



THE BATTALION



Dorms 14 and 15 Will Be Available For Regimental Ball Dates August 11

Ernie Fields and his all Negro orchestra will play for the first Regimental Ball to be held Friday, August 11, from 9 to 12 p.m. He will also play for the All-Service dance the following evening, August 12.

Fields formed his orchestra less than a year ago. But he has risen rapidly and has been acclaimed the "Crown Prince of Swing" by all who have heard the hot licks and sweet swing dispensed by the orchestra. The band has played in thirty five states in less than a year since its inception. It has also been featured on many Coast-to-Coast networks of the three major radio chains and made many recordings for a popular recording company.

Fields himself is quite a talented musician. He can play any instrument in his band. He frequently picks up the nearest one and
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Neuman Club to Have Watermelon Party

The Aggie Neuman Club will entertain girls from Bryan Saturday night, with a hayride and watermelon feast. The group will meet at the College Depot at 7:30 p.m. from which point they will ride in a wagon to Hensel Park, where the watermelons will be served, said Howard Palms, president of the club.

Palms expects a large number girls out from Bryan and urges all Catholic Aggies to attend.

Draft Stock, Saddle Stock In Horsebarn, Home of Champs

If the question were asked how many Aggies had visited the horse barn, one would find that more than fifty percent of the Aggies had never seen or heard of it.

Formerly located where the Administration building now stands, the horse barn now stands just behind the Animal Husbandry building. From this barn has come some of the nation's widely known showhorses.

The horse barn is well represented by the American Saddle Horse, Suffolk, Thoroughbreds, Quater Horses, and many other well known breeds.

For some of the barn's outstanding horses are Night Alarm,

Houston Symphony Plays Here Aug. 17

The program to be played by the Houston Summer Symphony at Kyle Field on the campus of A. & M. Thursday, August 17th, will be one of such variety that every type of musical taste should be satisfied.

The styles represented will run the gamut from Haydn and Brahms to Guion and Sousa. Excerpts from two symphonies, a rhapsody, a waltz, and a number of novelties to a Sousa march will be included.

Conductor Hoffmann always carefully selects any program he is to conduct at A. & M. as Aggie-land's audiences are among the most responsive on the orchestra's itinerary.

Divided into two sections, the first half will open with one of John Philip Sousa's best marches, "King Cotton," followed by the most popular set of waltzes ever written, Strauss's "Blue Danube." Rossini is best known as the composer of the overture "William Tell," but his "Semiramide" overture, to be played on this concert, is one of his best. It contains the first quartette for French horns ever included in an operatic overture.

David Guion, beloved Texas composer, will be represented by two numbers: "The Harmonica Player"
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VA Teachers End Meeting On Campus

Around 50 vocational agriculture teachers in the 17 counties comprising the local VA area and staff members of the State VA set-up registered here Monday for a two-day conference on vocational agriculture problems and to map their program for the coming school year. L. V. Halbrooks, A. & M. supervisor of vocational agriculture, announced.

This meeting is one of ten conferences to be held throughout the State in the next two weeks on vocational agriculture plans and procedure. Represented at the local conference today are teachers from the counties of Brazos, Harris, Brazoria, Matagorda, Fort Bend, Austin, Washington, Leon, Burleson, Wharton, Anderson, Freestone, Robertson, Houston, Grimes, Waller and Colorado, which comprise Area 3 of the State's vocational agriculture divisions.

Opening the meeting Monday morning, Halbrooks read an address which was to have been delivered by D. M. Clements, director of agricultural education in the Southern Region of the country, who was unable to be present.
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Commandant Lists Sr. Court Rules

Since 1942, the corps of the college has had no action concerning the discipline of the students through their own methods. This ended with the disbandment of the Senior Court. During this semester the Court has been reincarnated within the corps with the approval of the college authorities.

Presiding over the Court of six organization commanders, will be the Corps Commander, or the Corps Executive, or one of the Regimental Commanders. The roster from which the members of the Court will be obtained, is kept by the Corps Commander who is responsible for the meeting of the Court.

Informal sessions of the Court will be called together upon the call of the president to hear informally, the cases of students before
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Town Hall Program For Next Season Is Announced By Activities Office

FEES PAYABLE NOW

Third installment of maintenance fees of \$49.80 due August 1-10 inclusive can be paid now. These fees include board \$38.70, room \$7.70 and laundry \$3.40 to September 22, 1944.

The Cashier of the Fiscal Department will accept these fees from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Brazos Co. Exes To Meet Monday

President Gibb Gilchrist will be the principal speaker at the watermelon supper to be given by the Brazos County A. & M. Club at the Bryan Country Club at 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 7, Fred Hale, club secretary, has announced. All former students of the Texas A. & M. College in this section are invited to attend.

This will be the first meeting of the Brazos County A. & M. Club for the current fiscal year, Hale said.

Other officers of the club are: J. E. (Jocko) Roberts, president; W. R. Carmichael, vice president, and Sgt. W. N. (Flop) Colson, sergeant at arms.

National Society Honors Chem. Prof.

Dr. Paul B. Pearson, Nutritionist, Division of Veterinary Science, has received notice of his election to membership in The American Society of Biological Chemists.

Dr. Pearson is a frequent contributor to the Scientific Journal published by the society, reporting on results of his research work on the Texas A. & M. Experiment Station.

New Group of Navy Men Arrive Friday

More than one hundred additional naval trainees are scheduled to arrive at the naval training unit located on the campus of A. & M. Friday, August 4th.

These men are sent here for training in elementary radio schooling and other phases connected with electrical equipment. Classes will last for approximately five months with the majority of them in Bolton and Goodwin halls.

Announcement was made Thursday by the Student Activities Office of the schedule of programs for the Town Hall season of 1944-45. The schedule includes nine features ranging from current events commentaries to harmonica playing dancers.

Tickets will go on sale during registration week in October and adult season tickets will sell for \$6.00 including federal tax and student season tickets will cost \$2.50 including federal tax. Prices will be released on other tickets at a later date, it was revealed. L. M. Collins, manager of Student Activities.

Collins also stated that the program this year . . . is designed to bring cultured artists to the campus for the benefit of students and College Station and Bryan residents."

First attraction of the season will be Footlight Favorites, singers, November 7. Next in the order of their billing will be: A Cappella Choir from North Texas State Teachers College; Robert Casadesu, pianist, December 12; H. R. Knickerbocker, world commenta-
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Over 300 Students Make Dean's Team

Deficient students numbered about 330 for the half semester ended July 31, according to the list just completed by the Registrar's Office and sent to Deans and Heads of Departments. This figure represents more than a sixty per cent increase over last semester's mid-term deficiency list; this figure is partly accounted for by the slightly greater enrollment this semester. Also of significance was the number of freshmen "making the team". About seventy seven per cent of these listed as deficient were members of the freshman class. Only a small number of sophomores were listed, and scattered few juniors and seniors; this ratio was, of course, somewhat influenced by the differences in actual class size.

Deficient students suffer loss of pass privilege and other campus rights until removed from scholastic probation.

General opinion has it that the unprecedented size of the deficiency list may be attributed to the heat, to the age of most of the freshmen, and to the general unrest.