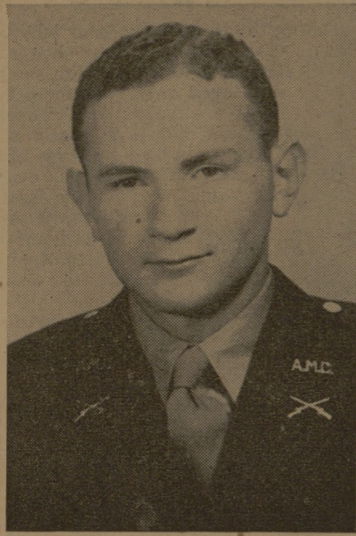


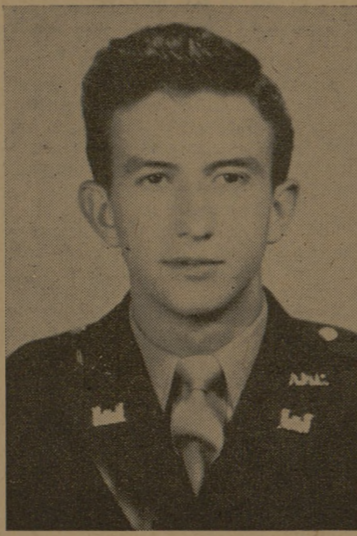
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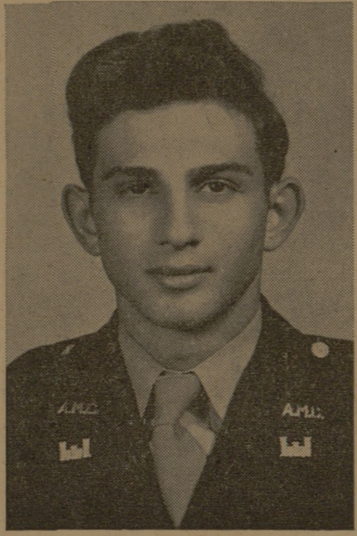
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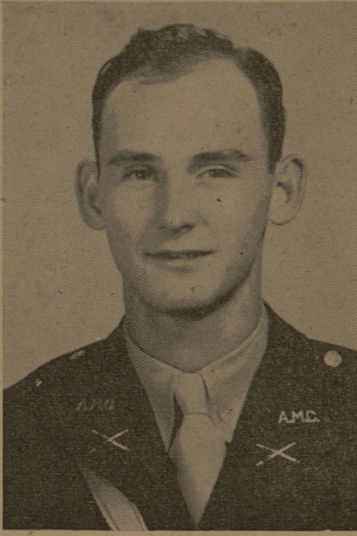
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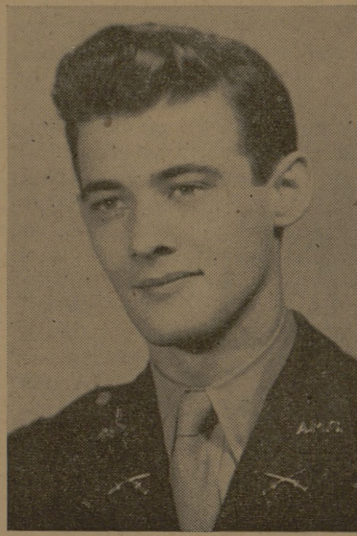
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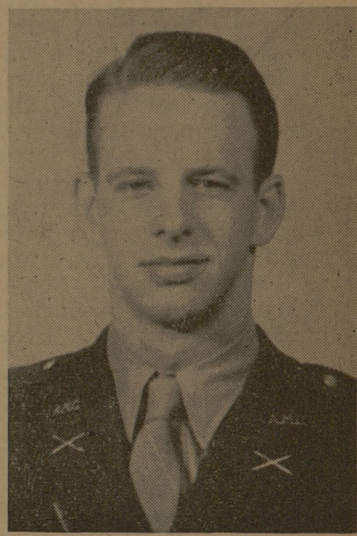
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Don't Worry About That 'C' Quiz
Just Look at Date and Then Pray!

