

## 2,200 Students Expected In Basic Division

### Town Haller



Tex Beneke

### Tex Beneke Signs Contract For Town Hall Appearance

Tex Beneke, nationally known orchestra leader, has signed a contract to play for Town Hall Oct. 8, C. G. "Spike" White, director of Student Activities, announced this morning.

In making plans for Town Hall for 1951-52 Beneke agreed to play, but left the date open. Confirmation of the contract closing the arrangements was just received.

After the Beneke concert in Guion Hall, Rise Stevens, star of radio, motion pictures and opera, will sing. She is scheduled for Oct. 16.

Rounding out the year's program will be the Houston Symphony Dec. 11; The Revelers Quartet, Jan. 17 and last Morely and Gearhart, pianists for Fred Waring, Feb. 14.

The Texas band leader took over the baton of the Glenn Miller Orchestra five years ago. Miller was lost in action while in the Air Force.

Started in 1938

The Fort Worth band leader was originally a part of the orchestra recruited by Miller in 1938. Through the years he became the "top man" in the band by virtue of his tenor saxophone and vocal solos.

Tex joined the band through the recommendation of Gene Krupa who heard Tex playing with another outfit while the Krupa band was touring. When Miller started bying with the idea of putting his own band in the field, Gene told Glen of the embryo sax star he had heard on the road. Miller told Tex to come to New York for an audition... that started it all off.

When Beneke shuffled into the hall where the Miller crew was rehearsing, he extended his hand to Miller and smiling broadly drawled, "Hiyah, Glenn, Ah'm mighty proud to be heah."

"Tex" Born

"Get out your horn, Tex and let's hear you play," said Glenn, and from that time forward, it was "Tex" and not Gordon Lee Beneke. The tall man from Texas's musical career started early in life.

### Publications Set Freshmen Party

Freshmen interested in taking part in any phase of the Student Publication program at A&M are invited to a staff meeting to be held in The Battalion Office, second floor of Goodwin Hall, Wednesday.

"Students will have a chance to just ask questions about the program and get something to eat and drink," John Whitmore, editor of The Battalion said.

There are six publications that come under student publications, he said. They are The Battalion, The Commentator, The Agriculturist, The Engineer, The Southwestern Veterinarian and The Aggeland.

When he was 9 years old, he persuaded his mother to buy him a sax. It seemed the kid next door had one and it was the neighborhood pride and joy. Tex's first was a second-hand tenor sax that looked a lot worse than it sounded, fortunately. A teacher was hired and Tex was off.

When Tex was 13 he was already established as an orchestra leader in Fort Worth. One of the boys in the Tex Beneke Trio was a drummer named Ben Hogan—the same Ben Hogan who is top money-winner among the nation's professional golfers. Later, Tex mastered the clarinet, also.

Kept Him Awake

He wasn't discovered as a singer until late in 1938, months after he joined the Miller band. The band was on tour in New England, and Glenn was asleep on the front seat of his car, which Tex was driving. They were driving on an overnight location hop. To keep awake, Tex began to sing "Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider." Glenn stirred and awakened and he heard Tex's voice, but said nothing at the time. Glenn,

### New Traffic Rules Approved By Council

By FRANK DAVIS  
Battalion City Editor

College Station's city council last night directed City Manager Raymond Rogers to erect signs and begin enforcing a revamped set of parking regulations for the North Gate area.

Recommended by the Citizen's Traffic Committee after several months of study, the regulations are as follows: one hour parking limit, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Sundays and holidays; on the north side of Farm to Market Highway 60 from Stanesy Street to a point about 200 feet east of Boyett Street.

One hour parking for both sides of Main Street from Church Street to FM 60, and south side of FM 60 from the intersection of Tauber Street and FM 60 to the intersection of Main Street and FM 60.

Six-hour parking limit was decided upon, during the same hours as the one-hour parking, for the

### Bill Turner Judge At Chorus Contest

Bill Turner, director of music activities, whose Singing Cadets have become a favorite singing group throughout the state, is in Amarillo to act as chief judge of the Texas Farm Bureau Chorus contest.

Turner was called to the meet by the Texas Farm Bureau to serve in the capacity of head judge, in recognition of his record of directing musical groups. Yesterday and today he is organizing and directing the statewide chorus contest.

### Davis Explains Cadet Meaning

"To be an A&M cadet, you must conduct yourself as a gentleman and commit no acts which might bring discredit on your organization or the school which you represent."

This statement was made by Col. J. E. Davis, commandant, yesterday in Guion Hall when he addressed nearly 2200 incoming freshmen. The title of his talk was "The A&M Cadet."

Col. Davis began his talk by explaining the organization of the cadet corps. The speaker told how the corps was composed of eight regiments, the last of which was the Basic Division, commanded by upperclassmen officers, to which the freshmen belonged.

