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First Summer Corps Dance Scheduled Saturday

A.&M. Sponsors Vocational Program at Army Hospital

The Educational Branch and Reconditioning Center of McCloskey General Hospital, working through Captain Gerald T. Canatsey and the Red Cross, has selected Texas A. & M. to sponsor a series of talks on general opportunities, vocations, and futures that are open to the officers and enlisted men after they are released from the hospital.

A. & M., chosen because of its outstanding background in the agricultural and mechanical arts, and for its many industrial and small business contacts, will send two staff members or leading men in industry to the hospital each Tuesday to give thirty minute general discussions, followed by bull sessions, on all types of vocations, so that when the men are discharged, they will have a good idea of what field they like and are best qualified for as to type of work, salaries, knowledge required, etc. Some will probably go to college, or to trade schools before starting in on their own businesses.

A committee has been appointed for the purpose of planning and maintaining this program for as long as it is deemed necessary. The committee consists of Dr. P. W. Burns, head of the Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology department; C. W. Crawford, head of the Mechanical Engineering de-

partment; W. R. Horsley, chairman of the Student Placement office; G. B. Wilcox, head of the Student Personnel office; and J. J. Woolket, professor of Modern Languages, as chairman.

The ambulatory cases at McCloskey, including amputees, neurosurgery cases and other related cases show a definite interest in educational problems, as they are all concerned with these after they are healed. The college is making no attempt to cram them with knowledge or to train them for jobs, as the men's health is far more important, but it is giving them much needed occupation for the mind besides the war.

The three main objectives of the program are to help men solve their occupational problems; to stimulate the men's mind back to normal living problems; and to provide A. & M. men who can give them straight from the shoulder facts about various projects, bus-

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Aggies Find Hollywood Has Not Forgotten A & M

By Sam Nixon

To be treated as a royal guest by Universal Pictures Co. Inc., at their Hollywood studios was perhaps the greatest thrill that J. B. Kearby, and Johnny Spragins will ever experience. On their journey to sunny California 3 weeks ago, they had the privilege of visiting Universal Studios in Universal City. Spragins is acquainted with one Dan Young, an Aggie of the class of '44, who is now engaged by Universal in their time office; and thru Young, Kearby and Spragins were able to gain the difficult admission to the immense studios. Just the thought of being allowed to roam through their lots at random was enough to excite them both, but neither anticipated the warm and friendly reception that awaited them.

It is needless to say that Universal made our picture, "We've Never Been Licked," for every Aggie is aware of that fact. However, Kearby and Spragins thought that A. & M. and the Aggies were long forgotten by Universal, and that's where they got the surprise of their lives. Since the moderate California climate allowed them to wear their winter uniforms, including the famous Aggie Boots, the uniforms were soon a target of attention. Universal had not forgotten those uniforms, and seeing them brought a burst of inquiries. Everyone who had journeyed to Aggieland in 1942 swamped them with questions. They were quizzed on everyone from Byron Winstead, who collaborated with Norman Nelly Raine in writing the story, to Col. Welty. Places such as Uncle Ed's, Franklin's, the Charles Hotel, etc. were brought up, and everyone gathered around to hear their reports on things back to A. & M.

They were extended many wonderful invitations to lunch and to parties, but their limited time in Hollywood ruined all thoughts of such pleasures.

The greatest thrill of the entire trip, according to Spragins, was

NOTICE!
There will be a short meeting in the Aeronautical Engineering building at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2, to consider the possibility of organizing a flying club. All who are interested are invited to attend.

