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One of the most frequent criticisms of the Cadet Corps is that they are a bunch of roughnecks. This is expressed in various ways and manners but usually always means the same thing. The argument is always advanced that the cadet acts in a perfectly gentlemanly manner while he is at home, so he should do the same thing here at A. and M. Probably the basic reason for his actions is that at home he is held to account personally for anything that he does, and here the whole Cadet Corps is held responsible by public opinion for the action of any of its members. Away from school, no one would blame the whole bunch of boys in a town for what only one or two of them had done. And yet a whole school is given a lower rating by the public for what only a few have done.

Or suppose a cadet's behavior as A. and M. is less creditable than at home. Why should it be? At home he is known by a large number of people who would be hurt or lose their good opinion of him if they saw him doing anything which they would consider very poor judgement. At A. and M., he is known by very few people except other students, and he feels that he can do anything without being hurt individually. The Cadet Corps takes the blame. And so there are many very thoughtless acts by students happening every day. It would seem that a possible remedy for this might be for the people of College Station and Bryan to get better acquainted with the students and make them feel that some one was watching their progress here and taking an interest in them. For instance, some cadet took the valve out of a spare tire at the game last Friday night. Would this have happened if that student had thought that the owner of that car was really his friend and interested in his welfare? There seems to be a tendency in the Cadet Corps to feel that the College and Bryan people are wholly indifferent to them if not slightly against

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PLANS FOR THE R. V. FESTIVITIES ARE UNDER WAY

Week After Easter is Selected For
The Most Elaborate Dances of
the Year.

The Ross Volunteers met last Sunday afternoon on the second floor of the "Y" to discuss plans for the dances and drills which are to feature the annual festivities of the company at Eastertime. The committees which are in charge of the plans for the three dances and the banquet were enthusiastic in the discussion of how the festivities this year could be made distinctive and elaborate.

Three dances are to be given this year, as is customary. They are R. V. Hop, the Queen's Ball, and the Corps Dance. At the Queen's Ball the King and Queen of the three days' celebration are crowned. At the meeting Sunday, Jack Finks, 2nd Lieutenant of the Ross Volunteers, was selected to be the King of the festivities this spring. No definite plans for the coronation or pageant have been made, but this feature of the Queen's Ball always adds a touch of regal splendor and color. The committee in charge of securing the music for the dances is considering several well-known orchestras, and the decoration committee will soon be deciding upon a way to veritably transform the mess hall into a fairland of color and beauty.

The 23rd, 24th, and 25th of April will be designated as the days for the R. V. Festivities. These days are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and are therefore the most logical time for the celebrations. No actually definite dates have been decided upon yet, however.

The drills, always full of military dash and precision, and showy because of the unusual manouevers and dazzling white uniforms worn by the Ross Volunteers, will be outstanding this spring. The entire organization will start drilling soon after the new term begins, in preparation for the drills for which the Ross Volunteers are widely-known.

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TEXT ON PECAN BY DEAN KYLE TO APPEAR SOON

Advanced Orders Indicate That Book
Will Fill a Great Need of
Horticulturists.

Evidence of the great need for information and guidance in the development of the pecan industry of the South is seen by E. J. Kyle, dean of the School of Agriculture in the insistent demand for copies of the book on "Pecan Culture" of which he is coauthor. He has received 150 orders for copies of the book from eight different states which have come from the announcement that the book would be published on January 20. Most of these purchasers in placing their orders declare that a book covering the entire field of pecan growing has been the greatest need of the industry for several years.

In his contribution to the book Dean Kyle worked two years and brought into his work the experience of twenty-two years as professor of horticulture of the A. & M. College. For the past eight years he has taught a complete course in pecan culture, the only college course in the world devoted exclusively to the science of pecan production. Election of this course by students has increased from two in the beginning to fifty in recent years. And from this course has come men who are most prominent in the dissemination of pecan culture information and demonstrators of the science in Texas and other states today.

The best students in this pecan course are given the opportunity of practical experience in connection with their college class and field laboratory work by being assigned to commercial orchards during their vacation periods for giving advice and demonstrations in planting, topworking or budding, cultivation and fertilization. In late years the students have done an extensive work in topworking the native trees with buds of improved varieties and covering them from bearers of small, low

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