

# THE BATTALION

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## Annual State Highway Short Course To Begin April 12; Two Hundred Engineers Are Expected to Attend

Interesting Program is Planned, Including Banquet To Be Held On Friday Night.

With ninety-five requests for reservations having already been received, the attendance this year is expected to be much larger than usual for the annual Highway Short Course given under the direction of the Civil Engineering department and the State Highway department April 12-14. At this date last year, only sixty reservations had been made, and the attendance numbered about one hundred and fifty; over two hundred are expected this year.

Outstanding engineers in highway construction and design will be included on the program. An added attraction at the meetings are the reports of committees on various subjects of interest, according to J. T. L. McNew, secretary of the Texas section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, who is arranging the program. In the past, valuable papers have been prepared for the program by engineers, but this year the subjects will be the result of committee studies.

Don Lee, executive secretary of the Texas Highway Branch of Associated General Contractors of America, who has manned the short course banquet for the past several years, will again take over his duties as toastmaster Friday night. Other entertainment has also been prepared for the members, of which will include the two A and M-Texas baseball games on Friday and Saturday, the golf competition in the afternoons, and the intramural boxing finals Saturday night.

Engineering students who desire to attend the banquet must obtain tickets from the Civil Engineering department.

## Annual FFA Banquet To Be Held Thursday

Senior vocational agriculture students of A and M will hold their fifth annual C. H. Winkler Chapter of FFA banquet Thursday evening in the mess hall annex. Each student will have one A and M professor as his guest.

R. H. Brister, Superintendent of schools at Taylor, has been selected as principal speaker for the occasion, and will discuss the "Place of Vocational Agriculture in Our Schools". Other honor guests who will be present are J. B. Rutland, State Advisor of Vocational Agriculture, and P. G. Haines, State Director of Vocational Agriculture. An interesting program is being planned, according to D. I. Dudley, president of the local FFA chapter.

## The Passing Review

Was "HOTWATER" KEELING really in hot water or not when he found himself with two dates for the cotton ball and dances... some man, this lady killer KEELING... have you seen "ITCH" (call him WIL-BUR) MOORE'S operation... he has shown it to everyone in the cavalry...

Since COLONEL HOLMES' name isn't mentioned in the cast of The Aggies, why can he be found at practice each night... can it be to pay the attentions that are growing traditional for three diamonds... why is it that so many are asking how BATTERY "A" FIELD ARTILLERY are the officials at every corps dance... how did it happen that WEAVER and SCARBOROUGH of this battery of social elites manage to gain and lose a girl for the cotton ball... everything on the up and up? Could the bad weather Saturday night have been sufficient reason for DICK "LITTLE SQUARE" CUTTING staying out all night and come dragging in the next morning with blouse and Sam Browne under arm at 9:15... what course is "PORKY RAGLE" taking now... pretty liberal, eh? A good man lost or JACK SLOAN joins the ranks of the teapippers.

## Valedictorian



## SENIOR CLASS ELECTS HOLMES VALEDICTORIAN

### Senior Civil Engineering Student Receives Majority Over Five Other Nominees.

William W. Holmes, civil engineering student from Shamrock, was elected valedictorian of the class of 1934 at a meeting of the senior class Thursday night, April 5 in the Assembly Hall. Holmes, who is also a captain on the corps staff and president of the college student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, was selected from the twenty-three seniors that had accumulated the greatest number of grade points, during their four years at A and M. From these twenty-three students, five were chosen Tuesday night to form a basis for the final selection. Holmes has been a distinguished student for the past two years, and is a member and secretary of the Scholarship Honor Society. The other four voted upon Thursday night were: H. N. Lyle, also of Shamrock; H. F. Martin, Dallas; O. S. York, Galveston; and W. B. Logan, Dallas.

### Colonel W. A. Castle Relieved From Post

Colonel William A. Castle of the Eighth Corps Area will not be in charge of the annual inspection this year. He will be relieved from his post May 1. Colonel Castle has done much for the ROTC unit of A and M, for which the college is justly grateful.

