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Miss Mathilda Tillie Hollas Aggies Named Her 'Tillie the Toiler'

## 'A Good Place'

## Visit Here in '40 Convinced 'Tillie'

By RALPH COLE  
Battalion Managing Editor

A local business operator who once visited College Station—and liked it—now calls this her home for good.

Mathilda Tillie Hollas, owner and operator of the A&M Alteration Shop at the North Gate, visited her brother, who lives in Bryan, and at the suggestion of her mother decided "this would be a good place to live."

Miss Hollas, an old maid who "isn't afraid to admit it," came here from Weimar, Texas in 1940. She first started working in a cafe for \$11 a week and by 1945 was earning \$15 a week with the same establishment.

**Sorted Pickles**  
Before coming here, Miss Hollas had a job in a pickle factory sorting number three size pickles from other sizes. After three years of sorting, salting and packaging pickles, she became a "general flunky" at a hotel in Weimar.

"I did everything from cook to work in the office at nights," the 55-year-old woman said. "I waited tables and 'slung hash' for five

years," she added. She was nicknamed "Tillie the Toiler" by Aggies and is quite proud of the honor. Her greatest loves are for football, cooking and crocheting.

"I lose my thumb nail every year," she said. "In 1945, when a lot of sailors and marines were here, I ran a needle through my thumb and ever since I've lost my nail every year."

The nail had to be lanced three times in 1954. Miss Hollas says she thinks it is caused by unbuttoning so many shirts every year.

**Serious Operation**  
In 1950, she had a serious operation which kept her out of work for three months. A good friend took over the shop until she was able to return. She was in the hospital twice, before the operation, with pneumonia.

Tillie started in the alteration business with only one sewing machine. She now has a "Necchi Machine" which is used to make stripes and guidons. She has made several flags for different outfits over the campus and has

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## Ag Quintet Entertains Longhorns Tonight at 8

### Downs Major Threat To Upset-Minded Ags

By RONNIE GREATHOUSE  
Battalion Sports Editor

Upset-minded A&M tries to bridle the skillful shooting of Raymond Downs and his tall Texas Longhorns tonight at 8 in White Coliseum in a crucial Southwest Conference encounter.

A&M enters tonight's fracas with a 1-2 slate in conference games. The horns stand 0-3 in SWC warfare.

Texas, after dropping three straight conference games must win tonight or lose hope of a share in the SWC crown. A&M is also facing a "must" situation, having lost its last two league outings.

Led by Downs, a sensational 6-5 forward who makes an art out of scoring, the Steers have won six games and dropped seven over the season. Currently, Downs is third among loop scorers in both season and conference contests. He has fashioned 317 points in 13 games for a 24 point average.

A&M's George Mehaffey ranks next to the Longhorn marksman in SWC play with 58, good enough for fourth place among the scoring leaders. Downs is only two points above him with 60. George has dunked 156 points in season action.

### Aggie Players Present Play Next Week

"The Importance of Being Earnest" will be presented Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by the Aggie Players in the Memorial Student Center ballroom, each performance starting at 8 p.m.

Vie Wining of the English Department is directing the play and will take the part of Algernon Moncrief. C. K. Esten, faculty advisor to the Players, is assistant director.

Other members of the cast are Mary Tanguy, Judy Henry, Kenneth George, Chris Pavelka, Don Fisher, Gene Logan, Hugh Lanktree and Pete Justice.

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Admission is 50 cents for students and 75 cents for adults.

SEASON RECORDS		TEXAS	
A&M	Points	Points	Games
43 Tulsa	48	85 West Texas	73
69 Vanderbilt	79	59 Okla. A&M	66
71 Memphis St.	84	66 Phillips 66	92
73 LSU	89	58 Okla. A&M	61
85 Tulane	66	91 Phillips 66	108
44 Houston	78	83 Auburn	76
81 Rice	110	86 Mississippi	72
59 TCU	67	66 TCU	66
49 Arkansas	80	72 Rice	80
90 Baylor	70	71 USC	63
77 Rice	89	67 TCU	73
68 SMU	97	63 SMU	66
		67 Arkansas	70

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## Square Dance, Peanut Sale Set Tomorrow

Doors will open at 7:30 tomorrow night for the March of Dimes Dance in DeWare Field House. There is no admission price and everyone is invited to either participate or come and watch.