**IT'S YOUR
LUCKY DAY**



Did you have a major quiz today? Well, quit worrying about it. Today is Friday the thirteenth, and you never heard of anybody busting a quiz on such a lucky day, did you? Or did you?

Once upon a time Friday the thirteenth was looked upon as a day of woe, when it was considered safest not to leave the house. This was a medieval superstition, based on the "facts" that Friday was the witches' Sabbath, and thirteen an unlucky number, and the combination was to be feared. If a foolhardy peasant tried to work, but slipped and broke his leg, his neighbor said, in true medieval language, "He should have stood in bed."

But Texans have refused to be bound by any such "old wives' tales." In the days of the roaring frontier, Friday the thirteenth was a good day to plunk silver dollars on the poker table in hope of huge winnings. Of course, if it did turn out to be your lucky day, it had to be somebody else's bad luck day. But what the heck...

So quit worrying about that quiz. If you busted it, blame your bad luck on the date. And don't swell up if you queered out, either. Give the date the credit!

Announcements For Mid-Term Grads

All mid-term graduating seniors who desire announcements must place orders at the Student Activities Office not later than Tuesday, December 17th. Announcements must be paid for at the time of placing the order.

Three types of announcements are available. Orders may be placed for paper-bound, leather-bound or French-fold announcements in any combination. Personal cards may be ordered at the same time.

BAND WINS ALL-ROUND FOOTBALL SIGN PRIZE

For producing the best all-around display of football signs for the conference games this season, the combined band was awarded the cash prize of \$25, offered by J. E. Loupot.

In six conference games, the band has won a first, second, third, two sixths, and a tenth place.

Signs were judged before each game and results posted weekly.

Rubinoff and His Magic Violin Perform in Bryan Sunday at 3

Music lovers of Bryan, College Station and area will remember enjoying one of the finest treats of their lives in October of last year when Rubinoff and his violin appeared on Town Hall.

They will once again be granted the privilege of seeing and hearing one of America's outstanding violinists in person, when Rubinoff will appear on the stage of Stephen F. Austin High School in Bryan Sunday afternoon, December 15, at 3 o'clock, under the sponsorship of the Bryan Junior Chamber of Commerce. High spot of next Sunday's performance will be Rubinoff's presentation of his own violin arrangement of Chopin's "Polonaise."

When Chopin, moved to the depths of his soul by the treachery and tyranny confronting his native Poland, wrote the immortal Polonaise, his brilliant technique was limited to the keyboard of his piano, but music fans of this vicinity will hear the Polonaise not as a piano solo, but for the first time as a violin interpretation.

Rubinoff, who graduated from the Warsaw conservatory at the age of fourteen, knows Poland—knows deeply the Poland which Chopin set to music. Now with the rendition of the Polonaise as a violin solo, Rubinoff fulfills a promise made many years ago to the dean of all American music—a pledge made as a child to the immortal Victor Herbert. Discovers by the brilliant American composer in Warsaw, Rubinoff was brought to this country by Herbert. Earlier at the Warsaw conservatory the young prodigy, Rubinoff, sat with Victor Herbert as they listened to a great pianist of that day render the stirring Polonaise. "Some day," Rubinoff

said to his older companion, "I shall write a violin arrangement of that composition."

Years intervened and the great Herbert passed away. Rubinoff became a household name and America learned that Rubinoff and his violin were as much a part of life as coffee and doughnuts. Radio appearances, moving pictures, nationwide concert tours—the acclaim of millions and literally thousands of renditions of the world's best loved music—but in between times, in every free moment, Rubinoff worked on his arrangement of the Polonaise. And now, in this first full year of post-war peace when once again tyranny and aggression have been stamped out by freedom, Rubinoff and his violin give to America the fulfillment of that promise made many years ago—the Polonaise with all the warmth and human expression of the artist and his \$100,000 Stradivarius.

