

# THE LOWDOWN ON CAMPUS DISTRACTIONS

By J. L. Everett  
 Playing at the Palace Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, will be "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo", starring Spencer Tracy, Van Johnson, and Phyllis Thaxter. Based on Major Ted Lawson's accurate account of the first American bombing of Tokyo, this picture shows in detail the training, planning, and raw courage that went into the mission. Against such a background is told the true-to-life love story of Lawson, his young wife, and his unborn child.

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Lowdown: It's a picture you shouldn't miss.

At the Campus Thursday and Friday will be "Mrs. Parkington." Based on Louis Bromfield's best-seller, "Mrs. Parkington" begins in 1872 and ends in 1938. Between these dates the picture unfolds the story of a beautiful, gay daughter of a Nevada boarding house keeper

who marries a rich cosmopolite, goes to New York with him and becomes "a lady." In their life together is reflected the building and crumbling of many of America's financial empires.

Lowdown: A good picture-worth seeing.

At Guion Hall Thursday will be "Janie." A comedy starring Joyce Reynolds and the son of an old friend of the family. The son is in the Army and while trying to please him she throws a party for the whole camp. The party ends up in a riot as complications arrive.

Lowdown: A good picture—laughs all the way through.

A double feature will play at the Campus Saturday. "Hi Good-Looking" is a comedy about a radio star that helps an aspiring girl singer by terming with her, himself remaining as the "mystery man." Playing in it are Harriett Hilliard, Edde Quillan, and Ozzie Nelson.

"Ministry of Fear," the better half of the program stars Ray Milland and Majorie Reynolds. With modern England as its background, this psychological mystery drama concerns a man, who, upon being released from an insane asylum to which he was sent after the murder of his wife, becomes involved with a gang of saboteurs. Because of the former charges against him, he avoids police pro-

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# Student Poll Reveals More Recreational Facilities Are Needed For Students Here

By L. H. Calahan

It has been the custom of the Battalion to present news items and features that are of interest to the students, faculty members and residents of College Station. Recently a number of features have been written giving student opinions on various matters and subjects that are believed to be of interest as well as important to all Aggies. This article is one that should be of interest to all students and faculty members as well, and it is hoped that the opinions expressed herein will have some effect on the A. & M. of tomorrow.

Everyone is talking about that "little something" that is missing around the campus now days. It is understood that there is an acute shortage of women around the school, but in the minds of those that have been here for a couple of years there are things that are more important. A few men in the class of 1944 have been interviewed and they felt that life at Aggie-land today doesn't even compare to that of two or three years ago. Perhaps the greatest thing that is lacking is school spirit. They felt that there is no spirit at all around the campus, and that everything will get back to normal when the servicemen return to school after the war.

Tony Barcelona, vet student in the class of 1946, said that he has lived in Bryan since his birth and he has seen Aggie Spirit for many years and he believes that it will take quite a long time to have things back to normal even after the veterans return to school. Barcelona said that life on the campus and in the dormitory seems to be drab and uncolorful, something

that was never seen in the good old days.

Donald R. Bynes, freshman, said that he hasn't been at A. & M. long enough to know what the old spirit used to be like, but that he thinks there is a shortage of entertainment facilities. Of course freshmen are not supposed to have much outside recreation, but he said there isn't even anything to do when you have a date or guest.

Bill Geer, Aggie football star, said that he believes the lack of school spirit is the most outstanding thing at A. & M. now. Geer feels that when the exes come back conditions will change, and things will again get back to normal. He believes that the true Aggie Spirit left with the classes of 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944.

Richard Bassett, Senior, said that he would like to see the old Senior Court back, but this time with all their old power. He feels that the Court has been limited and restrained.

Thomas League, another Aggie letterman, said that the attendance of cadets at the baseball games is a good example of what is wrong at the school now. He believes that there is no school unity and that organization pride is something of the past. League said that there seemed to be little fellowship and true friendliness in the Corps.