Two squares of dancers from San Antonio, pupils from Manning Smith's classes, some Aggies and a group of pre-school children will put on exhibitions at the dance which starts at 8.

Several College Station and Bryan merchants have donated refreshments and concessions, not to be sold but on a voluntary contribution basis. Money taken in from contributions at the dance and for concessions will go to the local March of Dimes campaign.

J. T. Kent, chairman of the 1956 drive, will explain how dimes and dollars are put to use during intermission at the dance tomorrow night. Those present will have an opportunity to contribute at this time.

The March of Dimes dance originated in 1949 at Bryan Field. Each year the contributions have steadily grown and last year, \$620 was raised for the March of Dimes campaign.

The Bryan Young Married Couples Club, Bryan Recreational Club, BAFB Club and the Do-Si-Do's are cooperating in holding the dance.

Through the united efforts of both College Station and Bryan volunteers, peanuts will be sold on downtown Bryan street corners tomorrow. Home-made cakes will be sold at the Ridgecrest Shopping Center Jan. 21. The money will go to the drive.

## Exam Schedule

Final examination schedule for this semester is as follows:

- Classes meeting WMF8, Monday, 8-11 a. m.
- Classes meeting TThS8, Monday, 1-4 p. m.
- Classes meeting MWF9, Tuesday, 8-11 a. m.
- Classes meeting MWF1, Tuesday, 1-4 p. m.
- Classes meeting MWF10, Wednesday, 8-11 a. m.
- Classes meeting TTh1, Wednesday, 1-4 p. m.
- Classes meeting TThS10, Thursday, 8-11 a. m.
- Classes meeting MWF2, Thursday, 1-4 p. m.
- Classes meeting MWF11, Friday, 8-11 a. m.
- Classes meeting ThS11, Friday, 1-4 p. m.
- Classes meeting TThS9, Saturday, 8-11 a. m.
- Classes meeting TTh2, Saturday, 1-4 p. m.

## Confessed Slayer Faces Grand Jury

Edward Menter, confessed slayer of Aggie Senior Jan David Broderick, will go before the Grand Jury in Waller County next Wednesday, according to the Hempstead Sheriff's Office.

Menter, a former mental patient, is being held in the fatal shooting which occurred on Dec. 30, near Hempstead. Broderick was from the Panama Canal Zone.

## Student Struck By Polio; In Austin Hospital

A 21-year-old Aggie senior is in critical condition in Breckenridge Hospital at Austin, having been struck down with paralytic and bulbar polio.

Thomas William Taylor, building products and marketing major from Rocksprings, was taken to the Austin hospital Wednesday, after Dr. J. E. Marsh, head of the College Hospital, had diagnosed his case as polio, the first case this year in Brazos County.

Taylor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Taylor, had gone to Houston last weekend to see his girl friend, and had become ill while there. A doctor in that city told him that he had the flu. His girl friend brought him back to school Tuesday night. He entered the hospital and Dr. Marsh made his diagnosis Wednesday.

Although he is not in a respirator at the present, one is being kept close at hand in case it becomes necessary. The right side of his body is partially paralyzed. Latest word yesterday on Taylor's condition was that he was doing as well as could be expected, but still is in critical condition.

Dr. Marsh said it was a policy of the college hospital to send seriously-ill patients to a specialist, where the proper treatment is available. The Austin hospital had a room and a respirator available at the time Taylor became sick, so he was sent there. His parents were waiting at the hospital when he arrived.

A collection for the March of Dimes will be taken up in Taylor's name during half-time at Friday night's basketball game between A&M and the University of Texas.

## What Would Your Mom Or Gal Say?

Civilian students: If you want a beard showing in the Aggieband '56, don't read this.

