



'Aggieland' Or Bust! Page 2 Editorial

The Battalion

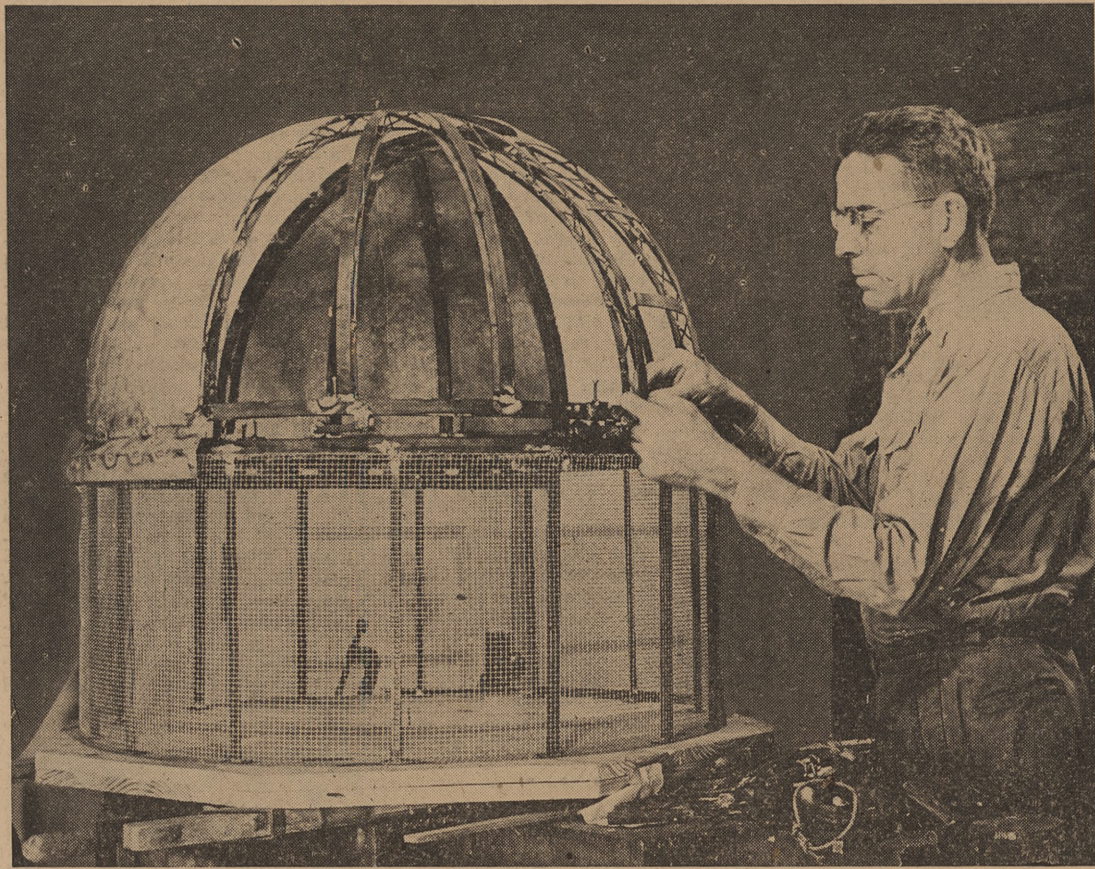
Attend the Banquet Tomorrow Night

VOLUME 46

COLLEGE STATION (Aggieland), TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1947

Number 25

The Model and the Man



'Star Gazers' To Unveil Dome, Hear O. E. Monnig at Banquet

Amateur astronomers at A. & M., gathered into the new Astronomy Club, will hold their first annual banquet Monday night at Sbsisa Hall, with a "double-feature" attraction.

Oscar E. Monnig of Fort Worth, one of the best-known amateur astronomers in Texas, will be the chief speaker of the evening. Mr. Monnig, secretary of the Monnig Department Store in Fort Worth, has achieved a substantial scientific reputation for his studies of meteorites.

A three-foot model of a proposed eighteen-foot telescope dome will be unveiled by Prof. E. E. Vezey of the Physics Department. Erection of the dome is the first goal set by the Astronomy Club, and college authorities are considering the proposal that a full-size dome similar to the model be erected on top of the Physics Building. There it would house a 24-inch reflecting telescope, the mirror for which is now being ground by Prof. Vezey. This telescope would be the largest between the eastern seaboard and the huge MacDonald Observatory in West Texas.