an introduction to Miss Yvonne De Carlo, the leading lady in Universal's widely publicized hit, "Salome, Where She Danced." Miss De Carlo was working on the set that day where her latest picture, "Frontier Gal" was being filmed. She was pointed out by Young, and the two Aggies nearly passed out when a cameraman offered to introduce her. Before they knew what was happening, they were standing before Miss De Carlo conversing with her as though they were old friends. She inquired all about A. & M. and complimented them on their uniforms. "It all seemed so casual because Miss De Carlo was so unaffected and friendly," said Spragins. "While we were conversing with her, her agent asked us if we would like to have a picture made with Miss De Carlo. I knew the only way anyone at A. & M. would ever believe our story would be proof on a picture, and so we both chimed in with a huge 'Would we! No sooner had we said it than we were surprised by a huge flash!' The picture on the front is evident of their uneasiness and surprise. "After honoring us with pictures," Spragins continued, Miss De Carlo returned to her position and continued shooting, while J. B. and I conversed with her (See AGGIES, Page 4)

Bond Sales Run High at Guion Rally

Concert and Boogie Woogie Harmonize at Bond Jamboree

The best uncle in the world was several thousand dollars richer following Wednesday night's bond rally in Guion Hall as Bill Turner staged the third and by far the most successful of his summer jamborees, featuring his Aggieland Orchestra, the Singing Cadets of Aggieland, Lil Munneryn, Colonel Richard Dunn's Aggie Band and the popular Fascinators headed by Jennings McLean, Caldwell girl trumpet star.

No totals were available but more than \$400.00 was realized from the sale of stamps alone. Two \$1,000.00 bonds were sold, one to Fish Eddie Montgomery, Jr., and several \$100.00 bonds were purchased. During the program W. L. Penberthy, general college war bond chairman, expressed appreciation to the Corps for the participation in the drive, to the Student Activities office for its cooperation and to all those who aided in the drive to make the Aggies 100% in the Seventh War Loan Drive.

Following two excellent concert band arrangements by Colonel Dunn's ever popular band, Maestro Turner tok over, first presenting his orchestra in "Night and Day". This was followed by two excellent numbers by the Singing Cadets who seem to be improving with every performance. "This is My Country" and "America the Beautiful."

College Station's mighty mite of femininity, gracious Lil Munneryn, next proceeded to steal the Aggies' hearts with two of her own compositions, "When Uncle Sam Gets Through" and the sentimental "This is My Prayer", followed by two encores "Sentimental Journey" and "Twelfth Street Rag", numbers in which Mrs. Munneryn added proof of her skill not only as a composer but as an entertainer and a master of the boogie-woogie. Jennings McLean and cohorts, who have been staged all over the country as the Fascinators, completed the show with 30 minutes of real hot and low down, including "Saturday Night", "One Meatball", "My Dreams Are Getting Better All the Time," and other popular numbers.

Miss McLean gave ample evidence of her national prize win-

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Bill Turner and Aggieland Orchestra To Furnish Music

A&M Profs Prepare To Teach at Army Schools in Europe

Four Texas A. & M. College faculty members are making final preparations to go to France and England to give instruction to members of the American Army of Occupation in Europe during the next seven months. These are V. M. Faires, head of the Management Engineering Department, J. A. Orr, professor of Civil Engineering, Dr. S. S. Morgan, professor of English, and C. J. Finney, planning architect for the Construction Program.

Overseas University Study Centers are being set up at Shrivvenham, England, and Fontainebleau, France, Faires reported. He has just returned from Washington where he conferred with War Department officials about the engineering section in France, which he will head.

According to present orders, Faires and Orr will go to the French school, while Morgan and Finney will go to England. They will leave College Station around July 1 and likely will go straight to the port of embarkation. The Shrivvenham school is slated to get under way on July 15 and the one at Fontainebleau on August 1.

These educators will have the privileges of the officer groups and will wear uniforms but will not hold any military rank, Faires said.

These university centers will give studies on college levels in all subjects with the exceptions of law and medicine, Faires said. In addition there will be many smaller centers where instruction will be on vocational, high school and primary grade levels. Applicants will be pretty well screened before being allowed to take instruction at either the Shrivvenham or Fontainebleau centers.

