

Annual Muster Set Tomorrow In Guion Hall

A&M men the world over will observe A&M's 17th annual Muster tomorrow. Campus Muster ceremonies will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Guion Hall. Marion S. Church, '50 Dallas attorney, will be the principal speaker.

The program will begin with the band playing the "Aggie War Hymn" while the audience joins in singing. Master of Ceremonies David Haines, junior business major from College Station, will call the Muster together.

Invocation will be delivered by Curtis Edwards, then the Band and audience will join to play and sing the Twelfth Man. Haines will then read the Muster tradition. After the Muster tradition, the Singing Cadets will sing the "Spirit of Aggeland," with the audience joining in on the chorus.

Hartung to Speak
Louis Hartung, president of the Association of Former Students will deliver a short talk, and Doyle Avant, Colonel of the Corps will give a response. Following these talks, the band and the singing cadets will present several special numbers.

Church will deliver his talk after the special numbers and following him Jack Norman will read the Muster Poem. Taps will be played while he reads "Roll Call for the Absent" and the Ross Volunteers will fire a three volley salute after the roll call.

Eight names are on the "Roll Call for the Absent" this year, five students who have died since the last Muster, and three prominent former students. Students who have passed away since the last Muster are, Jerry Oliver Blison, Marcus R. Brown, Norbert James Lucas, Warren Nelson, and Reagan Dale Roberts. The former students are Abram Honarling, R. R. Lancaster, and General George F. Moore.

The Singing Cadets will sing "Auld Lang Syne" while Haines closes the music. Silver Taps (See MUSTER, Page 4)



Judy Oden
Judy, a student at A&M Consolidated, has been selected as the duchess to represent the A&M Garden Club in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. Her escort will be Jimmy Rollins, sophomore from McKinney, Texas.

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First A&M Woman Employee Was 1908 Belle Of Corps

By RAY WILLIAMS
"Being the first woman to work for A&M is an honor that I treasure very dearly," says pretty little Mrs. Willie D. Thomas of the Cushing Memorial Library staff.

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William R. Wilson, right, of Houston and J. C. Flanagan, left, of Bryan and Crystal City, won first and third prizes in the recent speaking contest, at a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Student Branch, Group Eight. Prof. B. H. Erwin, center, coached the students.

High Schools To Get All-College Invitations

By OTTO KUNZE
Official invitations to the A&M College Day will be sent to all Texas high schools and junior colleges within the next week, Joe Mullins, chairman of the invitations subcommittee, told the All-College Day committee at a meeting this week. Richard Tullinison is assisting Mullins with the invitations.

The invitations, to be in the form of letters, will give a brief outline of the program and the activities which are being planned for All-College Day. The letters explain that the purpose of the occasion is to show parents, students and prospective students our facilities, equipment, research, and classroom work.

The letter will also give directions how prospective students may make housing reservations for the All-College-Mother's Day weekend, Mullins concluded.

"Aggie Follies"
A report on the "Aggie Follies" was given by Karl Wyler, chairman of the follies subcommittee. Jack Norman has been selected to be the master of ceremonies for the show, Wyler said. He gave a brief outline of the proposed program.

The committee requested that Wyler appoint a ticket committee which will make provisions to get the tickets printed and will also put them on sale. The Follies will be presented on Friday and on Saturday night. The performance on Friday evening will be primarily for A&M students and for the local public, Wyler said. Admission will be 60 cents.

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Phi Eta Sigma Will Meet Monday Night

A meeting of Phi Eta Sigma nominees has been called for Monday, April 24, at 6:30 p. m. Dr. C. R. Ransdell, Dean of the Annex, announced today. The meeting, to be held in the Chemistry lecture room, is to select officers for the coming year. Ransdell added.

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expect refreshments during meetings. Through this association, her home became a meeting place where all students were welcome. For 27 years, Mrs. Thomas was in charge of the circulation library. During this time she has made many friends and has influenced many minds with her remarkable ability for choosing books and teaching others to read.

When asked to relate some of the amusing incidents happening in the library, she said, "the two that stand out in my memory most are when one boy came in and ask for 'The Badger,' when he wanted Sinclair Lewis' 'Babbitt.' The other time was when a boy came in and said he wanted something to read but 'none of that prose or poetry stuff.'"