Student members of the Astronomy Club assisted Prof. Vezey in

the design and construction of the model dome. One of the special features is an original method of supporting the sliding doors, which cover a slot in the dome when the telescope is not in use.

The Astronomy Club was organized only a few months ago, drawing its membership from a group of students and faculty members who had been meeting intermittently—in good weather—to look at stars, meteorites and V-12 rockets through the 12-inch telescope built by Prof. Vezey some years ago. This instrument was not protected from the weather, so the mirror and other delicate parts had to be kept in a closet. It was necessary to set up and adjust the telescope before each viewing, and disassemble the apparatus afterward. The awkwardness of these conditions led the club, when organized, to make the proposal for an all-weather dome.

Dick Bolin, president of the club, will be toastmaster at the dinner.

PROF. E. F. VEZEY, a faculty member of the Astronomy Club, working on the model of a telescope dome proposed for A. & M. The completed model will be unveiled at the Astronomy Club's first annual banquet at Sbsisa Hall Monday night.

Military Plans to Include Formation of ROTC Squadrons

Single Advanced ROTC Students Will Move to Dorm 9 With Air Corps

Two or more ROTC Air Corps squadrons will be formed next semester, according to an announcement of the Military Department, January 8. Each squadron will contain 75 men. Plans are being made to include both basic and advanced ROTC Air Corps students.

Advanced students will fall under several classifications in regard to transfer from their present units to the Air Corps squadrons. Those advanced cadets who do not hold responsible commissions in the Cadet Corps will transfer to the Air Corps squadrons next semester along with those cadets who are studying basic at

MS 342, the advanced course in aviation ROTC, is open to those students, who have completed the preliminary course, MS 341. There are now vacancies in the MS 341 course for 140 students who are academically classified as juniors or who will graduate at the end of four semesters. (Figured from the end of this present term). Those interested are asked to interview Lt. Colonel Hedge, PAS & T, Room 25, Ross Hall.

present, and who intend to take advanced instruction next semester. However, advanced students who do hold responsible cadet commissions will remain in their respective units until next September.

The Air Corps units will be housed in Dormitory 9, which is now being used for veterans.

Along with this announcement, the Military Department stated two other changes in the present military set-up.

Single Vets in Advanced ROTC

Unmarried veterans in advanced ROTC will be formed into two military organizations, and moved into Dormitory 9 along with the

See AIR ROTC, Page 4

'Contact Profs About Absences', Clarifies Zinn

Because of the cold weather and icy roads, many students were unable to reach the College in time for regular classes Thursday, January 2. Bennie A. Zinn, Assistant Dean of Men, stated that for this reason many students have requested excused absence slips.

"There is no excused absence," he stated, "and every absence results in a part of the work missed." It is the responsibility of the student to contact instructors of classes missed, and, if agreeable with the instructor, the work may be made up. Such action is especially desirable for students on scholastic probation. "No further action is required," Zinn concluded.

Aggie Football and Cross Country Teams To Be Feted Tomorrow Night

Speaker of Evening Will Be Eddie Dyer of St. Louis Cardinals; Bryan's A Capella Choir To Present Numbers; Dance Follows

Serge for Sophs-Fish, in Proposed Uniform Revision

Senior Class Opposes Change; Distinctive Uniform Considered

By Allen Self
First surprise of the new year came Monday night at the Senior Class meeting in the "Y" Chapel when Cadet Col. Ed Brandt announced that the uniform for the A. & M. cadet would undergo a change embodying officer-type green serge blouses and trousers for freshmen and sophomores, replacing the O D wool, if orders from Washington come through as expected.

Under the new uniform issue, Brandt explained, basic ROTC cadets will receive green serge blouse and trousers, and an officer-type short overcoat. Advanced students, both juniors and seniors will be issued pink trousers as well, he stated, adding that juniors could easily be prohibited from wearing pinks. Possible distinctive uniform combinations were also suggested by the Cadet Colonel.

Opposition Air Views

The announcement threw a bombshell into the meeting, with individual members of the class protesting against the destruction of the uniform class distinction tradition. Others defended the proposed change on the basis of better and neater appearance in ranks and on the campus.

In order to clear up prevalent misunderstandings concerning the change, Brandt suggested that the class meet with Col. G. S. Meloy, PMS&T on the following night.

Committee to Probe

With the sentiment of the class in mind, class president Bill McCormick appointed a delegation of Ed Brandt, Shannon Jones, Tommy John, and Allen Self to go with him to visit college officials and investigate the possibility of remaining under the present issue or of obtaining a distinctive uniform for the cadets.

