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Junior Class Prom, Banquet, Oct. 20, To Usher in Aggieland Social Season

President Gilchrist To Speak at Banquet

With the acquisition of place cards for the banquet arrangements have been virtually completed for the Junior Banquet and Dance to be held on Friday, October 20.

The Aggieland Orchestra has been obtained for the dance to be held from 10 p. m. to 1 a. m. in the wing of Sbis Hall. This dance will be preceded by the banquet which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m. in Sbis Hall also.

Several committees, appointed by the Junior Class President, Earnest Batetz, have been functioning for several weeks and arrangements for the festivities are nearing an end. These committees are the Decoration Committee, with Delbert Runyon serving as chairman, assisted by Joe Hans, John Dibrell and Ben Cordell; the Program committee with chairman J. B. Kearby being aided by Bob Zivney, and Carroll Neaves; and the Finance committee with Winn Murchison acting as chairman and Russell Benson and Frank Looney assisting him.

Honor guest at the banquet will be the President of the college, Gib Gilchrist, who will give the principal address of the evening. Batetz will act as master of ceremonies; John Huebner, Vice President of the class is scheduled to give the welcoming address, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the class, Jere Higgs, is named to give the invocation. Entertainment at the Banquet will be composed of musical numbers, which will be announced later.

Admission to the Banquet will be \$1.50 per couple with \$2.40 to be the entrance fee to the dance following. Following these festivities will be the T.C.U.-A. & M. football game on Saturday afternoon. As an aftermath to the game a corps ball will be held Saturday night.

Aggie Ex Receives Promotion At San Angelo Air Field

Charles M. Luce of 1009 S. 18th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas has been promoted from the rank of second to first lieutenant, Col. G. M. Palmer, Commanding Officer of the San Angelo Army Air Field, Texas, has announced.

Prior to enlisting in the Army, Lt. Luce, who attended Texas A. & M. College, was a civil engineer with the Corps of Engineers constructing air fields.

Having had two years of R. O. T. C. training at Texas A. & M. College, Lt. Luce was accepted for OCS at Miami Beach in April 1943, just six months after he had enlisted, during which time he was advanced to S/Sgt. On June 26, 1943 he graduated from OCS and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Corps.

City to Level Dirt Heaps As Soon As Labor Means Permit

In commenting on the recent street improvement work, Lloyd D. Smith, city manager, said that it had been necessary to back slope ditches for drainage and asphalt purposes. In many cases the dirt has been rolled up in front of homes but the majority of this dirt is on city property, said Smith.

As the City Office has had a number of calls wanting to know when this dirt will be levelled, Smith said that many property owners have already raked this dirt down and that the remainder will be levelled as quickly as possible. He expressed his thanks to those who had already raked the dirt down.

As the City has a very critical shortage of labor, it would be greatly appreciated if the property owners could follow the example of many others and clear up the situation directly in front of their own homes, said Smith.

Carnegie Foundation Member to Speak to Engr. Dept. Heads

Administrative responsibility in Measurement and Guidance will be discussed before the Engineering Department Heads of A. and M. College Wednesday, October 11 at 3 p. m. in the Civil Engineering lecture room by Dr. Kenneth W. Vaughn of the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of Teaching.

A dinner meeting will be held in the Aggie Inn at 7 p. m. tonight for Dr. Vaughn by the Engineering Drawing Staff. Following the dinner Dr. Vaughn will lead a round table discussion on Drawing Examinations and how to build and validate them. Everyone interested is invited.

He spoke to the faculty of the College at 4 p. m. today in the Physics lecture room on Measurement and Guidance in Engineering Education. Dr. Vaughn is in charge of a Measurement and Guidance Project sponsored by the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education (S.P.E.E.) Engineers Council for Professional Development (E.C.P.D.) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Efforts to Prevent Loss of Pecan Crop

Dr. S. W. Bilsing, head of the Entomology Department of A. & M. College, warns that the next season pecan crop in Texas may be a very low one due to the infestations of the Pecan Nut Case Bearer. This insect is one of the most deadly threats to the pecan raisers of the state. Its spread is controlled by a spray of arsenate of lead.

Dr. Bilsing is experimenting with a new type spray whereby these insects may be controlled with more definite results. It is his theory that an oil spray may be used with more ease and assurance than the old type of arsenate of lead spray. He states that an oil spray may be used during the winter at the leisure of the owner of the orchard, and the results more satisfactory.

Cause of the pecan ruin, is the larvae of the moth. The moth approximately a quarter of an inch long, lays its eggs on the leaf of the bud, where the larvae hatches from five to nine days depending upon the weather. It is at this time that these larvae feed on the outside of the buds for a few days before penetrating the bud proper.

In Dr. Bilsing's experiment, it is the purpose to check this larvae at this stage, before they can harm the bud proper. His new type spray will suffocate the larvae after they have spun their cocoon for the winter, giving satisfactory results.