According to an announcement made recently by General Eisenhower, educational training, the equivalent of that provided in American institutions of education, will be made available to more than 1,000,000 men before the summer is over. No phase of the program, however, will delay the return of any soldier who may be entitled to come back to this country.

For those who will remain in Eu-

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Seniors Sponsor Event at Grove; Tickets on Sale

Upon the decision of the Senior Class to present the first dance of the semester, plans have been completed to hold an informal corps dance on Saturday evening, June 30. In order to make the atmosphere and especially the temperature more ideal, the Grove has been chosen as the site for the affair; but in case the weather is inclement, the dance will be held at Sbisba Hall.

The music is to be furnished by Bill Turner and his Aggieland Orchestra. Hot licks and sweet dreamy pieces will be the order of the evening, and committees are at work to condition and decorate the Grove for the affair.

Tickets have been on sale for several days, but those who have not yet purchased a ticket and still desire one can obtain one by contacting the captain of any outfit, since sales are being handled thru each company commander. The tickets are selling for a total of \$1.50, including federal tax.

The music is scheduled to start at 9:00 p. m., and dormitory accommodations are to be in Walton Hall. A charge of \$1.00 is to be made for the room accommodation which includes linens, lights, etc.; and those desiring dormitory rooms should see Mr. Boyer in Ross Hall.

Aggie General is Killed on Okinawa

The War Department announced earlier this week that Brigadier General Claudius M. Easley of Waco, Texas had been killed in action on Okinawa. General Easley, who was an Aggie of the Class of 1916, was serving as Assistant Division Commander of the Ninety-sixth Infantry at the time of his death, but details of his death have not been released.

A personal friend and a member of the same graduating class of Dough Rollins, General Easley was outstanding in student affairs while a cadet at A. & M. Known as "Speck" to all the Aggies, the General majored in Architecture and was a member of the crack rifle team at A. & M. While still a cadet, General Easley served as a commissioned officer in the Texas National Guard, and during his Senior year held the commission of Captain on the Regimental Staff.

After his graduation in 1916, General Easley served along the Mexican border, entering the regular army in 1917. Throughout his career as an army officer, General Easley maintained his splendid record as one of the army's outstanding crack shots; and only a few weeks ago, his name appeared in print when he snatched a rifle from an enlisted man and picked off a Jap sniper at five hundred yards.

DISCUSS COAST CONFERENCE

Current peace proposals and results of the San Francisco conference were discussed by County Judge A. S. Ware before the headquarters staff of the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service this morning.

LIBRARY HOURS

Effective Sunday, July 1, the Library will be closed on Sunday afternoons, but will remain open on Sunday evenings from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. These Sunday hours will prevail throughout the summer semester.

ExServicemen to See Movie of 1940 Sugar Bowl Game

Motion pictures of the 1940 Sugar Bowl game, in which Jarrin John Kimbrough and company took the measure of Tulane in New Orleans, will be shown at the regular meeting of the Ex-Servicemen's Club Monday, July 2. Either Lil Dimmitt or Pete Jones is expected to be on hand to comment on the game as the movie is unfolded.

George B. Wilcox, director of student personnel, will speak on the subject of the Ex-Servicemen's Club and what it means to its members. Refreshments will be served by wives of the members. R. D. Ward is chairman of the committee on entertainment.

"All men who are attending Texas A. & M. College under the provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights are automatically members of the Ex-Servicemen's Club," stated President E. R. Criswell in announcing plans for the affair "and we are particularly anxious to have as many as possible attending the meeting, as we believe that we have a great deal to offer them." Wives of the ex-servicemen on the campus are organizing a women's auxiliary, which will operate in conjunction with the club.

Monday's meeting will begin at 7:15 p. m. at the Recreation Hall.

Veterinary Surgeon Of National Fame Visits A&M Campus

Dr. Perry P. Starr, of Gainesville, Texas, a veterinary surgeon of national reputation, gave a series of lectures and held a number of conferences at the A. & M. School of Veterinary Medicine on June 19, 20, and 21. Dr. Starr is an active civic leader and a leading livestockman as well as a prominent veterinarian. His clientele extends to Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and other states.

