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NINE DANCING CAPERETTES of TSCW, above, will keep step to Swanee River, Dinah, and a can-can at the Cotton Ball program on April 18. First row left to right are Cherrie Childress and Mary Louise Pecora; second row left to right, Rose Mary Dennison, Betty Bishop, and Marilyn McClure; third row is Jo Ann Rummel, president; fourth row left to right, Jeanne Kelly and Mary Mouton; and at the top is Shirley Smith.

## Tap-Tap Here-Tap-Tap There! Caperettes Tap at Cotton Ball

Dancing Caperettes of TSCW will trip the light fantastic to Swanee River, Dinah, and a can-can at the Cotton Ball and Pageant on April 18, it was learned after nine Aggie judges auditioned the group last week. It didn't take much persuasion from the judges to entice the ten TSCWites (there's one not pictured) to visit Aggie land for the annual affair.

Those who will make the trip are Jo Ann Rummel, Annette Baker, Gloria Forester, Rose Mary Dennison, Mary Pecora, Joan Coker, Mary Mouton, Marilyn McClure, Doris Denton, and Shirley Smith.

The Dancing Caperettes, with tingling toes and cheerful smiles, have won fame for themselves while dancing all over East Texas and Oklahoma. This tap dancing group was formed during the war years to dance on variety shows at army camps; each time they were called back for encores.

Army camps and hospitals near Denton where the troupe has performed include Sheppard Field, Camp Howze, McCloskey Hospital, Naval Hospitals at Fort Worth, Veteran Hospital in Dallas, and Ardmore Air Field.

At nearby high schools they danced at Grande Prairie, Sanger, Tioga, Handley, and Sulphur Springs.

For the last four years the dancing organization has performed in the Kiwanis Minstrel at Denton and this year they presented a dance entitled "Cademy Caperettes of CIA". Tapping in black velvet, shorts and aqua and dusty pink blouses with bowties and mortar board hats, they again displayed their excellent ability which has won them fame in the yearly minstrels.

It was at the North Texas stage show last Saturday that the Aggies became aware of the tappers. Only once before has the group performed at A&M, and that was last year's Mothers Day program.

Jo Ann Rummel, a TSCW junior, has been president of the Caperettes for the past two years. She is the oldest member of the aggregation, having danced with the group three years.

## Navy Recruiters In Goodwin Hall Daily

Navy representatives will be in Room 207, Goodwin Hall from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily, through Friday, March 28, to enlist veterans of all branches of service in the Naval Reserve. Most ex-army men are eligible to enlist with the equivalent rating which they held in the Army.

Men interested in enlisting should bring with them the original or photostatic copy of their discharge and separation papers.

## Change in Laundry Payment Fees For Non-Dorm Students Announced

Effective April 1, laundry fees will not be collected from any student not living in the college dormitories, E. N. Holmgren, business manager, announced Saturday. This measure has been initiated in order to give the married students "freedom of action to make any laundry arrangement they desire and to provide day student uniformity."

Day students who already have paid laundry fees for the full current semester may continue to use the laundry facilities under the advance fee arrangement, Holmgren stated. After April 1 no additional advance fees will be accepted from day students.

"This does not close the laundry to the day students and students living in college operated apartments who will no longer pay advance laundry fees. They may continue to use the laundry as and when they desire on the regular non-fee paying day student basis of 75 cents per bundle of 23 pieces, plus any charge for pieces in excess of that number."

## Veterans to Meet Thursday

A special request meeting of all veterans now attending A. & M. has been set for Thursday night, March 27, at 7:15 p. m. in the Assembly Hall. Officers of the Veteran Students Association stated that the meeting had been called in answer to requests from members, to consider matters previously broached at a special closed meeting of the representatives last week.

## 'A' Engineers Inactivated On Charge of New Hazing

"A" Company Engineers was ordered inactivated yesterday by order of Col. Guy S. Meloy, commandant, "in consequence of known hazing session which went on in the company Saturday afternoon, 22 March, 1947."

All personnel of "A" company is being transferred to "B" and "C" companies of the Engineers.

In other particulars, the deadlock in corps affairs continued, as the Battalion went to press this morning. Preparation was made by this newspaper to issue special bulletins on any important developments.

No information was available as to what had happened in a meeting of the Junior Class held last night. Reports that the juniors had voted to support the seniors were not confirmed.

Only fifty cadet officers had appeared in Ross hall by 1 o'clock deadline yesterday, to state their position in regard to the "no confidence" vote by the senior class on Ed Brandt and Jack Nelson. Tactical officers went through the dormitories interviewing other seniors after the deadline.