All civilian students who plan to be in the beard-growing contest for the civilian weekend, and who plan to have their picture in the class section of the year book, should disregard the picture schedule as set up and have their photograph taken immediately at the Aggieband Studio—before the chin whiskers get too long.

To aid the studio, Aggieband Editor Kurt Nauck said that pictures should be made between 8 a. m. and 12 noon, if possible.

Look shaggy for all generations—we don't care.

## Poll Tax Payment Due Before Jan. 31

Brazos County poll tax must be paid by Jan. 31, according to Marjorie E. Burkhalter, tax collector of Brazos County.

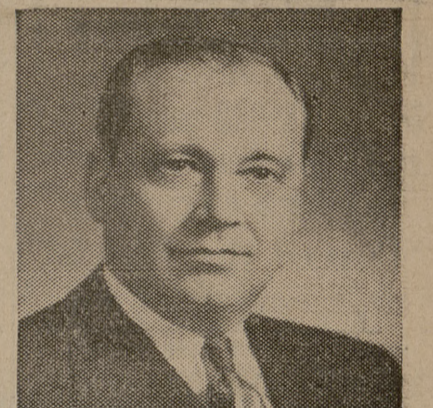
The poll tax may be paid in College Station at the Memorial Student Center and, after Jan. 20, at the College Station State Bank.

In the MSC the tax may be paid in the Social and Educational Department from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a. m. to noon on Saturday. The tax is \$1.75, of which, 50 cents goes to the state, 25 cents to the county and \$1 to the county schools.

A voter must pay his poll tax in the county in which he resides in order to vote.

## CORRECTION

The Battalion would like to correct a story which appeared in yesterday's paper concerning the introduction of guest at a Rotary meeting Wednesday. There were 37 persons introduced at the luncheon, 35 of which were senior air force ROTC graduates applying for regular commission. The story said 12 were introduced.



Finis E. Davis  
Lions Club Speaker

## Lions Director To Speak Here

An international director of Lions International is the main speaker of the Mid-Winter District 2-S3 conference of the Lions International to be held here Sunday.

Finis E. Davis, the international director, is from Louisville, Ky., and has been a director since July, 1954. He had previously been chairman of the Board of Governors.

More than 40 Lions Clubs in this district will participate in the conference which will be held in the Memorial Student Center. Charles H. Young, district governor from Kyle, is in charge of the conference.

## Two Students Win Droodle Prizes

John S. Wiseman and S. A. (Sandy) Schriber recently won \$25 cash prizes in the Lucky Strike droodle contests.

The retailers where the winners bought their cigarettes were awarded \$10 each. The retail prize money went to Lipscomb's Pharmacy and the Student Center.

## Film Available

The film, "We Are the Aggies", will be available for showing to high schools during the between semester recess. There are eight prints available for booking at any time before the holidays at the Student Activities office, second floor of Goodwin Hall. There is no charge for this service.

## Two Performances

## Symphony Set Monday

Town Hall will present a two-performance engagement of the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra Monday, with an afternoon show for students of Consolidated School, and the regular Town Hall presentation that night.

The matinee will start at 2 p. m., and will be held in Guion Hall. School will be held for all students who do not attend. All children in grades second through fifth will be taken to the program as a part of their school-day activities. Students in grades above the fifth will have to pay 50 cents each.

The night show will begin at 8 in White Coliseum. Admission is by Town Hall season tickets or by single admission tickets, now on sale at the Office of Student Activities.

## Film Society To Show Two Films

The MSC Film Society will present two films during the coming weekend.

Both pictures will be shown in the MSC ballroom.

This evening at 7:30 "With A Song In My Heart" starring Susan Hayward will be shown and Sunday afternoon at 2, "On The Riviera" with Danny Kaye in the starring role will be shown.

