

Gen. Jones Speaks At Commissioning

Brig. Gen. Gayner B. Jones of de Guerre with palm leaf cluster, Houston, former general staff officer with the Eighth Corps of the Third Army, will be the principal speaker tonight at the annual Cadet Commissioning Exercises. The program will begin at 7 p. m. in Guion Hall.

Some 523 cadet officers will receive commissions at tonight's ceremony. General Jones, in addition to making the main speech, will present the army commissions. Air Force commissions will be presented by Col. James C. McGehee, commanding officer at Bryan Air Force Base.

General Jones, who is chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, attended A&M from 1917-18. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. At present he is vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce in Houston.

He served in Germany with the Eighth Corps and holds the French Legion of Honor, and the Croix

de Guerre with palm leaf cluster. Colonel McGehee commanded a fighter squadron in the ETO during World War II. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and attended Howard College in Alabama. In 1934 Colonel McGehee was appointed a flying cadet and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1935.

During the war, he flew 21 missions and holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with one cluster, Bronze Star with two clusters, Croix de Guerre, British Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Belgian Fourragere.

The program will open with the playing of General's March by the Drum and Bugle Corps. After cadets and guests are seated, C. L. Ray, corps chaplain, will give the invocation. Following the invocation, Cadet Maj. James H. Hughes will sing the Star Spangled Banner and Eric Carlson, cadet colonel of the corps and master of ceremonies for the occasion, will introduce President M. T. Harrington, who will make the opening speech. General Jones will talk following the speech by Dr. Harrington.

Lt. Col. M. P. Bowden, assistant commandant, will administer the oath of office to officers of this year's corps, and commissions will be presented. Chaplain Ray will give the benediction following the commissioning and the audience, led by Cadet Lt. Col. Dale Walston, will sing the Spirit of Aggieland. Jimmy Rolins will play the postlude.

Uniform for tonight's ceremony will be No. 1 with blouses. Boots will be optional. Cadets will be seated in Guion Hall according to rank and a special section in the center of the auditorium will be reserved for guests of the cadets.

Colonel Bowden urged all students receiving commissions to be in their seats at 6:15 p. m.



Col. James C. McGehee

A&M, SMU Student Groups Hold Meet

A six man delegation of members of the Student Senate Welcoming Committee went to Dallas Wednesday to discuss plans for the weekend with members of the SMU Student Council.

Those making the trip were Hansel Kennedy, Lyle Wolfskill, Ralph Ellis, Dan Davis, Jack Milligan, and Guy King.

This committee also made arrangements to meet the SMU special train from Dallas when it arrives here at 12:30 Saturday afternoon.

Headquarters for the SMU students Saturday will be located in the Social Room of the MSC. Plans were also discussed Wednesday to have a luncheon Saturday for members of the SMU Student Council.

Its Pogo

Swamp Animals Help 'Educate' Comics

Something has happened in American Universities. College Profs have been seen taking comic books into their offices, closing the doors and reading them.

No, it isn't an indication of a mental degeneration, but rather it is an indication that there is something intelligent in the comic strips.

The reason for this change in the reading habits of great masses of people—both the high brows, middle brows, low brows and no brows—is Pogo.

To many the name Pogo is meaningless. To some it is an idiotic little animal designed to amuse only the smaller children. But luckily, to the majority of the people it is a comic strip filled with

subtle humor seldom found on the comic pages. For this reason, The Battalion is adding the little 'Possum from the swamp to its pages. Pogo will be run daily.

But for those who are not acquainted with the 'Possum and his friends a brief description of each is in order.

Pogo is the type of guy everyone thinks he is. He is noted for his reasonableness and patience. While at times he goes off the deep end on things, generally he is just a good all round guy.

His friend Albert the Alligator is just the opposite. He is the other fellow. Being the "other fellow" type of man, Albert is full of knowledge and gusto that backfires. Deep down in his alligator

heart he is generous, but he doesn't really like to let anybody know it for fear they'll think he's soft.

Porcupine, or Porky, is a pessimistic realist. He sees the sour side and acts it, but underneath he has a heart of solid gold.

Personifying the backyard scientist is Howland Owl. He is a pseudo-scientist... something like one of the ancient alchemists...

Bragging a bit he says he was educated. Educators refuse to make a comment. But the end result is what counts, and there are found the comments. College students all over the nation are acclaiming the newcomer to the comic strip business.

