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The Aggie Rodeo Team left for San Francisco this morning to compete in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo. Left to right, they are: Charlie Rankin, Grover Damuth, Earl Guthrie, Prince Wood, J. E. Sauls, and J. R. Day. Rock Pickens, alternate, is not shown.

Two Girls Groups Converge On A&M To Swim And Sing

By GEORGE CHARLTON
Girls, girls and more girls. More than one hundred girls from all over Texas will be flocking here Saturday night. The beautiful boys will be made up of members of the TSGW Aquatics Club and the Hockaday Junior College Glee Club.

Returning to College Station with a last year's membership of 45 increased to 70, the TSGW Aquatics Club will present the first performance of its new water pageant, "After Dark," in Downs Natatorium at 7:15, Saturday night.

A series of swimming scenes suggesting "after dark" themes will be set to musical selections such as "Moonlight Serenade," "In the Still of the Night," "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," "Stardust," "Moon and Empty Arms," and "Full Moon and Empty Arms."

Other numbers will be "Saturday Night Boogie," "Moonlight and Roses," "Spellbound," "Blue Champagne," "One Thousand and One Nights," "The Way You Look Tonight," and "Manhattan Serenade."

Specialty numbers will be given by a quartette to the music of "Dancing in the Dark," a comedy routine to "Yellow Bills," and a duet to "Blue Moon."

Agnes Hoyle, sponsor of the group, is also Red Cross Water Safety Chairman of Denton County, Texas Chairman of Aesthetics of the National Section of Women's Athletics, and a member of the Synchronized Swimming Committee of the National Amateur Athletics Union.

Aggie Rodeo Team Leaves for NIRA Contest in Frisco

The Aggie Rodeo Team left by car this morning for San Francisco to compete in the first Annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo to be held under NIRA rules.

Aggie squadmen making the trip are Charles D. Rankin, Grover C. Damuth, Ernest E. Guthrie, James P. Wood, J. T. Soles, and James R. Day.

Wood and Soles will do the calf roping and wild cow milking; Rankin, Damuth, and Day will ride bareback bucking horses.

Damuth, Guthrie, and Day will ride wild bulls. Rock Pickens will alternate for bull riding and bareback horse riding.

Rankin, president of the Aggie Rodeo Association, will go directly from the rodeo to the NIRA Convention in Denver April 15. Dr. R. R. Schorke of the Genetics Department, J. S. Lanier, and Paul Kramer will be at the Denver convention.

Team uniforms for the riders, costing \$400, have been donated through Ben H. Ferguson of the Campus Theater for use at the rodeo.

Atomic Porker Retired To Capital Zoo

WASHINGTON, April 5—(AP)—First they lock you in a washroom. Then they throw an atom bomb at you. Then the ship sinks. And now they're going to put you in the zoo.

It shouldn't happen to a pig. But it did. The Navy announced today that "Pig No. 311"—survivor of atomic blast, radiation and residual radioactivity at the Bikini A-bomb experiments—is being turned over to the National Zoological Park here. Dr. William M. Mann, zoo director, asked for Miss 311 when he learned she no longer was wanted by the Navy's medical department. The Navy made only one request when 311 dies they want her back for an autopsy.

No. 311 never will be able to tell her grandchildren about the time she survived an atomic attack and the sinking of a cruiser. She won't have any grandchildren. For this porker, the only permanent result of the A-bomb blast was sterility.

According to slide-rule calculation, No. 311, never should have lived beyond the morning of July 1, 1946. With other pigs, goats and other assorted livestock this 50-pound gilt was aboard the former Japanese Cruiser Sakawa. She was locked in a washroom on the main deck.

The A-bomb went off, the cruiser went down, and No. 311 went swimming in the lagoon. They never did find how she got out of the washroom.

Atomic no longer, she will be transferred to the zoo Monday.

Houstonians Plan Bunny Brawl For Easter Holidays

Tickets for the Houston Club's Bunny Brawl to be held April 16 are now on sale at Bob Drago, club president, announced today.

