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A&M Muster Is Tomorrow

Starts at 4 P. M. In Front of MSC

One of A&M's most hallowed traditions, the annual Muster ceremony, will be enacted again tomorrow at 4 p. m. in front of the Memorial Student Center.

Gen. O. P. Weyland, class of '23 and commander of the tactical air force, will give the principal address at the ceremony, which will honor Aggies who have died since the last Muster.

About 7,000 persons are expected to attend the 40-minute ceremony. Classes will be dismissed at 4 p. m. tomorrow to allow all students to participate.

O. T. Hotchkiss of Port Arthur, class of '24 and president of the Former Students association, will also make a talk at the ceremony.

Corps Chaplain Conrad Cummings will give the invocation after the A&M band has played "The Star Spangled Banner." Colonel of the Corps Frank Ford will speak, and the Singing Cadets will sing "The Twelfth Man."

History Told

Student Senate President Jerry Ramsey will tell the history of the Muster tradition and President David H. Morgan will introduce Weyland.

After the audience joins the band in "The Spirit of Aggie Land," Head Yell Leader Howard Childers will give the "roll call for the absent."

'Here'

An Aggie buddy will answer "here" as the name is called of each student who died.

The roll call will be followed with a rifle salute by the Ross Volunteers and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the Singing Cadets. Silver Taps will close the ceremony.

The Muster ceremony, held on the anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, also honors the Texans who won their independence there in 1836.

More Than 400

It is also the gathering time for A&M students all over the world, with more than 400 Muster scheduled this year, including ceremonies in Lima, Peru; and Nepal.

Perhaps the most famous Muster was the one held on Corregidor a few hours before it fell to the Japanese in the first days of World War II.

The parent Muster here tomorrow will be broadcast over the Texas State Network.

In case of bad weather, the ceremony will be held in the White coliseum.

Movie Set Friday

"Thirteen Rue Madeline", an American movie starring James Cagney and Richard Conte, is scheduled by the MSC Film society Friday at 7:30 p. m.



Gen. O. P. Weyland
Muster Speaker



LAST DETAILS—Members of the Muster committee gather around Chairman Charlie Seely, sitting, to work out the last details of the annual ceremony. Standing, left to right, are Bob Alcock, Tony Specia, John Benefield, Gus Mijalis and Glenn Stubblefield.

Exchange Store Opens New Book Shop

A&M students can now buy their books like their mothers buy groceries.

The Exchange store has opened a self-service, supermarket-type book store, the first in Texas and one of 150 in the country, said Carl Birdwell, store manager.

The new book store, which joins the old store, features shelves of books arranged by school, then by course in alphabetical order.

Birdwell said the new arrangement would be most useful during the first-of-the-semester rush, when all the students are buying books for new courses.

"All they have to do is come in the store, walk past the book they want, pick it up, and take it to the cashier," he said.

Cy Jackson is manager of the book department, and will have two full-time cashiers to help him. More cashiers will be hired during the rush times, Birdwell said.

The Exchange store will also ask the A&M System board of directors for permission to use \$65,000 of the store's funds to renovate and refixture the main store, which will complete the two-year face-lifting job on the store.

The request will be made at the board's meeting Saturday.

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Who Believes In Signs Anyway

The population of Bryan varies with the road on which one enters town.

The sign near the circle at College Station lists the population as 18,072. All other city limit signs read 23,883.

According to the Bryan Chamber of Commerce, the 18,072 figure is for the 1950 census. A new sign will be erected as soon as the Highway Department gets around to it.

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Civilians Draft Weekend Activities

Except for minor details, the final program for the Civilian Student weekend May 13 and 14 was drawn up yesterday by the planning committee.

The only details to be worked out are the prices of the supper Friday night, May 13, and some of the judges for the contests.

Other activities planned for May 13 are a tug-of-war between dormitories starting at 5:30 p. m. on the field next to the Grove. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Barbecue Set

After the tug-of-war, a barbecue will begin at the Grove and will be 6:30 and 7:30. The menu will be barbecued baby beef, potato chips, beans, bread, onions, pickles and iced tea. Cold drinks will be available at a concession stand.

Price for the meal will be about 60 or 70 cents, and will be set by the committee today. All tickets will be sold in advance, and will be available from dormitory representatives and at the office of student activities.

During the meal entertainment will be furnished by the Aggie Ramblers and the African Combo.

Contest Judging

The beard-growing contest will also be judged at this time, and prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners in two classes—fanciest and scrougiest. Judges will be the Aggie Sweetheart, two girl cheerleaders from Rice, and a girl cheerleader from Lamar Tech.

Saturday, May 14, is the date for the Civilian Student dance. Admission will be \$1.50, stag or couple. During the intermission of the dance there will be a floor show, and winner of the ugly man contest will be chosen from five finalists.

