



## A. & M. Has State Food Conference

### Latest Preservation Methods Will Be Reviewed at Meet

Texas' leaders in the field of home food preservation will gather on the Texas A. and M. College campus March 16 and 17 to brush up on the latest scientific methods of food conservation.

The state-wide food preservation conference will be sponsored by the Texas State Nutrition Council, according to Mildred Horton, state nutrition chairman and vice director of Texas A. & M.'s Extension Service.

Committee members expect an attendance of about 100, including representatives of vocational agriculture and homemaking education, the Farm Security Administration, Texas College and universities, the Extension Service, State Health Department, Office of Price Administration, utility companies, and manufacturers of food preservation equipment and materials.

At the meeting leaders hope to draft a food preservation program for Texas and to recommend safe and uniform preservation procedures to be followed throughout the state.

## Ned Fountain Dies At Houston Monday

E. J. (Ned) Fountain, 48, graduate of A. & M. in '13, died at Houston at 5:30 Monday morning according to a message received here by his cousin, Mrs. R. P. Marsteller.

Fountain was a member of the firm of Fountain, Cox and Sandlin, attorneys-at-law, in Houston and was recognized as one of the outstanding corporation lawyers in the country. He started to school at A. & M. in 1907 and took a degree in architecture here. Following his graduation he returned to A. & M. for graduate work and later attended law school at the University of Texas and Harvard University. During World War I he was in the Naval Intelligence Service. He opened his practice of law in Houston about 25 years ago.

He is survived by his wife and a son who is a junior in the medical college at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. Also surviving is a brother, Milton Fountain, of Bryan.

## Broadcast Made By Major Howard Is Sent To Wife

The many friends of Mrs. Chas. E. N. Howard, who with her two small daughters makes her home with her parents, Col. and Mrs. M. D. Welby, at College Station, as her husband, Major Howard, is a Japanese prisoner, are rejoicing with her on account of a telegram from the Provost Marshal General at Washington, D. C.

The telegram gave the text of a shortwave broadcast made by Major Howard to his wife, which was intercepted and sent in full to Mrs. Howard, and which said in part, "My health is fine and hope you and Sally and Charlotte are the same. Have been here for the last three months, coming here from another camp. Let my mother know that I am well. I have not heard from you since being taken prisoner on Bataan. Would love to have some photographs from you."

Major Howard has been a prisoner of war for nearly two years and although many messages have been sent to him by Mrs. Howard none has yet been received.

"Never regard working for the remote end as something to put off until you have gained the easier objective."—Prof. Mortimer J. Adler, University of Chicago.

## Bryan-Brazos Co of C Sets Up Program For Agriculture

### Stress Greater Use Of County Resources In National Food Program

Dr. I. P. Trotter, chairman of the Bryan and Brazos County Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee today announced the completion of a program for 1944. The program was formed in an effort to continue to encourage the greatest possible amount of production of all farm commodities, particularly food, feed, and fiber.

The poultry project will be continued but the major emphasis will be shifted to turkey production.

The feed and pasture project is a combination of the former work on pasture improvement and feed production and preservation.

The dairy project will be continued by encouraging local business men to sponsor dairy projects in the county.

The homes and gardens committee will strengthen and expand their work in line with the national program for food production through victory gardens.

The farm labor committee continue to coordinate activities for relieving any critical labor situation. This committee will investigate the possibility of making a master contract covering the use of war-prisoner labor from the camp near Hearne to cover all anticipated needs in the future.

## Battalion Staff To Visit TSCW As Guests of Lass-O

Members of the Battalion staff will leave the campus for Dallas on Thursday night, March 9, at 6 o'clock as a prelude to their entrance to Denton and T. S. C. W. on Friday, it was stated yesterday after the approval of the Executive committee had been received. Only fifteen staffmen will be able to make the trip due to an oversight made at a recent Press Club meeting, but the men who do make the trip will spend the entire week-end in Tessie land as guests of the Lass-O staff; they will leave there for Aggie land on Sunday, March 12.