The Articles of the Cadet Corps was the next item the speaker talked about, saying it was the guide and basis for student conduct, and freshmen would have the opportunity to read the provisions.

"The most important element in manhood is character and integrity. The reputation of A&M men in this respect is worldwide. Our code is simple—no cheating, no stealing, and no lying," Col. Davis continued.

"The Articles of the Cadet Corps are prepared in such a way to provide protection to all cadets as individuals and as a group, the speaker said. He urged the freshmen to give their schedule a great deal of thought, and to make up their minds to pass all their work.

"You will be storing up serious trouble for yourself later by not passing your work. Remember, a little more effort at the beginning will probably save an extra semester or year at the end.

"For years Aggies have been able to do their work. I am confident if you enter college with the proper determination, you will be able to develop into Aggies that will be a credit to the institution," Col. Davis enjoined the new students.

The speaker reminded the freshmen that A&M has nourished the academic and military development of some 70,000 students who have served State and Nation with distinction.

Seventy-nine A&M men shouldered arms during the Spanish-American War. The senior class of 1917 volunteered for the service as a group. During World War II, more than 7000 officers who received their commissions at A&M served in the Armed Forces.

Twenty-nine former students became general officers, six received the nation's highest award for gallantry—the Medal of Honor—four of them posthumous.

### A&M Laundry Sets Schedule For '51 - '52

Freshmen sending laundry to the College Laundry should report to the laundry office for personal laundry mark, James H. Kingcaid, superintendent, announced.

Soiled clothing for all students who have registered may be turned in Friday at any of the four laundry stations.

Pick-up and Delivery stations are as follows: Dorm 12 for students living in the project houses and Vet Village and Dorms 1-12; Hart Hall for students living in Hart, Mitchell, Leggett, Milner, Bizzell, Law and Puryear Halls; Post Graduate Hall for all students living in Dorms 14 through 17 and Walton Hall; and the Quonset Hut for students living in the College View Apartments.

The laundry will operate the same way as in the past, said Kingcaid. Students will be allowed one bundle of laundry a week, without extra charge. Day for laundry turn in will be according to the surname of the student.

Students whose last names begin with an A-D will deposit it on Friday, E-I on Monday, J-N on Tuesday, O-S on Wednesday and T-Z on Thursday. Laundry will be returned in two or three days after reaching the laundry.

All laundry must be turned into the sub-station before 8 a.m. on the designated day. An extra charge will be made for all bundles turned in late or out of place.

### College Churches Plan Open Houses

An open house will be held in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel on Sulphur Springs Rd. at 7:30 p.m. The entertainment, sponsored by the Altar Society, will follow the Rosary and Benediction at 7:15.

A party for Presbyterian students is slated for 7:30 p.m. The church is located one block north of the Campus Theater. Freshmen will be special guests of the church.

Incoming freshmen are invited to attend the mid-week Evening Prayer at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 906 Jersey Street, at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Bethel Lutheran Church at 80 So. College is holding mid-week Vesper service, at 7:30. New students are welcome to attend the meeting to consider "The Need for Survival."

First Baptist Church The W.M.U. will present a program on "State Missions" at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, College Main St.

### A&M Prexy



### "Howdy..."

It is indeed a pleasure for me to have the privilege of extending a cordial welcome to all students of the College—those who are coming to A&M for the first time and those returning. My wish for you is that this will prove to be a most profitable, enjoyable and successful school year.

The faculty and staff join me in pledging to you our very best efforts in providing the finest educational opportunities to be found anywhere. They are interested in your welfare and are always ready to assist you in every way in your education and training at this College.

Now, as never before in this history of our nation, it is so very necessary that the young men of our state prepare for outstanding citizenship. To assume your rightful place, you will want the finest training available in your chosen field of study and at the same time obtain training in the various services of the ROTC. A wonderful opportunity is available at A&M to equip yourself to enjoy the years ahead and enable you to serve your state and nation both in times of peace and war.

We are anticipating a great school year in 1951-52, and this can be realized by the help and cooperation of students, faculty and staff. Let's make this year the greatest of all seventy-six in the history of A&M College and then we will have the satisfaction of a job well done and a year well spent.

M. T. Harrington

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President

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### Friendly Fish Finds Freshman Life Fuddled

By B. F. ROLAND

Victor Houston is a composite of the 2200 freshmen who started arriving Friday morning for the new student week.

Arriving at 8:52 a.m. on the bus out of Dallas, Victor's first problem was to locate Sbis Hall where he was to pay his fees and receive his housing assignment.

The A&M campus looked large and forboding. But after someone had said "Howdy," Victor's confidence mounted and he summoned up enough courage to inquire as to the whereabouts of Sbis Hall. Entering the Annex, he was introduced to the first of many lines which became a living nightmare before he had paid fees, received housing assignment, and later post office box.

