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"Pinafore," Musical Show, To Be Staged in Summer

The most ambitious musical-dramatic production ever to be staged at A. & M. will be presented this summer by the Aggie Players, the Singing Cadets and the new A. & M. Symphony orchestra. "H. M. S. Pinafore," the Gilbert & Sullivan light opera, will be staged by the three groups during the latter part of the summer. Forrest Hood, director of the Aggie Players, will stage the production; Bill Turner, director of the Singing Cadets and the Symphony, will be musical director, and Vick Lindley will act as technical advisor.

In order to stage this gay, rollicking musical about the British Navy, the groups will need talents of many kinds and in large quantity. Singers, musicians, costume-creators, painters, electricians and carpenters will be needed by the dozens. Therefore the producers have invited residents of Bryan, College Station and the surrounding country to join with the college students and faculty in making this a memorable production.

"As we will be able to concentrate on this one production, we hope to show Dallas that we can

compete with their Starlight operettas in quality if not in quantity," stated Turner. "Considering the talent known to be around the college and vicinity, we should be able to do so, if singers and musicians will turn out in large enough numbers."

The statement was seconded by Hood, who staged the successful performances of "You Can't Take It With You" and "Junior Miss" during the spring semester.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" has been on the All-Time Hit Parade for more than seventy years. It holds a world's record in that it has never been off the boards during all that time. Descendants of the original D'Oyle Carte troupe are still presenting Pinafore in London, the United States or Australia. The only interruptions have been short breaks during World Wars I and II. Some of the music is heard over the radio almost every week—which is something after seventy years!

No date for casting has yet been set, but applicants are asked to see Mr. Hood in the English department, Academic Building, or Mr. Turner, Room 5, Administration Building.

Single Vets Bleed At News Of Three-in-a-Room Plan

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As single veterans and as students of this institution we feel that we have a legitimate cause for complaint. We refer to the plan of placing three men to each room in the coming Fall semester.

Speaking from a purely personal standpoint, the rooms which we occupy are not of adequate size for three men. There are many rooms on the campus which could not possibly accommodate three persons. In respect to those rooms which are adequate size to enable three men to exist therein (exist as distinguished from living comfortably), we would like to know how the school could consider it just and fair to sanction crowded living conditions for a great number of single students in order that a very small number of married students may live in the comfort of a two-room, completely equipped apartment?

We wish to make it clear that we do not have a single complaint against the married man as such. We think it highly commendable that so many of the married men are continuing their education, and we think it commendable that this institution has aided these men in their efforts. Under the conditions existing during this past semester (and which will no doubt continue until September of this year), no one could possibly object to the utilization of a great amount of space by a few married men. There were enough

dormitories to do this without working a hardship upon anyone.

In September the situation will be different. If Walton and Hart Halls are not returned to their original dormitory status, three men must occupy one room. The rooms now occupied by one married student could accommodate four students in September. If Walton and Hart are withheld from the single students, six of us must occupy the same or less space than is needed to house one married student.

This school was founded for the express purpose of contributing to the education of as many Texas boys as is possible.

The crowded condition that would result from three students living in a single room would be detrimental to the health and education of those who must endure those conditions. Most of us have spent enough time standing in line for a shower; why should we be forced to endure this and other results of crowded living conditions when it is unnecessary?

We do not agree that it is a wise practice to discriminate against the single students in such a manner, and we are in doubt as to whether it is fair to furnish some married men with apartments when only a small percentage of married men who wish to attend A&M can be served in this way. It is definitely a fact that the percentage who

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Camera Club Gets Dark Room, Studio

The Texas A. & M. Camera Club has been reorganized and is becoming active in campus affairs. A well-equipped dark room has been set up in the basement of Guion Hall and a studio upstairs is nearing completion. The group plans to include a refrigeration unit which will enable color developing in the near future.

A print-of-the-month is being selected at the last meeting of each month, and in the coming semester a Campus Print Salon is being planned. Attention is already focused on shots suitable for the '47 Longhorn as the club is working in cooperation with the publication staff.

A picnic was held for the members of the club and friends recently. Other social affairs are on the club schedule.

To foster interest in the photographic arts is the purpose of this organization. In line with that purpose Charles S. Nesom, president, announces that all students who are interested are invited to join the club. Meetings are held the second and last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 o'clock in the basement of Guion Hall.

Dr. Taylor Heads Food Storage Talk

The June conference of the staff of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station which was held last week at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station featured a symposium on the preservation, canning, dehydration and quick freezing of food, and the storage of eggs and meat.

Dr. Walter P. Taylor was in charge of the conference, with Dr. Sylvia Cover, H. M. Reed, C. W. Carter and Fred Hale discussion leaders of the conference subject matter.