With the approval of the Executive committee to leave here at 6 p. m. on Thursday, the staff will head for Dallas where it will probably spend the night and go to Denton on the morning of the 10th. Most of Friday will be used in putting out the March 10th issue of the Lass-O; entertainment for that night has been planned by the ladies of Tessie land. The Redbud Festival dance will be attended by both staffs Saturday night; Sunday also will be planned for by the Lass-O staff.

This trip made by the Battalion staff will be one to repeat that made by the Lass-O staff last semester to publish the January 15th issue of the Batt. It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a new tradition and a way of creating better relations between the two schools of T. S. C. W. and A. & M.

## Applicants For State Dept. Job Interviewed Today

All students interested in vocational rehabilitation are invited to meet with Jack C. Devney of the State Department of Education on Tuesday, February 29, from 8 to 5 o'clock in the Rural Sociology office.

Applicants for this assistance are mostly 4-F students, but those students who have been released from the armed services for physical reasons are also eligible. Anyone who is interested is invited to interview Devney.

"There are two insults which no human will endure—that he hasn't a sense of humor, and the doubly impertinent assertion that he has never known trouble."—S. Lewis



Zino Francescatti and his "Hart" Stradivarius violin as he will appear on the stage of Town Hall in Guion on Tuesday, March 7th.

## Singing Cadets Return From Concert Tour And Big Time

After everyone had taken turns in running back to their respective holes to sign out or get their tooth-brush or address books, thirty-one enthusiastic Singing Cadets set out for Camp Swift and their first concert of the Spring Season.

And this time they weren't jogging along in the "Blue Goose" at 20 m. p. h.—this time they were traveling in style in a Greyhound Special. Scarcely had they settled down in those cushioned seats before "Skip" Herring, about the best bus-driver in Texas, had brought them to a graceful stop in Eastrop. A couple of M. P.'s hopped on here and escorted the group to Camp Swift.

The grand entry into Swift was emphasized by a spirited rendition of the Aggie War Hymn. This lung-straining didn't cease until a couple of hostesses greeted the group in the Service Center. However, the boys didn't eat much. . . not much! A group of young hostesses were wiggling around the dance floor to the fascinating rhythm of a rhumba. Their unique interpretation reminded some of the outspoken cadets of the "Big Apple with a worm in it!"

After mess the group found various objects to absorb their interests. Some played the nickelodeon and danced with hostesses, another bunch watched the cinematic, Joe Taylor played the Hawaiian guitar with a string band from Mississippi, all the piano-players had to do their latest boogie-woogie, several guys sang, and the Service Center practically wriggled off its supports.

After the very successful "ad lib" program for the service-men that night, the fellows were piled into the bus and taken to their (See AGGIES, Page 2)

## Second Installment Of Maintenance Due March 1st to 7th

The second installment of maintenance fees, totalling \$37.10, will be due March first to seventh and can be paid now. Included in the total is Board, \$28.60; Room Rent, \$5.90; and Laundry, \$2.60. This installment will be for the period to April 10, 1944.

The cashier of the Fiscal Office will accept these fees from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## TSCW Band Honors Fighting Aggies

At the close of a concert to be given at 8:15 p.m., March 3, the TSCW band will pay tribute to the many Fighting Aggies by leading the audience in the singing of the Aggie War Hymn.

Another of the high points of the program will be honoring the war-time victory gardener with a humorous composition, "Victory Garden." It was written for the U. S. Navy band by Harold Walters who dedicated it "to the sore backs and sunburned noses of America's victory gardeners."

Written in a surrealistic style, the song is slightly influenced by swing. The suite is in three movements: Dance of the Rhubarb, Boogie Woogie Broccoli, and Carrot Capers.

Background for each movement of the suite will be furnished by Elizabeth Maxwell, a senior speech student, who will be narrator.

The program will be concluded with the singing of the TSCW Alma Mater.

## E. C. Martin Is Extension Vice Head

### Former District Agent Takes Over First of March

Selection of E. C. Martin as acting vice director and state agent for the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, effective March 1, was announced today by Acting Director James D. Prewitt. Martin, present district agent for Extension District 10 comprising 24 counties centering around San Antonio, will have supervision of the headquarters staff of men specialists and district agents.