No announcement has been made as yet as to acceptance by the military department of the resignations of Ed Brandt as cadet colonel and Jack Nelson as lieutenant colonel commanding the Composite regiment.

Special delivery letters were sent by the administration this week to parents of seniors, pointing out possible consequences of continuing disturbance in the corps.

## Civil Service Opens Chemist, Physicist, Engineer Positions

An examination for filling chemist, physicist, and engineer positions at the P-1 grade of \$2,644 a year has been announced by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners for Scientific and Technical Personnel of the Potomac River Naval Command. The positions to be filled are in various naval establishments in the vicinity of Washington, D. C.

Written tests are required for all applicants. For physicist and chemist, applicants must have completed a 4-year college course which includes 24 semester hours in physics or 30 semester hours in chemistry, or they must have had such courses plus experience in the field to equal four years education. Engineer applicants must have completed a standard college professional engineering curriculum or have had four years of experience in technical engineering, or a time-equivalent combination.

Application card Form 5000-AB should be filed with the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners for Scientific Personnel of the Potomac River Naval Command, Building 8, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington 20, D. C. Full information and application forms may be secured from the College Station post office.

## 'American Thesaurus of Slang' Reaches Cushing's Shelves

by H. Sylvester Boone

One of the many books on the shelves of Cushing Memorial Library is "The American Thesaurus of Slang", a 1174-page compilation of slang terms written by Lester B. Berrey, of Los Angeles City College, and Melvin Van den Bark, assistant professor of English at A. & M.

Begun in 1931, the "Thesaurus" was ten years in the making. Berrey, while writing a novel, encountered the need for a reference book on slang; thus, the idea was originated. He ceased work on the novel, and devoted the next decade to his new task. Needing an assistant, he acquired the services of Van den Bark, then with the department of English at the University of Nebraska. Together they selected several assistants to aid in research, and later to help in indexing and compiling the words, phrases, and slang expressions that had been collected.

To accurately check each of the 100,000 terms which had been gathered, experts from the various

fields that had been used were consulted: Bing Crosby, for the music section; Walt Disney, for terms of cartoon motion pictures; John A. Leslie, of Ohio State Prison, for expressions of the underworld; and many others. The book includes terms spoken in the picture world, radio, circus and carnival, stock market, swing music, journalism, and religion.

Based on the famous Rogett's International Thesaurus, the American book of "a slang and colloquial speech" is arranged so that expressions are placed in groups according to the principal or dominant idea they convey. There are two sections to the book—one dealing with General Relations, Space, Inanimate Existence, Personal Characteristics and Activities, and the other with special slang, ranging from the underworld to sports and the professions.

Upon completion of the manuscript, Berrey and Van den Bark put it in a packing case and sent it to the publisher. Expecting enough copy to print a 500-page



AT TSCW for the selection of a Cotton Queen and eight ladies-in-waiting, these nine Aggie Agronomy Society members are surrounded by eleven pretties from the four classes.

STANDING, left to right: Betty Jane Ellis, Dallas; John P. Stanford, Linden; Alleen Williams, Temple; Herschel B. Ellis, Omaha, Texas; Lucy Davis, El Dorado, Arkansas; Bob L. Moore, Clarksville; Roberta Hompton, Fort Worth; Bertis L. Richey, Abilene; Elizabeth Adamson, Little Rock, Arkansas; Andrew F. Moore, Jr., Bossier City, Louisiana; and Margaret Ann Browning, Sherman.

CENTER ROW, left to right; Teresa Hiller, Victoria; Olan E. Anderson, Waco; Cotton Queen Joann Dobbs, Menard; Cotton King, Eugene Vacek, Weimar; Patsy Jo Jones, Dallas; and Douglas S. Kuehn, Alice.

BOTTOM ROW, left to right: Polly Carroll, Lamesa; Roy H. Anderson, Brookston; and Billie Walker, Midland.

## Legion, College Sponsor Model Aviation Meet

A three-day short course on model aviation activities to train American Legion representatives from Districts 6 and 7 will be held on the campus May 9-11 by the Industrial Education department, C. H. Groneman, departmental head, announced Saturday. The meet has been outlined to benefit 50 posts in the area.

The course will be under the supervision of Groneman and Rogers Barton, both of the Industrial Education department. Outstanding Model aviation figures will lead the conference and lecture session, Groneman stated, and demonstrations of all models will be supplemented with movies of the hobby. Also, the annual A & M College Model Airplane Contest will provide ample opportunity for observation and practice for the post trainees.

Many posts have already begun organization of model airplane clubs as a result of the recent nationwide resolution of the American Legion to sponsor model aviation clubs and contests on the community level. One of the junior activities of the Legion's national programs, it will be carried on over a five-year span; this is the first year of the program.