The holiday dance will be held at the Blossom Heath Club in Houston. Tickets are selling for \$1, stag or drag, and may be purchased from Drago in Room 113, Dorm 11, or from other representatives of the club.

All club members, students and ex-students from Houston are invited to attend, Drago added. The dress for the occasion will be informal.

Final plans for the dance are to be made at the next meeting of the club which will be held on Monday at 7:15 p. m. in the YMCA. Plans for a future dance to be held in the Emerald Room of the Shamrock Hotel will also be discussed, Drago stated.

Films of the 1948 A&M-Texas football game will be shown after the meeting.

HEAVES TO IRAN

TEHRAN, Iran, April 6—(AP)—Seven U. S. Air Force C-47 transport planes will be turned over to Iran today the first delivery of Aviation material under the American \$10,000,000 Arms Loan to Iran.

The gunner robbed the bank shortly before noon yesterday.

Boyce House Chosen To Speak At Senior Ring Dance Banquet



MISS BETTIE BLEDSOE from Austin, Texas will be escorted by Frank Thurmond to the Sophomore Sweetheart Ball. She has been chosen as one of six finalists for Sophomore Sweetheart.



MISS JERRY GREEN of Houston has been chosen as one of the six nominees for Sophomore Sweetheart. She will be escorted by Curtis Edwards of "A" Flight Air Force.

Oil Recovery Meet Begins Work Today

Southwestern petroleum engineers were welcomed in a speech by President F. C. Bolton at 10 this morning in the YMCA Chapel as they began their petroleum recovery conference.

The conference, which will last through Friday, is sponsored by the Texas Petroleum Research Committee.

Registration began at 8:30 this morning in the YMCA lobby, and approximately 250 are expected to register by noon today.

Chairman for the local arrangements is Albert B. Stevens, professor of petroleum engineering.

Primary and secondary methods of petroleum recovery in Texas are the topics for discussion. Program chairman is Paul D. Torrey, president of Lyles, Inc., Houston. At the morning session Torrey reviewed secondary recovery of petroleum in the United States, and explained what increased oil recovery might mean to Texas.

Dr. Harry H. Power, chairman of the Petroleum Engineering Department at the University of Texas and member of the research committee, spoke at the morning session, discussing significant projects in the petroleum recovery field.

Harold G. Vanhorn and Richard S. Guenther, research assistants here, will explain their research on a method of determination of water flood by electrical resistivity methods at 9 a. m. Thursday.

R. C. Earlougher, consultant from Tulsa, will discuss prediction of secondary recovery from core analysis at 11 Thursday morning. Dr. George H. Fancher, professor of petroleum engineering at Texas University, will discuss theoretical consideration in secondary recovery at 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

Other speakers to be heard are: Henry Holland of Magnolia Petroleum Co., Dr. John C. Calhoun of the University of Oklahoma, W. W. Morris of the East Texas Salt Water Disposal Co., Dr. A. W. Gauger, Director of Mineral Industries Experiment Station, Pennsylvania State College, and W. J. Murray, Jr. member of the Railroad Commission of Texas and chairman of the Texas Petroleum Research Committee.

Results obtained in several secondary recovery projects will be told by Paul and David Dean, Great Expectations Oil Co., Fort Worth.

A banquet will be held for the conference members in Sbsa Hall Thursday, at 7 p. m. Paul Weaver, chief geophysicist of the Gulf Oil Corporation, Houston, will be the principal speaker at the banquet. "A New Field of Public Service for the Petroleum Engineer" will be the subject of his address.

All meetings will be held in the YMCA. Students may attend the meetings and will not be required to pay the registration fee, Stevens said.

Methodists Plan Dish Supper Today

The Adult Sunday School Class of the A&M Methodist Church will have a "Covered Dish Supper" this evening at 6:30, Mrs. J. S. Mogford, class chairman, said today.

She requested that everyone attending bring a covered dish.

