

A&M Welcome Mat Being Dusted For Open House Day

By GEORGE CHAMLTON

A&M's welcome mat is now being shaken out and dusted for rapidly approaching Open House Day on May 1.

Highlights of the day's events will include the Little Southwestern Livestock show, the Aggie Follies, and various departmental exhibits. Possibly parts of the show will be televised over WBAP.

High school students were invited to attend Open House Day by A&M student representatives who spoke at 200 Texas high schools during Easter holidays. Their speeches served as educational guides and to show what A&M has to offer in occupational fields.

Invitations were sent to parents of students in mid-semester grade reports.

Students from high schools attending Open House ceremonies will be housed free of charge in dormitories and will be served meals in Duncan Mess Hall. Price of each meal will be 50 cents.

Many college departments will have exhibits and demonstrations, and all departments will be available for consultation. Indicative of the types of exhibits planned are several announced by the School of Engineering.

An electrical calculator will be featured in the Electrical Engineering Department display. The calculator, costing \$190,000, will solve 400 simultaneous equations with 400 unknowns.

The Mechanical Engineering exhibit will include stages of one of the smelting processes.

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.

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

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

In the afternoon visitors may see the Little Southwestern Livestock show. Dean C. N. Shepardson has challenged all deans to enter the pig-roving contest.

That night the Aggie Players and members of the faculty under the direction of George Dillavou will present "Aggie Follies of 1949." The show will consist of variety acts revolving around a "roaring twenties" theme. Costumes, current fads, and popular sayings of the time will be included in the program. Admission will be 50 cents. Larry Goodwyn, editor of the Commentator, is in charge of the Follies Committee.

Chairman of the Open House Committee is Pat Henry. Other members are Bob Weyand, T. D. Carroll, Carlton H. Phillips, James T. Godwyn, James W. Andrews, Robert R. Mayo, James H. Eagar, and M. R. Callaghan.



Miss Mary Bell will be escorted by Clifton Greenwald at the Cotton Ball and Pageant. She will be the duchess for the Corpus Christi A&M Club.

Man Hidden In Room Ten Years, Found

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—A shaggy-bearded man of 33, dug out after ten years of fantastic solitude in a dank cubbyhole, yearned to return to the tom-like cubicle in which his mother sealed him when war broke out.

Shoelace, filthy, his clothes in rags, Paul Makushak, one-time college student, stood on wobbly legs and blinked into the unaccustomed glare of electric lights.

"I liked it in there," he said. "I'd like to go back. I don't care about the outside world." Police took him to a hospital.

The man told a strange story of voluntary exile since 1939—when his mother sealed him off from the world with a wall of wood and plaster at the outbreak of World War 2.

His father, who runs a tailor shop in the same building said he never knew the man was imprisoned in the house.

Police said his mother presumably wanted him to escape being drafted.

Makushak, however, was vague about the war.

"The draft?" he replied to questioning by Brooklyn district attorney Miles F. McDonald. "I don't know about the draft. That was in 1917, wasn't it?"

The story of Makushak's imprisonment came to the attention of police last night after the mother, 58-year-old Mrs. Anna Makushak, entered a hospital.

She asked a neighborhood woman to go and care for her son—whose only contact with the world was a hole in the top of his tomb, through which he was fed.

The neighbor, unidentified, told police about him.

As a result of quarrels the father said his wife moved to the third floor while he remained in his floor tailor shop. He said his wife never let him go to the third floor.

Boyle's Column . . . Chinese Food Recommended For Heart Disease, Ulcers

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK. —(AP)— One of the mysterious things about the mysterious east is that comparatively few Chinese have heart disease or ulcers.

This cheerful fact is partly responsible for a boom in Chinese restaurants. People come to them in the hope that if they eat like the Chinese they'll feel as good as the Chinese.

"Now there are more than a thousand Chinese restaurants around New York," said Jimmy Young, a patriarch in this field.

Jimmy, a smiling, ageless gnomish man who weighs only 110 pounds with a chopstick in each hand, is perhaps the man here who did most to transform the old off-the-bovery Chinese chop suey parlor. He moved it uptown, kicked out the teak-wood and mother-of-pearl tables, modernized it, and put in dance

band music.

Chop Suey Novelty

Young said only "newcomers and schoolchildren" order the swifstandups of the oddtime Chinese restaurant—Chop suey and chow mein.

"People now want to eat real Chinese dishes—the dishes we eat ourselves."

His own favorite is chow sang gai pan, described on his lun fat restaurant menu as "fresh white meat of chicken deliciously sauted with hearts of bok choy, bamboo shoots, water chestnuts, fresh mushrooms and a touch of ginger."