Colonel Castle was a senior instructor of Infantry at Cornell before he came to San Antonio. He has been in charge of the inspections at A and M for the last six years, and cooperating with him has been more than a pleasure.

AUSTIN, Tex., Apr. 10.—The new University of Texas student constitution will have no censorship clause. This has been decided this week by the Students' Assembly, which considered a proposal that the Texas Ranger and Caetus, student publications, be subject to the rule of a special censorship committee.

## Ross Volunteers Announce Plans For Spring Festivities

Red Mills' Orchestra Will Play for Festival Dances Which Begin With Coronation of King and Queen, April 18th.

R. N. Reid, chairman of the committee in charge of dance arrangements for the Ross Volunteers' spring festivities, announces that "Red" Mills, formerly feature singer with Herman Waldman's orchestra and who recently completed an engagement at the Grove in Houston, has been secured for the Ross Volunteer dances. Mills, while with Waldman, was one of the most popular feature artists to be connected with any of the many orchestras fulfilling engagements in various cities over the state, and should provide music which will be

# Former Students To Hold Annual Meeting April 11-14

## 1,500 Texas High School Students To Compete In 17th Annual State Judging Contests Here Monday

### Texas Future Farmer of America Will Feature One- Day Meet.

At least 1,500 Texas high school students, representing some 150 high schools in every portion of the state, will compete at Texas A and M College on Monday, April 16, in the seventeenth annual State Judging Contests for Students of Vocational Agriculture. The contests are sponsored each year by the college in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Agriculture.

A feature of the one-day meeting will be the appearance of the Texas Future Farmers of America band. Members of this band, which is directed by T. K. Morris of Itasca, are selected from FFA chapters over the state. Nine different contests will oc-

cupy the attention of the students throughout the day, including livestock, dairy cattle and poultry judging, entomology, farm shop, terracing, crops, horticulture and cotton classing. Any one school, however, can enter three-man teams in only three of the nine contests. To date dairy cattle judging and poultry judging lead in the number of school entries, each already having attracted entry from all different schools. Dean C. H. Winkler, of the school of vocational teaching, is chairman of the college Smith-Hughes Day committee for the contests. Other members include Dean E. J. Kyle, of the school of agriculture, and W. L. Hughes, head of the department of rural education. E. R. Alexander, professor of agricultural education, is chairman of the rules and regulation committee.

## Aggie Marksmen Make Excellent Score In Hearst

### Complete Season With Hearst Trophy and National Inter- collegiate Matches.

Results of the Hearst Trophy and National Intercollegiate matches have not as yet been heard from, but the scores of Aggie riflemen are considered excellent enough to assure them a winning place in both matches, according to Lieut. J. E. Reiseron, coach. In the Hearst match, a five-man team composed of L. R. Sayers, San Antonio; Roy Huffaker, San Antonio; C. A. Tosch, Mesquite; T. J. Guerdum, San Antonio; and O. A. Seward, Amarillo, finished in the order named. Sayers will receive a gold watch chain for leading the team.

The National Intercollegiate match was a fifteen-man event, with ten scores to count in each position and a total of ninety-six shots fired. The following were the high five men on the Aggie team, finishing in order: Tosch; Sayers; Guerdum; C. F. Henley, Fort Worth; and W. S. Sinclair, Galveston. Tosch also lead his team with the highest average for the entire season in all matches.

Those who will receive sweaters this year are: Tosch, Huffaker, Guerdum, Sayers, Henley, and Seward. Monograms will be awarded to: Sinclair; Kenneth Tucker, Burkburnett; C. J. Anderson, Lawn; George Schultis, Harlingen; A. R. Meador, San Antonio; W. R. Large, Dallas; J. A. Franz, P. E.

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## Maintenance Will Be Increased For Next School Year

### Board of Directors Authorize Increase To Take Care of Rapid Advance In Food Prices.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors last Thursday, April 5, it was decided to increase the maintenance beginning with the opening of school next September, S. G. Bailey, executive secretary of the college, announced yesterday. The Board authorized an increase in maintenance of twelve dollars a semester which will be about three dollars a month.

