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## Review Prepares Corps For Federal Inspection Social Calendar For Semester Includes Five Balls

### Freshman "Bluebonnet" Ball In Sbisa Hall March 23, Heads Semester Social Calendar

#### Aggieland Orchestra to Play for Both Fish Ball and Corps Ball Sat. Night

The Freshmen "Bluebonnet" Ball will be held Friday night, March 23, in Sbisa Hall. M. Y. Swatzell, recently elected President of the Freshmen Class, has appointed committees for the function and work on the event has already begun.

The admission price has been set at \$1.50, stag or drag. W. M. Turner's Aggieband Orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion and also for the Corps Ball the following night also in Sbisa Hall.

No Dormitory has been set aside yet for the guests that night but an announcement will be forthcoming to that effect soon. Walton Hall will probably be the residence of the visiting girl over the week-end.

Also scheduled on the entertainment program for the Freshmen and their dates that weekend is the Senior Frolic to be staged Saturday afternoon. The complete program for this affair has not yet been announced.

Other than Fish Swatzell, other class officers elected last Friday night include Gentry, Vice President, Leeper, Secretary, and Wiegand, Treasurer.

#### Singing Cadets Go On Tour Saturday

Cadet Choral Group to Sing At Denton, Dallas

W. M. Turner announces today that 32 members of the Aggie Singing Cadets will journey north to perform for soldiers and civilians. They will leave at 12:00 o'clock noon for Denton. Saturday night will mark their first performance for the students of North Texas College where they will appear on Fessor Graham's famed Saturday night stage show. It is hoped that there will be a good representation of Tessies from the north part of town in the audience. They will spend the night in Denton as guests of North Texas State Teachers College and then will go to Dallas Sunday morning where See CADETS, Page 6

#### Geraldine Fitch Is Rotary Speaker

Noted Lecturer To Discuss "New China"

Mrs. Geraldine Townsend Fitch, author and lecturer, will discuss "The New China in the New Pacific" as a phase of new forces in world affairs Friday in two lectures at the Stephen F. Austin High School. The first will be before the Bryan and College Station high school students at 12:45 p.m., and the second at 7:30 p.m. before the general public.

This is the third of four outstanding lecturers brought to this county as a public service by the Bryan Rotary Club under arrangements made with Rotary's Institute of International Understanding. They have been arranged to give students and adults an opportunity of hearing from noted authorities about world problems in terms of the relationship of peoples of the world to each other.

#### Guion Hall To Give Free Show for Corps

The Guion Hall Theater, in keeping with its policy of bringing outstanding events to the campus, will give the corps an opportunity to see free of charge Major Clark's vivid technicolor picture show, "Combat America", to be shown March 13 in Guion Hall and March 14 in Assembly Hall, according to an announcement by Tom Puddy, Guion Hall manager. Both showings will begin promptly at 1:00 and will be open to the general public. (See GUION HALL, Page 6)



#### Rise Stevens, Met. Opera Star, to Appear On Town Hall Here Tuesday

By L. H. Calahan

Rise Stevens, lovely star of the Metropolitan Opera and many Hollywood productions, will appear on Town Hall Tuesday night, March 13. Miss Stevens boasts of a handsome soldier husband, A Fashion Academy Award as Best Dressed Opera Star, and two dots over the "e" in her first name. And, incidentally, her first name is pronounced as if it were written Ree-suh.

Perhaps Miss Stevens is better known to the people around College Station as the feminine star in the recent Paramount picture, "Going My Way", in which the male lead was played by Bing Crosby.

Miss Stevens began her musical career at ten when she sang on one of the early Milton Cross radio programs. At seventeen she was leading lady with the Opera Comique at the Heckscher Theatre in New York where she was heard by the famous discoverer of singers, Madame Anna Schoen-Rene. She was so impressed that she offered to teach the young singer; an offer which resulted shortly in a three year scholarship for the Julliard School of Music.

In 1935, the New York born songstress was a semi-finalist in the Metropolitan Auditions of the Air, but never participated in the actual finals because of her decision to go abroad for further study. During this period, Miss Stevens was offered a contract with the Metropolitan Opera, which she also declined, choosing instead to continue her studies in Salzburg and Paris. With Mme. Maria Gutheil-Schoder in Salzburg, she studied her most celebrated role—Octavian in "Der Rosenkavalier". The young star could have had no better mentor, for Mme. Gutheil-Schoder herself was the original Octavian.

In 1936, Miss Stevens made her operatic debut at the Prague Opera House in the title role of "Mignon". Following this she sang in opera in Vienna, Cairo and the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires, South America. She then returned to the United States and won the unanimous praise of the most critical audience in the world—a Metropolitan Opera audience—when she appeared in her American debut in the title role of "Mignon." Later that year she went to England and sang for Queen Mary at the musical festival in Gyndebourne.