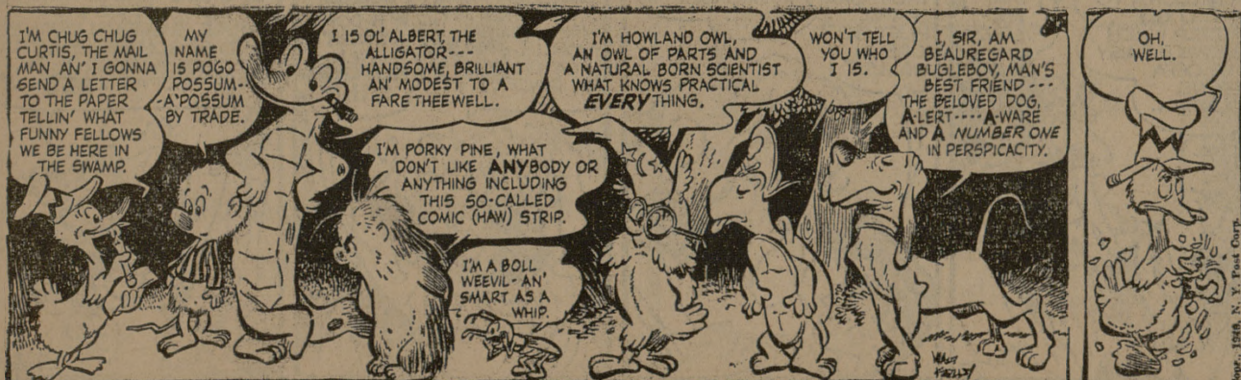
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himself all the time, and actually possesses many of the qualities he boasts about, such as loyalty, bravery, etc.

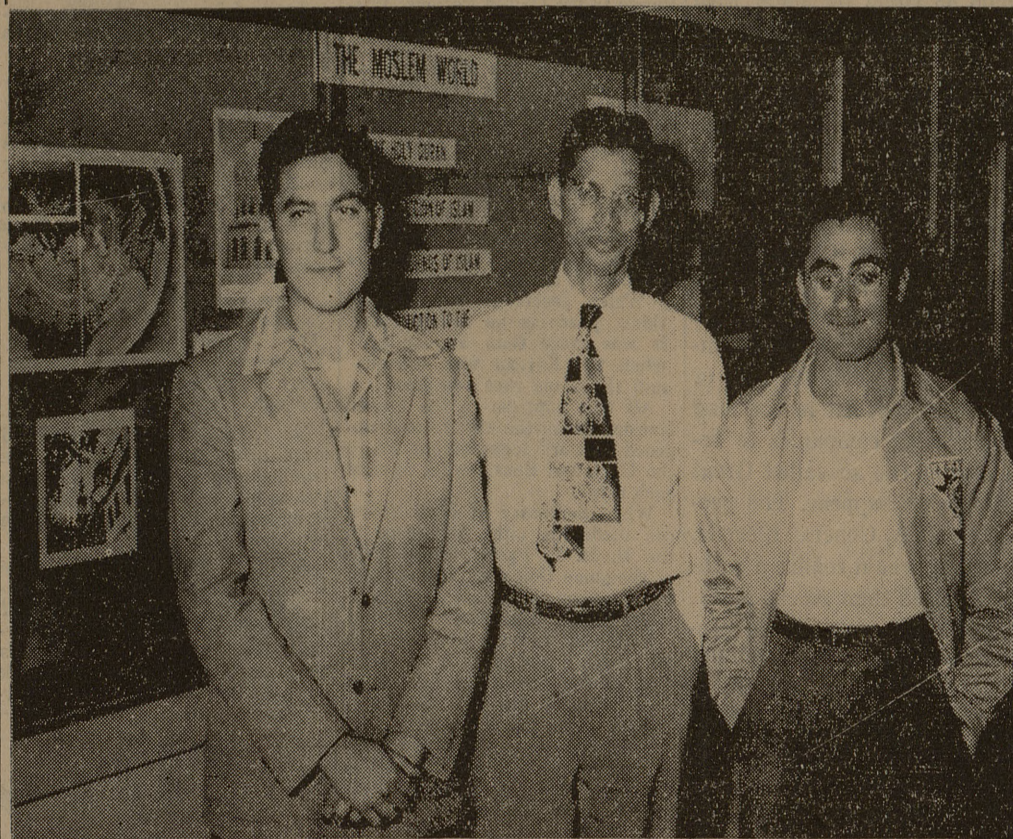
Behind all of these characters is a man named Kelly—Walt Kelly to be exact. In his biography, he says, he was born in Bridgeport, Conn. Bridgeport refuses to make a comment.

