

## Freshman Ball and Corps Dance Slated for August 3-4

### COLLEGE STATION LETS DOWN ITS HAIR



The College Station community picnic held Friday evening at The Grove was probably the best attended to date. E. H. TEMPLIN, at upper right, and his son, JIMMIE, at upper left demonstrate the accepted picnic method of eating watermelon, while at top center, watermelon bartenders J. T. L. McNEW and LUKE PATRANELLA carve slices for L. S. PAINE and VIRGINIA PREWIT.

Softball and skating are shown at lower left and lower right respectively, while at bottom center, MARGARET, GRAHAM and WENDELL HORSLEY join with JACK BURNS, MRS JIM PREWIT, BILL KIVLEHEN, and MRS. NED DWELLE in inviting the BATTALION cameraman over for a sandwich and plate of potato salad.

### Dunham Date Confirmed

A telegram confirming the appearance on the campus of Sonny Dunham and his band on the night of September 21st has been received by Student Activities. Plans for the "tremulous" Corps ball on that date, preceding the first football game of the season, will now get underway. Get that date, Aggie!

### CE Department Will Offer Repair Service

For the accommodation of students needing ruling pens sharpened and other minor repairs on drawing instruments, William E. Redd, an engineering student at A. & M., will be available on Tuesdays and Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 38 of the Civil Engineering Building to receive and repair drawing instruments. Mr. Redd has worked for several industrial organizations and more recently with North American Aviation Corp. and is experienced in drawing instrument repair work. This service will be effective July 24, 1945.

## What's Cooking

### FRIDAY, JULY 27

- 1:45 p.m.: Beginners' swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 4:15 p.m.: Intramural softball, B Co. vs. 7th Co., and 3rd Co. vs. Dorm 6.
- 7:00 p.m.: City softball, Yankees vs. Pirates at College Hills diamond.

### SATURDAY, JULY 28

- Board of directors in annual budget meeting at Directors Hall.
- 11:00 a.m.: Advanced swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 7:30 p.m.: Latin American Club party at Dr. Guy Adriance residence.

### MONDAY, JULY 30

- 8:00 a.m.: Beginning of 3rd week of Poultry Short Course.
- 1:45 p.m.: Beginners' swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 4:15 p.m.: Intramural softball, A Co. vs. 3rd Co.
- 5:00 p.m.: Intramural volleyball, B Co. vs. L Co.
- 7:00 p.m.: City softball, Military Department vs. Tigers at College Park diamond.

### TUESDAY, JULY 31

- 11:00 a.m.: Advanced swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 12:00 noon: Kiwanis Club luncheon at Duncan Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 1:45 p.m.: Beginners' swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 7:30 p.m.: American Veterinary Medical Assn. in Surgery Amphitheatre of Veterinary Hospital.
- 7:30 p.m.: Latin American Club in Lecture Room of Civil Engineering Building.
- 7:30 p.m.: Aggieband Orchestra and Singing Cadets in Summer Jamboree at Guion Hall.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

- 11:00 a.m.: Advanced swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 7:00 p.m.: City softball, Yankees vs. Orioles at College Hills diamond.

### Annual A&M-Texas U. Game Will Not Be Played On Thanksgiving Day This Year

Of doubtless interest to the Aggies is the announcement of Governor Coke Stevenson that the state of Texas will observe Thursday, November 22, as the 1945 Thanksgiving date. The governor's announcement of the twenty-second as the date for the festivities waylays the plans of the Aggie corps and the students of the University of Texas, for their annual football classic, since the traditional Turkey Day game for 1945 is scheduled to fall on November 29.

According to the "Summer Texan" at Texas U., the holiday will fall on the fourth Thursday instead of the last Thursday. Inquiries as to a possible switch in dates with the athletic office at the University received the answer of "no chance", and similar inquiries at the Texas A. & M. athletic office met with the same answer. It was pointed out by A. & M. Athletic officials since contracts for the game are arranged far in advance of the

football season, re-arrangement of the schedule is impossible.

The University publication expressed the feeling that the spirits for the game will be greatly dampened by this latest proclamation, and it is expected that the same will hold true for the cadets of A. & M. In regard to the holidays for the Aggies, Dean F. C. Bolton stated to the Battalion Wednesday that the corps will observe the original dates of November 29 through December 1 as the official Thanksgiving holidays. This means that the corps will be out of class and free to attend the game, but the game will not be held on Thanksgiving Day as has been the tradition.

The conflict between the annual Aggie-TU game and the nationally observed holiday is not without precedent, however. The policy of A. & M. has been to observe its holidays on the week-end of the traditional game. T. U. will likely follow the same policy this year.

