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Vets Can Earn Commission In Two Years

T. S. C. W. Choir Here Tonight

37 Girls to Sing On Town Hall Program

Second musical treat of the week is promised for A. & M. Town Hall tonight, when the Texas State College for Women Choir will be heard.

Appealing to a wide range of musical tastes, selections presented by the Modern Choir are chosen for general audiences over Texas. The repertoire of the group includes compositions from classic to modern music, as well as arrangements from musical comedies and light operas.

Further diversity is given to the program through the interspersal of vocal and instrumental solos, duets and trios. A violin quartet composed of Misses Hazel Powers, Gladys Mack, Miriam Marston and Mary Oden also appear with the group.

Miss Betty Jo Cook, senior speech major from Bryan, acts as commentator, giving continuity to the program.

Early in the school year Dr. W. E. Jones, director of the department of music and conductor of the Choir, held personal auditions to select membership for the group. Choice of the membership of 37 was made on the basis of individual tone quality and smoothness.

The Modern Choir is composed chiefly of advanced music students, and includes girls from (See **CHOIR**, Page 4)

Zoller Heads New Dramatic Club

Billy Zoller, a junior in Architecture, was elected president of the Texas A. & M. Dramatic Club when that group met Tuesday night. Zoller had previous experience in theatricals as president of the dramatic club in the high school at New London, Texas, his home town.

Hal Dugan was elected vice-president and Mrs. Nancy Tucker secretary.

Sixty-four persons were enrolled as charter members, the list including those present at the organization meeting and at the session this week.

Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the English department, discussed conflict as a necessary element of drama, giving examples from the works of Eugene O'Neil and John Galsworthy.

The cast and stage crews have already been selected and have begun work on the first major play of the season, to be presented some time in March.

Next meeting of the club will be February 19.

NOTICE

All men interested in tutoring are requested to get in touch with R. H. Hughes at the Athletic Office immediately.
THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

Latest Figures Show That 4199 Are Registered

Registration figures are still coming in, but more slowly than at the first of this week. Figures released by the Registrar's office, up until ten this morning, show that there are 1849 regular students from last semester with assignment cards in.

New students at A. & M. now number 1236. The term "new students" indicates both these men who have had no college work, and those that are entering A. & M. for the first time, with an advanced standing record.

Old returning students, both those that have not been in service and those who have, are 1114.

The total, up to press time, was 4199.

The Registrar's office estimated that about 85% of the new students are veterans, and approximately 95% of the old returning students are in the same category.

Water-Sanitary Short Course Will Start On Monday

The Municipal and Sanitary Department of A. & M. College, under Professor S. R. Wright, working in conjunction with the State Board of Health, will hold its twenty-eighth annual short course on Water and Sewage Plant operation from Monday, Feb. 11, thru Wednesday.

The course will take the form of an informal discussion rather than a convention. An enrollment of about 400 is expected.

Registration begins Sunday at 3:00 p. m. in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A., where an information desk will be maintained for the duration of the course.

The session will open with a welcoming address by Gibb Gilchrist, president of the college. W. W. Joiner, president of the Texas Water Works and Sewerage Short School, will preside as chairman.

Russ Morgan Will Play for Veterans

Russ Morgan and his 23 piece band and entertainers have been booked for the Ex-Servicemen's dance on February 22 and for a Corps Dance on the following night, it was announced by the office of Student Activities today.

The date of the Servicemen's Affair was changed from March 8 in order to get this outstanding orchestra on the campus. The band was booked at popular prices because of the fact it will be en route from Mexico to a hotel engagement in the East. Price of both dances will be \$1.50 only.

While essentially a "sweet music" band, Morgan holds a unique place in popularity in the dance world. He has appeared once before on the A. & M. Campus, in 1941. In addition to his 17 piece band, Morgan has girl vocalists, male vocalist and several novelty combinations. As part of his dance engagement he gives a jam-up floor show.

Morgan's band will be the first "name" band since Sonny Dunham played the Final Ball last summer and it is expected that it will be one of the big dance week-ends of the entire semester. Dormitory rooms will be cleared for dates, it was announced.