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By Walt Kelly



Panel Discussion



Members of a three man panel of Moslem Students line up in front of a display made up by the Browning Library Committee. They are, left to right, Mazen Abdel Hadi, Abdullah Kahn, and Aly

Lashleen. Hadi is a graduate student from Palestine, Kahn is from Pakistan and Lashleen is from Egypt. They spoke to a group in the MSC Assembly Room last night.

Armor to Raise Bonfire Flag, Senior Class Votes

The Armor units won their fight to fly the flag on this year's bonfire at a special meeting of the Senior Class last night.

By an overwhelming majority, the seniors agreed to uphold the recommendation of the Traditions Committee. This committee suggested the Armor be allowed to fly the flag.

Bob Langford, chairman of the committee, explained that he and others on the committee had contacted ex-students, looked in old copies of the Longhorn, and Battalion and spoken to several people who had been on the campus for many years.

"Some of these people," Langford said, "told us the Jocks had put their flag on the bonfire for a long time. Others said they could remember flags on the bonfire but couldn't say for sure which outfit had put them there."

Langford added "We also talked to 'Mom' Claghorn at the hospital. She told us the Jocks flew their flag back in the 1920's and '30's."

Armor Won Fights

That was the time, he explained, when the Armor, then the Cavalry, was one of the largest units on the campus.

"They had fights to see which outfit flew the flag," Langford said, "and the Cavalry always won."

Before the vote was held, Ed-to Sick told the class the Armor units would agree to follow any ruling the class made on the issue.

Other matters discussed included bonfire committees, and a provision to make a senior privilege to take soft drink bottles outside the dormitories.

Bonfire Committees

Committee chairmen for the bonfire work are: Chico Mason, wood cutting; John Storrie, center pole; Bob Chapman, communications; James Lehman, refreshments; Bob Dunn, guard duty; and Ted Stevens, transportation.

Stevens issued a call for trucks to help take men to the wood cutting area and bring the lumber in to the campus.

"The landscape department has one truck which does nothing but

Yell Practice Set Tonight in Grove

Midnight yell practice will be held tonight at 11:30 in the Grove.

Low Jobe, head yell leader said Thursday. The band will fall out about 15 minutes before that time and lead Aggies to yell practice.

Aggies, SMU Battle To Escape SWC Cellar

By ED HOLDER
Battalion Sports Writer

Aggies Form T For SMU Game Tomorrow

Probably the biggest T in A&M's history will be formed Saturday afternoon on Kyle Field between halves of the A&M-SMU football game. Approximately 4,000 Aggies are expected to participate in the formation.

Four minutes before the end of the first half, Lew Jobe, head yell leader, said seniors will begin forming on the track. Because of the box seats set on the track, it will be necessary to form participants in two columns, he said.

Column 1 will be formed at the north end of the track, facing south while Column 2 will form at the south end of the track, facing south. Each column will be nine men wide.

When all men are formed into the two columns, Jobe said, they will march toward each other, turning out to the field. This will form an 18 man front on the field.

Aside from being the biggest T in A&M history, a feature, used in the 1930's will be used Saturday. Each man in the formation will hold a red cloth in his right hand and a white handkerchief in his left.

These cloths will be held over the head when the T yells are given.

If the T is formed smoothly, Jobe said, the Aggieland will take a color picture. This picture, which will cost about \$1,000 to produce, will be printed in The Aggieland 1952.

Mooney Melodies Move Saturday Nite Dancers

By BILL STREICH
Battalion News Editor

A superstitious, genial Irishman, formerly a linetype operator, but today one of the most popular orchestra leaders in the nation, will be on the stage of Sbsa Hall tomorrow night when the second all college dance of the year gets underway.

The dance begins at 9 p. m. and will be preceded by a concert, played by the Mooney Band in Guion Hall at 7:30 p. m.

Although hard to believe, Mooney was at first reluctant to make a recording of the sensational hit, "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover." However, Fate stepped in and the Detroit ex-serviceman reluctantly agreed to make the recording.

He wasn't disappointed either. The song was a hit almost overnight, selling 1,000,000 copies. The record, by actual surveys, became the most played record on American juke boxes.