Fred Brison and Frank Dahlberg will direct the recreation and entertainment.

Banquet and Dance Tickets On Sale Through Rest of Week

Boyce House, noted Texas author, will be the main speaker at the Senior Class banquet, Saturday, April 23. He appeared here previously when he spoke at the Junior Banquet in 1947.

The banquet starts at 6 p. m. in Duncan Hall and first sergeants will act as official ushers. Roy Blanton, social secretary of the senior class said that those arriving first will get the best seats.

Jimmy Stephens has been selected as Master of ceremonies for the banquet and Bob Blakney has been selected to read the class history. Who's Who medals and company commander's awards also will be presented at the banquet ceremonies.

The banquet will be semi-formal to accommodate seniors who go to the Friday night dance, Blanton said.

Ticket sales for the banquet and the dance will be on sale the rest of this week in the Agriculturist office on the second floor of Goodwin Hall. They will be sold from 8 to 5:30 p. m. Wednesday and Thursday and all day Friday. Saturday, they will be on sale from 8 to 12 a. m.

After the ticket sales are completed Saturday, a time schedule for going through the ring will be published in the Battalion. Each ring ceremony stub holder should fill in the time according to that schedule.

Blue and yellow ring ceremony stubs are being given for each ring for the Friday and Saturday dances. The stubs must be presented at the ring in order to get through in the proper order.

Both rings will be in the east end of Sbsa Hall and Hal McIntyre and his orchestra will be in the other end. As each couple enters the ring, the date turns the boys ring around on his finger so that the class number is facing away from him. They kiss and then have their picture made in the ring. Blanton asked cooperation from the class on this matter to avoid any delay in the ring procedure.

At present, O'Brien's duties consist of the development of plans for the most effective use of U. S. manpower in case of war.

Martin Announces Uniform Rules For Sophomore Dance

Permission has been obtained from the PMS&T for either knaiki shirts and serge pants or blouses and serge pants to be worn to the Sophomore Sweetheart Ball, according to A. D. Martin, Sophomore Class president.

"Whatever is decided all sophomores must wear the same uniform and it worn, serge uniforms must be turned in as soon as possible after the dance," Martin said.

An announcement will be made Friday noon concerning which uniform will be worn, he said.

Boyce House, speaker for the banquet, is a noted Texas writer, having written a news column entitled "I Give You Texas."

He has written four books: "Were You in Ranger," "I Give You Texas," "Texas Rhythm," and "Oil Boom." Also he served as a technical advisor for MGM's movie, "Boom Town."

House ran a newspaper in Arkansas and edited dailies in Texas oil towns where he exposed racketeers and unfaithful public officials. He was also a roving correspondent for the Fort Worth Star Telegram and was publicity man for Billy Rose's Fort Worth Casa Mannana.

A radio and newspaper columnist and after dinner speaker, House wrote "Tall Talk from Texas" and "Texas-Proud and Loud."

Ducats for Bob Hope Show Now on Sale at Guion Hall

Bob Hope's spring tour will appear at A&M April 20, according to Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities. The show will be held in Kyle Field's horse-shoe, if the weather permits. Otherwise, there will be two performances in DeWare Field House.

Tickets for the show, which include Les Brown and his Orchestra, Doris Day, Billy Farrell, Irene Ryan, Hy Averback, and the Titans, are on sale now in Guion Hall. Reserved seats are \$3.60 and \$2.40, and general admission is \$1.20.

Hope's tour is a series of one-day stands in which his troupe will give 25 performances in 21 cities in 15 days, covering 15 states. They travel in a DC-6 named the "Mainliner Bob Hope." The troupe is the largest ever to be flown from show to show. Sometimes two shows in different towns are given on the same day, according to Hope's business manager, Dick Gibson.

Les Brown's entire recording orchestra is traveling with the group. Brown is notable for his "smooth" arrangements of the latest songs, as well as some old favorites.

Doris Day, featured vocalist of the show, was once a singer with Brown, and rose to her present spot. She is one of the most popular of the younger singers, and has been featured in several musical movies.

