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## Rumors Fly On Floyd's Replacement

### Former Student Named To Take Way's Place

Col. Henry Dittman, an A&M former student of the class of '39, will take over as PAS here next fall, replacing Col. John A. Way. Dittman, who is now chief of staff of headquarters, air ROTC, will arrive here late in June, and Way will leave in August, said

Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant. Way has been selected to attend the air force's Industrial War college, a school for training in production, supply, and air force use of industry. Way has been PAS here for three years. Dittman is "very much interested

in this job as top man in A&M's air science department," Davis said.

He has attended the Asiatic Staff Officers course at Yale university, the Air War college, and the Manpower Management course at George Washington university. He is a senior pilot.

Dittman, who was known as "Pelly" as a student here, was a varsity football and track letterman, and was co-captain of the track team.

He was also a cadet major on the infantry regiment staff and president of the Tri-Cities club. He gave his home town as Goose Creek, La.

Davis remembered him as "a very fine cadet officer."

Dittman will be here March 25 and 26 for the Military day activities.



Col. John A. Way To Leave A&M In August

### Cooperation Asked

## Zinn Issues Plea

Bennie Zinn, head of the college's Accident Prevention committee, yesterday made a plea for more cooperation in the reporting of accidents and accident hazards. "Getting reports in is our biggest problem," Zinn said. "We have to know about hazards before we can do anything about them."

Each department on the campus has an accident prevention representative, and each of these representatives is charged with the responsibility for reporting accidents and hazards in his area.

Also, each member of the accident prevention committee is to check on a general area of the campus, and cadet officers are to check on their dormitory area.

When the reports of hazards are turned in to Zinn, he compiles them and sends them to the physical plants department, the buildings and campus utilities department, or whatever department should handle the corrections.

"The corrections are made soon after the reports are turned in," Zinn said, "but we have to have the reports. Only a small percentage of the accidents or hazards are reported."

## Corps Juniors Get Orientation Series

The first of a series of orientation programs for all corps juniors was given yesterday in Guion hall, with the colonel of the corps and the regimental and wing commanders talking to the juniors on cadet life and discipline.

The series will have three or four sessions, said Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, with talks on leadership and other phases of military life.

The plan is being used to give as many as possible of next year's seniors orientation lessons, and will not replace the week-long pre-school orientation held for cadet commanders each year, Davis said.

The report form given to the department representatives to guide them in making reports contains a safety check list for them to use in evaluating their departments.

## News of the World

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
WASHINGTON—The Eisenhower administration won yesterday in its Senate fight to defeat a Democratic proposal for a low-bracket income tax cut next year. The vote was 50 to 44 with five Democrats joining with 45 Republicans to defeat the tax cut. The House had previously passed a measure giving everybody a \$20 income tax cut, and Democrat leaders there are expected to fight for their plans.

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NEW YORK—The stock market made strong gains yesterday, regaining much of Monday's losses, which had been the biggest drop in a single day in five years.

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WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Dulles has declared that if President Eisenhower decides on a defense of the Chinese offshore islands against Communist attack, the U. S. might use small atomic weapons in carrying out the order. He said that there are baby atomic weapons which can be aimed with great precision and which create no dangerous radiation problems for civilians.

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WASHINGTON—An army officer who handled the papers in the promotion of Dr. Irving Peress, Maj. Floyd Van Syckle jr., told Senate probes he overlooked information that Peress was under security investigation.

### King Cotton Named For Ball, Pageant

Joe Bob Snodgrass has been elected King Cotton for the 21st annual Cotton ball and pageant to be held in G. Rollie White coliseum April 29.

Members of his court will be Jesse Russell, Eugene Bockholt, Murray Milford, Al Keith, seniors; Bob Butchek, Holman Griffin, Al Taylor, juniors; and Lyle Lovelace, sophomore.

Beverly Braley of Bryan will assist in the selection of Queen Cotton and her court from a group of 32 T.S.C.W. students the last weekend in March or the first of April. There will be eight selected from each class by the student body for the king and his court to choose from. One queen and eight duchesses will be chosen from the group.

### Research Program To Begin Soon

Two research assistants have been named by the range and forestry department to work on a project in livestock and wildlife management, according to Dr. V. A. Young, head of the department.

