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Y. M. C. A. Forum
Starts Tonight

Swimming Team
Meet S.M.U.

Joann Dobbs of Menard Elected 13th Annual Cotton Ball Queen

Third Fee Installment Due Fiscal Office

Board to April 21	\$ 39.60
Room Rent to April 21....	8.25
Laundry to April 21	2.90
Total	\$ 50.75

Aggie Players 'Murder' Last Time Tonight and Tomorrow

Miss Joann Dobbs of Menard will reign as Queen of the Agronomy Society's 13th Annual Cotton Ball and Pageant to be held here April 18.

New YMCA Forums Start Tonight With C. C. Doak Leader

Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the biology department, will present the first in a series of four YMCA forums this evening at 7:15 o'clock in the YMCA. His subject will be the "Biological Aspects of Marriage".

The Y forums are the continuation of discussions started by Dr. W. E. Alexander during Religious Emphasis Week. It is hoped that the get-togethers will grow into campus-wide organizations, probably with guest speakers to lead discussions.

Next on the list of Y forums is Dr. Dan Russell, of the agricultural economics and Sociology Department.

'I Am American' Day Proclaimed by Truman

President Truman proclaimed Sunday, May 18 as "I Am an American Day" and called on federal, state, local and private agencies to hold commemorative exercises.

The ceremonies, he said, will be to "help our citizens better to understand their privileges and responsibilities as participants in our presentative democracy, to the end that world peace and domesticity may be attained and perpetuated."

The celebration is an annual affair to honor those who have become naturalized and those who have become of age during the year.

Bryan VA Office Changes Hours

Bryan Contact Office of the Veterans Administration began a new schedule this week, John R. Varnell, Contact Representative, announced today.

On Mondays the office will be open from 8 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. On Tuesdays through Fridays the office will open at 9 a. m. and close at 4:30 p. m. On Saturdays the office will be open only from 9 a. m. until 1 p. m.

The Bryan Contact Office is located on the second floor of the City Hall.

Need for Teachers In Vet Agriculture Program Cited

"The Veterans' Agricultural Training Program needs four hundred instructors," B. C. Davis, State Supervisor of Veterans' Education, stated Monday evening while speaking to the Collegiate F. F. A. Chapter.

A college degree with twenty-seven hours of technical agriculture are the only qualifications required; however, a farm background and a desire to work with adults are additional beneficial qualifications, Davis added.

"County Vocational Schools for Veterans are paying \$3032 per year base pay plus expenses," he said.

In concluding the informal discussion of the Veterans Training Program, Davis urged graduating agricultural seniors who qualify as instructors to consider this field of employment.

U. S. to Observe Army Week April 6-12

By W. K. Colville
America will observe Army Week, April 6-12, and "A strong America is a peaceful America," has been selected as the theme for this year's observance. In all activities across the nation it is planned to acquaint citizens with the relationship between an adequate Army and the national security, and the role of the entire Army. This includes the National Guard of the United States, the Organized Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. Citizens will be acquainted in the nation's security establishment, and in the maintenance of the peace which has been won at so great a price.

Make Arrangements Before March 20

Clubs and organizations are reminded that pictures for the 1947 LONGHORN must be made before March 20. Arrangements should be made with the A. & M. Photo Shop so that pictures can be taken before that deadline.

Eight Duchesses were selected for the Pageant and Style Show. They were:

Patsy Jo Jones—Dallas
Robertta Hampton—Ft. Worth
Margaret Ann Browning—Sherman

Alleen Williams—Temple
Billie Walker—Midland
Tesse Hiller—Victoria
Betty Jane Ellis—Dallas
Lucie Davis—El Dorado, Ark.

Alternates:
Polly Carroll—Lamesa
Jane Adamson—Little Rock, Ark.

The royalty was chosen from 32 nominees—eight from each class—elected at T. S. C. W. class meetings.

A committee composed of Eugene Vacek, King of Cotton, John Stanford, president of the Agronomy Society, Andrew Moore, Bertis Richey, Roy Anderson, Robert Moore, Herschel Ellis, Olan Anterson, Douglas Kuehn, Mrs. Manning Smith, and J. M. Mogford made the trip to Denton to select the Queen and the Duchesses.

