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Freshmen Plan Final Details For Formal Ball; Seniors Are Guests

To the swiny sweet tunes of the increasingly popular Bill Turner and his Aggield Orchestra, members of the Class of 1949 and their Senior guests will swing out tomorrow night in The Grove beginning at 9:00 sharp. The second big dance of the summer, the first all-formal affair, is expected to attract a record-breaking crowd.

Reports coming in from ticket salesmen indicate heavy attendance. As last minute plans neared completion, the four freshmen committees were busy with the details of decorations, ticket sales, refreshments and general details. Cold drinks will be sold at standard five-cent prices and plenty of ice water will be on hand.

A score of freshmen planned to apply plenty of wax-polish to the slab late Friday night and top this with an ample treatment of a new kind of powder that is reported to make the concrete surface "smooth and fancy free."

An invitation has been extended the Senior class by Fish Bryant, '49 class president. The seniors will be admitted on payment of 25¢ federal tax. Only the Seniors of the First Class of 1947 and men who entered A. & M. prior to that class will be eligible to attend, according to J. B. Kearby, Senior Class president.

The decorations committee for the dance includes Fish Schallger, Frog Wren, Frog Morgan, Frog Smith, Frog Morris, Fish Omo and Fish Marble. The refreshments will include Coca-Cola, Dr. Pepper and other bottled drinks.

Dates for the week-end may be housed in Dorm 10 and rooms may be reserved at the Commandant's office beginning Thursday afternoon. Rooms will cost \$1.00 for the two nights with cadets furnishing the linens.

An extra highlight of the week-end will be an all-corps ball on Saturday night. The Grove will be the scene of this dance also, and music will be furnished by Bill Turner and the Aggield Orchestra. The price of this dance will be the usual \$1.50.

Major Woody Varner, Class of '40, Visits Here After ETO Tour

Major Durward B. "Woody" Varner, '40, just returned from the European theater, was a campus visitor Wednesday enroute to Houston where he will spend part of a 30-day leave prior to reporting for re-assignment in the Pacific.

Varner, one of the outstanding graduates of the college, was cadet colonel of the corps in 1940 and held numerous campus honors, including president of his soph and junior classes, captain of the 1940 basketball team, editor of The Scientific Review, member Scholarship Honor Society and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. A graduate in AA, Varner is on leave from the Federal Land Bank of Houston.

Major Varner was called to active duty in August of 1941. He went overseas with the 13th Army Corps, a part of the 9th Army, in January of 1944. Major Varner participated in the campaigns of Normandy, North France, the Rhineland and Central Germany.

Varner's wife, the former Paula Trice, and his 2 1-2 year old son, Tom, accompanied the Major on his visit to Aggield.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

Monday, Aug. 6, is the last day on which the third installment of maintenance fees may be paid without penalty. This installment, totalling \$46.30, covers the period August 7, to September 7, and includes board \$32.00, room rent \$11.45 and laundry \$2.85. The Fiscal Department will accept the payment daily from 8 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.; Saturdays 8 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

In accordance with College Regulations any student who has not paid his fees by 5 p. m., Monday, August 6, will be dropped from the rolls of the College and will be required to vacate his dormitory room and cease eating in the Dining Hall within 24 hours.

PAPER DRIVE

Saturday, August 4, being the first Saturday of the month, is paper collection day for the College area. Paper on the A. & M. College campus, South Oakwood, College Park, College Hills, West Park, North Oakwood, North Gate Area and Grant's Filling Station area will be collected between 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. Saturday, August 4. It is requested that paper be tied in two directions, so as to facilitate the collection.

L. G. JONES, Chairman,
Paper Collection Drive

India Will Become Free State, Says Kiwanis Speaker

"The rise of a free, self-governing India is in the cards," stated Colonel W. E. Morgan, who has recently returned from a 22-month duty tour in India and Burma, before the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the College Station Kiwanis Club.