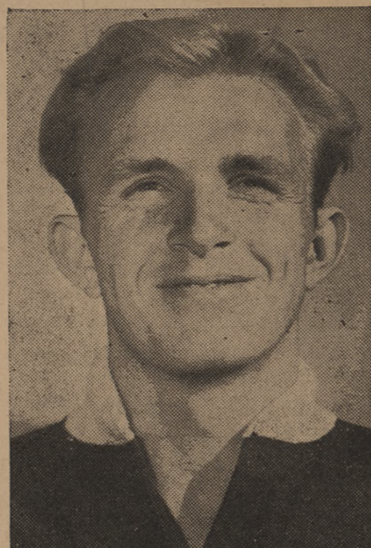
J. D. STUCKENBURG NAME IS HONORED

The mother of John Darrell Stuckenburg, '40, who was killed during the war, has made a presentation of \$10 to the Student Aid Fund in memory of her son, who was one of the Aggies honored by Silver Taps during the San Jacinto Day ceremonies this year.

Marine-Navy Air Club

There will be a short meeting of all Navy and Marine air personnel in the "Y" Chapel, Saturday, June 22, at 1 p. m., according to an announcement made yesterday by the club president.

400 Meter Champ



Aggie Art Harnden, who won the 400 meter event at San Antonio last week, and who will compete in the national AAU meet in Milwaukee.

Educators Have Triple Agenda For Conference

Public School Officials Meet Here June 18-20; Dean Brooks Directs

The three-in-one Texas A. & M. College Educational Conference, consisting of the 10th Annual Texas School Administration Conference, the 21st Annual Conference of County Superintendents and County Supervisors of Texas, and the 3rd annual Conference of Junior College Executives ends today. T. D. Brooks of the School of Arts and Sciences directed the conference.

G. B. Wilcox, head of the psychology-education department, estimated that between 200 and 300 teachers and other associated with the fields of teaching were present.

Feature of the County Superintendents conference was a discussion of "Post War Challenges to Education" by Dr. Paul Quillian of Houston. Dr. Doak Campbell, president of the Florida State College for Women, formerly executive secretary of the American Association of Junior Colleges, took as consultant in the Junior College Conference.

The Texas School Administration conference covered such subjects as Texas School finance, items needed for a constructive legislative program, what's next in the use of evaluation criteria, improvement of teacher education, and school laws.

Educational obligations to the United Nations Organization were considered by the Junior College executives, as well as the Harvard report on "General Education in a Free Society". Problems of veterans, and the evaluation of Army training courses were also discussed.

The County Superintendents course included an address of welcome by President Gibb Gilchrist on Tuesday morning, June 18.

Symphony Still Has Openings For Musicians

The A. & M. Symphony, directed by Bill Turner, met for the first time last week. Seventeen musicians signed up for membership. The group could still use several more violin players, an oboe player, a flute, two trumpet players and others. The organization is open to anyone interested in playing in a symphony organization. The college has several instruments which are available. If interested contact Bill Turner in the Student Activities office or come to the Assembly Hall next Tuesday night at seven o'clock to rehearsal.

Mr. Turner also announced that eighteen students have signed up for the Singing Cadets but that more are needed. This group is open to all students and meets in the Assembly Hall on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5 p. m. An entirely new repertoire, except for traditional Aggie songs are being rehearsed for the A. & M. Male Chorus.

Recreation Center Planned in Honor Of Patranella

Establishment of a Luke Patranella Recreation Center in connection with the A. & M. Consolidated School was agreed upon by a meeting of the committee in charge of the fund, it was announced today by W. L. Penberthy, chairman.

When the memorial fund reached \$500 almost immediately in response to the announcement, several questions arose and a special meeting was held Tuesday evening to answer those questions.

Mrs. Elsie Patranella, who arrived in College Station Tuesday, was consulted by Mr. Penberthy and she was greatly pleased by the committee's action in urging the popular College Station grocer's friends to forego sending floral offerings, and contribute to the memorial fund.

Mrs. Patranella further advised Mr. Penberthy that she felt sure her late husband would want any memorial to be located at the A&M Consolidated School where children of the community in whom he was so intensely interested could enjoy it.

Mrs. Patranella added that she would prefer to have Luke's friends contribute to the Memorial Fund in lieu of other expressions of sympathy.

At the meeting it was decided that the Memorial will manifest itself in the form of a Recreation Center in connection with the school which Luke loved so dearly, Penberthy said. This center eventually will include a skating slab, tennis courts, an outdoor swimming pool and other facilities for the building of our youth into good citizens, Penberthy added.

"We do not anticipate being able to finance all of these things with the contributions to this fund", Mr. Penberthy pointed out. "But we should make a good start and with finances from other sources the center should be completed in a reasonable time."

"Contributions will be received at Luke's Grocery, Black's Pharmacy, South Side Food Market, Madeley's Pharmacy, Casey Confectionery, George's Confectionery, (Continued on Page 4)

WHERE IS THE FOX?