Meloy Clarifies

The fact that this would be a change for only the period between now and June, 1945 was pointed out by Col. Meloy in the Tuesday night session of the class. He assured members that distinctive markings showing class distinction could be sewn on blouses.

Queried about whether A. & M. could establish its own distinctive cadet uniform, Col. Meloy replied that it would be possible when the interim period ends in June, 1948, according to a letter received by him from Maj. Gen. Breese, chief of the ROTC section in Washington.

This spring is probably the last time that blue labelled blouses will be worn by basic cadets, as the Exchange Store is now packing all the surplus shipment, O D blouses of the type worn by enlisted

See UNIFORM, Page 4

Additional Flight Courses on List For Next Semester

A new series of flight training courses will be offered during the spring semester at A. & M., Dean of Engineering Howard W. Barlow announced today.

Starting early in February, courses leading to private or commercial pilot's licenses and flight instructor ratings will be offered. The courses are open to any person, whether an A. & M. student or not, Barlow said.

Tuition for the private pilot course is \$457.80 and for flight instructor, \$338.50. Cost of the commercial pilot course has not yet been computed, inasmuch as it will extend over three semesters.

Veterans may have the cost of flight training deducted from their college entitlement under the GI Bill of Rights, Barlow pointed out, adding that most of the students in previous classes have been veterans.

In addition to a license, the student successfully completing the flight course receives scholastic credit in aeronautical engineering. The private pilot course, listed as Aero 221, carries three credit hours for 35-45 hours of flight and 36 hours of ground school.

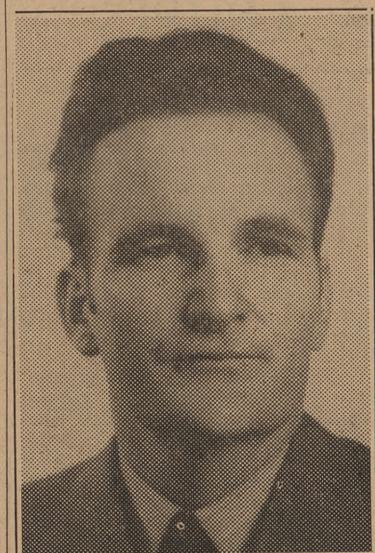
All flight is conducted at Eastwood field, the college-owned airport, where hundreds of A. & M. men have learned to fly in the past.

A meeting of prospective flight trainees will be called in mid-January, Barlow said.

Skiles to Assist Attorney General On 6-Month Leave

Student Activities Director to Become Executive Assistant

Joe Skiles, director of Student Activities, has announced that he will take six-months' leave of absence from the college in order to accept appointment as executive assistant to the attorney general of the state of Texas. Mr. Skiles made this announcement at a meeting of the Battalion staff Wednesday night.



Joe Skiles

Skiles has served as director of Student Activities since his appointment in 1941, with the exception of time served in the army from 1942 to 1945. During the leave of absence, Grady Elms will serve as acting manager, and Roland Bing will continue as editorial advisor.

Prior to his appointment as director of Student Activities here at A. & M., Skiles practiced law in Denton, Texas for eight years. He served in the Texas legislature as representative from Denton County. During his term in the legislature, Skiles became a friend of Price Daniels the new state attorney-general.

Three-Day Course For Drivers to Be Held in February

Enrollment Limited to 50 Registrants, Says Head E. L. Williams

Enrollment in the third annual short course on driver training for automotive fleet supervisors will be limited to 50, E. L. Williams, head of the Industrial Extension Service and course director, announced. "Attendance at this course, to be held here February 10-14, is limited to a total of 50 in order to provide more effective instruction and demonstration," Williams stated.

Prospective registrants are urged by Williams to submit their \$10 registration fee immediately to be sure of a place in the classes.

Commercial Driving Subjects

Problems of testing, selecting and training of commercial vehicle drivers and safe and efficient operation of fleets are among the subjects to be covered in the course.

The annual course, which is held all over the nation and bears the endorsement of a number of national automotive institutions, is sponsored in Texas by the Texas Motor Transportation association, with headquarters at Austin, and the Texas State Board for Vocational Education.

The Institute of Public Safety of Pennsylvania State College manages the course, and arranges for experts in the automotive and safety fields to instruct in each state.

Williams said that truck fleets which have adopted the methods taught have cut accident frequency by as much as 50 percent in the first year of operation.

Rooms and meals for registrants will be available on the campus, Williams said. A banquet is planned for Thursday night, February 13, and certificates will be presented those completing the intensive course of instruction.

