

College Station Personality . . .

# From Sailor To Insurance And Square Dancing-Smith

By JERRY ZUBER

The sign on the window says "Manning Smith, Insurance and Loans." It should also read, "Square dance teacher and caller." For that is what Manning Smith does in his spare time. In fact, he works at square dancing so much that he no longer has any spare time.

Smith has been in and around College Station for 16 years. At various times he was backfield coach, head basketball coach, head tennis coach, and freshman baseball coach.

In 1944, he went into the navy and was stationed at a permanent maritime base in Florida until his discharge in 1945. That fall he again served as backfield coach and in June of 1946 he went into the grocery business at East Gate. In 1948 Smith quit the grocery busi-

ness and opened his insurance office, which is located now at East Gate.

Smith married a girl from Junction, Texas, named Juanita Cowser, who doesn't remember the first time she went to a square dance. Mrs. Smith tried for years to interest her husband in square dancing and in 1946 she had progressed to the point that both she and her husband were teaching and calling square dances.

Now the Smiths drive 1,000 miles a week at night, giving square dance instruction and calling. They cover some 12 neighboring counties and go as far as Galveston to do exhibition dancing.

In addition to such an extensive program of teaching and calling, the pair does exhibition dancing at conventions and meetings. Last year they put on exhibitions at half a dozen conventions in Galveston.

This week end they will be at Dallas and Fort Worth, dancing and calling square dances at square dance festivals there.

When asked whether or not square dancing has changed any Smith replied, "A long time ago cowpunchers rode 40 or 50 miles horseback in cowboy boots and when they got to the dance they took off their boots and put on shoes to dance. Now square dancers ride 150 miles to dance in an automobile and when they get to the dance they take off their shoes and put on boots to dance."

In past years Smith has been a member of the Recreation Council, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Boy Scout Council.

Before she became involved in making and designing square dance costumes, Mrs. Smith was active in women's club work in College Station. She was on the Girl Scout Council, a member of the Federated Church Women, and a member of the Women's Garden Club.

The Smiths have two children, Manning DeWitt, eight, and Helen Sherrill, five. That's right, they are square dancers, too.

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### School Health Program Heard By Study Club

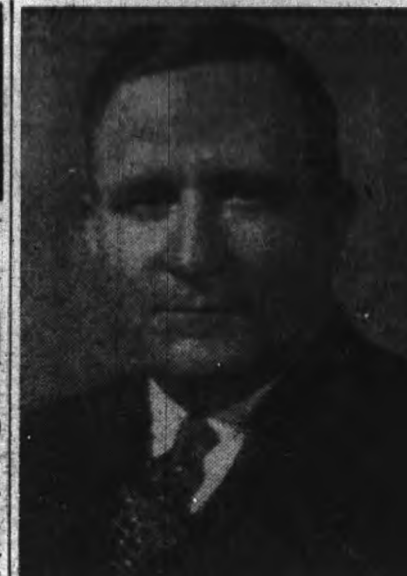
Mesdames Edward Madeley, H. B. Parks, and C. N. Shephardson, were hostesses at the meeting of the Campus Study Club Tuesday, in the YMCA Chapel. Mrs. Madeley introduced the guest speakers, D. B. Taylor, acting director of the Division of School Health Services of the State Department of Health, in Austin.

Taylor's topic was "Interpreting the Basic Health Program for the School Child."

Special guests were Mesdames Charles LaMotte, S. E. Jones, Walter Varvel, and Roy Donahue, all members of the Child Study Group.

A contribution was allowed for the Cancer Fund upon recommendation of chairman of the Public Service Committee, Mrs. J. E. Adams. She suggested that some club members might be interested in helping the Brazos County volunteer service committee in its cancer crusade.

The club voted to sponsor a girl from Consolidated High School to attend a camp in Austin in June. Held in an Austin school, the camp is for the purpose of having high school students study how to become good citizens.



William "Bill" McCraw

McCraw will be the after-dinner speaker at a banquet in honor of A&M Consolidated athletes given by the College Station Kiwanis Club, Tuesday night in Shisa Hall.

### CC Dues Largest Yet Adams Reports

Dues received in the College Station Chamber of Commerce and Development Association membership campaign topped those of any previous year, according to Homer Adams, co-chairman of the drive.

Adams reported the dues of 79 College Station and Bryan businessmen as totaling \$1,397.50, exclusive of the firms electing to pay dues on a monthly basis. Dues of non-business residents were \$1,052. Official close of the drive was April 8.

## Kiwanians To Honor Consolidated Athletes

A&M Consolidated High School athletes, their friends and their dates, will be honor guests of the College Station Kiwanis Club at a dinner to be held in Shisa Hall, Tuesday night, according to Club President Joe Motherall.

"Nothing is too good for these boys," said Motherall. "This is distinctly a community-wide affair, and we are expecting every Kiwanian, his wife and family as well as families and friends of the Consolidated Tigers at this dinner."

W. N. "Flop" Colson will serve as master of ceremonies and Bud Barlow's Brazos Bottom Boogie

### Mrs. Elliott Area Girl Scout Prexy

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Bryan-College Station Girl Scout Area Council Thursday morning at the Girl Scout house, Mrs. Fred C. Elliott was elected president of the Girl Scout board of directors.

Mrs. W. J. Moore was chosen vice-president, Mrs. Morris Williamson, secretary; U. M. Alexander, treasurer; and Mrs. I. G. Adams, registrar. These officers will assume their duties in June.

New members of the Girl Scout board of directors were, Alexander, Mrs. R. E. Patterson, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Adams, A. T. Ball, Mrs. H. T. Kennedy, and Mrs. Sam Cleland.

A film, "Shock Treatment" was shown following the business session. Made by the Mental Health Committee of the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, and shown in cooperation with the Bryan Jaycees, the film brings to light conditions in Texas mental institutions.

### What's Cooking

A&M COLLEGIATE 4-H CLUB, Monday, April 17, Moore House at 7:30 p. m.

AMARILLO A&M CLUB Thursday, April 20, Academic Building, Room 207. Discussion of spring party.

AVMA AUXILIARY, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., South Salarium, YMCA. Dr. Jaggi will speak.

BUILDING PRODUCTS MARKETING STUDENTS, Tuesday, April 18, Cabinet Room of YMCA at 7:30 p. m. Course will be discussed by Bob Haynie, Bob Amazon, and Professor Ralph Hook.

COLLEGIATE FFA, Monday, April 17, Agricultural Engineering Lecture Room at 7:15 p. m. Huntsville Prison Rodeo film will be shown.

NEWCOMERS CLUB, Wednesday, April 19, YMCA at 2 p. m. Bridge and canasta will be played. Hostesses will be Mrs. J. V. Roddy, Mrs. C. C. Schaefer, Mrs. L. F. Walker and Mrs. W. F. Lewis.

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB, Tuesday, April 18, A and I Lecture Room at 7:30 p. m.

THE COMMENTATOR STAFF will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Commentator office to discuss plans for the next issue. Refreshments will be served.

## Andrews Low Bids Sewer Contracts

C. I. Andrews, of Bryan was low bidder on the contract opened by College Station councilmen, meeting in joint session with Bryan officials Friday night in the Bryan City Hall.

The contract will be awarded in a meeting today. The Brazos Construction Company was second low bidder in a field of 10.



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