Conferences between Legion and College officials indicate the desirability of providing initial training for post youth leaders as a prerequisite for successful operation of community-wide model aviation programs. As a result, the Industrial Education department outlined the three-day course to include lecture and discussion periods covering all phases of model club organization and contest activities.

## Bryan-College Station Civic Orchestra to Present Concert

Second subscription concert of the Bryan-College Station Civic Orchestra will be presented Thursday night at 8:15 p.m. in the Stephen F. Austin High School Auditorium. Ticket sales for College Station are in charge of Mrs.

## ASCE Hears Talk On 'The Engineer' At Recent Meeting

"What is an Engineer?—An engineer is a person who by reason of knowledge of mathematics, physics, chemistry and astronomy takes from nature its resources and puts them to work without waste to society," R. L. Sherman said at a recent meeting of the ASCE. A member of the class of '24 and now an executive engineer and partner in the Central Texas Iron Works, he also said that engineering was the act of application of science. "The difference in science and engineering is that scientists deal in the unknown and the engineer then takes the discoveries of the scientists and puts them to use."

Sherman was editor of the Longhorn while attending A & M and after graduation went to work for the Central Texas Iron Works. Since being with them he has worked his way up to the executive engineer position, and has become a partner in the firm.

He also further stated to the large group of Civil Engineering students present for the meeting that you should always keep in front of yourself that you are an engineer—not just an engineer that the public has a tendency to think of—as a man behind the throttle of a locomotive—but as a professional engineer. As a professional engineer you should be equipped to brush shoulders with men of other businesses. Participation in things that are not in the line of engineering should be of much concern to every engineer.

"To be a successful engineer, get into work in which you are interested and don't look at the money side of the picture first—even though it is hard not to do. Get qualified in one field and stick to it."

## San Antonio Club To Meet Wednesday

The San Antonio A.&M. Club will have a meeting Wednesday night, March 26, at 7 p.m., in Room 205, Academic Building, according to Tommy John, president. The purpose of this meeting, stated John, will be to select dates for the party to be held in San Antonio on April 5 with the TSCW San Antonio Club.

## Merit System Is RS Meeting Topic

Dr. Charles S. Gardner, director of the Texas Merit Council, will be guest speaker of the Sociology Club Thursday, March 27, at 7:15 p.m. in Room 203 of the Agriculture Building.

He will speak on job opportunities in state service under the Merit System Council.

Manning Smith and for Bryan, Mrs. P. G. Norton.

Claude Guthrie, orchestra conductor, has announced the following program for the concert: Symphony No. 5 in B Flat Major by Schubert; Second Hungarian Rhapsody by Liszt; Salut d'Amour by Elgar; Waltz of the Flowers from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite; and Dance of the Moorish Slaves from Verdi's Aida.

Mrs. Daniel Russell, member of the Civic Orchestra board of directors, is in charge of the voice and piano talent contest sponsored by the orchestra. The contest is open to pupils of any voice or piano teacher in Bryan and College Station. Contestants may sing or play their own selections. Auditions will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Stephen F. Austin Auditorium. Teachers who have not been contacted should call Mrs. Russell at 2-1497. Winners will appear with the orchestra early in May.

Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist and Mrs. Norton recently were elected to membership on the board of directors. Others on the board are J. E. Bethancourt, president; S. H. Yarnell, vice-president; Mrs. G. B. Winstead, secretary; Pat Newton, treasurer; T. R. Spence, Mrs. H. H. Brians, and Mrs. Russell.

## trampling out the vintage . . .

By Mack T. Nolen

Where there's a will, there's a way, as the old saying has it. And indeed, each day sees some new device marketed to aid, dispose of, replace, or reduce the drudgery of some phase of daily life.

Our Edisons, Bells, and Westinghouses are to be congratulated for the present comfort and simplicity of things, but there remains a vast field of endeavor. Some inventions we would like to see are:

1. An attachment for an automobile which would tell the direction a woman will turn when she holds out her hand.
2. A cigarette lighter that works.
3. A phonographic lesson device equipped with ear-phones which would play records of daily assignments to our subconscious minds while we sleep, then by acting on impulses, we would have all the answers.

An invention we could well do without is the "singing commercial."

What started all this inventing business many centuries ago was some unknown genius who decided that a round object would roll. Some really shrewd thinking was required to figure that out, but all things when solved seem simple. Civilizations have fallen for lack of the wheel, so maybe it's best we have it.

One distressing need that science has never overcome and which daily leers at us is the need for money. We'd like to see the boys get on the ball and do something about it.