The pageant will be held in the DeWare Field House with over 200 duchesses representing various clubs and groups over the state in attendance. The T. S. C. W. Caperettes will appear in the pageant. The purpose of the ball and pageant is to finance general cotton tours of the United States and Mexico for the agronomy students.

The ball will be held in Sbsa Hall and music furnished by the Aggieband Orchestra.

Athletic Director To Be Chosen Soon

The Athletic Council is at present devoting serious consideration to the choice of a capable Athletic Director, according to C. W. Crawford, chairman of the council.

Crawford further stated that he expected the council to meet within the next two weeks for discussion of possible candidates, and if a suitable man is found, to take action at once towards securing his services.

"The Athletic Director's duties will cover the whole field of intercollegiate sporting activities including minor as well as major sports. He will also administer approximately nine-tenths of the athletic fund. This will take many of the details as to management off the shoulders of the Athletic Council and leave them only to govern the athletic policies of A & M," Crawford said.

Lynch Tells Kiwanians Petroleum Here to Stay

S. A. Lynch, head of the department of geology, told Kiwanians Tuesday that the value of petroleum and its products are to be enjoyed for many generations to come, notwithstanding conflicting claims that reserves are inadequate.

At some future time, however, Americans may find that natural gas is far too valuable a resource to be used for heating and cooking, since its potentialities for manufacture of other products are vast.

Mr. Lynch said the origin of petroleum has not been determined despite some twenty years of research on the subject. He did say, however, that knowledge is increasing daily and methods are being improved constantly to the point where maximum recoveries are to be made wherever deposits are located.

The first well drilled in the United States in 1859 at Oil Creek, Penna., was 69 feet deep. This year in the Caddo, Oklahoma, field a well will be drilled to a depth of 17,000 feet.

There were 424,286 producing wells last year, 30,000 of which were drilled last year. The daily average production of all wells last year was 11.3 barrels, and 75 percent of producers are wells of the stripper type, with very low production. Some 80 fields produced more than 50 percent of the oil in 1946, with a total of 4.7 million barrels were recovered. The East Texas field is still the world's largest oil producing area. Known oil reserves today are 12.3 times last year's production, but this does not mean that all of the known reserves will be exhausted in a dozen years, Lynch pointed out.

Production of oil during the war years was far in excess of new dis-

They Sing On Town Hall Tuesday Evening



Singing on Town Hall next Tuesday will be the SINGING CADETS, Aggie Glee Club that is gaining a statewide reputation for their versatile choral performances. Aply directed by Bill Turner, the Cadets have made several out of town appearances this year and are planning more.

Navy Recruiters In Goodwin Daily For Inactive Reserves

Representatives from the Navy will be in Room 207, Goodwin Hall to enlist men in the Inactive Naval Reserve. From 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily these recruiters will answer queries and give information on the new branch of the Navy.

The group will be here through Saturday. A part of the Navy's plan to enlist a million men as a reserve force, this set-up provides a way of keeping enlistees up with the new advancements and still remaining a civilian. The enlistee receives credit for longevity pay, is not obligated to perform any duty, may advance in rate, and is not subject to draft to service except in the event of a national emergency.

Both veterans and non-veterans are eligible to join the V-6 program as it is called. Men 17 to 40 from the army, 17 to 64 from the navy, marines or coast guard, and non-veterans from 17 to 18½ and 30 to 40 may enlist. Veterans need no new physical examinations. The periods of enlistment is a minority or four years.

Men wishing to enlist are asked to bring with them the original or photostatic copies of their discharge papers.

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coveries, the speaker said, but since the war has ended the position has somewhat improved.

Lynch was very hopeful that a method would be perfected to recover oil from shale deposits. It now costs from seven to nine cents per gallon to produce gasoline from shale, he said, but when cost is reduced a large reserve will be tapped from this source.

Texas is first in natural gas, natural gasoline, and future reserves of gas and oil, and has the largest oil field, Lynch concluded.

All Had a Time, Seeing 'The Time'

There was comedy on the screen and murder in the aisles at a Dallas movie the other night in an unexpected double-feature. The movie was three fourths filled when a man walked into the auditorium, surveyed the audience, found his ex-wife seated with her ex-second husband, and fired twice to kill his rival instantly.