Heart Disease High

American doctors have a high rate of heart disease. It is perhaps more than a coincidence, then that many of Jimmy's patrons are doctors.

"One doctor has sent me more than 50 of his patients who suffer from high blood pressure," he said.

"I order the meals for many of them. After I talk to them a few minutes I can tell what is good for them."

Jimmy believes cantonese cooking is the healthiest in the world because of its variety, and because it always combines vegetables with meat.

Chinese Versatile

"In American cooking meat is usually fried, baked or broiled," he said. "But Chinese cooks can prepare meat from 50 to 75 different ways."

Jimmy is convinced after a lifetime in the business that Americans eat too much—and too often. Jimmy's solution for all mankind's stomach ills is "moderation."

Shivers to Crown King Cotton . . .

15th Annual Cotton Pageant To Feature 200 Duchesses

Over two hundred Southern girls in beautiful cotton gowns will be duchesses of King Cotton's court at the fifteenth Annual Cotton Pageant to be held in the horseshoe of Kyle Field Friday night, J. S. Mogford of the Agronomy Department, said yesterday.

The audience will be entertained by the bands from A&M and from Allen Academy prior to and during the pageant. J. J. Woolket, head of the Modern Languages Department, will preside as master of ceremonies.

Miss Dorothy Mangum of Columbia, TSCW sophomore, will be crowned Queen of Cotton. Bob Smith, an agronomy major, will be crowned King Cotton by Texas Lt. Governor Allen Shivers. Smith is from Rule, Texas.

New Feature

A new feature of this year's pageant will be a parade of floats

prepared by business concerns and social and student groups of Bryan and College Station. The floats will move along the cinder track on Kyle Field between the formation of the King's Court and the presentation of the style show.

Sixty models from TSCW, SMU, and other colleges will take part in a style show to be sponsored by Sanger Brothers from Dallas. This group will arrive at A&M sometime Thursday evening.

Miss Sue Howell, National Maid of Cotton, will model several cotton garments.

Leave Friday

Miss Mangum and her eight duchesses will leave TSCW at 6:30 Friday morning, traveling by bus. They will stop in Dallas for breakfast as guests of Sanger Brothers.

A truck from Dallas arrived here yesterday loaded with decorations for the stage which is to be built

on the north end of Kyle Field. Three decorators accompanied the truck to direct 75 agronomy students in the work of beautifying the stage.

Adequate Lights

Spotlights and flashlights will be placed in appropriate places to give adequate illumination. All ramps and platforms will be raised to enable the spectators to see the duchesses and the models.

Tickets for the pageant are on sale in Room 201 of the Experiment Station in the Lobby of the YMCA, at Libcombs Pharmacy, and at WSD Clothiers in Bryan. All tickets on sale are reserved and sell for \$1 and \$1.50.

Nine Cadets Visit Jones in Houston

Nine freshmen from A&M who hold Jesse H. Jones Scholarships left Tuesday morning for a visit with Mr. Jones in Houston, accepting his invitation, said E. E. McQuillen, executive director of the scholarships for the college. The group left the Annex Student Center at 7:30 Tuesday morning, and left "George's" as the campus at 8.

Students now enrolled as freshmen who received the invitations were Lowell A. Holmes, Carroll W. Keese, James Lehmann, H. W. Van Cleave, Carl A. Peterson, and Grady Lee Smallwood, all 1948 winners. Others were Luis F. Dominguez and Herbert M. Gorrod, 1948 Military Award Winners, and Thomas R. Hicks, 1948 Achievement Award Winner.

ATKINSON STARS IN N. Y.

NEW YORK. —(AP)— Of the 7 racing meetings in New York state during 1948, Jockey Ted Atkinson was the leading rider at five and tied for honors during another. The Slasher rode 198 winners and his mounts earned \$1,164,412. Edditt Arcazo, four-time Kentucky Derby winner, rode 108 New York winners.

Forty Volumes Shown In Texas City Suits

Houston, Texas, April 27 (AP)—Forty bound volumes of witness depositions and exhibits were wheeled into federal court yesterday as the \$200,000,000 Texas City disaster damage suit mass trial entered its second day.

The depositions were taken from witnesses throughout the country by attorneys representing the government and the several thousand plaintiffs involved in some 300 suits consolidated into the mass trial to determine the government's liability for the disaster.

Federal Judge T. M. Kennerly yesterday overruled a government request that the mass trial be postponed. It had been postponed several times previously.

Local VA Representative Was '30 Graduate In Ag Ed

By BUDDY FLUCE

Godfather of information for A&M veterans is John R. Varnell, class of '30, whose office is in the west wing of Bizzell Hall is full of information and advice for bewildered or question-minded victims of the wars.