Grant Darnell, football and baseball player, had quiet a few things to say about conditions around the school. He believes there should be better and closer cooperation between the administration, faculty, and students. He also stated that he wished they would bring back some of the social doings that were

held on the campus a few years ago. Darnell believes that the food in the mess hall has changed a lot in recent months. He said that it doesn't seem to be half as good as it was last semester, and last semester's meals weren't as good as those of the preceding semester.

Approaching Sam Nixon and Eddie Wendt, Juniors in "G" Battery, with the question, they seemed to agree emphatically that the school is lower now than it ever has been since they have been on the campus. "Why not have a yell practice," they stated. "Yell practices were held last spring and surely, the Frogs don't know the yells. Even the rest of us are getting a little rusty on them."

Edwin Smith, sophomore in the band, is of the same opinion of Darnell about the food in the mess hall, and he also added that there is no place to go for recreation. He said that there should be some arrangements made so that the cadets could spend their week-ends on the campus in some kind of new recreational atmosphere as a result there is to do now is go to a movie and then listen to the radio.

These are only a few of the opinions expressed by students on "What's Lacking At A. & M." And it is agreed by everyone that Aggie Spirit is at an all time low, and it is also agreed that A. & M. should have some new recreational facilities. It is also hoped by many of the cadets that T. S. C. W. and A. & M. will be brought closer together so that conditions will be like they used to be; Aggies on the Tessie campus over the week-end, and Tessies visiting the Aggies on those boring Saturdays and Sundays.

## Aggie of the Week . . .

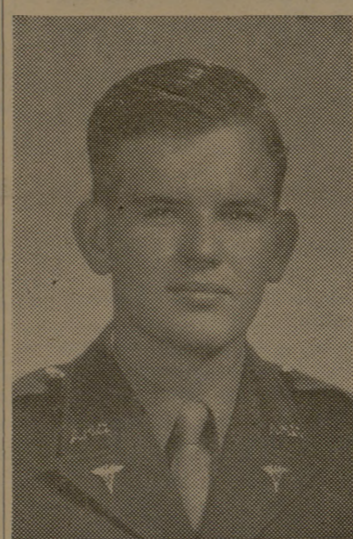
### Bill Benson, Corps Personnel Officer

by Bill Withers  
 This week's Aggie is William Benson, a popular senior who hails from San Angelo. He is the son of Captain and Mrs. J. W. Benson also of San Angelo, Texas. Captain Benson an Aggie-ex was once the Commanding Cadet Officer of "B" Company, as well as being on the Corps Rifle Team.

Benson was born in San Angelo, and there he attended grammar and high school. At San Angelo High School, he belonged to the debating club, the Student Forum, the Future Farmers of America, as well as being selected as class representative.

When he entered A&M, it was in June of the hot summer of 1943 and he was in the 1st Headquarters Company. He states that he has been on the Corps staff since last summer, having come from a five-striper to wear the single diamonds.

When he's not in official capacity, there is nothing Bill would rather do than eat fried chicken along with corn bread and country butter. He was very definite in declaring "Stardust" as his favorite tune, adding that he thought that Artie Shaw's arrangement was the best. He lists shooting pool, hunting, fishing, and dancing as his favorite pastimes. Besides pulling



William Benson

## PERSONALS

On the campus last week-end to attend the Junior Prom and Corps Ball were Misses Sylvia Sellers, Houston; Pauline McKenzie, San Antonio; Mary Elizabeth Robinson, Dallas; Bess Brock, Louise La Grone and Anne Fancher, Denton; Pat Robinson, Dallas, and Sue Whiteside, Fort Worth.

Misses Mary Jo Hitt and Jeanine Hawthorne of Mexia were campus visitors over the week-end.

L.S.U. co-eds visiting the campus Friday and Saturday were Misses Gladys Tappan, Nan Tarwater, Rogenia Green, and Margaret Brumley.

Miss Arlene House, LaMarque, Texas, was a week-end visitor.

