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Sam Houston A Capella Choir To Perform at A&M March 4

Euell Porter, director of the Bryan High School choir for 9 years and in 1943 director of the Singing Cadets, will bring his Sam Houston State 57-voice A Capella Choir to sing for A&M's Town Hall in Guion Hall at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, March 4.

Organized by Porter last year, the choral organization will sing a program of sacred and secular music ranging from the earliest worshipful music of Palestrina to the popular lyrics of Jerome Kern. The choir's appearance at A&M will be on the eve of an extensive tour through West Texas, which will take it to the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. Earlier in the year, it has made appearances in churches and schools in

many Central and South Texas towns and cities, and recently sang at the State school administrator's conference in Austin.

Four student soloists are featured with the choir. Edward Carson, of Bryan, sings the lyric tenor solos in "Balm in Gilead" and "Resting in His Love." The entire ensemble makes its appearance in a close-phalanx formation, and the singers wear wine-colored cassock-style robes, covered with white satin vestments for women members.

Among the choir's members are Marvin L. Downey, Ralph Weedon, Esther Montoyo, and Carson, all of Bryan.

Veteran Students Authorized Leaves of Absence in School

Leaves of absence for veterans pursuing courses of education or training under Public Law 346, 78th Congress, may be granted at a rate of 2 1/2 days per month, a directive concerning Part VIII reveals. Leaves will be accrued during the entire time a veteran is enrolled in and pursuing a course of education or training, including that time during which he is on approved leave of absence; such leaves will not accumulate to an amount in excess of 30 days.

Advisors are authorized to approve leaves which do not exceed the amount of leave accumulated

or which will not exceed 30 days in each 12 successive months of enrolled status, provided that such leave will not interfere with the veteran's progress in his course, the directive stated.

Since the veteran's entitlement is charged for all the time during which he is paid a subsistence allowance, it follows that leave should never be granted automatically. Therefore, the enrollee should be given an opportunity to choose between requesting leave of absence or interruption of training for the period of absence.

Approved absences covering a period less than the standard school or work week of the training institution will be charged at the rate of one day for each school or working day of absence from the institution. Approved absences covering a period of one calendar week or more will be charged at the rate of five days for each seven consecutive days of absence. No charge against leave will be made for absences on those days within a period of training on which the school or training establishment grants total exemption from attendance to all students similarly circumstanced.

For veterans enrolled in educational institutions, this will include school holidays and short intermissions between successive terms within the school year, provided that the veteran was enrolled for two successive terms.

Enrollees should be instructed that they will be expected to apply for and obtain approval for leave of absence in advance.

Brazos Club 'Elects' Moore Chairman For Aggie Muster

State Representative Bill Moore was named Tuesday night to be chairman of the traditional muster April 21 of the Brazos County A. & M. Club. R. L. Elkins will be chairman of arrangements and was empowered to select his helpers from among the former A. & M. students residing in Brazos county.

S. A. Lipscomb was reelected representative of the club on the council of the Former Students Association. Fred Hale, club president announced the selection of George Long, Jim Alexander, George Blasig, Lucien Morgan, F. W. Hensel, Jr., C. A. Lewis and Chester Jackson as a committee to assist the office of the Former Students Association in the tabulating the votes made by members over the State for other council posts. C. W. Hielscher won the attendance post.

Nancy Moses, senior student in Stephen F. Austin high school of Bryan, was selected duchess for the club at the Cotton Ball to be held at the College April 18.

Highlight of the club meeting, which was held at the Bryan Country Club, was the showing of moving pictures of the State championship high school football game last December between Odessa and Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio.

First phase of the club meeting was devoted to paying annual dues which are now on a calendar year basis. Secretary Oscar L. Crain of 209 East 33rd Street, Bryan, made a plea that other members of the club who did not attend the meeting contact him before the March meeting.

Infantry Regiment Honors Ex-Sergeant

Cadets of the Infantry Regiment of the A. & M. College Corps of Cadets participated in a Retreat Parade on the Infantry Drill Field, Wednesday, February 26, at 5:30 p.m. This parade was in honor of the retirement of Staff Sergeant Harvey R. Schwalm who on December 31 completed twenty-five years of faithful and honorable service in the United States Army.

New Seats For Guion Hall

Guion Hall has been improved by the addition of 982 new cushioned seats on the bottom floor for the comfort of the movie-goers. All seats have been adjusted so as to give the best possible view. Other improvements are on the way such as new carpets and the remodeling of the balcony.

Are The Rights of Our Canine Vets Being Thrown to Dogs?

By Mack T. Nolen

A question of veteran's rights has been raised in the Bronx. At the present it concerns only the canine veterans of the nation, but as a precedent it could lead to far bigger things. A valiant pup, one which offered himself freely when his country stood in dire peril from the menace of dictatorship and has now been discharged magna cum laude, stands condemned to die for doing a perfectly natural dog-gish trick—he bit someone.