The two men, Harold E. Grelen and Morton May were named to help in a cooperative project with the Texas State Game and Fish commission.

Grelen was formerly with the Trans-Pecos Soil Conservation District and received his degree here in 1952.

### 4,500 Interviews

## Placement Office Keeps Busy

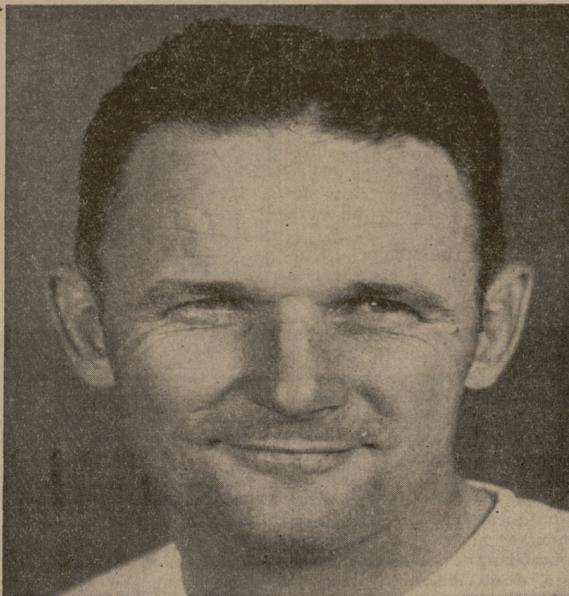
**By JON KINSLOW**  
Battalion Managing Editor

In the plain white building across from the Music hall, one of the busiest offices on the campus plays host to hundreds of business officials from throughout the nation.

In this building the oldest placement office in the Southwest is continually working to get Aggies the kind of jobs they want.

Headed by Wendell R. Horsley, the office handles about 4,500 job interviews each year, involving from 200 to 300 companies. Horsley said that since Feb. 7 his office has been visited by an average of 30 companies a week. Each company interviewed between 12 and 20 students a day.

**Demand In Electronics**  
"The greatest demand is in the field of electronics," he said, "but most of the companies want men with experience." Next in line are chemistry, physics and accounting, he added.



Basketball Coach John Floyd Resigns Aggie Post

## Combat Ball Dress Is Battle Attire

The Aggieband orchestra, featuring Rocky Arnold as vocalist, will dress in battle attire of fatigues and helmet liners when they play for the fourth annual Combat ball in Sbis hall March 25.

Admission to the dance will be free to all members of the combat arms, said Bill Utsman, co-chairman of the dance.

He explained that the ball made a profit of over \$600 last year, and the money was left in a student activities fund for this year's dance.

Air force seniors with dates may attend for a \$1 contribution to the combat arms fund.

Committee chairmen for the dance are program publication, Stanley Josephson; guest, Ralph Benton; finance, Don Dowling; entertainment, Howard Childers; decoration, Bubba Keyser; tickets, Dave Williams; publicity, Don Shepard; orchestra, Paul Gentry.

The program committee will select a group from the artillery, armor, infantry, and engineer units to perform for the intermission floor show.

Military guests will dress as prisoners of war, and civilian guests as displaced persons.

Cadets will wear fatigues and helmet liners. Their dates are to

dress as French peasants. Utsman asked that all cadets and guests wear the proper costume to the ball. Those wearing other than the specified array will not be admitted to the dance.

### Free Chest X-Rays To Start Tuesday

Chest x-rays will be given free March 22 and 25 and March 28 and 29 at the Memorial Student Center. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., except for the noon hour.

The x-ray is provided by the Texas State Department of Health, and local sponsors are the Brazos County Medical society, Bryan-Brazos Health unit and Brazos County Tuberculosis association. Local expenses will be paid by Christmas seal funds.

X-rays are now being given in Bryan at McCulloch-Dansby company. J. M. Lawrence III is general chairman for the x-ray survey of the county. W. L. Penberthy is chairman for College Station, and Mrs. Walter Delaplaine is chairman of College Station volunteer workers. Local churches will provide workers for each day the unit is here.

