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Eisenhower Will Speak at Easter Muster Services

MORE THAN 15,000 VISITORS EXPECTED FOR VICTORY MUSTER

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, which declared war on Sunday, December 7, 1941, a day ahead of the nation at large, will officially declare World War II ended at the Victory Homecoming on the campus April 19-21.

When registration begins on April 19 at the nation's largest military college, thousands of Texas Aggies will be on hand to represent the 20,000 who served in the conflict.

Headlining the many honor guests will be Army Chief of Staff Dwight D. Eisenhower under whose command so many Aggies fought in the European campaigns. He and all the former students of the College who achieved the general's rank will be awarded honorary degrees at a convocation on Saturday evening, April 20.

The homecoming will be climaxed by an observance of the traditional Aggie San Jacinto Day Muster to be held at Kyle Field on Easter morning at 8:30 a. m., with General Eisenhower speaking to the 15,000 or more people expected to be present. The services will honor the 800 A. & M. men killed in World Wars I and II.

Thousands of other A. & M. men throughout the world will be observing the muster tradition at the same time. Highlighting that world-wide observance will be musters in Berlin and Tokyo and in all the far-flung spots where American troops still are stationed. Philadelphia Aggies and Texans will muster at historic Valley Forge. In Washington they will gather at the Arlington Cemetery and later place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. San Antonians will hold services at the Alamo.

Most significant muster of the day will be held by Texas A. & M. men in Manila and the Philippines when they gather at Corregidor. It was there that twenty-five Aggies observed their muster date on April 21, 1942, under Japanese fire, shortly before the fall of that fortress. The report to the War Department on that occasion was one of the last general reports to come from "The Rock" before its tragic fall.

Since its birth in 1903 the tradition of Texas A. & M. men meeting together in annual muster on the anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto has had a unique and interesting history. The year after the famous 1942 Muster on Corregidor found another band of Texas Aggies meeting between fighting on Guadalcanal.

In 1944 the outstanding muster was huddled together and under fire on the Anzio beachhead. In 1945 the Aggie meeting was held on the Elbe in Germany, and in the Philippines, with fighting still severe, but the end near.

This year the annual Aggie Muster meets in peace once more, and in tribute and memory of nearly eight hundred former students of the college who died in military service in World Wars I and II.

Pre-Med and Dent List Posted, Needs All Names

There is a list now posted on the Pre-Med bulletin board on the first floor of Science Hall of eighty-four students taking pre-med and pre-dent work. This list is incomplete. Dr. G. E. Potter, pre-med advisor, would like for all men whose names are not on the list to come by his office and give him their names so that the list may be completed.



EMILIO OSTA, California-born pianist with the blood of old Spain in his veins, will appear in the final Town Hall attraction of the year Thursday night with his dancing sister, Teresita. Hailed as a virtuoso in his own right, Emilio received his formal training as a pianist at the hands of such internationally revered masters as Josef Lhevinne, Leopold Godowsky, Gyula Ormaly and Albert Jonas. His love of Hispanic music has led him to years of travel and study in other American republics, where he collected many little-known examples of Indian and Spanish-American folk music.

Loan Funds Only Grow by Donations Of Grateful Aggies

The two student loan funds, of which W. R. Horsley is the keeper of the checkbook, are growing dangerously low. In a statement today, Mr. Horsley said that the only way the loan funds grows is to have unsolicited donations put into the pot as a token of appreciation when a loan is repaid. He also requested that all loans be repaid promptly, as there is always another man who needs the money a little bit more than you do.

Houston Mothers And Aggies Send Duchess to Pageant

Miss Patricia Rudloff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rudloff and student at Gulf Park College, will represent the Houston A. & M. Mothers Club and the Houston Ex-Aggie Association as duchess at the Twelfth Annual Cotton Pageant and Ball.

Miss Rudloff's father is an ex-Aggie of the Class of 1911, and her brother Charles is a returned veteran of the Class of 1944.

Escorting her in the pageant will be Bob Drago of the A. & M. Band.

Jean Ann Ramming Is E-Tex Duchess

Representing the East Texas Club at the Cotton Pageant here on April 12 will be Miss Jean Ann Ramming. Miss Ramming is a junior at T.S.C.W., taking interior decorating. She has had offers from RKO pictures in Hollywood, and from a French movie concern.

Miss Ramming, who is from Wichita Falls, will be escorted at the Cotton Pageant by Jere Jean Lewis, from Overton, Texas.

MARGARET JENKINS SPANISH CLUB DUCHESS

Miss Margaret Jenkins, of Houston, has been selected to be the Duchess representing the Spanish Club at the Cotton Ball and Pageant on April 12.

Miss Jenkins is a student at John Reagan High School, in Houston. Her escort will be Henry Pate.

Dr. Potts Elected President of A&M Chapter of AAUP

Profs Elect E. J. Smith And J. J. Sperry to Offices, Plan 1946 Banquet

Dr. W. M. Potts of the Chemistry department, was elected president of the Texas A. & M. College chapter, American Association of University Professors at the meeting held Thursday evening in the College YMCA. Plans for the annual banquet meeting in May were discussed and reports were heard from two of the group's important study committees.

Dr. E. J. Smith of the Physics department was elected vice-president and program director, and Dr. J. J. Sperry of the Biology department is the new secretary-treasurer of the A. & M. chapter.

Dr. C. B. Campbell of the Modern Languages department presented a report for his group which had been studying the subject of honor scholarship societies and fraternities. It was recommended that honor fraternities be encouraged for the college.

Dr. W. A. Varvel of the Education and Psychology department, gave a report on a statistical study of college salaries. He gave comparisons of salaries in colleges and in other vocations. Another basis of comparison of Texas A. & M. College salaries was with those of fifty or more land grant colleges in the country. Another study made by Dr. Varvel was a comparison of the salaries paid by Texas A. & M. College, the University of Texas and Texas Technological College.