Extensive Trip Made By Geology Professor

Professor A. A. L. Mathews, professor of Geology, and his wife have returned from a 4500 mile trip. Professor Mathews toured the states of New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, and Colorado. The primary purpose of the trip was to visit their son, W. O. Mathews, who is an Ensign in the U. S. Navy. Ensign Mathews is stationed at Oakland, California. He is the aeronautical engineer of a bombing squadron on an Essex-type carrier.

Pertaining to geology, the geological structure of the Rockies and Great Basin was the most interesting. Among other interesting sights was the Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge. Of interest to engineers should be the fact that the Bay Bridge is a multiple suspension type, and the Golden Gate Bridge is a suspension bridge with a single span. This single span is the longest of any bridge in the world. As far as Professor Mathews could determine, war activity on the west coast is abating. Transportation service was rather good. Professor Mathews said the other states were rather dry. His final comment was "that Texas looked mighty good."

Gilchrist Will Present Plans To Board October 14

First Meeting Of Board of Directors Since Early Summer

The first meeting of the Board of Directors since the appointment of Gib Gilchrist as president of A. & M. will be held this weekend in the regular meeting rooms of the board located just to the north of Sbis Mess Hall.

At the meeting Gilchrist will present to the Board a set of plans for the improvement, organization, and construction of A. & M. Gilchrist stated that he did not call this group of plans a postwar planning project but rather plans for the expansion of A. & M.

Gilchrist made a quick trip to Fort Worth yesterday to consult with John Burns, member of the Board, about the business to be taken up in Saturday's meeting because Burns will be unable to attend.

All other members of the Board of Directors except Lt. Colonel D. S. Buchanan who is on active duty with the marines will be present at the meeting.

A.I.E.E. Chapter On Campus Meets Thurs.

A meeting of the local chapter of the A. I. E. E. will be held in Bolton Hall at 7 p. m. Thursday, October 12. At this meeting Professor M. C. Hughes will discuss the organization of the A. I. E. E. Recently H. C. Dillingham was appointed a member of the National Membership Committee of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education and he is also the Secretary of the Southwest Section.

Officers in the A. & M. Student Chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers are Paul Q. Olschner, chairman; Phillip B. Kosub, Secretary-Treasurer; Francis A. Wagner and Richard W. Smith are the By-Laws Committee; and Milton F. Prayda and W. Barrett Miller, are on the Program Committee.

Both Wagner and Prayda are in the ASTP Unit.

Bronze Statue Of Rev Will Cost \$800

F. W. Hensel, Head of the Landscape Art Department, at the suggestion of some students, has made an investigation as to the cost of a bronze statue on a marble pedestal to be placed at the head of Reveille's grave. The sculptor, who is the same one that made the bust of Dr. Mark Francis, located in the Animal Husbandry Reading Room, said that the statue would cost between seven hundred and fifty and eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Mr. Hensel suggests "that a hedge and some shrubbery be put around the grave for the time being." He also suggested "that a marble gravestone be placed at the head of the grave until something else is put at the head such as the statue of Reveille."

Latin-American Aggies to Meet Wed.

A meeting of the Latin-American students on the campus will be held in room 124 of the Academic Bldg. Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Dr. Trotter Attends Range Operator's Day

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of the Agronomy Department, left at 5:00 a. m. Thursday for the Range Operator's Field Day at Woodward, Oklahoma. He expects to return Wednesday.

Will Journey To Fair

Professor A. L. Darnell, of the Dairy Husbandry Department, is journeying to Cleburne, Texas this week. He is going to judge dairy cattle at the Johnson County Fair on October 13 and 14.

L.S.U. To Hold Open House for Aggies

ASTRP Unit and Coeds From Texas Are Hosts

Word has been received from the Director of Social Recreation and Assistant to the Dean of Men at Louisiana State University, Gene Quaw, that open house will be held on Saturday, October 14, for all Aggies making the trip to Baton Rouge.

The open house will be held from two to four p. m. in the Field House Lounge. The affair is being sponsored by Company "A" of the ASTRP unit on the campus. The majority of the boys in this military unit are from Texas. Scheduled on the program are songs and cheers of both schools, a campus vaudeville program, dancing and refreshments. Assisting the ASTRP boys will be comely L. S. U. coeds whose homes are in Texas.

Calling attention to the terrific spirit shown by the Aggies at the game last year, Quaw is planning to have the A. & M. cheer leaders on hand for the festivities Saturday also to lead the Aggies in their own school yells and songs. Quaw also included that any talented performers from Aggieland would be welcome to the show.

It is planned to make the "Open House" a memorable event as it is the meeting of the two great military units of the South, said Quaw.