Music critics throughout the country, who have heard a pre-concert rendition of the Rubinoff arrangement have been simply elaborate in their unanimous praise and admiration. One well-known Metropolitan reviewer wrote: "In a spirit of humbleness I relived the Chopin Polonaise. It is regrettable only that the great composer himself with his own intimates—Franz List, George Sands and other contemporaries, could not have been present last night." Reception of the Polonaise as a violin solo has been equalled only by the maestro's current feature number of his concert—his own arrangement, also for the first time in history as a violin solo, of the Warsaw Concerto.

General admission tickets are selling for \$1.20, while the reserved seats cost \$1.80.

Bond Election for College Station Slated for Dec. 17

Approval by the state fire insurance commission of plans for extending the water distribution system of the city of College Station, pending passage of a bond issue to finance the work, has been received, it was announced December 11 by City Manager F. A. Vaughn.

Funds for the water system improvements are part of a \$100,000 bond issue to be voted upon by property-owners of College Station next Tuesday, December 17, Vaughn said. The ballot will also include issuance of bonds for sewage and electrical system improvements.

The new waterworks plans include laying of 6-inch mains, with necessary valves and fire hydrants, to bring practically the entire city within the maximum fire protection area, Vaughn said.

Absentee ballots are available at the city office in the Southside Market building, Vaughn said, adding that the ballots must be returned no later than midnight December 14.

Polling places will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. December 17. The polling places are: Ward 1, Southside Market building; Ward 2, Luke's Grocery building; Ward 3, Waldrop building at North Gate.

Economics Club to Hear Dies Tuesday

Former Congressman Martin Dies, of 'Dies Committee' fame, has been announced as the guest speaker for the Economics Club's December meeting, according to Bill Murphy, club president. Dies will speak on "Un-American Activity As It Pertains to Governmental Economy," a subject on which he is especially qualified to speak.

Acclaimed as one of the finest speakers and orators of the nation, Dies promises to be the biggest drawing card on the club's schedule of outstanding speakers in the field of economics.

"All students, wives, and visitors are invited to hear Dies Tuesday night, December 17, at 7:30 p. m. in the Geology lecture room," Murphy said.

A dinner will be held for Dies at the Aggeland Inn preceding the meeting with the club officers and the Economic Department as hosts.

January Graduates Say 'No Exercises'

Seniors graduating in January voted overwhelmingly not to have graduation exercises, in a meeting Tuesday night, December 10. Sid Smith, president of the Veterans Club, presided over the discussion. He also announced that graduating seniors do not have to take final examinations, according to word received from Dean F. C. Bolton.

Diplomas will be mailed to seniors at the end of the current semester. Those January graduates desiring to take part in Commencement exercises may do so in May, provided this is acceptable to the College officials. "Announcement on this will come later," added Smith.

EL PASO HOLIDAY BALL SLATED DECEMBER 23RD

On December 23, ex-students from El Paso are sponsoring a Christmas dance at the Cortez Hotel for the El Paso A. & M. Club.

Howard Derrick, president of the club, urges all members to be present December 18 to discuss plans.



COL. ORA JASON COHEE, who will appear as the guest speaker of the Interfaith meeting, sponsored jointly by the Y M C A and A. & M. Hillel Foundation Sunday afternoon, December 15, at 3:30 p. m.

Three-day Regional Hillel Conference Begins Here Today

A regional conference of Hillel units of the Southwest, with Texas A. & M. as host, will be held on the campus, beginning this evening and ending Sunday afternoon. Each foundation will be represented by five delegates, but as many visitors as wish may come.

The course of events has been planned for that time, according to See HILLEL, Page 4

Veteran's Council Names Telephone, Library Committee

The board of representatives and members of the student council met with the officers of the Veteran Students Association for a get together, Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the west end of Sbisadining hall.

President Sid Smith told the gathering that the next general meeting of the Veteran Association would be the first week of January, probably on Monday, January 6. He said that news of the meeting was difficult to pass around and that programs in the future would feature entertainment. Since a number of the officers will graduate in January, Smith stated that a committee will be chosen to arrange for an election of new officers next semester.