Scout, the dog of Mr. and Mrs. August Marrone, has had to go underground to escape the guillotine threatening him. His owners have been called to the bar on charges of "aiding and abetting."

One dog, in itself, counts for little in our world of haste and great decisions, but every court ruling becomes a part of the common law, the basis of future judgements. When a human veteran similarly bites someone, will he too get the ax?

Justice is blind. It disregards personality and feeling, subordinating all to fairness. To insure the sanctity of the person, the sanctity of the dog must be confirmed.

The judge in the case expressed his opinion thusly:

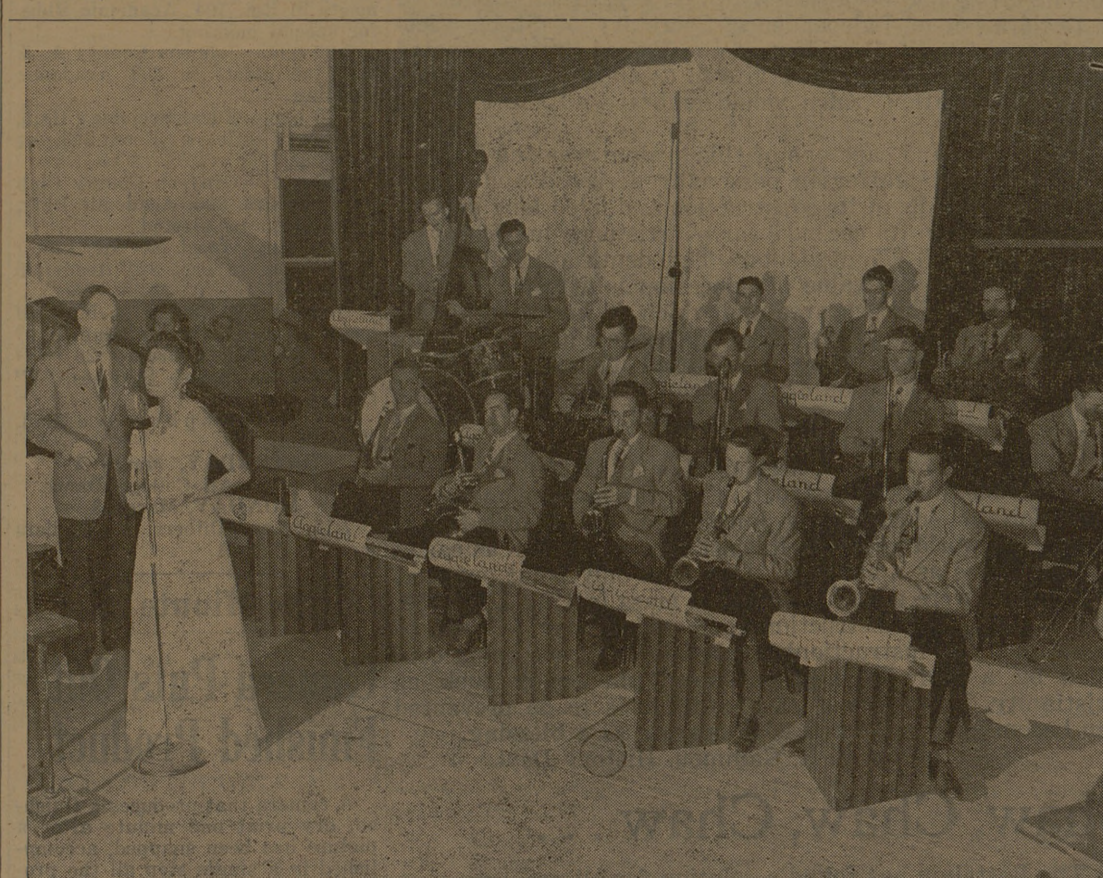
"You can't take a dog and

train him to kill people, then try to de-train it, like turning a faucet on and off. I believe this vicious dog should be destroyed."

Another judge retorted, "The dog has been unmoved by his experiences. He shouldn't be shot any more than a human veteran should be."

Maybe the veterans are, as has been suggested, a bunch of psychopathic madmen. Maybe their trying experiences are telling on them. At any rate the judicial system of the nation is at the crossroads. It must decide for once and all whether veterans shall be killed off en masse or allowed to resume peaceful ways with sympathy and understanding. That also goes for the dogs.