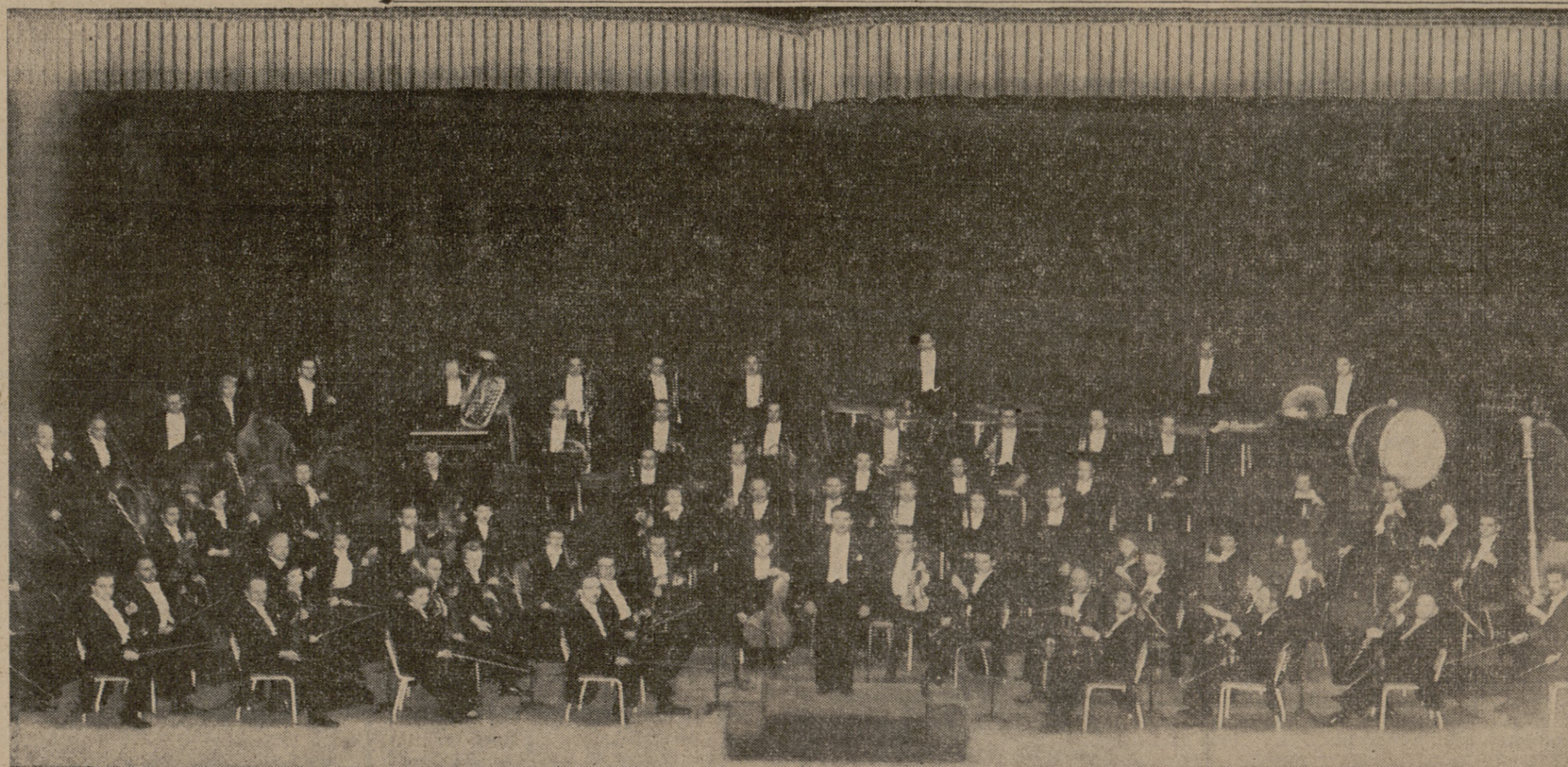
Admission tickets can be purchased at the door for 25 cents each or season tickets will be honored.

## Weather Today



CLEAR

Clear and little change in weather conditions is the forecast for College Station. Yesterday's high was 60 degrees with a low early this morning of 28 degrees. Temperature at 10:30 a. m. was 49 degrees.



San Antonio Symphony Orchestra