From the board of representatives, R. P. Sanders, R. G. Shearer, and Sam Williams were designated as a membership committee, whose job it will be to arrange for new members to the Association this next semester. Plans call for membership cards to be sold on registration day and before entertainments that are planned for the coming year.

An entertainment committee, consisting of R. A. Polson, S. E. Hood, and R. E. Costello was formed, and they will make preliminary arrangements for the dances to be held this next year and will turn their plans over to the incoming vice-president for next semester.

The question arose, that the li- See VETERANS, Page 4

Committee Names First Seven of Twenty Corps Nominees, Veterans Allotted Ten

The first seven of twenty nominees for "Who's Who at A. & M." were selected by the Student Life Committee following recommendations made to them by a sub-committee of cadets. The choices were made on the basis of leadership, extracurricular activities, and scholarship. Each was required to have a grade point average of at least 1.5, unless conspicuous achievement in the other two fields merited selection.

A sub-committee of veterans are now in the process of choosing from among the veterans ten students for appointment to 'Who's Who'. Pictures of later selections will be run in The Battalion as announced by the Student Life Committee.

Drum & Bugle Corps Organized by Band

According to Cadet Major Philip Kosub, drum major of the combined band, the Texas A. & M. Drum and Bugle Corps was organized Thursday night, December 5.

Kosub stated that each morning the Drum and Bugle Corps will march through the New Area at 6 o'clock after the firing of a 75 mm. cannon. At noon mess formation they will be stationed in front of Duncan Hall and play bugle march music.

The Drum and Bugle Corps is composed of two groups of ten men each, consisting of six buglers and four drummers, taken from the Infantry and Field Artillery Bands.

CHRISTMAS WRAPPING SERVICE FREE AT "Y"

Commencing tomorrow morning, the YMCA is offering free wrapping service of Christmas packages, both for shipping and for carrying, M. L. Cashion has announced.

The Veterans' Wives Club is cooperating in this respect, adding the artistic touch on each article that is wrapped. All wrapping materials will be furnished by the YMCA, and the service will be available throughout next week.

Aggeland Orch to Play for Tomorrow Night's Annex Ball

A. & M.'s Aggeland Orchestra, under the direction of Bill Turner, will play for the Annex Veterans' Club dance, to be held at the Student Center at Bryan Field tomorrow night. Dancing will be from 8:30 to 12:30. The previously announced all-girl orchestra from Sam Houston State Teachers College is unable to make the date.

The Student Center will be extensively decorated with a Christmas motif, and judging from comments on the last veterans' dance at the annex, this promises to be one of the main social events of the semester.

John W. Laufenberg, president of the annex club, announced that only 300 tickets will be sold, due to the limited dance floor. It was also made known that plans were made to house any week-end guests at the annex. "Although the veterans are sponsoring this dance," said Laufenberg, "it is open to both the Corps and veterans."

Admission for the affair is \$1.20 couple or stag, but no stag tickets will be sold at the door. Only those stags who have purchased tickets during the advance sale will be admitted.

Tentative plans call for entertainment during intermission. At that, club officers will also be introduced.

Scenes from "The Male Animal"



"The Male Animal", which is being presented by The Aggie Players for the last time tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15 p. m. Under the direction of Art W. Angrist of the English Department, the three-act comedy is playing in the Assembly Hall.

UPPER LEFT: "Nutsy" Miller (Harry L. Taylor), Ed Keller (Frank Camp), and Myrtle Keller (Will Beth Stephens), in Professor Turner's living room.

LOWER LEFT: Dean and Mrs. Frederick Damon (Jimmy McKenzie and Jeanne Kernode).

UPPER RIGHT: Patricia Stanley (Mamie Lee Jackson) and Cleota (Sybil Claire Banister).

LOWER RIGHT: Ellen Turner (Mary Frierson) and Michael Barnes (Milt Frenkel).

CENTER: Professor and Mrs. Tommy Turner (Bill Krause and Mary Frierson).