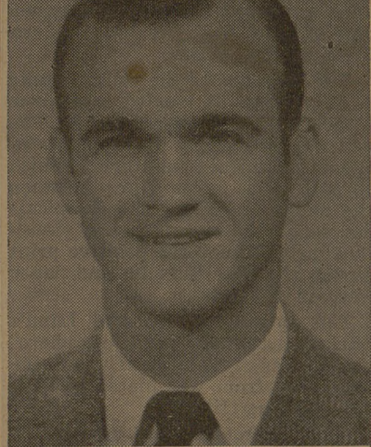
The Aggieland—Playing Friday and Saturday Nights



AGGIELANDERS ALL! Bill Turner makes the baten; Nell Arhapoulas warbles the lyrics, and the collegiate side-men go to town. A. & M.'s own swingsters will play for both the Sophomore Sweetheart Revue and the All-College Dance, scheduled for Sbis on Friday and Saturday nights this week.

Sophomore Sweetheart 'Revue' To Brighten Campus Week-end

The Sophomore Sweetheart Revue will be held in Sbis tomorrow night from 9 to 12 p.m. with the Aggieland Orchestra scheduled to furnish the music. All sophomores, either in the Corps or in the non-regs are invited to come, and invitations are also extended to classified seniors. Dormitory 4 will be vacated to provide accommodations for the visiting girls, and students will be assessed a charge of \$7.75 per guest per night.



E. J. VASEK, senior agronomy student from Wiemar, has been elected King Cotton by the Agronomy Society. Vasek will reign over the annual Cotton Ball this year.

Krause In Leading Role of New Play

Bill Krause, geology student from Houston, has been chosen to play the part of Maurice Mullins in the forthcoming Aggie Players production "A Murder Has Been Arranged".

Krause graduated from San Jacinto High School in 1941, and went into the Army Air Forces in 1942. He served for three years as a navigator with the Air Transport command, covering all theaters of operations. In May of 1946 he was discharged at Fort Sam Houston, and entered A. & M. in the fall of that year. He started his college career off with a bang by becoming a distinguished student his first semester.

Krause has been in two previous Aggie Players productions, "The Male Animal", in which he played the lead, and in "Fumed Oaks". He plans to follow dramatics as a hobby only, and devote his serious efforts to the rocks and tundra associated with geology.

Battalion Has New Circulation Mgr.

Martin E. Crossley has replaced Gerald Monson as circulation manager for "The Battalion", and has assumed the responsibilities and duties of the position with this issue. Addressing and mailing papers to out-of-town subscribers as well as making up the bundles for delivery to dormitories on the campus and at the Bryan Field Annex will be the new manager's duties.

First Issues Of Agriculturist And Engineer Due Soon

Not Published Since Pre-War Issue of '43

The January issue of The Engineer, the first since the spring of 1943 when the war halted production, will be ready for distribution Friday night. Editor Bob Davies said the tardiness and the small size of this publication was mainly due to the acute paper shortage, and that the next issue would bring it up to its previous standard.

The Engineer, a bi-monthly publication, is a medium for the engineering branches here at the college and information is printed for each department in the school of engineering.

Top Sergeants and house mothers will be notified when to pick up their issues. Receipt stubs will be needed. These stubs are good for two more issues—March and May. Subscriptions can still be bought from the Student Activities Office or from presidents of any engineering club.

The Agriculturist, publication for the school of agriculture, will make its first appearance since 1943 in the near future according to Editor Charles E. Ball.

Graduate Club Organizes

The Texas A. & M. Graduate Club has been reorganized this semester and has elected the following officers: President, Newton F. Spraggins; vice-president, Joseph W. Robertson; Secretary, Mrs. H. F. Miller; and treasurer, Marvin C. Wilkening.

American Born Ballet Theater To Play Town Hall Program

by Jack Gray
Tickets were placed on sale this morning for the Ballet Theatre performance to be given in Guion Hall, March 12. Reserved tickets are priced at \$2 and general admission \$1.50.

Ballet Theatre, the first American-born of the big-time ballet companies, recently played a six-week New York engagement upon return from an extended eight-week summer season at London's Royal Open House. The engagement here will be one of the scheduled 70 to be given by the company on its transcontinental tour. The performance will present the new ballet, born in America for the enjoyment of American

George Edwards, president of the Sophomore Class, and four committees appointed by him are responsible for the arrangements of the "Revue". These committees are:

Invitations
Chester M. Bell, chairman; Truman G. Martin; Lee Holder; Donald H. Barrett; and James D. Bell.

Decorations
Art Jacobson, chairman; Fred Hambricht; Dan Kasper; and I. Bradshaw.

Refreshments
John Orr, chairman; William Hawes; Charles Glass; and Larry C. Kinnard.

Programs
Hiram Smith, chairman; James H. Simpson and Bernard Kitchens. Other Sophomore Class officers include Gerald Stewart, vice president, and Ralph Daniel, secretary.

The Sophomore Sweetheart Revue is an annual affair, and is sponsored by the Sophomore Class.

Rio Grande Valley Club To Choose Cotton Ball Duchess

The Rio Grande Valley club is to make plans for choosing a Cotton Ball Duchess, at its regular meeting in the YMCA Assembly room at 7 p.m. Thursday. Discussion of a possible social event for this semester will also be included.

