating the occasion. The tradition saw its birth on April 21st, 1903, when the student body of the College demanded that the anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto be observed and then voted that henceforth A. & M. men would always meet that day to remember and pay tribute to the heroes of the battle that won Texas independence. The tradition was given added inspiration by the meeting of a gallant band of A. & M. men on besieged Corregidor on April 21st, 1942, shortly before "The Rock" fell to the Japs. The annual Muster has become a symbol of the fine spirit, loyalty and comradeship of the great fraternity of A. & M. men. Over 10,000 members of the fraternity will answer "present" this year as the 1944 Muster follows the sun.

The big job of war of course comes first both at home and more especially abroad. Wherever Musters can be held, however, some A. & M. man, or a group of A. & M. men, are requested to make plans for their station and to so advise the Texas Aggie in order that the Muster may be (See AGGIES on Page 3)

All Positions On A&M Baseball Nine Open To Players

Texas, Rice, and A&M Represent Conference At Beginning of Season

Baseball practice in the Southwest Conference schools which will have teams this year gets under way March 1. In order to get a line on prospects here at A. & M., Coach Homer Norton has issued a call for all boys in the student body who have had any experience playing baseball, or who want to try out for the team, to meet him at 5:15 p. m. Thursday at the gymnasium on Kyle Field.

It is known that Texas A. & M. and Rice will play baseball, and likely some other conference schools may have teams. At any rate, A. & M. will play Rice and Texas at College Station and at Houston and Austin respectively, and will match several games with service teams.

There was never a better time for a boy to win his baseball letter at A. & M. than this season. A. & M. was co-champion last spring with Texas, and every one of the boys who played on the 1943 team is gone. Every position is wide open.

Every student who imagines himself a baseball player is urged to meet Coach Norton at the time and place specified.

Burglars who broke into the University of Georgia library, ransacked the rare book room but stole only a flashlight.

Zino Francescatti, Violinist, On Town Hall Program Here, Tuesday, March 7 Has Interesting Biography

Turned From Legal Studies to Music To Make Living

Zino Francescatti who appears here on Texas A. & M. Town Hall March 7, on the stage of Guion Hall, is the most celebrated of contemporary French violinists. He was born in Marseilles August 9, 1905. His father, who played the cello in the Opera and the "Concerts Classiques" at Marseilles was a naturalized Frenchman of Italian birth. Francescatti had studied the violin under the great Italian virtuoso, Sivioli, who in turn had been the only direct pupil of Paganini's. The master virtuoso wrote six sonatas and a concertino for Sivioli who soon became second only to Paganini himself in his fabulous technique.

The greatest tradition of violin playing thus descended directly to Francescatti. Young Zino began playing the fiddle at the age of 3, made his first public appearance when he was 5, and his debut with the local orchestra playing the Beethoven Concerto at the age of 10. The elder Francescatti didn't want his son to be a professional musician. The career was too precarious financially and he wanted him to be a lawyer like many generations of his Italian ancestors. Zino's mother agreed to the plan but saw to it that he was also given every chance to develop his talent.

During the first World War Zino attended school on week days and played his fiddle for wounded soldiers in the hospitals of Marseilles on Sunday. On these occasions the boy met some of the most distinguished musicians of the day and was treated by them as an equal.

Zino was in the midst of his legal studies when his father died sud-

denly. The family needed money badly and their most saleable asset was Zino's talent. Accordingly he abandoned the study of law and went to Paris to make a musical career for himself.

Francescatti was 22 when he arrived in Paris. Almost at once he won an audition with Jacques Thibaud. The same year he made his debut with France's most distinguished orchestra, the Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire in a concert at the Opera under Philippe Gaubert. The great success of this concert brought him a visit from Shurmann, the famous manager of Sarah Bernhardt, who wanted to take this remarkable young virtuoso under his wing. Francescatti agreed but Shurmann fell ill shortly after and died within a year. During the next several years Francescatti appeared as soloist with the leading orchestras and conductors of Paris. These were,

in order: the Concerts Colonne under Gabriel Piarre; the Concerts Pasdeloup under Rhene Baton, and the Concerts Lamoureux under Albert Wolff.

During his second year in Paris Francescatti was chosen by Maurice Ravel to accompany him on an English tour playing works by Ravel, among them the "Tzigane" which requires unusual technical mastery of the violin. Maggie Teyte, the English soprano whose popularity, before she retired, rivalled that of Mary Garden, was the singer of the trio and the composer, Ravel the pianist. It was during this tour that Francescatti wrote his "Berceuse on the Name of Ravel" following Ravel's own "Berceuse on the Name of Faure".

The English tour was a great success but on returning to France Francescatti had to admit the truth to his father's contention:

Played for Soldiers In World War I In French Hospitals

that no matter how great your talent it was extremely difficult for a young man to make a decent living in France as a concert artist. So in 1928 he accepted an offer to join the violin section of the Orchestre Straram, probably the finest group of musicians in Paris at that time. Under the leadership of Walter Straram its purpose was to give a hearing to contemporary music. It played in the Theatre des Champs Elysees where riots frequently occurred over the merits of new compositions. The same year Francescatti, only 24 years old, was asked to teach at the Ecole Normale along with such (See ZINO, Page 2)

Mayo Thanks Club For Gift of \$50

Dr. Thomas F. Mayo, librarian for the Texas A. & M. College Library has announced the receipt of a check for \$50.00 from the Houston A. & M. Mother's Club to be added to the Student General Reading Fund. In acknowledging this gift, Dr. Mayo in a letter to Mrs. R. A. O'Rourke, secretary of the club, made the following statement:

"Please thank the Houston A. & M. Mother's Club for the A. & M. Library for your generous gift to the Student General Reading Fund. As I am sure you understand, this money is spent by the Library according to rules set up by a student Library committee for good books which the boys want to read but which the Library would not be able to afford without your help. Please explain this to the Club and assure them that their gifts will help the A. & M. Library in its effort to make enlightened citizens and cultivate men out of Texas boys."