Col. Morgan called attention to the reasons for our interest in the problem of India, enumerating our need for a strong political friend in Asia, the influence of economic conditions in any sizeable territory of the world upon the rest of the globe, and the huge potential market which India could offer for American products. He also cited a number of problems which will have to be solved before India can rise to the rank of a world power as an independent nation, some of which were as follows: (1) The incredibly low degree of efficiency of the Indian people in developing their own resources, which is largely due to an appalling lack of capital goods; (2) the collective unproductivity of the Indian people caused by the economic barriers of the "caste system"; (3) the lack of political unity in India; and (4) religious differences in the country and their deteriorating effects upon economic development.

Col. Morgan startled his audience with the statement that the average family income in India amounts to about \$25.00 per year, and stated that livestock and agricultural methods, as well as industrial practices, are still in the primitive stage. He expressed the belief that the recent turn in the British political administration will mean a more liberal treatment of India's problems, and suggested that through the youth of India is the only means of breaking down the economic barriers set up by religious or superstitious beliefs and (See KIWANIS, Page 4)

What's Cooking

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

- 1:45 p.m.: Beginners' swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 5:00 p.m.: League B volleyball playoff, Dorm 6 vs. 3rd Co.
- 7:00 p.m.: City softball, Indians vs. Pirates at College Park diamond.
- 9:00 p.m.: FRESHMAN BALL at The Grove.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

- 8:00-11:30 a.m.: Paper drive by Boy Scouts.
- 11:00 a.m.: Advanced swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 9:00 p.m.: CORPS DANCE with Aggield Orchestra at The Grove.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

- 1:45 p.m.: Beginners' swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 4:15 p.m.: Intramural openers, basketball and touch football.
- 8:00 p.m.: Evening circle, Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary, at home of Mrs. R. R. Lyle in Park Place.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

- 1:45 p.m.: Beginners' swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.
- 7:15 p.m.: Aggie Jamboree, with Aggield Orchestra and Singing Cadets, at Guion Hall.
- 7:30 p.m.: Latin-American Club, Lecture Room of CE Building.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

- 11:00 a.m.: Advanced swimming instruction at Downs Natatorium.

Ag Teachers Meet Here for Barbecue And Conference

Vocational agriculture teachers from twenty surrounding counties held an all-day conference at Texas A & M College Monday, and closed the day's program with a barbecue at the Jones ranch.

E. R. Alexander, head of the Agricultural Education department, was chairman for the day, and Henry Ross and Lloyd Halbrooks of his department, assisted with the program.

Monday afternoon's session was highlighted by a round table discussion of pastures, feeding and management. Mr. Alexander acted as moderator and those appearing on the panel were Fred Hale, chief of the swine division, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; O. C. Copeland, chief of the dairy division, Experiment Station; Ike Dahlberg, acting head of the Animal Husbandry Department of A. & M. College, E. D. Parnell, professor of Poultry Husbandry, serving this summer with the Extension Service; and R. C. Potts, Experiment Station grass investigations.

A tour of the Jones ranch preceded the barbecue supper.

Langford Awarded Bronze Star Medal

Major Ernest K. Langford, son of Mayor and Mrs. Ernest Langford of College Station, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in connection with military operations in France and Germany during the period February 10 to April 30, 1945, according to word received here.

The citation, issued by General F. W. Milburn, Corps Commander of the XXI Army Corps, stated in part, "Major Langford displayed exceptional ability in coordinating friendly artillery observation, effecting a system of locating enemy batteries, and in spite of adverse conditions was habitually successful in obtaining vital enemy information which resulted in effective fire on enemy installations, because of his enterprising alertness and persistence."

A member of the class of '39, Major Langford was graduated by Texas A. & M. with a degree in Civil Engineering. He entered the service in June of 1941, going overseas for the first time in November of that year. Returning to the states in January of 1944, after 2 years in the Alaskan theater, Major Langford sailed for Europe in November of 1944 and participated in the final onslaught that resulted in the defeat of the German army.

Major Langford's wife, the former Annie Laura Beckman, and his 3 year old son, David Keith, are residing in San Antonio with her parents. A native of Brazos County, Major Langford was graduated by Consolidated High School of College Station.