Athletes who wore maroon and white during the fall sports season will be honored tomorrow night at Sbsisa Hall. Letters will be presented to members of the 1946 football and cross-country teams at the second annual football party staged by the Brazos County A. & M. Club and the school Athletics Council.

The occasion is much older than the phrase "second annual" seems to indicate, as this affair takes the place of two other events of long traditions, the "T" football banquet and the Brazos County exes' banquet for the football team.

Eddie Dyer, man of the year in baseball, will be the chief speaker of the evening. Dyer, once a baseball star for Rice Institute, achieved baseball immortality last season when he took over the St. Louis Cardinals early in the year. He led them as manager to a National League pennant, and then startled the country as he led them to an upset victory over the Boston Red Sox in the World Series.

Tomorrow night's affair will begin at 7:00, at which time dinner will be served. The committee has asked all those coming to get to their tables by 6:45, so that the banquet may start on schedule. The Aggieband Orchestra will play dinner music.

The A Cappella Choir of Stephen F. Austin High School, Bryan, will sing several numbers at the end of the dinner, one of them being an arrangement of "The Spirit of Aggieband." This choir has received national honors, and their singing of the Aggie school song opened the radio broadcast of the San Jacinto Day memorial last spring.

Homer H. Norton, head football coach, will name the boys on this year's squads who are to receive their letters. The actual presentation of the emblems will be made by C. W. Crawford, chairman of the athletic council. Cross-country emblems will be presented by Track Coach Frank Anderson.

The Lipscomb-Munnerlyn award, the Bert Pfaff best-blocker award, and the most-valuable-player award will also be made at the dinner.

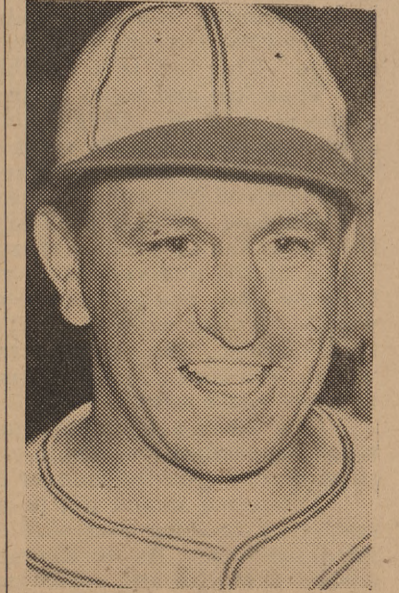
W. R. Carmichael, principal of Stephen F. Austin High in Bryan, will be toastmaster.

High School Guests
Special honor guests will include many high-school athletes, brought to the dinner by Aggie-exes of

their home communities. These boys and their sponsors will be seated near the Aggie players, and will each be introduced by name.

After Dyer's talk, the hall will be cleared for dancing, and the Aggieband Orchestra will play from 9:30 to midnight.

Tickets have been available at many places both in College Station and Bryan, and it is expected that a thousand people will turn out to honor the Aggie athletes. The \$2 charge includes both the banquet and the dance. Those attending may



Eddie Dyer

come either formally or informally dressed.

The late J. T. L. McNew was originally named as chairman for the banquet. Since his death, the duties have fallen upon Tad Moses of the Extension Service, assistant chairman. Active in committee assignments have been many of the college faculty and staff, students, and Brazos County business men.

Program

FOOTBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY BANQUET
Sbsisa Hall, 7 p. m.—January 11, 1947
Toastmaster, W. R. Carmichael

Invocation	Rev. R. C. Terry
	Pastor, First Methodist Church
Dinner	Music by Aggieband Orchestra
Songs	A Cappella Choir
	Stephen F. Austin High School
Introduction of Guests—	
Presentation of Cross Country Lettermen	Coach Frank Anderson
Presentation of Football Lettermen	Coach Homer Norton
Presentation of Letters	C. W. Crawford
	Chairman, Athletic Council
Presentation of Special Awards	
	W. F. Munnerlyn and Bert Pfaff
Address	Eddie Dyer
	Manager, St. Louis Cardinals
Dance	Music by Aggieband Orchestra

SEEING IS BELIEVING . . .

If You Have an Open Mind And Want It Read, See Polgar

By George E. Yowell

Dr. Franz Polgar, the mind reader, will appear on Town Hall at Guion Hall Wednesday, January 15, at 8 p. m.

Polgar has the distinction of being able to convert people to believe the ideas of mind reading, mental telepathy, and power of suggestion, of which he is master of all three. Polgar's hypnotic stare is just as an effective means of gaining sleep as taking sleeping tablets.