### Wilcox to Preside At Constitutional Election Aug. 25

County Judge A. S. Ware of Brazos County announced the appointment on July 18 of George B. Wilcox, director of the office of student personnel, as presiding judge of Precinct 3 of Brazos County for the Constitutional amendment election which is to be held on Saturday, August 25, 1945. At the February meeting of the Commissioners' Court, V. J. Boriski, C. W. Crawford, F. R. Brison, and W. E. Gandy were named as assistants to Wilcox.

Wilcox announced on July 23 that the election is to be held at the A. & M. Consolidated School building on August 25 with the polls opening at eight a.m. and closing at seven p.m.

The purpose of the election is to determine the adoption or rejection of four proposed amendments to the Constitution of Texas. The amendments under consideration concern the waiving of poll tax for servicemen; the payment of continuous salaries for members of the Legislature; the provision for a Supreme Court of nine members; and the payment of an old (See ELECTION, Page 4)

### P. G. Murdoch Joins Chem. Eng. Staff

Dr. P. G. Murdoch, formerly of the research staff of the Shell Oil Company in California and New York, has joined the staff of the A. & M. College department of chemical engineering as Research Professor of Chemical Engineering, it was announced by Dr. J. D. Lindsay, head of the department.

Dr. Murdoch, his wife and four-year-old son, have obtained a residence at College Station, and have taken their places in the community.

Research work on aviation gasoline will be Dr. Murdoch's first project with the chemical engineering department, Dr. Lindsay declared. The Humble Oil and Refining Company has financed a three-year project, and supervision of this will be one of Dr. Murdoch's duties.

A graduate of the California Institute of Technology, Dr. Murdoch's work for the past several years has been in petroleum products. He was with Shell interests on the West coast prior to his transfer to the New York laboratories of the company.

Dr. Murdoch also will be available for work on projects instituted by the A&M Research Foundation, Dr. Lindsay announced.

### Directors to Meet In Budget Session Here on July 28

The Board of Directors of the A. & M. College are to assemble here on Saturday, July 28, for their annual budget meeting. The budget will cover the year beginning September 1, and will provide funds for all college expenses at that time.

In preparation for the meeting, each director has been mailed the president's estimate of anticipated expenses, which was compiled from the deans' estimates, which were in turn made up from the requests from the department heads. Last year, according to the most complete statement now available, the cash expenditures of the college amounted to \$11,198,000. This figure includes expenses of both the A. & M. college and its branch schools for educational and non-educational purposes, the plant fund, and the revolving fund. This amount will probably make a fair comparison with the funds to be budgeted for the coming year.

The financial committee of the board, composed of John Newton as chairman, and Rufus Peoples and E. W. Harrison, members, will meet Friday night. The purpose of this meeting will be to prepare a preliminary report for the use of the board.

The money to be available to the college is made up of federal and local funds and the Texas legislature's appropriation. Figures on the two former are not now available, but \$3,558,877 was appropriated (See DIRECTORS, Page 4)

### Aggieland Orchestra Will Play Both Dances at Grove

The Freshman Class has been authorized a formal ball for the evening of August 3 and plans are now underway for one of the outstanding week-ends of the summer, the office of Student Activities announced today. Bill Turner's Aggieband Orchestra has been booked to play for both this event and for an all-corps ball on the following Saturday night, August 4th.

### Katie Myate Sparks Another Successful Wednesday Jamboree

Katie Myate, popular vocalist from North Texas State Teachers College, headlined Bill Turner's Wednesday night Jamboree in Guion Hall before an enthusiastic audience of localites.

Miss Myate, who hails from Abilene, Texas, swooned the audience with "There I've Said It Again," and "Cuddle Up a Little Closer." For an encore she sang the popular "Roseroom."

The Aggieband Orchestra, strictly on the groovy side, started their program with "Cherokee" a little ditty that had the audience convinced that we might not do so bad to give the country back to the Indians after all. Maestro Turner next presented his versatile musical madcaps in "Three Blind Mice," a novelty arrangement of the nursery rhyme where-in the wandering rodents roamed from tap dancing to ballet to circus routine to Cossack fling and (See JAMBOREE, Page 4)

Traditional guests of the Freshman Class will be all Seniors. The admission to the dance will be the usual price of \$1.25 plus a federal tax of 25¢ and tickets are now in the hands of a committee and will be offered for sale in each company.

The dance, weather permitting, will be held in The Grove. Dormitory space will be made available for girls invited from out-of-town.

"All Freshman are urged to buy tickets early and begin now making arrangements for the week-end. This is one dance every member of the class should attend with a date," said Fish Bryant, class president.

The Corps Dance on August 4th will be informal and also will be held in The Grove. The standard admission will be charged for this event, it was announced.