Dr. Starr's visit to the A. & M. campus was sponsored by the Junior Chapter of the American Veterinary Association, and he spoke at the regular meeting of the society last week in the amphitheatre at the Veterinary Hospital. Highlight of the lecture was data submitted on Dr. Starr's experiments in equine encephalomyelitis (horse sleeping sickness), which he has carried on over a long period of years.

"Dr. Starr's lectures and conferences were both interesting and informative," stated Dr. R. P. Marsteller, dean of the school of veterinary medicine, "and were appreciated by both the students and the veterinarians on the teaching staff. Possibly the most valuable result of his visit was at least a partial realization by our students of the years of tedious research and study which have made possible the present high proficiency of the veterinary profession."

What's Cooking

Friday, June 29: 1:45 p.m.—Beginners' swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium. 8:00 p.m.—Softball, A. & M. Military Staff vs. Conoco, at Haswell Park, Bryan.

Saturday, June 30: 11:00 a.m.—Advanced swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium. 8:30 p.m.—Informal Corps Dance at the Grove, with Bill Turner and Aggieland Orchestra.

Monday, June 2: 1:45 p.m.—Beginners' swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium. 7:15 p.m.—Ex-Servicemen's Club meeting at Recreation Hall. 8:00 p.m.—Town meeting at High School Gymnasium.

Tuesday, July 3: 11:00 a.m.—Advanced swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium. 7:00 p.m.—Organization meeting of Houston Aggies Club, Room 2 of New "Y".

Wednesday, July 4: 1:45 p.m.—Beginners' swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium. 7:15 p.m.—Latin-American Club in Lecture Room of Civil Engineering Building.

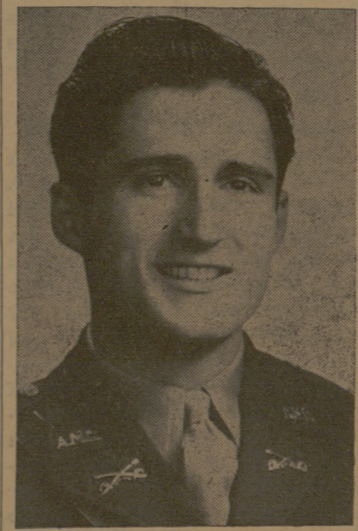
Thursday, July 5: 11:00 a.m.—Advanced swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium. 7:00 p.m.—City softball league opener, Yankees vs. Military Staff at Fairview playground.

Aggie of the Week . . .

Bill Harper, President Singing Cadets

By Clyde Crittendon
The honored individual of "Aggie of the Week" is none other than William C. Harper. Bill's honors of being president of the South Plains A. & M. Club and president of the Singing Cadets this semester have merited him the honor of being this week's outstanding Aggie.

Born in Weleteka, Okla. on Aug. 10, 1925, claiming Levelland as his home town. However, he has had ample opportunity to claim a large portion of the United States as home, since he has attended seventeen different schools from the time he entered back in 1932. His top honor in high school was that of being editor of the school paper in Fall City, Nebraska. He was very active in the high school band and glee club, and played a very prominent part in all musical events.



William C. Harper

Bill is commander of "A" company at present, after serving as First Lieutenant, Second in command, of "E" troop cavalry last semester. His favorite classical piece of music is "Clare de Lune", but he says that he can listen to "I Love You" anytime. He does not show a liking for movies, since, he says that the current run of pictures do not appeal to him.

His preference along feminine lines is that of a brunette of medium height with a vivacious personality bordering along sophisticated lines.

Bill is a pre-law major, and after attaining his degree from A. & M., he plans to enter Columbia University for his law degree. When he has completed his education, Bill says that he will most likely enter practice somewhere in West Texas.