

COTTON BALL, PAGEANT TAKE PLACE TOMORROW

Cotton Royalty To Rule At Aggieland

Royal Court of 7 Maids of Honor And 76 Duchesses To Occupy Stage

The most glamorous event of the entire social season at Aggieland will take place tomorrow night when the Agronomy Society presents the Ninth Annual Cotton Pageant, Style Show, and Ball.

With mythical Ole King Cotton ruling firmly over all campus festivities of the weekend cadet Wesley Seay will take over the ruling throne and represent His Majesty when he is crowned King of Cotton by the Honorable Oscar Johnson, President of the National Cotton Council of America. Ruling beside King Seay will be his queen, Mamie Tramonte, popular student from the Texas State College for Women.

Along with the ruling royalty will be the Royal Court of seven maids of honor, selected at T. S. C. W., and 76 duchesses selected by various organizations throughout the state.

Royal Court for the pageant will include the following, besides the King and Queen:

Queen's maids-in-waiting and escorts—Christine Maddox, Abilene and Cadet Ray Stephenson; Elizabeth Gene Austin, Abilene, and J. W. Bailey; Ann Tarry, Wichita Falls, and P. B. Bennett; Kathryn Day, Justin, and Joe Boren; Margaret Ramsey, Port Arthur, and Johnny Rice; Mary Elizabeth Hughston, Crowell, and J. Y. Alexander; Alice Keck, Dallas, and Oscar Lawrence.

Train bearers—William Burkett, Oklahoma City, and Charles Aston, Dallas, both cadets of Allen Academy, Bryan.

Duchesses and escorts, drawn from the A. & M. cadet corps, and the organizations represented—Frances V. Long, Houston, and Bob Stone, Anderson, Clayton & Co.; Maurine Cross, Houston, and Don Parker, Farm Credit Administration; Scottie Womack, Ennis, and J. D. Eiland, Department of Agriculture; Elwyn Espy, Fort Worth, and Keith Hubbard, Texas Christian University; Elizabeth Potter, Houston, and Jack Roach Jr., Rice Institute; Juanita Rushing, Dallas, and J. T. Anderson, Southern Methodist University; Billy Daniel, Waco, and Joe Doran, Baylor University; Virginia Ford, Austin, and Tommy Richards, University of Texas; Nancy Davis, Dallas, and Jack Smithers, Hockaday Junior College.

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SENIORS ELECT VALEDICTORIAN WEDNESDAY

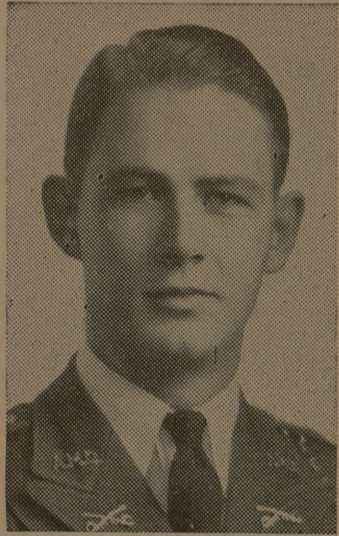
Only Classified Seniors To Be Eligible To Vote

The valedictorian of the graduating class of '40 will be elected, as is traditional, by vote of classified seniors, Wednesday, April 24, in the rotunda of the Academic Building. The polls will be open at 8:00 a. m. and close at 5:30 p. m. A senior ring or other proof that the voter is a classified senior will be necessary to vote in the election. The ballots will be counted Wednesday night by a committee of seniors, and results will be announced in Friday's Battalion.

A list of the ten highest graduating seniors, as certified by the Registrar, follows in order with their courses: H. A. Jones, Electrical Engineering; D. B. Varner, Agricultural Administration; A. T. Hingle, Chemical Engineering; H. H. Liebhofsky, Liberal Arts; T. P. Higgins, Electrical Engineering; D. F. Herzog, Electrical Engineering; Roy Caldwell, Liberal Arts; F. C. Brown, Chemical Engineering; C. L. Mason, Agriculture; W. T. Guy, Mechanical Engineering.