All valley men are urged to attend.

Denton County To Elect Officers This Evening at 7

Officers will be elected and plans for the current semester will be decided upon at the Denton County Club this evening at 7 p. m. in Room 325, Academic Building. Members should note that the meeting place has been changed from Room 206.

Bell, Krueger Appointments To Board of Directors Announced

Tyree Bell of Dallas and C. C. Krueger of San Antonio have been named as new members of the A. & M. board of directors. The nominations were made by Governor Beauford Jester Tuesday. It was believed that the state senate would confirm the names quickly enough that a meeting of the board with the new members could be held here Saturday.

Senate Passes Negro U. Bill

The Senate quickly passed Senator Lacey Stewart's Bill for a Negro university by a 25-2 vote Monday morning. The bill was sponsored by Senator George Moffett of Chillicothe, chairman of the state affairs committee, in the absence of Senator Stewart who is ill at his home in Houston.

The House state affairs committee sent to a subcommittee both Senator Stewart's adopted bill and a companion measure introduced by Representative Charles A. Murphy Jr. of Houston for non-controversial revisions. The main task of the subcommittee will be to iron out objections raised by President Gibb Gilchrist of A. & M. There is little doubt but that the bill will be recommended to the House for passage when the subcommittee reports back to the main committee at a regular meeting Tuesday night.

President Gilchrist made it clear that he had no objections to the aims and the principles of the act but to the provisions of the bill authorizing and requiring the A. & M. board to establish interim courses at Prairie View upon demand, while the main university is being organized in Houston. He deems it "impracticable and unworkable." Main arguments voiced by Gilchrist and others are the crowded conditions now existing at Prairie View, and the procurement of capable instructors.

The bill provides \$2,000,000 for establishing the university in Houston, with an annual maintenance and operation appropriation of \$500,000. It would set up \$250,000 for interim courses at Prairie View, and \$100,000 for immediate establishment of a law school in Austin to be taught by the University of Texas faculty.

State Pecan Growers' Committee Outlines Research Program

The Research Committee of Texas Pecan Growers' Association outlined Tuesday a program embracing insect and disease control, orchard management problems, and marketing. President J. C. Patterson, stated. At the meeting a committee was appointed to present the needs for research work in Texas to seek state appropriations.

Members of the Pecan Growers' Committee are A. Winkler, Moody; W. D. Sims, State Department of Agriculture, Austin; W. S. Price, Kerens; Carroll Yezak, Bremond; and President Patterson, Waco.

Senate Passes Negro U. Bill

In making the appointments, in a joint message which also named three regents for Texas University, Jester said he had been particularly careful in selection of the A. & M. directors. "I have a personal interest . . ." he stated. "My father was a member of the A. & M. board when David F. Houston was the chief executive of that institution."

Bell is an ex-Aggie, Class of '13. While he was at A. & M., he was one of the few men to captain two different Aggie football teams—both the 1912 and 1914 elevens. In addition he served as president of the Junior Class, and as a cadet major in his senior year. He was graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering and is now president of the Austin Road Company of Dallas. He was a major in the Corps of Engineers during World War I, and fought overseas in France. He is a past president of the Former Students' Association and of the Dallas A. & M. Club.

Krueger, also an Aggie-ex, graduated with a Civil Engineering degree in 1912 and is now president of the San Antonio Machinery and Supply Company. He bore a major's commission in the 82nd Field Artillery during World War I. Krueger and his brother are donors of the Krueger Award, given each year to an outstanding junior who is working his way through school. Dean Denton is present holder of the award. Krueger's son, Carl C. Krueger Jr., is now enrolled in A. & M., after service in the navy. Krueger is a past president of the Former Students' Association and is an active member of the San Antonio A. & M. Club.

These two appointments were the results of the rejection by the Senate of former Governor Coke Stevenson's nominations—D. S. Buchanan and Maj. Gen. H. J. Brees.

Governor Jester also announced the appointments of Mrs. Edgar Tobin of San Antonio, W. E. Darden of Waco, and James W. Rockwell of Houston to the University of Texas Board of Regents.

Married Vets Turn In Mailing Address

Students living in Vet Village, Project Houses, Trailer Camps, or in the College View Apartments, should contact the Battalion office if they wish their names placed on the Battalion mailing list.

There has been so much dissatisfaction with the present delivery system to those areas that this service will be discontinued.

No More Flash Bulbs



T. G. GRIFFIN (left) and CLAUDE R. STONE of the A. & M. Camera Club demonstrate the "stroblight" electronic device which goes away with flash bulbs. The apparatus, constructed by Griffin, releases a high-voltage impulse through a special lamp. The light produced is bright enough and fast enough to take clear photographs.