A cub fox is missing from the home of Mrs. A. A. Eberle, employee of the Farm Extension Service, who resides at College Station. The fox was under observation for rabies in accordance with a doctor's instruction. It had formerly bitten the four year old son of Mrs. Eberle.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a cub fox is asked to contact Mrs. Eberle at the Extension Service or at her home, the second house north of the Church of Christ.

Bunting Resigns Local School Post

The resignation of W. D. Bunting as Supt. of the A. & M. Consolidated School was announced earlier this week by E. E. Brown, Chairman of the school board.

Mr. Brown states that the school program has grown and prospered under the guidance of Mr. Bunting during the past five years. Mr. Bunting took over the school situation when it was in debt to the amount of \$14,732 on open accounts operating on a budget of \$48,215 with a per capita expenditure of \$55.90. During Mr. Bunting's tenure the budget outlay has increased to \$77,324 and the outstanding indebtedness has been reduced to approximately \$8,000 at the present time. While making this reduction in indebtedness expenditures in the amount of \$21,787.17 have been made on equipment, furniture and other items of capital outlay. At the same time the per capita expenditure on current expenses has been raised to \$75.41.

It is in view of his candidacy for the office of County School Superintendent that he is tending his resignation thus releasing the A. & M. Consolidated school board from its obligation to fulfill a contract for 2 more years which Mr. Bunting now holds.

Buzz, Buzz: Not Bees But Model Planes at Statewide Meet Here

Be ready to duck at an instant's notice, any time during the next week end. Or maybe you'd better wear a helmet. For the air duffer the campus will be filled with buzzing miniature airplanes, taking part in the statewide model airplane contest, the first since 1942. The Industrial Education Department is the sponsor.

The polo field will be the center of activities.

Both the meet and its director, Rogers Barton of the college staff, have been approved by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

All types of flying models will compete—rubber-powered, gas-powered free-flight and gas-powered control line.

\$500 in cash prizes will be distributed to winners in the various events, which are divided into junior (under 16 years of age) and senior classes. Free flight events are scheduled to take place between 1:00 and 5:00 p. m. Saturday, and control-line competition between 1:00 and 5:00 p. m. Sunday. In two open events (unclassified) prizes will be awarded for workmanship and appearance. The classified awards are for speed and endurance.

Rainey Club is Organized by Students Here

Students desiring to take an active part in the current political campaign last week organized the Students' A. & M. Rainey-for-Governor Club at a closed meeting in the Y. M. C. A. (Under state regulations a club active in the cause of a particular political candidate may meet on state-owned property if the meeting is closed except to members.) First activity of the club was to assist in making the arrangements which brought Dr. Homer P. Rainey to speak in Bryan at noon today.

The club is governed by a steering committee which includes U. V. Johnston, chairman; Harold Borofsky, executive secretary; Vick Lindley, recording secretary and Sam A. Nixon, chairman for corps activities.

Contrary to an impression which has grown up on the campus, the Rainey club is not sponsored by the Ex-Servicemen's Club, which has no connection with the political group. The Rainey club is open to all students, veterans or cadets, as regular members, and to other College Station residents on an advisory basis. Veteran students' wives are considered in the same category as students.

Next meeting of the club is scheduled for a week from tonight, Thursday, June 27. The place will be announced next week.

The club is considering establishment of Rainey headquarters somewhere in College Station. The odd geography of College Station, however, presents certain difficulties.

Interim activities of the club include encouragement of radio parties to listen to their candidate, distribution of pamphlets and stickers.

Outside Course In Flight Training Is Not Approved by VA

Bennie Zinn, veterans advisor for Texas A. & M. College, has announced that, according to a provision of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, any veteran now attending school under the benefits of the bill may not be enrolled concurrently in any flight course also under the G. I. Bill, outside the college.

However, a veteran may take flight training as a part of his college course. Should any eligible veteran wish to take flight training while on vacation or not attending school, he may do so by notifying the Veterans Administration. This will not necessitate transferring academic credits.

Vets Will Dance at Sbisa; Club Members Drag Free

A dance, the first big social event of the season, will be given by the Ex-Servicemen's club Saturday night, June 22 from nine till twelve in Sbisa hall, it is announced by Ike Ashburn, Jr. chairman of the entertainment committee.

Music will be furnished by the Aggieband orchestra under the baton of Bill Turner. Efforts are being made to provide refreshments and it is hoped that blower-fans will be available.

Admission will be free to active members of the organization and their wives or dates. An active member is any veteran who holds a membership card and has paid the club dues for the current semester. Any veteran who is not an active member may gain admittance by purchasing a membership card from either the dormi-

tory representative, the secretary of the club, Edward C. Buntyn, or the representative at the entrance of the dance.