Directors Commend Gilchrist, Increase Student Entertainment Fund, Announce Staff Promotions

A budget totaling nearly twelve and a half million dollars was approved here Saturday by the A. & M. College board of directors for the fiscal year beginning September 1, and a resolution commending President Gibb Gilchrist was passed. This resolution reads:

"Upon motion by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Newton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, President Gibb Gilchrist has completed one year of service as President of the College; and

"WHEREAS, his plans for the future of the College show vision and practical forward thinking; therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors convey to President Gibb Gilchrist its pleasure at the eminently satisfactory manner in which he has performed the duties of President, and it further assures him that the Board is behind him in his far-sighted and constructive plans for the future." Included in the budget was an item increasing the amount to be furnished for student entertainment from \$1000 to \$4500. \$2500 was granted to the Singing Cadets and the Aggield Orchestra, and this item will provide the Aggies with more free entertainment, dances, concerts, and other welcome diversions, besides allowing more travel for the well-known Cadets and the popular orchestra. Further, it provides for a Hobby Shop and Garage, in which Aggies can make book-shelves, dance decorations, football signs, and other items for their own use.

Four New Department Heads

Under the college's modified service plan, four departments will have new heads next year. George B. Wilcox will head the consolidated education and psychology departments, succeeding C. H. Winkler, psychology, and W. L. Hughes, education; J. J. Woolket will succeed C. B. Campbell, modern languages; and G. W. Schlesselman will head the new Geography Department. O. W. Silvey's successor in physics has not yet been announced.

Other Promotions

Other promotions are as follows: To Assistant Professor, W. S. Manning, Accounting and Statistics; Roy C. Garrett, Agricultural Engineering; B. L. Price and H. L. Kidd, Jr., English; G. T. Hill, C. E.; S. A. Cleland, E. D.; C. N. Heilscher, Industrial Ed.; C. A. Robison and W. S. Guthrie, M. E.; S. S. Kreuz, Vet. Anatomy; and E. D. Dwelle, Vet. Med. and Surgery. To Associate Professor,

J. A. Gray, A. H.; T. W. Bretz, Biology; J. H. Bass, History; L. L. Grandi and H. A. Thomas, E. E.; and W. D. Fleming, M. E. To Professor, J. Q. Hays, English; E. C. Klipple, Math; C. E. Tishler, P. E.; D. F. Weekes, Physics; W. A. Varvel, Psychology; J. G. McGuire, E. D.; and G. T. Edds, Vet. Physiology and Pharmacology.

Accommodations for Veterans

The Board, recognizing that special accommodations will be necessary for the convenience and comfort of returning veterans and their families, approved a plan to convert the elaborate Walton Hall into eighty-eight two-room furnished housekeeping apartments. In addition, sixty homes will be supplied by the conversion of fifteen project houses into four apartments each. This work will have priority over all other parts of the construction program, which will include additional sidewalks, storm sewers, curbs and gutters on the campus, re-roofing of the Agricultural Experiment Station administration building, repairs to several campus residences at College Station and at Stephenville, and the completion of the library steps, sidewalks, curbs and grading at Prairie View College.

Gilchrist announced that Col. E. J. Howell will take over his duties as dean of John Tarleton Agricultural College on Sept. 1, following (See DIRECTORS, Page 3)

The Board of Directors of the A. & M. College of Texas is shown above as they convened here for the annual budget session. The entire Board is shown at top, as follows: back row, left to right: President Gibb Gilchrist, Henry Reese, D. S. Buchanan, H. J. Brees, E. W. Harrison, and John Newton; front row, left to right: Roy Potts, Rufus Peoples, H. L. Kokernot, and G. R. White, chairman.

At lower left is the Finance Committee, which made recommendations to the Board with regard to the annual budget; left to right, Rufus Peoples, of Tehuacana; E. W. Harrison, of South Bend; and John Newton, of Beaumont.

At lower right are the five members of the Board of Directors who have been appointed during the past twelve months. They are, from left to right: Reese, Peoples, Harrison, Potts, and Newton.

