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## 3,830 Pleased Fans Surprise Bob Hope

"The feeling was mutual" was the sentiment of Bob Hope after he played before 3,830 people in the Kyle Field horseshoe Wednesday night.

When asked about the crowd, Hope said, "This is the best audience I have played to in a long time." He took a double take on the attendance figures. "You mean," said Hope, "that only 3,830 people made all that noise?"

As far as actual performance, everyone was pleased with the Kyle Field horseshoe as a site for stage shows, but the continual threat of rain dampened their enthusiasm for the many future shows held there.

"I wouldn't want to see it for a show of that type again unless we had a lot of rain insurance," Spike White, Director of student activities, said, "almost four thousand people were scared away this time."

In between the show's campus appearances Jim O'Connell, staff announcer of WTAW, made a transcribed interview with Hope and Doris Day. The transcription will be played over Jim's Jamboree Saturday at 11:30 a. m.

After the show, Hope and company went over to the North Gate for dinner, and then to the Aggeland Inn, which Hope said was the quietest place he has spent a night on his tour.

Thursday morning Hope took his earnings of \$3,753.75 and made a trip to the Exchange Store and bought a couple of Aggie Sweaters for his two children and a stuffed doll for a friend. Then he made an inspection of the campus and he was amazed at how well kept the grounds were.

"It is marvelous that a man can come down here and get an education with his clothes, food and room furnished so cheaply," he marveled.

Hope left at 11 a. m. for Shreveport on his chartered American Airliner which was named appropriately enough, "Bob Hope."

The comedian maintained he had an interest in A&M because he is part owner of the Los Angeles Don's, pro-football club that owns John Kimbrough.

Orchestra leader Lea Brown told White that he liked A&M and wanted to play a dance here next year. White informed him that he was trying now to negotiate a contract with his manager, and Brown retorted his radio contract would expire soon, and he would be free to make a tour.

Since all of the bills are not in, White said, the cost of the show is not yet known.

White said credit should be given to the Athletics Department for the use of Kyle Field; Frank Brown, head electrician and his assistants; Bill Robinson and his staff of carpenters; Mit Williams and his crew; and the Town Hall staff for the smooth operation of the show.

## Plans for Open House Day Set in Departments

The Schools of Arts and Sciences, Agriculture, and Veterinary Medicine have announced their plans for college Open House Day Saturday, May 7.

In the School of Arts and Sciences, the Departments of English, Economics, History, Mathematics, Modern Languages, and Physical Education will be open for inspection by visitors.

The Departments of Physics, Geography, Business Administration, Chemistry, and Journalism will display special exhibits.

Tours through the various departments of the School of Veterinary Medicine will start from the lobby of the Veterinary Hospital every half hour.

The School of Agriculture will present a poultry auction, the Little Southwestern Live Stock Show, the Spring Dairy Show, and displays by various departments.

In the School of Engineering, the Chemical Engineering Department will conduct a demonstration in the Petroleum Lecture Room, displays in the Mechanical Engineering Shop Building will be conducted by the ME and Industrial Education Departments.

The Aeronautical Engineering Department will display its wind tunnel at Easterwood Field, and the petroleum engineers will present an exhibit in the Geology Lecture Room.

## AH Men Inspect Locker Operation

The Animal Husbandry locker plant operation class, accompanied by AH professor Roy Snyder, went to Madisonville, Huntsville, Conroe and Hempstead Wednesday on a field trip.

The trip was an inspection of locker plants to give the class some idea of what was an ideal locker plant, as well as some of the problems that occur in locker plant operations, Snyder said.



MRS. RANDOLPH LEE CLARK of Cisco has been named the Mother of the Year for A&M. A graduate of Baylor School for Women and Texas Christian University, Mrs. Clark has two grandsons now enrolled at A&M. She will be honored at the May 8 Mother's Day ceremonies.

## Aggies' Mother Of The Year Is Named

Mrs. Randolph Lee Clark of Cisco, has been named A&M's Mother of the Year, and she will be the guest of honor at Mother's Day ceremonies on the campus May 8.

Two of her grandsons, Lee Stiles, a sophomore architecture major from Cisco, and Clifford Deaton, animal husbandry major from Wichita Falls, are both enrolled in school. A third grandson, John Stiles, graduated last June.