Rules for this contest were changed by the committee, and they decided to have each entrant submit a picture by May 9. Pictures may be turned in to civilian

councilmen or at the office of student activities. Five finalists will be chosen from the pictures, and these will compete at the dance.

Judges of the finalists will be a member of the staff of the Daily Texan, University of Texas newspaper; Bill Lawrence, constable of Snook; and one other judge to be picked soon.

The next meeting of the planning committee will be Tuesday in the assembly of the YMCA.

Town Hall Names Shows On Next Year's Schedule

The Town Hall selection committee has named seven shows—at a total cost of \$17,600—for next year's Town Hall series.

The committee also set up a reserved seat plan for White coliseum, where the shows will be held.

Shows named and the dates were: Fiesta Mexicana, Oct. 10 or 11; Robert Shaw Chorale, Oct. 19; popular attraction, November or December; "Tonight—Lincoln vs. Douglas," November or December; Philharmonic Piano Quartet, Dec. 6; Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants, March 22; a Texas symphony orchestra, February.

All of these attractions and the dates are tentative, said C. G. (Spike) White, director of recreation and entertainment. Booking agents must be contacted on most of them, he said.

If the door sales are good next

year, White said, another attraction may be booked as a bonus.

The reserved seat plan for all Town Hall performances sets aside the first 10 rows of the folding chairs on the floor and the first 12 rows of five sections on the press box side of the coliseum.

At Extra Cost

Reserved seats will be available to both students and non-students at \$2 more per season ticket than the regular price.

The regular student season ticket, included in the activity fee, will be either \$2 or \$2.60. Non-student season ticket will be \$6. For student wives and students not paying the activity fee, the regular season ticket will cost \$4.

White said an effort would be made to sell season tickets to as many people as possible in surrounding towns. The seating capacity of the coliseum has made this possible he said.

Non-student tickets will probably not be on sale until next fall, he said, but anyone who wishes more information can send their name and address to the student activities office here to be put on the mailing list.

Members of the selection committee are Conrad Cummings, Wallace Eversberg, Bill Johnson, Holman King, Joe Sorrels, Carl Tishler, Bill Turner, Pat Wheat, and White.

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Election Filings Close at 5 Today

Filings for general election positions close at 5 p. m. today. Positions open are Student Senate, Student Publications board, Civilian Student Life committee members, civilian yell leader.

The election is scheduled for April 27 in the Memorial Student Center post office area.

MSS-2 Scheduled For May Release

The 1955 edition of MSS-2 is ready to begin printing and it will probably be published about the middle of May, said Bill Willis, editor of the manuscripts.

MSS-2 is composed of unpublished works representative of the writing done by A&M students. The book is published by the English club and is in its second year of publication.

This year's publication will have five or six short stories, some poems, an article about a fifth-year architecture project, and other articles.

Winners of this year's prizes are Raymond R. Stevens, short stories; C. M. Farmer, best poem; and P. M. Terrill, cover design.



Weather Today

The weather outlook for today is cloudy with scattered thunder showers throughout the day.

Yesterday's high was 84, low 66. The temperature at 10:45 this morning was 78.

Staff Members Attend Meeting

Three staff members will appear on the 39th annual program of the Texas Folklore society at the University of Texas Friday and Saturday.

They are Dr. John Q. Anderson of the English department; Miss Sadie Hatfield, homestead improvement specialist with the agricultural extension service, and Sid Cox of the English department.

Highlight of the meeting will be a dinner Saturday night honoring J. Frank Dobie, Texas author.

MSC Group

Radio Hobby Aids Defense Program

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With the emphasis being put more and more on civil defense, a group of A&M students are doing their part by using their hobby—radio.

The Memorial Student Center Radio group is part of this area's Mutual Aid Network of the civil defense program. Their job is to get aid and emergency equipment to the scene of a disaster, including nuclear attacks on major Texas cities.

The group was formerly headed by Wayne Leverkusen, who is also a radio operator for the main control center of the Houston civil defense setup. Leverkusen is not only active in civil defense, but he spends some of his time trying to interest others in it also. He is a qualified civil defense instructor.

Aids Waco Disaster

The only disaster in which the MSC group has aided was the Waco tornado in 1953. The radio group stayed on the air for 32 consecutive hours taking messages.

"Our main duty was getting Bryan air force base to fly up emergency generators," Leverkusen said. "We also got some student volunteers to aid in the rescue work at Waco."

Civil defense is only one of the radio group's projects. The most familiar job to many of the students is the "emergency phone home" service.

The service works something like this:

A student tells the radio opera-

tor the name, city, and phone number of the person he wants to call. The operator then contacts a "ham" in the city, tells him what number he wants, and the "ham" calls the

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IT'S LIKE THIS—Wayne Leverkusen, past president of the Memorial Student Center Radio group, shows some of the finer points of transmitter operation to Tom Speed, sophomore from Springtown. Leverkusen combines his radio hobby with civil defense work both here and in Houston, his hometown.