Auto Robberies Still Unsolved Hickman Says

Thorough investigation has so far failed to uncover anything definite concerning several thefts reported on the campus recently, Fred Hickman, chief of Campus Security, said today.

Radios have been stolen from cars on the campus on three different occasions during the past year. The most recent of these raids was staged on April 4 when seven car radios were stolen.

Three were taken from cars in the lot for dorm 16 and two from the lot for Law Hall, Hickman reported.

Most of the radios have been stolen from 1949 and 1950 Fords. Complete investigations have been made of each of the cases.

During the last raid, authorities spotted the license number of the car in which the thieves made their get-a-way. The number was forwarded to county sheriffs and state patrolmen. The car, abandoned, was found in Houston, April 6.

The two other raids were staged early last fall, Hickman continued. On one occasion two cars were also stolen. One of these was abandoned only a few miles from the campus. The other was later found stripped in Houston.

Petty thefts have been occurring occasionally throughout the year, Hickman explained. Most of these seem to be the work of youngsters.

Such items as blankets, sun glasses, and even packages of gum have been reported stolen from cars.

Hickman advised that in order to stop the petty thefts, all students should be sure to lock the doors and windows of their cars.

Texas' Own Battleship Sinking—On Dry Land

Houston, Tex., April 20.—(AP)—The San Jacinto battleship is melting slowly into the Houston ship channel and causing some concern.

It started with the parking of the battleship Texas near the historic spot. Ships steaming up and down the channel splash waves against sides of the slip in which the battleship is berthed, causing its banks to peel off.

The erosion already is threatening the Masonic Memorial, near the gangway to the battleship. Lloyd Gregory, chairman of the battleship commission, said the situation has been pointed out to Gov. Allan Shivers and the legislature.

Two plans have been advanced. One would restore the bulkhead breached in berthing the Texas. This would cost an estimated \$80,000. The other would involve the construction inside the slip where the Texas is berthed.

Cotton Ball Ducats Are Now Available

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Cotton Ball and Cotton Pageant in the Student Activities office in Goodwin Hall, Mrs. Betty Holcomb, receptionist for Student Activities, said today.

Reserved seats for the Cotton Pageant to be held on Kyle Field are \$1.25 per person. General admission seats are \$1.00.

Cotton Ball tickets are \$1.50 stag or drag. The Cotton Ball will be held Friday evening on the Slab, after the Cotton Pageant.



These men will present a number at the band concert to be held in Guion Hall Tuesday night. They are in the usual order, Wayne Dunlap, R. L. Robinson, Bill Asberg, and Dick Lay.

3,000 Get X-Rays; Two Days Remain

More than 1,500 students and residents of College Station had their tuberculosis X-rays made in the YMCA yesterday, according to Mrs. A. A. Blumberg, executive secretary of the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association. The number of X-rays made on Tuesday was 1,423.

During the first hour on Wednesday morning, 227 X-rays were made or on an average of nearly four per minute. Ernest Langford, mayor of College Station, and W. L. Penberthy, dean of students, who are the co-chairmen of the College Station survey, are gratified at the response which the drive has received thus far, Mrs. Blumberg said.

Mayor Langford and Dean Penberthy have been working with Davis Grant who is chairman for the survey in Brazos County.

From 15 to 20 women from College Station are volunteering their services during each day of the survey, Mrs. Blumberg explained. Seven to ten are on duty in the YMCA at any one time and each serves a half day.

Mayor Langford has requested all College Station residents to have their X-rays made within two days. The student rush is definitely over, he pointed out. The X-ray unit will continue to operate in the YMCA from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. on Friday and from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on Saturday.

All persons who have had their X-rays made will receive a report on them within the next two weeks. If any tuberculosis victims are found, they will be advised of further steps to take.

The X-ray unit started the survey in Brazos County on April 4 at the A&M College Annex. It operated there for two days during which time 1,427 X-rays were made. On April 6 the unit was moved to Bryan where it served through April 15. While there 6,161 X-rays were made. The unit moved into the YMCA on Tuesday, April 18 and will remain there until Saturday, April 22.

Next week the unit will move to Burleson County where they will begin work in Caldwell.