### MSS Two Winners To Be Named Soon

Names of the top three winners in the short story contest for the MSS Two booklet will be released soon, according to R. W. Feragen, advisor.

A committee has already selected the three best entries out of the 20 which were submitted, but the 20 poems received by the department are still under consideration, Feragen said.

A \$10 prize will be awarded to the writer of the best short story and composer of the best poem, Feragen said.

Publication date of the booklet is expected to be sometime before Mothers Day.

### 'Several' Prospects Being Considered

By JERRY WIZIG  
Battalion Sports Editor

Speculation today centers around the replacement of A&M basketball coach John Floyd, who resigned yesterday, effective Sept. 1 after five seasons here.

Paul Bryant, head football coach and athletic director, said "several" candidates are being considered but would not comment on them. He said the new coach would be named "as soon as we can."

Some informed sources believe the new coach is now close to being hired or has already agreed to sign. An aura of mystery surrounds his name, however.

Rumors during the basketball season stated that Johnny Dee, coach at Alabama, Bryant's alma mater, would come

here. However, guesses centered around a high school coach from Lexington, Ky., home of the University of Kentucky, where Bryant formerly coached.

In announcing Floyd's resignation yesterday afternoon, Bryant said, "Coach Floyd is a fine person, capable coach, and A&M college is grateful for his services and loyalty during his stay here."

Contacted by The Battalion, Floyd said, "No, I don't have anything else to say. They didn't publish my resignation." Floyd, who worked on a year-to-year basis, said he took it to Bryant about 2 p.m. yesterday. "I have been contemplating this ever since we quit basketball this season."

**Juniors Choose Sweetheart Saturday Night**  
The junior class sweetheart will be chosen Saturday night at intermission of the Junior Prom in the Memorial Student Center.

The five finalists are Peggy Prock of Columbia, Mo., submitted by Shannon Griggs; Sarah Barber of Dallas, submitted by Jack Lonquist; Becky Broyles of Longview, submitted by Dick Crews; Jo Ann Gilliland of Liberty, submitted by Lloyd Billingsley; and Mary Katherine Purl of Dallas, submitted by Wilson Hardy.

Three bands and file mignon will highlight the annual affair. Ernie Martellino and his combo, the Aggieband Combo and the Mel-lowstones from San Houston State Teachers college will play for the ball.

One combo will be in the main ballroom, one in the assembly room and one on the terrace.

Guest speaker for the occasion is A. O. Salinger, assistant southeast division sales manager for Humble Oil and Refining company.

### Short Course Set

A highway engineer's short course will be held here March 28 to April 1, sponsored by the civil engineering department. Fred J. Benson of the department is chairman for the meeting which will be held in the Memorial Student Center ballroom. Estimated attendance is 400.

### License Sales

The selling of 1955 automobile licenses in the Memorial Student Center will be continued through Saturday, according to Wayne Stark, MSS director. Purchasers should have their owner's certificate or their 1954 license papers.

**Tied First Season**  
John DeWitt, Floyd's assistant last season, now is playing professional baseball for Harlingen. Whether or not he returns next season presumably will be up to the new coach.

In the 1950-51 season, Floyd's first year here, A&M, sparked by Buddy Davis and Jewell McDowell, tied for the Southwest conference title with Texas and Texas Christian. It was the first time since 1923 the Aggies won or shared the crown.

In the next three seasons, however, the Cadets won 17 and lost 50, falling to come up with top-notch material. Last season they won four and lost 20, and were 1-11 in conference play.

**Stephenson's Book Used by 9 Schools**  
Henson K. Stephenson, research engineer in charge of the Texas Engineering Experiment station's structural research laboratory, has been notified by the D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., that the book he wrote with the late A. A. Jakkula, is now a text on nine college campuses.

The book, "Fundamentals of Structural Analysis", is now being used at Baltimore Junior college, University of Illinois, Marquette university, University of Missouri, Missouri School of Mines, New England college, San Francisco State college, Texas Western college and the University of Vermont.

### Weather Today

The weather outlook for today is continued cloudy with light rains, clearing in the afternoon. The temperature will be cooler today and tomorrow.

Yesterday's high was 78, the low was 69. The temperature at 10:15 this morning was 57.