College Faculty Flying Club Meets

Faculty Members and Residents to Form Club

The College Station Faculty Flying club will hold a meeting at 7:00 p. m., Wednesday, in Room 107, Academic Building, Dr. Howard W. Barlow, acting Dean of Engineering, has announced.

Anyone eligible of taking flying instruction is invited to attend the meeting, Dean Barlow said. Regular students of Texas A. & M. College are requested not to participate inasmuch as they are eligible to apply for membership in the A. & M. Flying club of which Barney A. Myatt, Room 214 Dormitory 17, is president.

The A. & M. Airport, Easterwood Field, is the finest college field in the country. It has three concrete-paved runways 150 feet wide and 5,150 feet long. Planes and instructors are available for those desiring to rent planes to take instruction.

Formation of a flying club among the faculty and residents of this area will permit a large reduction in flying rates, Dean Barlow said.

Aggie Marine Hero Spoke to AgEd Class

Sgt. W. T. Winn, class of '40 spoke to an agricultural education class this morning about his experiences in the Pacific war theatre. Winn was in the first group to land on the beaches of Guadalcanal and spent six months on the dark jungle island.

He wears a string of decorations and service ribbons above his left pocket which includes the purple heart. Winn has been in service since 1942.

At one time Winn's outfit held the record for being on the combat line for a longer time than any other outfit in the history of American military engagements. He was on the firing line for over two months. Winn, who has been a sergeant for nine months, is from Marque, Texas.

History Department Resumes Latin History

History 313, a course in the history of Latin America is being offered by the History Department for the first time in two years. This course deals with the history of the Latin American countries from the early colonial period up to 1920. The section meets on Monday and Wednesday from 1:15 till 2:30.

If schedule hours can be arranged History 423, United States Foreign Relations, will be offered also.

Aggie Sweetheart Is Selected In Denton

Vanity Fair, Senior Favorite Picture Requirements Set Up

Marc Smith, editor of the Longhorn, has announced the requirements for entries in the Vanity Fair and Senior Favorite sections of the Longhorn.

Two pictures for Vanity Fair must be turned in. One should be a bust picture 3 by 5 and one should be full length and 6 by 8 in size. Senior Favorite pictures must be 3 by 5 in size and a face view.

Club officers may arrange dates for having club pictures taken by contacting Smith in the Longhorn Office. A full page club section will cost \$25 and 1/2 page will cost \$15. Prices on Senior Favorites and Vanity Fair are \$1.50 and \$3.00 respectively.

Soils Expert Says Land Rebuilding Is Texas No. 1 Problem

Soils can be studied in terms of animal life, Dr. William A. Albrecht of the University of Missouri told a large group from several divisions of Texas A. & M. College, farmers and representatives of state and federal agencies at Guion Hall recently.

Speaking on "The Soil in Relation to Human and Animal Health," Dr. Albrecht illustrated his talk with a series of lantern slides showing the effects of foods and feed grown upon various soils on the health and growth of human beings and animals.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of the College agronomy department who once was an associate of Dr. Albrecht at Columbia, Mo., after Acting Director James D. Prewitt of the Texas Extension Service had stated that 11,000,000 acres of Texas soils had been abandoned because of depletion and erosion, and 53,000,000 additional acres had been similarly damaged.

"If given an opportunity, I believe that most Texas counties would consider soil rebuilding the No. 1 problem," Prewitt said.

Erosion has made people soil conscious, Dr. Albrecht said. He analyzed soil construction—how the elements break down rock into the soil and how the ingredients of the soil are conveyed to humans and animals through the plants. Beef cattle don't go to Kansas City merely because it is Kansas City, but because Kansas City is in the general region where the soils make cattle. Emphasizing this point he cited the north and south movements of the buffalo herds because the animals knew instinctively where to find the grazing which maintained their bodies and health.

Concluding, he urged prevention of soil depletion rather than resort to antidote. "Let's keep the soil in condition so it will go to our children at full productivity. Let's keep the soil healthy. Our nation will stand or fall; our civilization will prevail or crumble on the use of our heritage—the soil."

The appearance of Dr. Albrecht was arranged by the Extension Service, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Agricultural Adjustment Agency. He is a native of Illinois where he owns extensive farming properties. In addition to being a world traveler, Dr. Albrecht is the author of a number of technical bulletins. This was his first visit to Texas.

Press Club to Meet Wed. Night in YMCA

Because of the yell practice held tonight the scheduled meeting of the Press Club has been called off and was announced by Dick Goad, club president, today.

The meeting of the club has been set for Wednesday, October 11 in the Cabinet room of the Y. M. C. A. at 7:15 p. m. Goad and Calvin Brumley, Editor of the Battalion urge that all old members and students interested in working or the school paper this semester attend this meeting. The members of the Longhorn Staff are also urged to attend, said Goad.