The X-ray is free for all persons over the age of 15. Children under that age are very seldom TB victims, Mrs. Blumberg concluded.

Bluebonnet Farms Observe Field Day

Bluebonnet Farms, the Texas A&M College System's huge research and demonstration acreage in McLennan and Coryell counties, held its first field day for the general public yesterday.

A general inspection tour of the farm was conducted in the morning followed by a two hour explanatory program which included remarks by seven A&M and U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists.

Feature of the day was the beef cattle improvement program now being carried on by the farm. The Texas phase of a project cooperative between the USDA and several states in improving beef cattle is crossbreeding of Brahman and Hereford to develop a strain better adapted to the Southwest.

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Candidates Few In Vote Today; Class Filings Up

By SID ABERNATHY
Balloting takes place today in the general spring elections with the field small and the candidates few.

Non-military students will elect a representative to the athletic council and a yell-leader while the entire student body will vote only on Battalion co-editors.

Edward C. Fulbright is unopposed in the race for non-military senior yell leader.

Wallace W. Moon and David M. Elston are competing for non-military representative to the Athletic Council.

Dave Coeslett and Clayton Selph are unopposed in the Battalion co-editorship race, the only candidates to be voted on by the entire student body.

Students continued to file today for various class offices. Entering the race for president of the senior class was Dare Keelan, petroleum engineering and geology student from Beaumont. Keelan withdrew as a candidate for senior yell leader to run for president of the class of '52.

Candidates having already filed for president are Lloyd Manjoot, W. R. (Bill) Moss, Bryan Zimmerman, Jack Solcher, and Levan Massengale.

Filing for vice-president was Noble N. Clark, business major from Burleson, and Robert S. Ruble, Herb Mills and Herman Gollob.

Social Secretary
No new applications were turned in for social secretary. Those having previously filed are John E. Gossett, Don R. Joseph, William R. Cornish, Don R. Health, Kenneth W. Schaake, Jes D. McIver, and Joseph D. Hinton.

The only new candidate for senior class historian is Westcott Jones, chemical engineering major from Humble.

Other aspirants for class historian are George Charlton, James T. Brown, and James W. Porter. Deadline for filing for the senior class offices is Monday, April 24 with the elections to be held Thursday, April 27.

Sophomore Offices
Sophomore filings also took a large jump yesterday. The Class of '52 will vote by secret ballot Tuesday night to fill eight open-class positions. A run-off election will be held Thursday, April 27. Deadline for filing in the sophomore races is Saturday at noon.

New aspirants for the Class of '52 presidency are Eric Carlson, economics major from Elgin; H. T. Chandler, petroleum engineering major from Corsicana; Daniel E. Fleming, Ag Ed major from Melvin; and Clinton Fawcett, business and accounting major from Hillsboro.

J. Harold Hughes, Dean Reed, and John T. Hightower have previously filed for the position.

Soph Veep
In the vice-presidential race, Donald M. Lance, educational major from Mission filed yesterday. E. R. "Rip" Torn withdrew from the race for junior yell-leader to file for class vice-president.

Others who have already filed for this position are Gerald D. Campbell, Jr., E. Hobbs Fatheree, (See ELECTIONS, Page 4)

Post Office Cut Draws Protests

Washington, April 20 — (AP)—The cuts in mail service ordered by Postmaster General Donaldson stirred additional protests today.

Senator Wiley (R-Wis) complained that "fifty million tired taxpayers have been hit in the mailbox." He took the administration to task for trying "to save money by firing a few \$40 a week substitute postal workers—most of whom are veterans."

In New York, Philip Lepper, president of a letter carriers local union with 5,200 members, said Donaldson's order curtailing service has "thrown panic into the hearts" of postal workers. He estimated between 10 and 15 per cent of New York's letter carriers would be furloughed or dismissed under the economy order, with additional reductions in clerical workers in postoffices.

Donaldson's order, effective at once, calls for delivery or mail only once a day to homes, other cut-backs in service to places of business, and earlier closing of post-office windows when possible.

The Postoffice Department is down for \$2,207,000,000 in next year's appropriation. This is \$25,000,000 less than President Truman requested but \$150,000,000 more than the department got this year.

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