As he started to run toward the entrance, he was overpowered by two male patrons. Although the slaying was a startling and unexpected event, few patrons left the theatre. Virtually everyone stayed on to see the rest of the comedy on the screen, "The Time of Their Lives."

San Angelo Club to Meet

The San Angelo A & M Club will meet tonight at 7 o'clock in the Agricultural Building. All Aggies from that vicinity are invited to attend.

Singing Cadets to Present Town Hall Program March 18

A. and M.'s Singing Cadets will appear on Town Hall March 18, in a program of classical, semi-classical, and popular choral music. Special features of the program will be the Barber Shop quartet, a piano team, and three soloists.

Jason Moore, a faculty member tenor, will take the lead solos in the famous Russian marching song "Meadowland", and the popular song from Billy Rose's Casa Manana show, "The Night is Young and You're so Beautiful". Moore, the only faculty member who has taken part in such a program since 1938, is in the architecture department.

Leonard Perkins, baritone soloist from Ft. Worth, is a former member of the Denton A Capella choir, and has done extensive solo work in the Armed Services. He will sing the solo in the Cadets arrangement of "The Lost Chord".

Richard Alves, a senior from San Antonio, will sing the tenor solo in the song "Welsh Choral". Tommy Holcomb, a junior from Bryan, will sing the tenor solos in "Red River Valley" and "Dark Eyes".

The piano team, composed of Leonard Perkins and Marvin Brown, will play their arrangement of "Stormy Weather" and "The Harmonica Player".

According to director Bill Turner, the program is designed to please all types of listeners, and the numbers range from "The Creation" by Richter, to Cole Porter's "Night and Day". The traditional Aggie songs, which have been arranged for the choir by Ken Darcy, will comprise the greater part of the last group.

Previously this year, the organization has sung at TSCW and at Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville. They plan to give several more out-of-town concerts this spring including one in Beaumont to be sponsored by the Beaumont A&M Mother's Club, and a later concert for John Tarleton Agricultural College in Stephenville.

Officers of the 1946-47 Singing Cadets are: John Smith, president; Leonard Perkins, vice-president; Robert Leatherwood, business manager; and Thomas Smith, librarian.

The civil engineering department is joint sponsor of the short course with the state highway department.

Approximately 300 engineers and highway technicians attended, according to J. A. Orr, director of the course.

Speakers for the various sessions, which covered modern trends in highway design and personnel training, included D. C. Greer, state highway engineer chief; John S. Redditt of Lufkin, chairman of the state highway commission; Colonel Ike S. Ashburn, executive vice president of the Texas Good Roads Association, Austin; Charles H. Newell of Associated General Contractors, Austin. In addition, a number of highway department specialists spoke.

A banquet was held Wednesday night for the engineers and technicians who attended the course.

Abilene Club Meets Tonight

The Abilene Club will elect officers and make plans for selecting a duchess for the Cotton Ball this evening at 7:15 o'clock. The special meeting will take place in the YMCA.

Artillery Regimental Parade Results Announced by Meloy

On Wednesday, March 5, the Field Artillery Regiment, commanded by Cadet Lt. Colonel John H. Cochrane of Galveston, held a regimental review on the Infantry Drill Field east of Duncan Mess Hall. The Field Artillery Regiment consists of two Battalions commanded by Cadet Major Joe P. Mueller of Corpus Christi, and Cadet Major J. E. Mortensen of Crystal City.

The units of this regiment were judged at this time as to their military proficiencies and precision; the results of the judging has been announced by Colonel Guy S. Meloy, P. M. S. & T. The first four places are listed below:

1st Place
Battery H, Commanded by Major Jere Lewis of Overton

2nd Place
Battery G, Commanded by Captain J. L. Nichols of El Campo

3rd Place
Battery A, CAC, Commanded by Edward D. Bateman of Wills Point

4th Place
Battery B, Commanded by Captain Robert W. Martin of Dallas

By Ferd B. English

Tonight and tomorrow night the attention of "entertainment minded" people will be focussed on the stage of the Assembly Hall, where the Aggie Players are presenting a British play written by Emyln Williams, "A Murder Has Been Arranged".