Once in displaying his mind reading abilities, Polgar memorized the entire list of names and rooms at the hotel where he was staying. Later at a show he was able to name the person whenever their room number was given, or vice versa. When his own room number was called, he was unable to call out the correct answer because he had forgotten to memorize his own number.

He also quite frequently forgets wedding anniversaries and birthdays.

Polgar got his start at a Detroit Town Hall Forum several years ago. He spent his youth in Hungary and finished high school in time to enlist in the army during World War I. A shell explosion on the Italian front caused him to lapse into amnesia and aphasia. Unable to talk or hear, Polgar had to rely on his exceptionally keen mind to make his way while in the hospital. After he had recovered, he returned to his native land and took up the study of psychology and power of suggestion.

Coming to America, Polgar first took a job as waiter in a restaurant in Yorkville, a section of New York City with a large German population. He attracted notice there by reading the minds of the customers when they peered over the menu and then bringing their orders without being told. Night clubs and circus side shows immediately made him offers, but Polgar

See POLGAR, Page 4

College Station or Aggieband? Poll Reveals the 'Ayes' Seem to Have It

By Ferd English and Bob MacDonald

The Battalion's recent suggestion of changing the name of College Station to "Aggieband" has brought a favorable response from the students. With such far-away thoughts in mind, roving reporters compiled a cross-section poll of students, housewives, college officials, and business men of "College Station."

The question asked was: DO YOU BELIEVE THE NAME OF COLLEGE STATION SHOULD BE CHANGED TO 'AGGIELAND'? Below are printed the findings of the twosome.

Librarian Comments
Paul S. Alliance, Librarian, stated, "Since the institution is known as Aggieband, I think it would be well to carry forward that tradition."

Housewives Ponder
Mrs. T. R. McKinley, secretary at J. C. Culppeper Realty Company and housewife, replied to the query, "I believe I'd be in favor of 'Aggieband'. More people know about A. & M. than they do about College Station."

Mrs. C. A. O'Brien, housewife, came forth with: "I'm sure it wouldn't make any difference to me."

Wife of Aggie '39er, Mrs. A. L. Carpenter, relied upon her husband but who wouldn't talk. "Golly," said the young wife, "I don't mind at all if everyone wants to change it. I think Aggieband is nice—prettier than College Station."

Sermon
The Rev. R. L. Brown, of College Station's Baptist Church, answered with: "College Station might denote a small place. Changing an 'old' name means a lot, but it would better express what is located here, because College Station might mean any college may be located here. College Station does not necessarily designate the place where A. & M. is located—'Aggieband' perhaps would."

Postmaster Replies
Dr. Thomas O. Walton, postmaster, stated, "I hadn't thought about it. I've never understood why they named it College Station in the first place."

He said that such a procedure to change the name would necessitate

the approval of the Board of Directors and the city jointly. However, this statement was only his thoughts on the subject.

The Mayor Talks
"No; I don't have any objections to changing it if we can find a better name than Aggieband," Ernest Langford said. After prying him a bit further, he slowly changed his "no" to "yes"—indirectly.

Grammatically Correct
Dr. Thomas F. Mayo, head of the English Department, was opposed to the question, saying, "No! I think Aggieband is unpleasantly sentimental."

Businessmen
Ray Oden, Southside Grocery owner, replied with one word: "Definitely!" (In favor, he means.)

Madeley Pharmacy's owner, G. E. Madeley, stated: "No, I don't think so. In the first place, you would have about 6000 post office boxes to change, also requiring Uncle Sam's permission. Business houses would have to notify 35 to 65 firms, in addition to personal correspondents."

S.A. "Doc" Lipscomb, of Lipscomb Pharmacy, answered, "Well, that's a pretty hard question. If you're going to stay with that name Aggieband, I'd favor it all right."

Real estate man Paul Jones, thinks, "It's very appropriate. I'd like to see it 'Aggieband'."

Students 100% in Favor
W. P. "Erosy" Moore, Class of '47, said, "Principally, I think that Aggieband simply sounds better, and I feel sure it will prove acceptable to everyone in College Station."

"I have met people in the past who knew of Aggieband, but had no idea as to the location of College Station—let's change it!" replied Herbert Walne, junior, of "B" Battery Field Artillery.

Class of '44 veteran Harold DeBona: "I think it's a good idea myself."

Clyde H. Patterson, Jr., B Cavalry junior, answered: "As it is now, we are just about one in forty-eight, because every state with a large university in a small town has a College Station. I am definite (See AGGIELAND, Page 4)