## 300 to Compete in Crops Test

More than 300 freshmen agriculture majors will compete in the first freshman crops contest May 13 from 7 to 9:30 p. m. at the Annex, according to J. S. Mogford, head of the Agronomy Department.

The contest will be under the supervision of T. E. McAtee and Paul Bennet, of the Agronomy Department.

The top five men who identify the largest number of pasture grasses, crop plants, legumes, and weed specimens will be awarded medals donated by local businessmen, Mogford said. High point man will receive a gold medal and have his name engraved on the Howell Plaque, donated by W. S. Howell, Sr., in 1925 for recording the name of each year's contest winner.

The second place winner will receive a silver medal; the other three winners will receive bronze medals, Mogford added.

Other phases of the contest will include the judging of field crop seeds for planting purposes and the grading of hay and small grain for market value.

At one time he was state superintendent for schools, and he once taught at John Tarleton Agricultural College. Also, he served as president of Randolph College at Cisco. Mrs. Clark was director of the music department at the same college for eight years.

Mrs. Clark's two sons served as physicians in the armed forces during the recent world war. One, Dr. Randolph Lee Clark, Jr. has been named dean and head surgeon of the Graduate School of Medicine to be built at the Houston Medical Center. Currently he is director and chief surgeon of the Anderson Hospital in Houston.

A daughter, Mrs. Clifford Deaton, is director of the Red Cross in Wichita Falls, and during World War II, she was third in command of the Woman's Army Force. All seven of Mrs. Clark's daughters are accomplished musicians.

Mrs. Clark is past president of the Federated Clubs of Cisco, past president of the Cisco Garden Club, chaplain of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and chairman of the Advancement of American Group. A member of the Church of Christ, she is an ardent church worker. Her collection of antique china and glass is one of the finest in Texas.

## Range Managing Head Gives Talk

Dr. Vernon A. Young, head of the Range Management Department, gave a talk on pasture improvement and brush control at the third annual Beville brush control field day last Tuesday.

Demonstrations were given on the different methods of brush control. Among the demonstrations were chubbing bulldozing, and cutting with a circular power saw.

## Red-Blooded Seniors Smooch Tonight After Four-Year Wait

### Cars, Fittings Stolen in New Rash of Thefts

Latest losses in what appears to be a local crime wave include several stolen radios, spotlights, and fog lights, Fred Hickman, chief of Campus Security, said today.

One student reported a new 1949 Ford stolen Tuesday. It was later recovered on a dirt road about eight miles south of the college. When it was found, the radio had been removed.

Another student reported two fog lights had been stolen from his car. Two spotlights and a back up light also are missing. Two other car owners have reported radios missing from their cars.

All the thefts have been from cars parked in the Law-Puryear lot, with the exception of the stolen car. It was parked across from the Campus Theater, and was stolen about 1:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Chief Hickman asked all students to lock their cars when they park them overnight in the lots.

Some of the thefts were made from parked cars, but if a car is locked, some noise will be made to break in, and the patrolman will have time to apprehend the criminal, Hickman said.

### Twelve Juniors Escort Beauties During Fiesta

Twelve juniors left yesterday for Raymondville, Texas, where they will escort Miss America and 11 duchesses to the Union Fiesta which is held each year in the Rio Grande Valley.

The eleven duchesses will be girls from towns in the Valley competing for the title of Miss Magic Valley.

The students selected to go are Bill Mayo, Jack Miller, Jack Turcotte, Riley Epps, Bob Speer, Bill Blackburn, Bob McGlassen, Sonny Jefferies, Ace Jordan, Ben Templeton, Dan James, and Jake Leisner.

The 12 attended an Aggie Muster last night in Raymondville. They will meet Miss America when she arrives and will escort her and the 11 duchesses to the Formal Coronation of Queen Noino, the opening parade, the rodeo, western street dance, Miss Magic Valley Pageant, and the Governor's Ball.

The activities will last for three days, and all expenses will be paid for the visiting Aggies.

### College Officials Fly to Arkansas

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the graduate school and Extension Service consultant on personnel and professional improvement; J. D. Prewit, acting director of the Texas Extension Service; and Floyd Lynch, state 4-H Club leader, will leave Monday by plane for Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dr. Trotter and Prewit will attend the Southern Regional Extension Services Conference. Lynch will attend the Regional 4-H Club Leader's Conference which will be held at the same time. The group will return next Thursday.

