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## R. V. PROGRAM IS COMPLETED

Three Dances, Banquet, and Drill to Follow

Preparations for the Annual Ross Volunteer festivities are fast drawing to a close. Work on the decorations is nearing completion, with the date not so very far away. Everything will be carried out in a modernistic idea including both the decorations and the King's court. Mr. Tootey Johnson has been chosen to wear the royal crown at the Queen's Ball to be held on Thursday, April 18th. The R. V. Hop will come on Friday, April 19th., followed by a corps dance on Saturday, the 20th. The banquet will be given on Friday afternoon in the mess hall.

Alphonso Trent's famous Black Aces will play for the dances and the banquet, Chairman Callahan has announced. Mr. Trent is returning south after a two year's sojourn in the east where his orchestra was employed at various night clubs, hotels ballrooms and universities. The fact that this orchest is real good was proven in 1927 when they played for the R. V.s. All twelve of 'em will be rarin' to go, Mr. Trent has assured us.

The dances are to be given by the Ross Volunteers, but they are not limited to them only. Any student remaining on the campus during the holidays is cordially invited to attend, and is practically assured of a good time.

## SPRING BAND CON. CERTS START SUNDAY

The first of the Sunday afternoon band concerts for the spring will be given on April 14. These concerts are a special feature of the Aggie Band and usually begin sometime in April and are given each Sunday afternoon throughout the rest of the season. The members of the band have a large repertoire to choose from and

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## IN MEMORIAM

In the expression of a deeper memory for, S. C. Southern a Freshman of A company. From those who have experienced the loss of a fellow Aggie and friend.

## PRESIDENT APPROVES PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

President Walton Endorses Plan, Proposed by the Senior Court, For Improving Student Living Conditions.

Dr. T. O. Walton, president of the college, when asked for his approval of a plan, drafted by the Senior Court of the Cadet Corps, for improving student living conditions, expressed himself as being heartily in favor of the proposed changes. He also told the Court that he would present the plan to the Board of Directors of the College at their next meeting, sometime in April, and that he would give it his active support at that time. President Walton seemed to think that the Board of Directors would approve it and that some of the changes could be made during the coming summer.

The plan, designed to do away with some of the undesirable features of college life that now exist at A. and M., had its inception some weeks ago when the subject of student living conditions came up for discussion at a meeting of the Senior Court. At that time it was believed that several desirable changes could be made at a relatively low cost. It was

decided to investigate and prepare a plan if it seemed feasible to do so. After considerable study, estimates were prepared by members of the Court, the plan was drafted in its final form and submitted to the President for final approval and support.

The plan is divided into three main parts. The first one deals with the dormitories as a whole. It is proposed to remodel the showers and toilets and to refloor the rooms and hallways. The second part deals with the rooms. It is proposed to refurnish them with a good grade of furniture and in addition to the present tables, chairs, and beds, install dressers, rugs, shades and curtains, and other articles that will make the rooms more suitable as living quarters. The third part deals with the method of financing these changes. It is proposed to defray their cost by increasing the maintenance fee approximately twelve dollars and

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## ENGINEERS PLAN INSPECTION TRIP

Every year the different Engineering departments allow the Senior and Junior students enrolled in their courses to go out into the industrial world and observe for a few days the development that is going on. This year the same thing is being done with the exception of the M. E. dept. which will not make plans for the Juniors to go anywhere.

The C. E. Dept. has scheduled it's trip from the 23rd. to the 26th. being arranged so that Senior students will have a chance to attend the A. S. C. E. in Dallas the 24th. and 25th. The Juniors will go with the Seniors to Waco leaving the night of the 22nd. and returning to College the night of the 23rd., while the Seniors will go to Dallas. Plans are being made by some Juniors to obtain furloughs to attend the Dallas meeting. Many places of importance pertaining to the different divisions of Civil Engineering will be inspected while on

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## JUNIORS PICK PROM COMMITTEES

It is the custom for the junior class every year to stage the Junior Prom, Junior Banquet and Final Ball. With the end of school drawing nigh, work has begun on the dances with the idea in mind to make them the best ever put on in the school. The Final Ball will be held on Monday night, the day before school is out, and the Junior Prom on the Friday before Monday. Although only Juniors and Seniors are invited to the Junior Prom, everyone may attend the Final Ball. The latter is always the largest dance of the year since it is the farewell dance.

The chairman of the Favors and Programs Committee is Mr. Walton Johnston; of the decoration committee, Mr. John Frank Day; of the Music Committee, Mr. Yale B. Grifis; of the Finance Committee, Mr. Hop Reynolds; of the Banquet Committee, Mr. Ralph Howe; of the Arrangements Committee, Mr. Wayne Anderson.

## PATTON CHOSEN VALEDICTORIAN

Lockhart Man Awarded High Honors By Class

Cadet Colonel William P. Patton, Jr., was chosen Tuesday afternoon to represent this year's Senior Class as valedictorian. He was selected for this, one of the highest honors which the class bestows upon its members, from a group of nine nominees, all of which were of high scholastic rating.

Patton, besides being widely known for his oratorical ability and general fluent flow of speech, is one of the highest honor students in the school, having been distinguished every year, and having amassed a total of 260 grade points to date. In addition to this, he is Cadet Colonel, Business Manager of the Battalion, President of the "Y" Council, and holds several other positions of importance on the campus.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Patton, of Lockhart, Texas, and is taking his degree in Agriculture this year.

The other nominees for this position were: William J. Fields, Jr., W. T. Coleman, E. G. Cook, C. K. Reese, O. W. Sommers, E. L. Andrews and James J. Loving.

## COLLEGE REPRESENTED AT JOURNALISM CONGRESS

At a meeting of the Southwest Journalism Conference held at Denton on April 4 and 5, A. & M. College was well represented both by faculty and students. Mr. Curtis Vinson, director of college publicity, made a talk to the conference on the work of that department here at school, stating that the purpose of the department was not to boost or sell the school but to inform the tax payers of the state of its activities. Mr. Vinson made it clear that it was absolutely necessary that both favorable and unfavorable news about the college should be published if we are to keep the faith and confidence of the newspapers of the state.

Mr. E. L. Andrews, editor-in-chief of the Battalion, gave an address and report on the National Intercollegiate Press Association and he was well prepared to give the facts of