Miss Stevens has made several motion pictures, the most famous of which are "The Chocolate Soldier," and her latest "Going My Way". In the Chocolate Soldier she played opposite Nelson Eddy, who is also noted as being one of the stars. It is expected that

#### Freshmen Ball Is First On Calendar

At a meeting of the new Student Activities Committee held last week, the social calendar for this semester has been virtually completed.

First on the entertainment list for the season is the Freshman "Bluebonnet Ball" to be held on March 23. Fish Swatzell, president of the Freshman class, has named his committees and preparations for the affair have already begun. A Corps Ball will be held Saturday night.

Following the Freshman Ball will be the Junior Ball on April 13. Due to the mixup in classes at the present time, a banquet for the Juniors probably will not be permissible, as that usually accompanied the traditional Junior Prom. Therefore, the dance will probably be called the Junior Ball. A corps ball will also follow this event Saturday night, to which all members of the campus personnel will be allowed to go.

The Sophomores will reign on April 27th when they will have their annual Ball. Dick Baugh is president of the Sophomore class (See BALLS, Page 6)

#### Field Day Program To Be Held Here

Key farmers of Brazos County and representatives of interested governmental agencies will attend a field day, March 9, at the Main Experiment Station, according to J. E. Roberts, station superintendent. The theme of the meeting will be Soil Improvement Practices and Labor Saving Services.

Some 75 leaders are to gather at the farm where they first will be taken on a tour during which several types of demonstrations will be given. One interesting feature will be a demonstration of a brush saw, a new light-weight model costing less than \$400, which is reported to be ideal for clearing ranges, pastures, etc. Another interesting demonstration will be a posthole digger operated by tractor power.

At noon lunch will be served at the Animal Industries Pavilion with the Bryan-Brazos County Chamber of Commerce acting as host. At 12:45 the group will move to the Agricultural Engineering Building where a picture will be shown. This film depicts the science of farming from West Texas to the Gulf Coast and many scenes are from the campus of Texas A. & M.

#### '46 Cadet Officers Given Certificates At Ceremony

Retaining Of Blue Star for School Depends On Outcome of Fed. Inspection March 27

Today, at 5 p.m., a trial review, in preparation for a Federal Inspection to be held on March 27, was held on the Infantry Drill Field. An added feature of the ceremony was the presentation of certificates to Cadet Officers of the class of '46, who relinquished their positions at the beginning of this semester.

The Federal Inspection on the 27th will determine whether or not the school will continue to be able to wear the blue star on the cuffs of the blouses. At this ceremony, there will be more or less two reviews. Present cadet officers will lead their men past the reviewing stand the first time, and then men will be called from the ranks to lead the outfits around the second time. The reason for this is that only those now taking R.O.T.C. training will be judged by the inspectors. The Frogs, since they have only been on the campus one month, will be judged separately and for that reason will not be combined into the other companies.

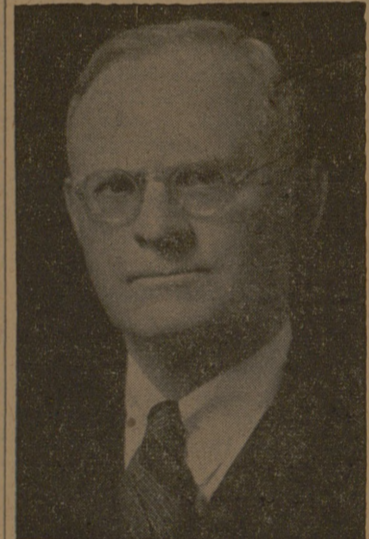
The corps had been practicing since Tuesday evening for the review held today. A practice session was held Tuesday at 5 p.m. and also during the drill period Thursday afternoon.

As today's ceremony was only a trial review, no guests were in the reviewing stand but they will be present at the Federal Inspection later on.

#### Dr. Sherwood Eddy Speaks Here Tuesday

World Traveler And  
Lecturer To Deliver  
To Addresses Here

Dr. Sherwood Eddy, world traveler and lecturer, will deliver two addresses on the A. & M. College campus March 12 and 13. The first lecture will be on "Today's War, Tomorrow's World", and will be delivered in Guion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 12. Dr. Eddy will speak in the YMCA chapel Tuesday, March 13, at



Dr. Sherwood Eddy

7:30 p.m. on "Two Hot Spots, India and Russia."

Admission will be free to both lectures, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Dr. Eddy's appearances will be under sponsorship. See EDDY, Page 6

#### 1500 Students Now Enrolled In School

According to information released from the registrar's office yesterday there are only 1500 students now enrolled this year as compared 1674 at this time last year.