### State Ag Agencies Hold Meeting Here

Leading field crop, soil conservation and farm engineering experts, representing the outstanding agricultural agencies in the state, were in attendance at a conference held this past week-end on the A. & M. campus, the purpose of which was to recommend fundamental soil practices to the farmers in the blackland and grand prairie areas of Texas.

E. A. Miller, agronomist for the Extension Service, acted as chairman of the meeting. Agencies represented included Texas Extension Service, Agricultural Experiment Station, Department of Agronomy and Agricultural Engineering, Department of Vocational Education in Agricultural, Federal Soil Conservation Service, Farm Security Administration and the A.A.A.

A similar meeting was held in 1940 and, according to Chairman Miller, resulted in so much help to field workers that the meeting this year was planned to afford an opportunity to bring material up to date for more effective use. Since the 1940 meeting many notable accomplishments have been realized, including improvements in Hybrid corn and its gradual substitution by farmers in this state; pasture and soil improvements have been widespread; flax has become generally grown as a commercial crop; several varieties of small grains have been added and improved generally; and, soil conservation practices have kept a pace with modern trends in agricultural thinking and planning.

Director Ide P. Trotter of the A. & M. Extension Service, speaking before the group in its first morning assembly, expressed the hope that a simple outline of fundamental soil practices could be agreed upon. Director Trotter expressed the opinion that a simplified program would meet with a more immediate adoption and hence would be of more immediate benefit in the badly needed production of food and feed for the war effort.

### Reorganization of A&M Flying Club Offers Opportunity For Low-Cost Pilot Instruction

A reorganization meeting of the Texas A. & M. Flying Club is scheduled for this evening at 6:45 in the New Y.M.C.A. It is expected that officers will be elected and plans will be formulated for the club's activities during the current semester.

The Flying Club has been in existence on the A. & M. campus since the fall of 1944, and is operated as a student activity affording students an unusual opportunity for low-cost instruction in College-owned airplanes. Any student enrolled in the College, including the ASTP and ASTRP, is eligible for membership. The plan of instruction is designed to qualify students for application for a private license, from which point they may go on with further training for more advanced licenses if desired.

Rates for instruction and use of airplanes are considerably below normal, stated H. W. Barlow, dean of the School of Engineering, since club members fly as a group and agree to fly for a specified number of hours per week. Transportation to and from the flying field is furnished. The Texas A. & M. airport is considered one of the finest and best equipped college airfields in the country, and the College-owned planes are inspected and certificated by government officials.

Any students who are interested in learning to fly or in finding out whether they are adapted for flying are invited to go by the Aeronautical Engineering department, where they may secure the names of the officers of the club who should be contacted.

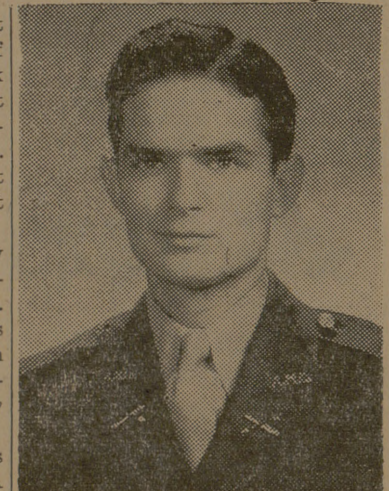
### Aggie of the Week . . .

### Scott Haggard, Senior Scribe

By Clyde Crittenden  
From Plano, Texas comes Scott Haggard for this week's choice of "Aggie of the Week". Way back in the year 1925 on July 17 Scott received his first glimpse of daylight in the fair limits of Plano. And it seems that until Scott journeyed to Aggieband, he did not hang his hat elsewhere.

Last semester, Scott served ably as Commander of the First Battalion of the Second Regiment. This semester, he is serving as Captain of Fourth Company. Much of his time these days is also devoted to his position as Secretary of the Senior Class.

Waco, Texas serves as Scott's center of attraction these days. A certain brunette in that said city is the recipient of all his attentions when it comes to his love life. "Tippin' In" we're told is Scott's favorite dance piece, but he quickly acknowledges that the soft and sweet pieces of Sammy Kaye, his favorite band, make a hit with him. Along scholastic lines, Scott is



Scott Haggard  
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a student of the school of Veterinary Medicine. When quizzed on his post graduate plans, he tells us that his plans include his entrance into practice somewhere in North Texas.

### MAINTENANCE FEES

Third installment of Maintenance Fees of \$46.30 payable August 1-6 inclusive can be paid now. These fees include board \$32.00, room \$11.45, and laundry \$2.85 to September 7, 1945.

The Cashier of the Fiscal Department will accept these fees from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.