Since his trunk had been sent railway express, and his suitcases had been checked at the bus station, Victor set out to find Dorm 19, Room 224 which was clearly written on his housing card. Many of Victor's fellow students had saved a step by writing ahead and receiving housing assignments when they were accepted into the college.

When Victor arrived at the room

where he was to spend his first year at college, he found his future roommate looking as bewildered at Victor felt. After a brief chat, the two consulted their new student week programs and learned that refreshments were being served at Sbis for new students.

With a goal in view, Victor and his friend began more closely to resemble the hundreds of freshmen who were already examining every nook and crook of the campus. Arriving back to their first destination, Victor heard someone say something about the Memorial Student Center. Neither boy knew the location of this new place, so they just followed the group of boys ahead of them.

They passed more strange buildings, some of which looked like domes, until they came to a large field which had been watered recently and new grass was growing. Across the field they viewed the multi-million dollar MSC, setting like a resort in a field of drab looking buildings.

It was only 11 a.m., but the sun had begun to beat down upon the new freshmen with unrelenting intensity. When they strolled up the walk, bordering lush green

### College Welcomes Incoming Freshmen

An approximate 2,200 students are scheduled to become a part of A&M and the basic division for the 1951-52 school year. Dr. John Bertrand, dean of basic division announced today.

Of this number about 1,600 are new freshmen, 500 are carryovers from last year and this past summer session, and about 200 are transfer students from other colleges.

A&M educators are attributing the gain in students to the basic division and appeal of a military college in a time of national emergency.

The majority of the students who will be registered Friday are members of the eighth regiment and will be housed separate from the upperclass corps.

Changes in this year's military set up include more cadet officers per company and the adoption of two dormitories formerly used by non-corps students.

Members of the military department are estimating the corps this year will have about 4,400 men signed up. They said this would probably be a conservative estimate.

Fourteen companies have been set up this year to handle the freshmen regiment. The regiment is commanded by Cadet Colonel Grady Smallwood.

Freshmen started arriving on the campus Friday morning. During the morning hours incoming freshmen registered for room assignments, paid fees and were issued uniforms.

Refreshments were served to the freshmen Friday morning and afternoon in Sbis Hall. They were sponsored by the YMCA. That evening the students met at the Grove for a general orientation meeting with members of the basic division.

Saturday the students took general aptitude tests and had another try at standing in line for uniforms. The YMCA conducted a meeting in the Grove to introduce ministers from the local churches. C. L. Ray, president of the YMCA Cabinet, presided over the meeting.

Over 1,200 new students were guests of the Memorial Student Center for an Open House. Members of the MSC House Committee were sponsors of the open house.

Monday the military department took over the students and conducted a series of talks to orientate the freshmen on the ways of a cadet. Col. Joe Davis, commandant, presided over a meeting held in Guion Hall where he told about "The A&M Cadet."

After the formal meeting in Guion Hall the freshmen met with their units for talks by the dormitory counselors on "Cadet-Counselor Relationship" and the "College Regulations."

Company commanders later told the men how to keep the Aggie uniform up to standards of the corps and what value and prestige it carried with it. They also warned the freshmen of their responsibility to the uniform and what it means. Later they told the freshmen about Yell Practice and some of the traditions of the campus.

Songfest Held

As a break away from the uniformity of the meetings held during the day, the students were led in a songfest in the Grove by Walter Jenkins, choir director of the First Methodist Church in Houston. Members of the Executive Committee were introduced to the students and President M. T. Harrington officially welcomed the students to A&M.

This morning the five groups were broken down into five groups for discussions with members of the various schools. The sections were: students going into agriculture; engineering; arts and sciences; veterinary medicine; and a group of undecided students.

Both this morning and afternoon, dormitory counselors are scheduling individual conferences with the students. Identification photos will also be taken from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Walton Hall Lounge.

Tonight Dean of the College C. C. French and Dean of Men W. L. Penberthy will discuss what goes into making a student well rounded. Dean French will talk on the importance of academic achievement and Dean Penberthy will talk on life outside the classroom. The meeting will be presided over by C. G. "Spike" White, assistant dean of men for activities.

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### Plans Didn't Call for Door

Some times good house keeping can be costly. Monday it cost the MSC the price of one plate glass window.

Robert Page was late to a meeting Monday morning. His friends left the Fountain Room for a meeting in Guion Hall and he ran to catch them.

Observers said Robert thought the window was another door opening and he just crashed through.

After the unit meetings Monday afternoon, Victor started speaking to everyone and taking a part in the atmosphere of friendliness which had given him confidence the first day.

Victor has met more boys like himself, and older boys who have been set over him. The conclusion which he had drawn is the same as that drawn by thousands of boys who came before him, "Texas A&M is the best college in the world."