Guests stopping at the Aggie-land Inn were J. E. Lucas, Nixon; George Hurt, Austin; Richard Thornton, Boston, Mass.; C. H. Welch, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Capt. and Mrs. G. G. Keith, Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, Dallas; Lt. (j.g.) C. D. Reeves and family, Corpus Christi and Major Nick Falsone, Dallas.

W. C. Stone, Stillwater, Okla., was a campus visitor Tuesday. Mr. Stone was formerly an assistant manager of Student Activities.

# SOCIETY

## Bryan-College Rotarians to Observe Ladies Night At Country Club Friday Night

Over 200 Bryan-College Station Rotarians, their Rotary Anns and guests have made reservations for the club's first Ladies Night entertainment which will be held at the Bryan Country Club beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday.

This party has been scheduled to provide an opportunity for Rotary families to get better acquainted and enjoy some real fellowship together, George M. Garrett, club president, has announced.

Members of the club have been urged to bring their children of all ages and these will be entertained by a special committee in another part of the country club building.

The program committee, headed by J. D. Martin, Jr., for the men and Mrs. H. K. Stephenson for the ladies, is stressing the appropriateness of informal attire as dining tables designedly will not be available. Slacks for both sexes are "in good taste," and the ladies have been warned that "anyone who wears high-heel shoes will be relieved of her footwear and will proceed bare-footed the remainder of the evening."

Immediately after invocation by

Rev. R. B. Sweet, president of the club elect, promptly at 7:00 p. m., barbecue a la Luke Patranella will be served. All trimming that have been made American barbecues an institution will be on hand in abundance. This will be followed by a grand march led by President and Mrs. George M. Garrett, then a hour of entertainment identify of which the program committee wishes kept secret until announced at starting time. Around 10:00 p.m. those who wish to retire to their homes may do so, the others will remain for card and domino games and dancing for those who trip the light fantastic.

## Knickerbocker Is Guest At Student Activities Banquet

Tuesday afternoon at 6:30 p.m. in the Aggie-land Inn, Student Activities honored the visiting lecturer, H. R. Knickerbocker, at a small banquet. Serving as a get-together before the Town Hall program that evening, the guests were given an opportunity to welcome Mr. Knickerbocker and chat with him. As Mr. Knickerbocker is a former student here, he freely discussed his experience while attending school here, and was very interested in the changes that had been made since his departure from the school.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Dough Rollins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Winstead, Charlie West, Dick Goad, Dan Hightower, Verne Scott, Charles Crabtree, Bill Davis, Jerry Dwight, Mr. and Mrs. Knickerbocker and the Manager of Student Activities, Joe Skiles.

## Woman's Society of Christian Church Sponsors Silver Tea

A program by outstanding artists has been arranged for the musical silver tea, which is being sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the A. and M. Methodist Church, on Sunday, April 29 at four o'clock in the church. All music lovers are invited.

The committees in charge of arrangements are Mrs. T. H. Terrell, general chairman; Mrs. R. W. Steen, program; Mrs. J. S. Mogford, decorations; Mrs. Ray Oden, publicity and Mrs. W. R. Horsley, refreshments.

## Postwar Problems Are Discussed At Campus Study Club Meeting

Post War Problems with a special emphasis on Germany, was the topic for the Campus Study Club program which was given on Tuesday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. lounge. Artistic arrangements of roses and garden flowers were placed on tables about the room and members were greeted by Mrs. Roy Snyder and Miss Jennie Oliver, hostesses for the day. Mrs. Ray Oden gave a report of the "Reconstruction of Germany." Explaining that she preferred to give opinions other than her own, she reviewed the report of the conference at Yalta in which the plans for post war Germany were outlined by Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin. From "Germany After Hitler" by Paul Hagen who was born in Austria, was given the views of a man well acquainted with the labor party in Germany. Mr. Hagen says the labor party stood for all progress that was made after the last war and should have a chance to reconstruct Germany after this war. Mr. Hagen still believes in Germany and feels that a prolonged occupation would be a mistake. From Sumner Wells' "Time for Decision", Mrs. Oden gave another suggestion for the handling of Germany—that is, to divide it into three parts with the United States, England, and Russia occupying separate zones.

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