Mr. Bailey said the increase in maintenance was necessary since there has been a steady rise in the price of food products since the reduction of three dollars a month in maintenance in 1932. This increase will bring the maintenance back to what it was in 1932, twenty seven dollars a month.

The Board discussed the subject of national honor societies for the various schools of the college but as no definite decision was reached the topic will be brought up for final settlement at the next meeting of the Board, Mr. Bailey stated.

## ROTC INSPECTION TO BE CONDUCTED MAY 15, 16, AND 17

### Preparation Will Begin Soon To Prepare A and M To Maintain Its Excellent Rating.

An inspecting party consisting of officers from various organizations over the country will pass judgement on the college's military efficiency May 15, 16, and 17, according to Colonel A. R. Emery. Throughout the past years, A and M has kept a consistent high standing in these inspections.

The personnel of the inspecting party consists of: Infantry, Captain Stuart D. Hervey of Houston; Field Artillery, Major Edmond B. Edwards of Fort Sam Houston; Cavalry, Major Edwin O'Connor, of the 63d Cavalry Brigade at San Antonio; Coast Artillery, Lt. Colonel William S. Fulton of the Organized Reserves at Austin; Engineer, Captain Carl R. Shaw of the National Guard at Fort Sam Houston, and Signal Corps, Captain Amory V. Eliot of Fort Sam Houston. The officer in charge of the party has not as yet been designated.

A and M's past record in these examinations has been highly satisfactory. From 1910 to 1927 the college received the rating of distinguished, and after that year,

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## Attractive Program Is Arranged

### TUTTLE TO SPEAK Luncheon Thursday To Open Meeting

Colonel W. B. Tuttle, president of the San Antonio Public Service Company, will be the principal speaker Saturday afternoon, according to T. B. Warden, president of the Association.

One of the outstanding events of the meeting will be the reunion of the class of 1884, celebrating its golden anniversary at a dinner Saturday evening. Five members of this class are living, and all are expected to attend the meeting and speaker at the Faculty-Former Student luncheon to be held Thursday noon in the college mess hall to open the Annual Former Students Association meeting. Colonel Tuttle is one of the outstanding men of the state and has many A and M men in his employ. He is also the highest ranking reserve officer in the United States.

The luncheon will precede the annual business meeting of the Former Students Association to be held that afternoon in the Y Chapel. Officers for the coming year will be elected, and other matters of former student interest will be brought up. All members of the senior class are extended an invitation to attend the meeting dinner. Many old memories are to be revived.

At least 250 former students are expected to be present for the occasion, according to E. E. McQuillen, secretary of the Former Students Association. This should be the largest attendance in A and M history, he also stated.

An interesting program has been planned, which will include the A and M-Texas University baseball games Friday and Saturday afternoons, the A and M-Rice track meet also to be held Saturday afternoon, the finals in intramural boxing Saturday night, and many class banquets and annual banquets.

## Morris To Sponsor Soph Theme Contest

William Morris of Dallas will again offer prizes for the best two papers received in sophomore English, which includes both English 210 and English 232. The first prize will be twenty dollars and the second prize five dollars. The papers may be of an investigative nature or they may be book reports, but in either case they must not exceed twenty five hundred words. The papers must be in the hands of the judges by not later than May 7. The names of the judges will be disclosed shortly.

Mr. Morris is a distinguished graduate of A and M, and in Dallas he is owner of the Morris Buick Company. It has been his practice to offer these prizes each year for a number of years. The only stipulation being that either or both prizes may be withdrawn if in the opinion of the judges, the papers are below a reasonable standard of excellence. Such an outcome has not yet occurred and is, of course, not likely to come about this year.

## Rifle Team Elects Tucker '35 Captain

Kenneth Tucker, Burkburnett, was elected captain of the rifle team for next year at a meeting of the members of the team Monday night. Tucker, who has lettered on the team for the past two years, succeeds C. A. Tosch, Mesquite.

Plans for the annual banquet were also discussed, and designs for the monograms for this year's sweaters were submitted. Final selections were made Tuesday night and orders for the sweaters will be placed within the next few days.