Native of Brazos County and a former 4-H Club boy, Martin has been connected with the Texas Extension Service for 16 years. After attending the Bryan Baptist Academy, he entered Texas A. and M. College in 1915. America's entry into the first World War interrupted his college course and he joined the armed forces with the rank of second lieutenant. He served overseas with the 357th U. S. Infantry and was wounded in the Argonne battle.

After demobilization he reentered Texas A. and M., graduating in 1920 with the degree of B. S. in animal husbandry. He had experience in dairy work and vocational agricultural teaching until March, 1928, when he became El Paso County agricultural agent. In September, 1933, he was appointed state boys' club agent, and two years later was made district agent for Extension District 6, comprising a block of counties in southwest Texas. He was transferred to District 10 in 1937.

## More Than Half Called By Draft Are Turned Down

WASHINGTON.—More than half the draft registrants now being called up are flunking the physical tests, selective service reports, and hence it has become necessary to take drastic steps to meet army quotas.

This is the situation, congress was advised:

The armed forces need 1,200,000 men to reach the desired goal of 11,300,000 by July 1. They must come from the father group, those deferred because of their jobs, the 4-F's who can do limited service and the youngsters reaching 18.

When all the normal possibilities are exhausted, the total still will be 200,000 short. So—

The deferments granted men over 22 in industry may be cancelled soon. The minimum age may be raised to 26.

## Representatives of Corps Will Pick Aggie Sweetheart

### Cadet Lt. Colonels, Heads of Junior and Senior Classes To Go

Eight men, comprised of the two cadet lieutenant colonels and the presidents and vice-presidents of the senior class and the two sections of the junior classes, will leave the campus for T.S.C.W. Friday morning at 10 o'clock, for the express purpose of selecting the Aggie sweetheart to represent Aggie land at the annual Texas University Round-up to be held in Austin on April 1. These student leaders, as chosen by their respective classes and the military department, have been given authorized absences for classes missed on Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11.

George Strickhausen and Jack Knox as the two cadet lieutenant colonels, Bill Terrell and Dick Overly as the leaders of the second semester junior class, and Derald Manley and Bob Cherry as the leaders of the first semester junior class are six of the men who have already been given permission to make the trip. The senior class is to hold a meeting tomorrow night to decide whether or not to elect new officers or retain the ones now in office. The president and vice-president who takes office after the election will also be included to make the selection.

Two representatives of each class at T.S.C.W. will be elected by the respective class to be in the final selection, made by the eight Aggies who are to make the trip. One of the eight girls elected will be the final choice of the Aggies and made the Aggie sweetheart. Lena Marie Adams, the Aggie sweetheart elected to be crowned at the Texas Christian University football game, is no longer in school, due to her recent marriage; thus the cause of another selection of Aggie sweetheart.

## Houston Club Holds Wednesday Night Organization Meet

There will be a meeting of the Houston A. & M. Club Wednesday night at 7 o'clock in room 110 of the Academic Building, according to Tommy Penn, present secretary of the club.

All Houston students are urged to be present for this important meeting as officers are to be elected and activities for the present semester are to be planned.

## Meeting Called For San Antonio Club

An important meeting will be held by the San Antonio Club Wednesday night in room 212 Academic building. The vice-president, John Cooper, said he hoped to have a large attendance so that they might discuss plans for the future. The meeting will start at 7 o'clock and all are urged to be on time.

## Editor Announces Vacancies Open On Battalion Staff

Several vacancies on the staff of the Battalion are reported by H. Sylvester Boone, editor of the publication. Positions are open to any member of the Corps who might be interested in the Battalion.

Students wishing to join the staff should contact Boone or Dave Seligman, associate editor, immediately. By doing so at this time, the applicants will be qualified for a position on the editorial staff in their junior, and possibly their sophomore year.

Due to war conditions and the small number of men who compromise the Corps, every man who has any spare time at all and the willingness to work is urged to report to either Boone at E-11 Walton or Seligman at room 401, dorm 16, immediately. The Battalion days are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of every week, every month, and every semester. All that is required is a four hour period spent in room 5 of the Administration building each week.

## Petitions For Fish Must Be In Wednesday

### Officers Chosen At March 4 Meeting From Nominations

Nominees for freshman officers must be filed at the Commandant's office before 5 o'clock Wednesday March 1. In order for a man to be nominated for an office he must have at least 50 supporters to sign his petition.