### "Tessie" Does Her Bit For Relations Between Schools

By GEORGE CHARLTON

"Tessie" is her radio name, and she's already done her bit and more to further good relations between A&M and its sister school.

Recently "Tessie," whose real name is Audrey Caughey, started announcing "Salute from Aggeland," a TSCW request program devoted to Aggies who wish to say "hello" to their girls or friends, via music.

Her daily, half-hour program, beginning at 4:30, is also an outlet for news from A&M. If students want articles or news items about the A&M Campus read on her program, they may send it to "Tessie," Box 3775, TSCW Station, Denton. Then she'll broadcast it.

Hiram Smith, Maroon Band, sent Audrey the band record of the

Two Senior Ring Dances and a banquet will dominate the social spotlight this weekend with Hal McIntyre and his orchestra furnishing the music for the two dances. Because of the large number of people expected for this year's dance, it was

necessary to hold two of them — one Friday night starting at 9 and another Saturday night at 8. Five hundred tickets have been sold for Friday night and 700 for Saturday night.

The ring ceremony will remain the same as in past years. Each couple will be allowed 30 seconds in the ring. During this time the couple enters the ring, and the girl turns the boy's ring around on his finger so that the class numeral faces away from him.

The time schedule for this year's dances is designed to get all the couples through the ring by the end of the dance. Two rings are being used for the dances this year, and they will be designated as "A" and "B." Dance cards have been handed out denoting the ring through which each couple is to go. There is also a place on the card for the time. This card is to be filled in according to the following schedule:

Friday Night	
9:15-9:45	1-60
9:45-10:15	61-120
10:15-10:45	121-180
10:45-11:15	181-240
11:15-11:45	241-300

Saturday Night	
8:15-8:45	1-60
8:45-9:15	61-120
9:15-9:45	121-180
9:45-10:15	181-240
10:15-10:45	241-300
10:45-11:15	301-360

Couples may go through the ring in any order they desire as long as they remain within the time limits of their group. First sergeants of the various outfits will be on hand to give directions and aid in the ring procedure.

The banquet is being held on Saturday night and will start at 6 in order that persons attending may get to the dance on time. Boyce House, Texas author and lecturer, will be the guest speaker. He has written nine books about Texas and has given numerous lectures over the state.

Medals to be Presented

Company commander's medals will be presented at the banquet by Lt. Col. Joe E. Davis, assistant commander, and Who's Who medals will be awarded by C. G. White, director of Student Activities.

Jim Stephens, head yell leader, will be master of ceremonies, and Bob Blakeney, class historian, will read a history of the class.

Decorations for the dance will be centered around the Class of '49. They are being designed to last for both dances.

Hot and cold check service as well as refreshments will be free at both dances.

### Halbouty to Speak To Geologist Meet

Michael T. Halbouty, consulting geologist of Houston, will speak to the Geology Clubs at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in Room 140 of the Geology Building on the consulting phase of geology, J. W. Chappel, club reporter, announced today.

Halbouty received his B. S. in petroleum-geological engineering at A&M in 1940, and his MS in 1942. He was chief geologist for the Young-Lee Oil Company in 1937. Until entering the Army in 1942, he was a consulting geologist.

In 1945, he reopened his offices in the Shell Building, Halbouty is listed in Who's Who in Engineering and is the founder of the Halbouty Fellowship for graduate study in the field of geology at A&M.

### Stripling to Speak On Red Activities

Robert E. Stripling, former chief investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee will speak to the Great Issues Class at 8 p. m. Monday in the Chemistry Lecture Room, S. R. Gammon, head of the History Department, said today.

Stripling's subject will be "Communist Activities in the United States." He has served as investigator in several spy cases and has been a Washington storm-center for years.

Stripling is one of the best-known of Aggie-eyes because of the favorable and unfavorable publicity that has been given him in Washington columns, Gammon said.

Stripling studied at A&M for two and one-half years before attending the law school at the University of Texas.

Saturday the former spy hunter will speak at the twenty-third annual convention of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce in Beaumont.

His address here will be open to the public, and no admission will be charged, Gammon said.