Graduate Fellowships To Be Given Latin-American Students

In order to encourage students from among the Spanish-speaking peoples of continental United States and of Puerto Rico to carry on advanced study in institutions of higher learning and to prepare themselves for work among their people, the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs is offering a limited number of graduate fellowships for study during 1945, to be administered by the Institute of International Education.

These fellowships are for advanced study in such fields as languages and civilization of the Western Hemisphere, sociology and social work, home economics, rural education and agriculture; pre-school, primary, intermediate and secondary education, and personnel administration, with emphasis on fields of practical value to the Spanish-speaking population. The grants are available for young men and women of Spanish-speaking groups, in order to increase participation of these groups in the community life of the United States. The fellowships are open to graduates of an accredited American college or university and are for study at an accredited university or professional school in continental United States. Applicants may indicate their preference as to the university or school, but the final choice of institution will be subject to the approval of the Institute of International Education.

In making the awards, preference will be given to unmarried candidates, but married candidates will be considered. The amount of the stipend offered will be sufficient to cover board, room, tuition and books for the academic year. It is expected that the recipients of these fellowships will devote themselves to serious study or research and that they will return to their own communities to work for at least a year after completion of their studies. They will be expected to keep in touch with the Institute of International Education and to submit four reports to the Institute during the course of their studies.

Appointments will be made for one academic year within the period January 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946. Fellowships may commence at any time from January 1945 to the opening of the fall term in 1945.

General Requirements For Eligibility

In order to qualify, a candidate must—

1. be a citizen of the United States of Spanish-speaking origin
2. be not more than 35 years of age
3. be a graduate of an accredited (See GRADUATES, Page 3)

Silver Taps Is Highest Tribute Paid Deceased Student By Fellow Aggies

Highest tribute that can be paid any Aggie by his fellow men here at Aggieland, is the playing of Silver Taps in his honor. Tradition at A. & M. is strong and this one tradition has meant more to many men at Aggieland for its simplicity and stirring emotion than any other tradition on the campus.

For the men on the campus who have never heard the playing of Silver Taps, there is a hollow pot in their lives here at Aggieland. Not that Silver Taps should be played continually for its significance alone does not warrant that, but the emotion and beauty of its silver notes as they drift over the campus mean more to an Aggie than the mere playing of a few notes at midnight.

One does not fully realize the close union between Aggies until he hears Silver Taps played for the Aggie who has gone to the land beyond. It is one of those traditions that brings the tears to your eyes and the butterflies to your stomach. While you stand at attention, listening to the notes from the trumpets, a thousand and one thoughts race through your mind. The richness of the tones dig deep into your thoughts, and you closely renew your faith in the traditions of Aggieland.

Final Selection To Be Announced Later

An Aggie Sweetheart was chosen late Saturday night in the rooms of Virginia Carroll Lodge on the TSCW campus by the Aggie senior committee. Members of the committee decided with the approval of the girls from TSCW not to announce the winner until a later date.

Selection was made from a group of 12 nominees from the sophomore, junior and senior classes from TSCW. The group included blondes, brunettes, and one redhead. They varied in height from almost shortie to tall lighthouse ladies. They were all gracious and charming in the opinion of the committee and as Tom Alley, president of the senior class and head of the committee expressed it, "We've never seen so many beautiful women in one place before. I can see right now that we are going to have trouble making the selection."

The senior class selected the president of the senior class, the cadet colonel, regimental commanders, editor of the Battalion, editor of the Longhorn, and the six battalion commanders to make the trip as judges. Several of those selected were unable to make the trip and in order that the group might be complete they designated alternates to take their places. The men making the trip were: Harold Daily, Walter Fhurmann, W. L. Huddleston, Tom Alley, Marc Smith, Watson Keeney, Jack Palmer, Charles Atlas, Barney Myatt, Frank Wright, Homer Moore, and Calvin Brumley.

Four girls represented each of the top three classes at TSCW. Seniors are: Barbara Cook, a brunette with blue eyes; Bonnie Crumpacker, a red head; Marjorie Monaghan, a brunette class beauty last year; Ellicea Murnane, a brunette who is the sister of Tommy Murnane, manager of the Aggie football team.

Juniors are: Bobby Jo George, Anne McPherson, Vicki Moran, Elaine O'Leary. All four girls are brunettes. Sophomores are: blonde Virginia Carroll, brunette Ruth Dinwiddle, blonde Peggy Hendricks and blonde Jolene Proctor who was Aggie representative at the Texas university Roundup last year.

Dallas A. & M. Club Meets Wed. at 7 P. M.

The Dallas A. & M. Club will hold an important meeting Wednesday night at 7:00 p. m. in the E. E. lecture room for the purpose of discussing the coming activities for this semester. All old students and new freshmen are urged to attend as this semester contains many social events and all men from Dallas are needed to contribute their ideas. Bob English, president, requests that everyone make a special effort to attend the meeting.