These students are enrolled under 19 different heads. There are 47 students taking AA this year to last year 53. This year there are 32 students enrolled in AgEd. Last year there were 37 enrolled. In the AgEd department there are 33 students enrolled this year where there were 18 last year. There are 171 students enrolled in Ag to last years 155. There are no students enrolled in CM this year. Last year there was one. In LA there are 125 students enrolled this year where there were 95 last year. In Landscape art there is one student enrolled. Last year there were 2. There are 67 students enrolled this year in Science to See STUDENTS, Page 6

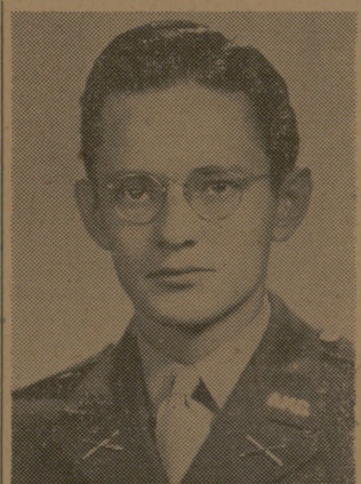
#### Aggie of the Week . . .

### Sam Law, '46, Secretary-Treasurer

One of the best academic records on the campus belongs to Sam Law, a Veterinary Medicine major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Law, of Cameron, Texas, and it was there that he was born and attended grammar and high school.

He graduated from Yoe High School in Cameron, and was salutatorian of his senior class. He also played in the band for seven years. "I started playing the sousaphone in the fifth grade when it was about two inches higher than I was," Sam explained.

Upon entering A. & M., he was assigned to "F" Battery Field Artillery, in June, 1942. It was then one of the four horse-drawn Field Artillery outfits on the campus, and Law's battery commander was E. O. Jonsson, of Crystal City. Since then, Sam has made a worthy record here, being a First Lieutenant (Executive Officer) of "B" Battery, Sec'y-Treasurer of his Senior Class, one of the fourteen Aggies to be in the College Who's Who, and he has been all this besides among the distinguished students every semester except one, which in itself is a notable achievement.



Sam Law

The lighter side of Sam's life consists, among other things, of a longing for steaks at mealtime, and a genuine love for hunting, which he lists as his favorite pastime. He states that he has no favorite tune or type of music, but that football and baseball top his list of enjoyable sports. When asked about women, Law declined

to make a statement, saying that he was certainly no authority on that subject. However, he lists as his two most enjoyable times since he has been at A. & M. the week-end of the Senior Ring Dance and the Corps trip to Rice U. when he was a fish, so one can draw almost any conclusion. Sam says that his favorite hobby is photography, but that he hasn't had much time to pursue this interest since his enrollment at A. & M.

When asked what he thought made A. & M. the outstanding school that it is, Sam thoughtfully said, "Well, better men have tried to put their finger on that, so maybe I'd better say that it's just because it is A. & M." Law hopes that speaking and friendliness will return to the campus to the extent that they once were practiced. He also says that the Final Review of his Fish year made an indelible impression on his mind, and that he will never forget that event.

Sam Law is majoring in Veterinary Medicine. He plans to graduate this coming September, after which he anticipates hanging out a shingle in Cameron.

#### Seniors To Include Tessie Talent In Frolic Show Scheduled For March 24

It was announced today that the Senior Class will present a stage show in Guion Hall on March 24, for the purpose of raising funds which will be used by the class for its various activities this semester. The program will be in addition to the regular feature, and is expected to last about an hour. Talent for the occasion has not been selected—but it is expected that groups from T.S.C.W. and Sam Houston State Teachers College will participate in the program. Jere Higgs, social chairman for the class, said that he had written to Prairie View College and asked for a few entertainers, but no word has been received from them. Also on the program will be the Singing Cadets and the Aggieband Orchestra, both of which are under the direction of W. M. Turner.

Arrangements are now being made so that the Singers will put on a play in which they themselves will be stars. It is expected that



Dan McGurk  
President of Senior Class

the play will deal with the life of a Freshman, and his first days at

A. & M. No final arrangements have been made as to the type of play, or to the players, but it is expected that these plans will be completed sometime in the very near future.

March 24 was selected as the day for the program as it will add greatly to the entertainment of visitors that are in Aggieband for the Freshman ball which is to be held Friday night, March 23.

Dan McGurk, President of the Senior Class, said that no final arrangements have been made as to the price of admission, but that this will also be decided when the seniors make their final plans for the program and its entertainers.

The Battalion extends its deepest condolences to the families of the late Paul Haines and Webb Lipscomb who were reported killed in action recently. Both men, ex-students of A. & M., resided here in College Station.