Class In Spanish Is Offered Free To Community

A community class in Spanish, with emphasis on pronunciation and conversational phrases, will be offered on the campus of the College, starting Wednesday night, February 13, at 7:30. It is planned to have the class meet once a week, every Thursday night, for one hour and a half (7:30-9:00), and it will be open to both men and women. No class credit will be given. The purpose is to give some conversational knowledge of the language to those who may have been exposed to Spanish some time ago and to those who have had no previous Spanish instruction.

Membership to the class will be free of charge, the only expense being the price of the book which is seventy-five cents. All those who are interested in such a class at this time are requested to please send a card to Prof. J. J. Woolket, c/o Faculty Exchange, College Station. This information is necessary in order to make provision for a lecture room large enough to accommodate the group, and to inform the members where the class will meet.

Advanced R.O.T.C. Reactivated by War Dep't. Col. Welty Announces

Reactivation of the advanced R.O.T.C. at Texas A. & M. College by the War Department will put the course in military science back on the footing it held before the war. Col. M. D. Welty, professor of military science and tactics and head of the School of Military Science at the college, announced Thursday.

Students who have completed the basic military science courses and students who have served in the armed forces one year or more will be eligible to receive contracts with the War Department if they enroll for the advanced courses in military science.

As in the past, selection will be made on the basis of leadership, scholastic attainment and the ap-

proval of the college officials. Those receiving contracts will be paid subsistence at the rate of sixty-six cents daily amounting to more than \$150.00 for two semesters. They will also be paid a uniform allowance or be issued uniforms in kind by the War Department. In case of issue, the uniforms will be standard officers' uniforms. At the end of the junior year, a tour of camp duty will be required. Col. Welty stated that the camp scheduled for 1946 has been postponed until the spring of 1947.

Upon completion of the second year of the advanced course, those with satisfactory work will be awarded commissions as second lieutenants in the Officers Reserve Corps in their respective arms or services.

At this time, Col. Welty has approximately 250 contracts for the present juniors and ex-servicemen with more than one year of service. Additional contracts will be available at the time that the present sophomores become juniors and are eligible to receive such contracts.

It was under such a plan that the War Department built up a strong officer reserve in the past. This plan made Texas A. & M. College the leader among all colleges and universities in producing (See **R.O.T.C.**, Page 4)

Record Number of Student Cars Makes Traffic Problem

"Do Not Drive to Class; Register Your Auto"; Hickman Requests

"The greatest traffic problem in the history of A. & M. College confronts us this semester," Fred Hickman, Chief of Campus Security, stated yesterday.

Mr. Hickman said further, "With the large increase in the enrollment of Veterans and the resultant increase in the number of vehicles, it will be necessary for every student to cooperate to the fullest in order to maintain good driving and parking conditions on the campus. If we can have the whole-hearted cooperation of every student owning an automobile, then restrictions may be kept to a minimum.

"We feel that each of you will help in this problem and we can assure you that we are anxious to work with you in any way that will make driving conditions better. Here are a few simple rules that, if followed, will work to the advantage of the entire student body."

Register your car with the Chief of Campus Security, Room 107, Goodwin Hall.

Park your car in the authorized parking areas which are listed in an official bulletin in this edition of *The Battalion*.

Do not drive your car to classes.

Drive carefully on the campus. Remember that many Aggies walk in the streets.

If you have a physical disability that would make walking a hardship, you may get special permission to use your automobile by making application to the Office of Campus Security, Room 107, Goodwin Hall.

Exchange Store Has Nightmare When Invaded By GI's

The Exchange Store, usually thought of by Aggies as a serene place where they could purchase supplies in a setting of dignity and peace, became a bedlam this week when hundreds of book-hungry GI's descended upon it, armed with requisition slips from Uncle Sam.

There is much paper-work connected with filling book and supply slips which are to be charged to the Veterans Administration, which makes book-getting a slow process. As a result, a line of ex-service men stretched from the Exchange Store clear back to Bolton Hall, every working hour of the week. Inside, the store looked as though it had been raided by commandos.

However, it is expected that by Monday of next week, all GI's will have been taken care of, and the Exchange Store can get back to normal, much to the relief of the staff.