Others in the show include Irene Ryan, who acts as 'vocal coach' for Doris Day; Hy Averback, who announces the show and is a foil for Hope's wit; Billy Farrell, 19-year-old singer who was discovered by Hope in a night club in Buffalo last summer; and George and Al Titan, tumblers, who have toured with Hope before.

1244 Candidates Apply for Degrees

Twelve hundred and forty-four students have applied for degrees at the June commencement.

Sixty-six are candidates for advanced degrees. In the School of Agriculture there are 328 candidates, 220 in the School of Arts and Sciences and 558 candidates for degrees in the School of Engineering.

Seventy-two students are candidates for doctor of veterinary medicine degrees.

AH Prof Plays Nursemaid To Rare Fish in Off Hours

By DAVE COSLETT
A&M is getting mighty crowded when a few hundred fish are housed in an 8'x12' shed. But the fish don't seem to mind, since they're bona fide members of the class pisces and very elegant members too, according to Roy W. Snyder, their owner.

The little creatures are inhabitants of Snyder's aquarium located in a shed in his garage. This professor of animal husbandry has what is probably the largest tropical fish collection in this area.

Snyder has played nursemaid to aquatic wild-life for 25 years. The hobby started when his mother gave him a few guppies. Now, like all tropical fish collectors, he looks with disdain upon anything as lowly as a gold-fish.

His present collection of seven species of tropical fish includes Betta, red sword-tails, green sword-tails, Platy Variators, Scalaris, red moons, and black-tails. Particularly interesting about the fish, says Snyder, are the various methods by which they reproduce. Some are viviparous (their young are born alive) and others oviparous (meaning that the young are hatched from eggs outside the mother's body).

The egg layers are divided into three groups—the bubble-nest builders, those whose eggs are ad-

hesive to plant growth, and those whose eggs are deposited on the ocean or aquarium bottom.

Snyder prefers observing the antics of the Betta, a bubble-nest builder. The Betta, commonly called the Siamese fighting fish, ranges in color from light blue to "the most beautiful lavender an artist could make."

The male of the species is from two and a half to three inches long and the female is slightly smaller. The male is perfectly content to swim around looking rather drab until a female is placed in the tank with him.

Then he immediately puts on a bewildering display of color in his tail, fins, and gills that correspond to every shade in the rainbow. After parading vainly before the female for several minutes he proceeds to make the nest.

The nest consists of a series of air bubbles which he blows on top of the water. After the nest has been prepared, the male Betta wraps himself around the female and squeezes the eggs from her. Quick as a flash, he darts down, grabs the eggs in his mouth, and deposits them one by one in separate bubbles. The eggs hatch in about 48 hours.

The Betta is not the loving father he seems, however, for he is just as liable as not in a week or

ten days to unceremoniously eat the young fish. When he isn't bothered by these cannibalistic tendencies, the Betta, like most of Snyder's charges, is content to subsist on Infusoria, a microscopic form of animal life used for feeding fish.

According to Snyder, this particular hobby is not too expensive. About the only cost is for the tanks and the original fish. His aquarium consists of seven five-gallon tanks, five fifteen-gallon tanks, one fifty-gallon tank and several smaller ones.

The fish require very little attention except in the matter of water temperature. The best heat for the water is 68° and none of the fish can live in water colder than 65°.

Snyder never has to change the water in the tanks since plant life in the tanks supply the necessary elements for the fish and consume the carbon-dioxide given off by them. Incidentally, some fish collectors are as proud of their underwater landscaping as they are of their fish.

Snyder has been with the extension service as a meat specialist since 1930. An instructor of the slaughtering class in the meat lab, Snyder likes the extreme contrast of quitting a hard days work with a warm carcase and a sharp cleaver to return home to coddle his tropical fish collection.



Extension meat specialist ROY SNYDER watches the antics of some of his tropical fish. Snyder has collected these rare and beautiful fish for 25 years.