Photo and engraving are by Tom Puddy, of Student Activities.

Turner Goes In With Four Ladies and Draws Full House at Aggie Jamboree

Ole' Guion Hall witnessed her record performance of the summer last night as The Swingtette, a girl quartette from Denton, was encored five times by a delighted audience of Aggies and civilians. Once the girls got on the stage, it appeared that they would not be permitted to leave, until they finally outsang the Aggield Orchestra's repertoire of their songs; in fact, they ended their appearance with a superbly arranged and executed version of "Sentimental Journey" without the band's accompaniment.

The Swingtette hails from Denton, where the girls are students at North Texas State Teachers College, and has appeared on the popular radio "showtime" and on several Army camp programs.

The orchestra opened the Jamboree with a fanfare and got off to a flying start with "Kansas City Moods". After a couple of poems a la Iskabelle by the members of the band, Bill Turner introduced

Kermit Finley, a ten-year-old boy singer from Bryan, who pleased his audience with a soprano rendition of "Bless Them All" and "This Is Worth Fighting For".

The band turned up with another of its surprise features, but in this case it was the band who was surprised as Maestro Turner put them through the hoops with an unheard-of "Beat the Band" quiz show. The musicians were stumped a couple of times as they were called on to identify and then play a number of tunes whose titles were given with the key words missing. They managed to "give the joint" with jam-session versions of "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans", "Sidewalks of New York", and "I Got a Girl in Kalamazoo"; but Turner was forced to pass out the dunce caps when they missed "On a Little Street in Singapore" and another tune which the teacher identified as "When Kansas City Kitty Smiled at Me" with the statement that it was popular "back in his time". The band's comeback was that no tune was that old, and that Kitty was probably still wearing diapers.

The memory tune of the evening was an old-timer from the Hit Parade of several years back, "Moonlight Cocktail". This was followed by a good performance of "Tico Tico" with Pete Mayes giving out in a piano solo.

The Singing Cadets filed on stage to repeat their first song of the summer "The Twelfth Man", and the Jamboree was concluded with the defiant "Aggie War Hymn."

Senate Confirms Walton Nomination As U. S. Postmaster

Dr. T. O. Walton was confirmed as U. S. postmaster at College Station Monday. The appointment was approved by the United States Senate upon the recommendation of Rep. Luther A. Johnson.

Dr. Walton has been acting postmaster of the College Station post-office since last fall.

Aggie of the Week . . .

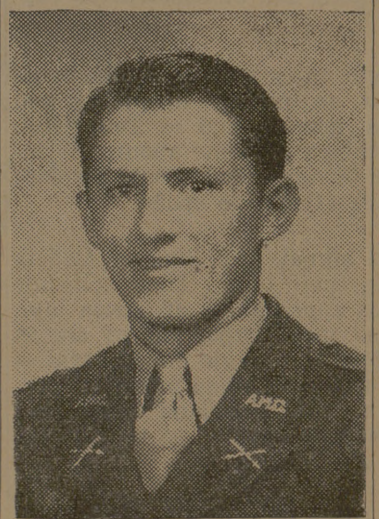
Alex Mijalis, Staff Captain

This week we journey over to the "home of the web-feet" to pick our Aggie of the week, Alex S. Mijalis. Alex was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on June 16, 1926 and has lived there all his life.

During his years in high school this twenty-year-old Senior conquered several foreign languages besides being elected to the National Honor Society.

Alex then came to Texas A. & M. to become an engineer and distinguished scholar. In his Junior year he was a sergeant on the staff; now, in his Senior year, he is a staff captain.

When asked about music, Alex says that he adheres very strictly to the tempo of Harry James, especially the James type that "really jumps;" however, when the situation is just right (?), he likes the soft, quiet arrangements by any one of several good bands. Since enrolling at A. & M., Alex



Alexis S. Mijalis

★★★★★★★★★ has been a student of mechanical engineering. Upon graduation he plans to enter the automotive engineering field somewhere in Louisiana.