The Fish class will meet on Wednesday, March 4 to elect the president and vice-president, who are to be drawn from their class. The secretary-treasurer and historian will come from the Frogs and will not be elected until a later date which has not been set as yet.

It is important that the Freshmen elect someone who will be representative of their ideas and one who is capable of this job. In order to get a large variety of candidates it has been suggested that each company sponsor one man for some office. It will be an idea to hold in mind the fact that the man sponsored will have to have the necessary time to devote to this office and one who wants the job together with the work and responsibility that goes with it.

## ASTP Program Closes In Eleven Southwest Schools

Colleges Left With Advanced Units Are In Minority

Eleven of the nineteen colleges with Army specialized training program units in the 8th Service Command will be affected by the recent cut of the basic training program, according to Service Command officials. Only those colleges training advanced medical, dental and engineering units, certain language groups and United States Military Academy preparatory students will be spared the loss of their present Army Specialized Training groups.

A. & M. along with seven other Southwest colleges, will continue to train advanced Army students included among the 35,000 maximum set for the reduced A.S.T.P. program. The majority of the trainees remaining at A. & M. will be in advanced Engineering courses.

The other colleges in the five-state area making up the Eighth Service Command which will conform (See A. S. T. P. Page 2)

## Seniors Meet In Sbis Hall Wednesday

The Senior class will have an important organization and discussion meeting Wednesday night in the Lounge of Sbis Hall, according to Bob Leighton, class officer. Seniors are asked to gather in the lounge immediately following supper Wednesday night.

Among the things to be discussed will be the officers for the semester and organization of various committees for the semester.

## Even When Translated Greek Is Still Greek In Letter To Helen

"This looks like Greek to me!"

Seems Helen Anderson has a friend at A. & M. who got the bright idea of writing a letter to her in Greek.

Since the day she got the letter till now, she has been translating and translating—but with no great success. Added to her stack of books in the Library is a Greek dictionary.

All Helen says, after working diligently for hours, is: "This translation still looks like Greek to me!"—T.C.U. Skiff.

## Violin Used By Francescatti Is A 200-Year-Old Stradivarius

When Zino Francescatti, the fabulous French violinist is heard here on Town Hall at Guion Hall, March 7, he will play his famous "Hart" Stradivarius. The violinist thanks America for his instrument which he found in New York about a year ago and which critics agree has glorified his naturally beautiful and brilliant tone. The violin is dated 1727 and is considered one of the best works of the great violin maker of Cremona.

Francescatti bought the "Hart" from a French physician now living in New York, Dr. Pierre Lacombe. Dr. Lacombe had purchased it in 1936 from the celebrated firm of William Hill and Sons of London. At that time Alfred Hill wrote: "I have always been interested in this example of the great Master's work because I recognize it to be the entire work of his own hands which, at that period, was not often the case. Furthermore, not only is

the label original but the date is still as it was when penned by Stradivari. In other words, it has not been retouched."

Francescatti, who has made his home in this country since first coming here in the autumn of 1939, heard the violin a few years before in London but at the time was not in a position to buy it. One day last year he went to the home of friends in New York for some chamber music and, in the violin of Dr. Lacombe, recognized the tone of the Stradivarius he had heard in London. After trying it himself, he knew he could not rest until it was his. Mme. Francescatti reports that when the violin came into his possession her husband retired with it to his room and for several days could not be persuaded to leave. He practically went to bed with it tucked under his chin, she says!

According to the records of Hill, the violin was brought to England from Italy at the beginning of the 19th century and was in the possession of a Mr. Leslie of Edinburgh from 1840 to 1850. On his death, the instrument passed to his son Henry, then living in London, who was a well known musician and the conductor of a renowned choir which bore his name, the Henry Leslie Choir.

About 1876 the violin was sold at public auction and purchased by George Hart who, before his death in 1891, sold it to W. J. Wright, an amateur of Camden, New Jersey. On the death of Wright, the violin was brought back to England. Hill states: "It was sold to a Mr. C. E. Lees of Oldham, a well known and much respected benefactor of that city who retained possession of the instrument until he died. In June, 1935, it was purchased from his family by ourselves."