Pete Hardesty, Vice-President of the club announces that in conjunction with the Wives club, the vets are planning a number of social engagements for the semester. A Bar-B-Q will be given at the American Legion hall in Bryan on the Fourth of July. Bus service will be provided for those who lack means of transportation. This will be followed by a watermelon feast and an open air dance at the grove.

The Ex-Servicemen's club is also planning a dance for the latter part of July with a big name band but nothing definite is known as to which band it will be. All veterans attending A. & M. are invited to join the club and participate in the activities.

Brooks States "Looking at America" Series to Provide Graduate Studies

Recognizing that a four-year course in technical engineering fails to acquaint graduates with the social and cultural aspects of present day life, the college will offer a series of post-graduation studies, "Looking at This America," designed to guide the student toward a better understanding of the broader aspects of life in the post-war world.

In announcing inauguration of the post-graduate studies, Graduate School Dean T. D. Brooks said the search for the solution of the problem has been nationwide.

"Our answer is a planned list of courses that look primarily at present day America, and what made it that way," Dr. Brooks stated. "It has been found impossible to give more than a complete technical engineering course to students in the four years allocated to such study. Therefore, it is our hope that our graduates will avail themselves of the opportunity to continue their educational processes after graduation."

Successful completion of the initial offerings in the "Looking at America" studies after the graduate accepts full-time employment will lead to award of the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, Dr. Brooks announced.

Eight departments of the col-

lege have completed outlines of courses which may be selected for study toward the Ph. B. Degree. Initial offerings are available in the departments of Agricultural Economics, Economics, English, Geography, Geology, History, Petroleum Engineering and Rural Sociology.

The entire "Looking at America" course should be completed in two to three years by an employed graduate, it is believed.

Five courses offered by the Department of English cover reading in the work of American writers from Colonial days to the 1870 period, a study of American literature for fifty years following the Civil War, outstanding foreign writers who have influenced American readers and writers, modern plays of America and reading in the contemporary drama of England and Continental Europe and contemporary American novels from 1920 to 1940.

The influences of geographic environment and political geography are courses which delve deeply into geographic factors in history and society in relation to lands, and present day political problems of national cause of geographic factors.

Development of American history and geologic factors

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Vets Mess Hall Committee Reports At Special Meeting Tomorrow Night

Three In a Room Policy To Be Discussed; Fourth Of July Party Announced

Raymond Parrish, president of the Ex-Servicemen's Club, has called a special meeting for tomorrow night, to be held in the annex of Sbisa Hall, the old mess hall. A report will be heard from the committee appointed to investigate and to make arrangements with the mess hall staff for the betterment of preparation and distribution of food.

Also confronting the organization is the newly announced policy of the housing chief to assign three students to each room in certain dormitories for the Fall semester.

The meeting, due to be a short and brief one, will be bettered by use of the public address system and fans for the convenience of those attending.

Further announcement will be made regarding the bar-b-que picnic planned for the Fourth of July here on the campus.

Local Corn Experiments Made to Improve Resistance of Texas Grain

Increased resistance of Texas corn to the ravages of drouth, heat, insects and disease may result from research to be conducted here on corn varieties introduced from Guatemala. Dr. R. G. Reeves, corn investigations scientist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, has just returned from a two-months study of corn production in the Central American Republic which, with Peru, is regarded as the original habitat of all corn now grown throughout the world.

Dr. Reeves selected seed from corn grown in over 200 areas of Guatemala. These included corn grown in areas representing the extremes in rainfall and drouth, from the lowlands and the highlands, long-season corn which attains maximum growth and minimum fruit, and short-season corn more similar to the plant under Texas natural conditions.

Two Phases of Tests Research to be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station with these corn samples is planned in two main phases, Dr. Reeves said. Some of these corns will be crossed with standard Texas corns with the hope that the progeny will carry greater resistance to natural hazards. Intensive

inbreeding also will be conducted among the Guatemalan corns with the hope of establishing entirely new varieties with wider adaptation especially in areas of Texas not now considered good corn growing regions.

Corn has played a much more important role in the lives of our neighbors to the south than it has in this country, Dr. Reeves said. The civilization of the once great empires of the Aztecs in Mexico, the Mayas in Yucatan and Central America, and the Incas in Peru were founded largely upon corn. Dr. Reeves estimated that even today corn provides full 90 percent of the diet of the Guatemalan Indians.

Dr. Reeves' Qualifications

When A. and M. College decided to conduct research on corn introduced from its nativity, Guatemala was chosen instead of Peru on account of the voluntary hybridization that has taken place there through the centuries with relatives of corn which are known to be resistant to drouth and heat, as well as to insects and diseases. Guatemala also had a booster in the person of American Ambassador E. J. Kyle, former dean of Agriculture of the Texas A&M College.