### Student Industrial Seminar Scheduled

An industrial seminar to acquaint students with problems and economic conditions they will encounter in the future will be held under the auspices of Student Industrial Seminars in Minneapolis, Minnesota, M. L. Cashion, secretary of the YMCA, reported today.

If arrangements are completed in time, advance credit will be given for participation in the seminar, and the sponsoring committee is securing jobs for the students who join. Seminar members will be coached on job seeking and will receive a "going wage" for their jobs.

Applications may be secured from the Student Industrial Seminar North Area YMCA, 30 South 9th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### Muster Ceremonies To Be Rebroadcast

There will be a rebroadcast of the Aggie Muster, held last night in Gulon Hall, over WTAW this afternoon from 5:45 to 8:15. Program chairman Marvin Rice announced this morning.

### Aston Describes Aggie Life, Heritage in Muster Ceremony

"A tradition of Aggies is the will to win, not to be first necessarily, but to do our best whether it be in the classroom, on the campus, on the athletic field, or in the business world," spoke James W. Aston, class of '33, and vice-president of the Republic National Bank of Dallas, before Aggies assembled in Gulon Hall last evening for the 1949 Aggie Muster ceremonies.

Aston mentioned several reasons why Aggies gain "something at Texas A&M which is not found anywhere else in the world." These were "... no distinction between financial means, where clothes and privileges are the same ... a man's school with dormitory life ... no prejudice as to religion or station in life."

He summed up by saying, "I can't define it. I can't describe it, and neither can you! But it's as real as life itself—this great something only Aggies possess."

The Muster ceremony was broadcast throughout the state over the facilities of the Texas Quality Network. Statewide interest in the Aggie Muster broadcast over the same facilities last year was sufficient to broadcast this year's Muster as a public service feature of the network.

David Haines, business and accounting major from College Station, was master of ceremonies. Included on the program were selections by the Singing Cadets and the Aggie Band, George G. Smith, president of the Association of Former Students, delivered a short address to the present students of A&M and Charles D. Kirkham, president of the Student Senate, gave a response.

A squad of the Ross Volunteers fired a three round salute to the ten A&M students who have died since the last Muster.

Marvin G. Rice, Student Senator-at-large, was in charge of the Muster program planned jointly by the student body, the Association of Former Students, and the College Office of Information.

### April 28 to Be State ERC Day

April 28 has been designated "Enlisted Reserve Corps Day" by the Army-Air Force Recruiting Office and the Organized Reserve Corps instructors in Texas. A program for Enlisted Reservists will be conducted in all major cities in the state with veterans' organizations and the Manpower and Army Advisory Committee.

Purpose of the day is to encourage reenlistments and enlistments in the Reserve Corps throughout the state, as a part of the intensive recruiting drive now being held by the Department of the Army.

In College Station, the program will be held in the PMA Building from 7:30 until 9:30 p. m. on April 28. Entertainment will be furnished by a local hillbilly band and a movie will be shown on the Memphis Belle, famous wartime airplane.

Officers and enlisted men of the Organized Reserve Instructor's Office and the Recruiting Office will be on hand to answer questions on the new pay and retirement bills recently passed by Congress.

### Russian Papers Deny Blockade May End

BERLIN, April 22 (AP)—The official Soviet army newspaper Taegliche Rundschau denied yesterday there was a Russian plan to end the Berlin blockade.

It said such rumors were spread by "the western imperialist reactionaries and their German agents, who are trying to create a tense atmosphere in Berlin."

## Hougen Speaks To Chemists

Dr. O. A. Hougen of the Chemical Engineering Department, University of Wisconsin, will address the A&M section of the American Chemical Society at 8 p. m. Saturday in the Chemistry Lecture Room.

Dr. Hougen will speak on the topic "Applied Kinetics in Catalytic Reactions." The meeting will be open to the public.

Hougen obtained degrees of B. S., Ch.E. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, and has taught there 23 years. He is chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering.

There will be an informal dinner in honor of the speaker for section members and their wives at 6:30 p. m. Saturday at the Aggeland Inn, Fred Jensen, secretary of the A&M section, said today.

Those who plan to attend the dinner should notify Dr. E. B. Middleton at 4-5514 of their reservation by noon Friday. After the program there will be an informal social hour at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Lindsey, 529 Walton Drive, College Hills, Jensen concluded.



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