Another Hit

Encouraged by what he considered a tremendous reception to his first effort, Mooney began planning a follow up to his success. The second time, wasn't long in the recording stages before it too was a hit.

That was "Baby Face," like "Four Leaf Clover," a tune written several years before but never a success.

Mooney is the type boss who has the concern of his employees at heart. When the band travels by bus at night, he sits up with the driver, making sure he stays awake.

Also, the "lucky Irishman" believes in giving newcomers to the entertainment field a chance to get a start. Fran Warren, sena-

tional vocalist, got her first job singing with the Mooney aggregation. Others he has helped are the DeMarco Sisters and the Ames Brothers.

Resembles Waring

If dancers tomorrow night notice any resemblance between Mooney's renditions and those of Fred Waring, it will come as no surprise to the ex-serviceman from Detroit.

Mooney is a great admirer of the Waring style of choral and comedy patter and uses many of his musical adaptations.

The popular orchestra leader and his band have appeared in such nationally known night spots as the Capitol, Roxy, and Strand in New York City; the Downtown in Detroit, and the Palace in Cleveland.

In addition to the friendliness and pleasing music of Irishman Art, other featured performers in the orchestra are Alan Foster, Kerwin Somerville and Johnny Romano.

3 Regiments Hold Joint Ball Tonight

Something new in the manner of choosing a dance sweetheart will be instituted tonight at the Band, Seventh Regiment, and Composite Regiment Ball. The dance begins at 9 p. m. in Sbsa Hall.

Instead of selecting sweetheart candidates in the usual manner—by judging pictures—members of the three units will pick finalists from girls attending the ball.

These girls will be judged by a committee made up of college and military officials attending the dance.

Honor of kissing the sweetheart has not yet been determined, but it is certain one of the three regimental commanders will be on hand to continue the custom.

Committee chairman for the dance are Don Young and Chick Russek.

There will be refreshments at the dance, Young said, and seniors in other regiments who have dates may attend.

Tickets for the dance will be on sale at the door and are priced at \$1, stag or drag.

This game also promises to be another battle between a passing squad and a running team, since the Cadets have the best SWC record in yards gained rushing.

Glenn Lippman, Aggie halfback, leads all conference ground gainers, but should have a rough time bucking the defensive wall of the Ponies.

The Mustangs boast one of the top defensive records in the SWC. They have allowed opponents only 302 yards in their two conference games.

But the Aggies aren't completely out of the aerial picture. Quarterback Ray Graves of the Cadets holds fourth place among leading passers in the SWC.

All-American Fullback Bob Smith and Halfback Billy Tidwell will fill their usual spots and add their power to the ground game for the Maroon and White.

In the SMU backfield with Beneners is one of the top pass receivers in the conference.

Benton Musslewhite is one of Benener's favorite targets, and has shown he can catch his share of passes. His record is 18 completed passes for a total of 258 yards.

Another top notch pass receiver will be at end for the Ponies. Ben White, three year letterman, will be one of the Aggies big worries as he threatens to break for a touchdown pass on every Mustang play.

However, Coach Ray George of the Aggies should come out with something to stop the deadly passing game of the Mustangs.

He will be hindered in his plans by an injury dotted defense. Bill Ballard, who ran defensive halfback against the Porkers last week, is out of the SMU game.

And Augie Saxe, starter at the first of the season in the defensive secondary, has been out since the Trinity University tilt.

Yale Lary and Charlie McDonauld will be two of the defenders in the backfield, but the third party is yet undecided upon.

In the line two of the nations top centers will meet. Dick Hightower of the Mustangs and Hugh (Gar) Meyer of the Aggies.

These two stalwarts each boast high standing records, and are both top contenders for All-American honors.

The Ponies will have their complete squad ready for the game while the Aggies will be suffering from the loss of W. T. Rush, starting offensive guard.

Rush was injured in the Baylor game, and although expected to be ready for tomorrow's tilt, he is still absent from the lineup.

Ballard and Saxe add to the injury list of the Cadets, but despite these casualties, nation wide predictions have rated the two teams about even, and have called for a close battle all the way.

Mr. Pass



Ranked as one of the nation's best passers, Fred Beneners will provide the big kick for the Mustangs' powerful aerial attack. The 6 ft. 3 in. back has received such praise as the comment Notre Dame's Coach Frank Leahy made following his battle with SMU. Beneners is "probably the greatest passer I have ever seen."