The members of the cast are volunteers who have given their time and talents for the sake of theatrical experience. As yet there is no class being taught in Dramatic Arts here at A. & M., due to an insufficient number of students enrolled in the course when it was first offered, but the Thespian group hopes to encourage others to join their ranks before next semester and get a course in dramatics authorized for the fall term.

The plot behind "A Murder Has Been Arranged" involves the inheritance of two million pounds by one, Sir Charles Jasper. The will granting the inheritance stipulates that Sir Charles live to be forty years old, because in his youth he was plagued by ill health, and the uncle leaving him the money wanted to make sure that he didn't blow it in his youth. Sir Charles is a very prepossessed man, and when he hears of a superstition concerning the old St. James theater of London, he decides to hold his fortieth birthday party on the stage of the ancient building in order to disprove the superstition.

According to the superstition, whenever someone was murdered in the old London play palace a dumb woman would walk into the theater and she also would meet an untimely end. After the death of the woman, the ghost of the murdered man would return to the scene to avenge his uncalled-for departure from this world.

The Murder
The party, Sir Charles is given a poisoned drink and succumbs. The members of the party are terrified, but a few are determined to wait for the appearance (See AGGIE PLAYERS, Page 4)

Lady Beatrice Jasper ...
During the first year of peace it was not altogether a great rush for reconversion, but odd and funny stories were numerous in all of the Texas papers.

For a full weekend little Mary Trussell, three and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Trussell of Kingsville, had a bullet lodged in her, yet there was no pain. She had swallowed a .22-caliber rifle bullet.

A veteran of World War II named Jim Walls has now found himself a new business from his experience in the Air Corps. He has formed a company, Aerox Company, to treat hangovers by the use of oxygen. (If he really wants to make money, why doesn't he build a sub-station down here?)

Homer Goff, Texarkana desk sergeant, said that he had heard of everything when a visitor parked in town (it was a woman as if you couldn't guess) and didn't put a nickel in the parking meter, for she thought it was a hitching post. (Maybe that wasn't the only reason. Uhm-m-m!)

Gary Lee, Electra rancher and cattleman, was trying to vaccinate his cow when it kicked and drove the needle into Lee's finger, giving him a full dose of the serum. (Most probably a V. M. major of T. U.)

We Aggies are always unlucky, for one day, (it was not the weekend of the Texas Tech-A & M game this year) that a bibulous boxcar loaded with BEER broke loose, and slowly rolled down the main streets of San Antonio on Broadway in the busy daytime.

Truck Inspectors Win Suit From Union

Because they exceeded union standards of work during the war at the Edgewater plant of the Ford Motor Company, John Elvin and Neil Smith, truck inspectors at the plant, won awards of \$3,500 each in libel action before Justice J. Wallace Leyden in the New Jersey Supreme Court against Local 906 of the United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, a CIO affiliate.

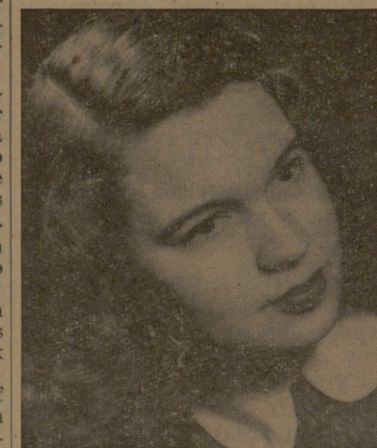
Elvin and Smith inspected trucks too fast to suit the union in the winter of 1943-44. They turned out 18 or 20 trucks a day while the pace set by the union was 12 or 14. The union took steps against them for conduct unbecoming a union man and later expelled them.

Libel action came as a result of articles printed about them in the local's monthly publication and signed by Joseph Eccles, president of the local, however the suit against him was not pressed when it was learned that he had not written the articles.

Potter to Teach at U. of Southern Cal During August

Dr. George E. Potter, professor of zoology and pre-medical advisor, has accepted an appointment to teach during August at the University of Southern California, located in Los Angeles.

He will teach Human Embryology.



Mary O. Johnson

Shrouded in Mystery ...



Pat Kirkpatrick