Arkansas Traveler Hits Nail on Hand

The Arkansas Traveler, student publication of the University of Arkansas, hit some kind of nail on the head in its Friday, April 5 issue. Everyone at the Batt office agreed that it was a typical college occurrence.

On page two of the Traveler appeared a cartoon. The picture was a drawing of a professor with his hands folded, and speaking to his class. The caption on this masterpiece was extremely to the point: "Assuming that this is the only course any of you are taking, I shall assign your lessons accordingly."

How about that?

Oil Weekly Thanks Pet. E. Dept. For Short Course

Oil Weekly, in its April 1 issue, extends the industry's thanks to the petroleum engineering department at Texas A. & M. College for a course in well-logging methods held here last month.

The trade magazine says that the short course was a valuable refresher to those in the petroleum industry and a "godsend to returned servicemen seeking to get back in stride after a long layoff."

Always seeking to be of aid to the industry, the petroleum engineering department will hold another short course April 22-26, on "Reservoir Engineering," with Park J. Jones, Houston consultant, leading the conference.

SENIORS

All graduating seniors will meet in the YMCA chapel at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday, April 9 to discuss spring graduation plans, commencement invitations, and other pertinent business.

Godbey and Hickman Are Elected School Trustees

Chauncey B. Godbey and Ray Hickman were elected to the Board of Trustees of the A. & M. Consolidated School Saturday as a total of 286 voters cast their ballots at College Station. Twenty-one votes were counted at Rock Prairie, and incomplete returns indicated a ballot of 25 at the Wellborn election box.

Godbey carried the College Station box by any overwhelming mar-

gin of 194 to 92, while Rock Prairie cast a solid 21 votes for Breland and Wellborn divided its ballot with 18 for Breland and seven for Godbey. Totals of all three boxes gave Godbey 201 votes to 131 for Breland.

Major Breland, who is a major in the United States Army attached to the Department of Military Science at A. & M., has served three terms on the Board as trustee from the College Hills district, taking office in 1940. He was making the race this year as a candidate for trustee-at-large, since his residence has been moved from College Hills. Godbey is a professor of genetics at the college.

Hickman carried a majority of 165 to 117 in the College Station ballot for trustee from College Hills. Rock Prairie again voted solidly in this race, casting its 21 votes for Hampton. Results from Wellborn on this position had not been received as The Battalion went to press, but it was pointed out that even a solid vote for Hampton would narrowly miss catching Hickman's lead in the College Station box.

Godbey and Hickman will assume their places on the Board at the first meeting in May, it was stated. Other members of the Board are E. E. Brown, C. A. Bonnen, Charles Allen, J. E. Moseley, and J. T. Carroll.

Texas Wildlife Project Expanding

The wildlife restoration program in Texas will likely expand this year, according to Caleb Glazener, Director of Wildlife Restoration, Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, who discussed wildlife problems in Texas with a group of graduate students at Texas A. & M. College Thursday. The present budget will be greatly augmented in July from reserves that have piled up during the war years, thereby permitting the employment of additional personnel trained in game management and the inauguration of a better service to the people of the state.

Mr. Glazener, who did graduate work in the Department of Fish and Game at Texas A. & M. College, pointed out that of seventeen technically trained men under his supervision more than half of them also were trained at Texas A. & M. College.

Mr. Glazener and Dr. Walter P. Taylor, leader of the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, both emphasized the fact that the immediate demand for trained wildlife technicians is most urgent in the fisheries field. Persons contemplating entering the wildlife field would do well to investigate possibilities in that direction.

"Looks Like a Boxcar in the Sky"—Reporter Reopens B-17 vs. B-24 Feud

by Paul Martin

I hesitate to reopen the highly controversial issue about the relative merits of the B-17 and B-24 but here are a number of statistics and opinions for the benefit of those who think a B-24 is equal to a B-17, some of whom have even gone so far as to predict that the B-24 will replace the airplane.

A B-17 man myself, I may be slightly biased, but I wish to give a few statistics recently released by the War Department and accumulated at various places.

Being unable to express myself with the eloquence deserving of so vital a topic, I quote the "Immortal Bard," who wrote:

Of the B-24, they all make fun. They say it was patented in 1901. This is something I can't deny. For it looks like a boxcar in the sky, The tail is too short and the wings are too long They must have put it together wrong. Maybe they did but this I'll bet, They'll find a use for the darn thing yet.

True to this prophesy, an interprising businessman in Milwaukee has at last found a way to utilize this "answer to the Luftwaffe's prayer". He purchased several surplus fuselages and converted them into lunch rooms, patterned after

those made of antiquated trolley cars.

According to a statement made by Consolidated Aircraft, the B-24 originated in England when some ambitious Americans evolved a means of saving shipping space. Before the United States acquired and developed the bases in the Atlantic for ferrying bombers across, it was necessary to crate the B-17's and ship them to England. Upon arrival, they were taken out of the crates, assembled, and were ready for combat. Then the crates were assembled and thus the B-24 (flying boxcar) was born.

I will, however, reluctantly admit that the B-24 more closely resembles a bird than other aircraft. It even has a tendency to flap its wings.

(This article is an excerpt from a book compiled and edited by Frank Koska of Houston and Paul Martin who is now a student at A. & M., and a reporter on the Batt.)

The book is a collection of cartoons, combat sketches and poems composed in a German prison camp. The poems, most of them anonymous, were written by American P.O.W.'s and though they lack finesse, they portray the sentiment of the men.

The book has been accepted by the Anson-Jones press in Houston and is to be published shortly.—Ed. Note.)