

Aggie Muster - 1946 Style . . .

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas plays host this weekend to all of its former students in celebration of the victory of Texas Aggies, assisted in part by the rest of the United Nations, over the Axis powers.

Aggie-exes will start pouring into the vicinity Friday, and continue arriving Saturday, to greet old classmates, renew acquaintances with friends and professors on the campus, and to relive, in part, their days as members of the Corps of Cadets here at Aggieland.

Climaxing the Homecoming will be the greatest annual Muster ever held by any group of Aggies anywhere. Meeting in prayer at Kyle Field, alumni will hear the roll call, and answer for their buddies who have gone to a greater glory. Then Chief of Staff General Dwight D. Eisenhower will present the main speech of the day.

The Easter morning service, which is dedicated to the memory of over eight hundred Aggies who were killed in both world wars, will be broadcast straight from the scenes of glorious Aggie athletic prowess to all points of the earth where Aggies showed their military strength. The 1946 Muster will embrace every Aggie who is on the campus, or at a radio set.

As the first group to declare war on the enemies of democracy, by virtue of the Executive Committee meeting at ten a.m. of the morning of December 8, 1941, from which there came the statement to the President of the United States that Texas A. & M. was already prepared for war-time regimentation, it is fitting that the Aggies should be the last to terminate hostilities this April 21.

Welcome, Fightin' Aggies . . .

THE BATTALION extends, on behalf of the present student body, faculty, and staff at Texas A. & M., a warm welcome to all Aggies who are here for the greatest Muster of them all—the Victory Homecoming Muster. What we mean is Welcome home to Aggieland, Fighting' Texas Aggies."



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FEATURES

Song of San Jacinto

Vick Lindley

NOTE: Vick Lindley is managing editor of the Friday issue of The Battalion. An ex-gob who came to A. & M. during the U. S. Navy training program here, Lindley caught the Aggie spirit and returned under the G. I. Bill after being discharged. He is the author of "Flying Fleet", a book of verse on naval aviation and other subjects. —The Editor.

By the lazy prairie bayou
In the sleepy afternoon
Naps the haughty generalissimo
He will waken over-soon.
Santa Anna, Santa Anna,
Texas must be, will be, free!

Rushing down from Groce's Glen
Houston leads nine hundred men.
(Sixteen hundred are the foe.)
Harrisburg is found in embers.
Every Texan heart remembers
Goliad and the Alamo.
San Jacinto, San Jacinto,
Texas lost or Texas free?

Wait you not till morrow morn.
Destiny with bugle horn
Trumpets, "Texans, go!"
Stern-faced patriots charge and
take
Santa Anna, half awake
In the twilight glow.
San Jacinto, San Jacinto,
Texas won for Texans free!

Swift the news rides o'er the
prairie,
Where the weary families flee.
"Turn ye round! No more be wary!
Plant your corn for we are free!"
San Jacinto, San Jacinto,
Texas free, forever free!

Now, today, on Okinawa,
On Pearl Harbor's diamond sands,
And on many-crossed Tarawa
Meet the distant Aggie bands.
And each warrior clan that gathers
Sing, as did their great fore-
fathers,
"San Jacinto, San Jacinto
We are free, forever free!"

NOTES:

Groce's was on the banks of the Brazos near the present site of Hempstead.

Harrisburg, now part of Houston, was the temporary capitol until a few days before San Jacinto.

The attack was originally planned for the morning of the 22nd, but the men were eager to attack immediately. The sun was low on the horizon as the battle commenced.

"Tell them to come on and let the people plant corn" was the last sentence of General Sam Houston's victory message sent from San Jacinto.

Museum To Display 255 Photos Of Old A. & M. College Days

The Texas A. & M. Museum is going all out to make the stay of ex-Aggies during the Muster an interesting one.

H. B. Parks, curator of the Museum is placing on display approximately 255 photographs of A. & M. dating from the first announcements of the schools opening. These include the first buildings, first faculty, and nearly every phase of development through its 70 years of growth.

Some of the photographs were given to the Museum by private parties but a large number of them are an accumulation from various photographic laboratories that in the past have been maintained by the school. These accumulations have been placed in the Museum for safe keeping.

All of the pictures will be numbered and names will be put on where known. Anyone observing and recognizing unnamed pictures is requested to give Mr. Parks any available information.

Since 1876, A. & M. has grown from one building and a few post oak trees to one of the outstanding schools of the U. S. Maybe an Aggie will even be President some day! Gathright hall was the beginning, where will the end be—1876-1946—2016???

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