The cigar-chewing friend of Aggie veterans was born on a farm in Barry, Navarro County. He went to high school in the nearby town of Corsicana, where he participated in the usual amount of sports and frolic.

Varnell came to A&M in 1926, where he was a member of H Company Infantry. He won his numeral in fish football and basketball and was on the varsity squads for the next two years in basketball and the next three years in football. On the football team he played right halfback on offense and line backer on defense. D. K. Bible was coach during John's fish year, and Matty Bell was the mentor for the next three while John did his bit for the maroon and white.

For the last two years that Varnell was at A&M he was high point man in intramural athletics. He graduated in 1939 with a degree in Agricultural Education.

Upon graduating from A&M, Varnell went to Granger as the

high school agriculture teacher. He was there until July 1934 when he went to Rosebud, still teaching agriculture. Rosebud remained his home until he went into the Army in November 1942 as a second lieutenant. He was a reserve officer due to the fact that he received a reserve commission when he graduated from A&M.

For a job in the army, Varnell settled for the Camp Hood sand dunes and became an athletic officer. He was there for 21 months. He was then sent to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, where he stayed one month before being discharged from the army September 16, 1944.

On December 1, 1944, Varnell went to work with the Soil Conservation Service at San Marcos. He was only with this outfit for three months when he began work for the Veterans Administration on March 1, 1945. He was a contact representative in Waco for the Veterans Administration until he was sent to set up the Bryan office in November 1945.

Since Varnell took over in Bryan and College Station, he has kept the info flowing to the veterans in a pretty informative stream. Just before one of the deadlines for re-instating National Service Life Insurance last year Varnell's office re-instated over a million dollars worth of insurance in two nights and one day.

The Veterans Administration office, headed by Varnell, furnishes information pertaining to all benefits provided for by the G. I. Bill or any of the other fifty-odd laws pertaining to veterans benefits. Varnell is in his office in the west wing of Bizzell Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and in his Bryan office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.



Miss Alyce Christian will be the duchess for the East Texas A&M Club at the Cotton Ball and Pageant. She will be escorted by Doyle Griffin of A Engineers.

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WHENCE DOES THIS PUTATIVE ILLNESS STEM?

ANY THROATS ON FIRE? I FEEL AS IF I COULD USE A REFUGIUM

OH, OH, TOM NEEDS SOME GOOD ADVICE ON SMOKING!

TOM, YOUR RECIDIVISM WON'T WIN YOUR VARSITY LETTER AS MANAGER OF THE BALL TEAM. THAT MEANS POP MAY GIVE YOU A MERE LACHRYMATOR INSTEAD OF A CONVERTIBLE FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY.

AND POP WON'T FORGET THAT HE USED TO CAPTAIN HIS TEAM. BUT I FEEL SO TERRIBLE I'M READY FOR A LACHRYMATOR

TOM, WHEN SMOKING LEAVES YOUR THROAT RAW AND IT FEELS ON FIRE, IT'S TIME TO SWITCH TO PHILIP MORRIS. YOU'LL WANT TO TACKLE THAT JOB WITH NO CIGARETTE HANGOVER

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TOM, THAT WAS A BRILLIANT JOB OF SCHEDULING HOME GAMES. IT HADN'T GONE UNNOTICED EITHER YOU'RE TOP CANDIDATE FOR MANAGER

TOM? CERTAINLY SEEMS EUPHORIC!

WELL I'LL GIVE IT A TRY. YOUR PROLEGOMENOUS REMARKS SEEM TO RING TRUE

YOU COULDN'T GIVE ENOUGH PROLIXITY TO THOSE REMARKS, COACH

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Use These Words With Tongue in Cheek!

EUPHOREIC (yo-u-fo-er-ic) - Feeling "in the Groove".

PROLEGOMENOUS (pro-leg-om-ee-nus) - Foreword.

LACHRYMATOR (lac-ri-ma-to-ri) - A "Tears Roller".

LACHRYMATOR (lac-ri-ma-to-ri) - Cup of tears, lac-ri-ma-to-ri - A trifling gift.

NO CIGARETTE HANGOVER - No stale smoke, set back, no tight dry feeling in your throat due to smoking.

PRIMOGENITOR (pri-mo-ge-ni-to-ri) - Forebear; the "daddy" to you.

PROLEGOMENOUS (pro-leg-om-ee-nus) - Foreword.

PROLIXITY (pro-lix-i-ti) - Long-winded.

PUTATIVE (pu-ta-tiv) - Supposed, supposed - It isn't.

RECIDIVISM (re-si-div-i-zim) - Falling back into bad habits.

TONICITY (to-ni-si-tee) - Vigor, health.