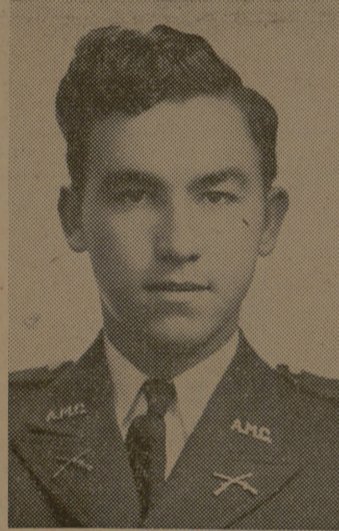
It is hoped that this method of having the valedictorian election at the same time as the runoff of the junior election will be better than the past method of running the ballots in The Battalion. Last year only 72 votes were cast in the election of the graduating senior for this office, but it is believed that this method will bring a truly representative vote.

Club's Social Head



Harry Forbes, captain of B Cavalry, social secretary of the Agronomy Society and its Cotton Ball.

Business Manager



Byron Bing, B Infantry senior, business manager for the Agronomy Society and the cotton festivities.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT BAR'S DESIGN CHANGED

With the approval of Col. George F. Moore the Scholarship Honor Society has announced a change in the design of the distinguished student's bar. The new bar will be two inches long, about twice as long as the one now being used, and will be divided into three sections with maroon on each end and white in the center.

The rules concerning the wearing of the new distinguished bar will be the same as they have formerly been except that they will be more stringently enforced. Before a student will have the privilege of wearing one he must first have made a grade-point average of at least 2.25 with no grade under "C" for one semester. For each succeeding semester that the student is distinguished he will be allowed to add one star.

The Exchange Store will have the bars for sale in about two weeks and will also have a list from the Registrar's Office of all students who have obtained the distinguished rating. No one will be allowed to purchase a bar or star unless his name is on this list. In any case that a bar is lost year only 72 votes were cast in the election of the graduating senior for this office, but it is believed that this method will bring a truly representative vote.

A. & M. COTTON PAGEANT QUEEN AND MAIDS



Miss Mamie Tramonte, of Galveston, student of Texas State College for Women at Denton, will be crowned queen of the Ninth Annual Cotton Pageant, Style Show, and Ball at Texas A. & M. College Friday evening, having been selected for this honor by a committee of Texas Aggies. She will reign over the pageant with King Wesley Seay, A. & M. senior in agronomy from Waxahachie.

Queen Mamie of the House of Tramonte and her seven maids of honor are shown in the above picture as follows: Center, the queen. Top row, left to right: Ann Tarry, Wichita Falls; Alice Keck, Dallas; Margaret Ramsey, Port Arthur. Second row, left to right, Elizabeth Gene Austin, Abilene; Kathryn Day, Justin. Bottom row, left to right: Christine Maddox, Abilene; Mary Hughston, Crowell.

KING COTTON



Edgar Wesley Seay, captain of B Field Artillery, King of the Cotton Ball and Pageant of 1940.

Faculty Sponsors



Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of the Agronomy Department which with the student Agronomy Society each spring sponsors the cotton festivities.



Professor J. S. Mogford, of the Agronomy Department, general chairman of the Cotton Ball committee.

Election Committee Rules 22 Candidates Are Eligible For Senior And Junior Posts

The primary election to fill the posts of Longhorn editor, senior social secretary, manager of Town Hall, and the junior yell-leaders for the coming 1940-41 session has been set by the Student Election Committee for Monday, April 22. The runoff for the offices, if one is required, will be held on Thursday, April 15.

This year, for the first time, requirements as to the qualifica-

tions of the candidates for each office were drawn up and adopted by the Student Election Committee. The closing date for the filing of candidacy was Monday, April 15, and the Election Committee met Tuesday afternoon to pass upon the qualifications of the candidates for the respective offices.

Two candidates filed for editorship of the Longhorn, both of

whom were declared eligible. They are W. A. Becker, C Field Artillery, and Ele Baggett, B Infantry. For senior social secretary nine candidates filed. The six of these who met the requirements were Jack Nelson, Infantry Band; J. P. Giles, A Field Artillery; A. V. Hamilton, A Chemical Warfare; Bob Little, F Coast Artillery; Ed Ivey, B Chemical Warfare; and W. (Continued on page 4)

Elaborate Show To Entertain Guests

Oscar Johnson To Crown King; Sheridan Unable To Attend Pageant

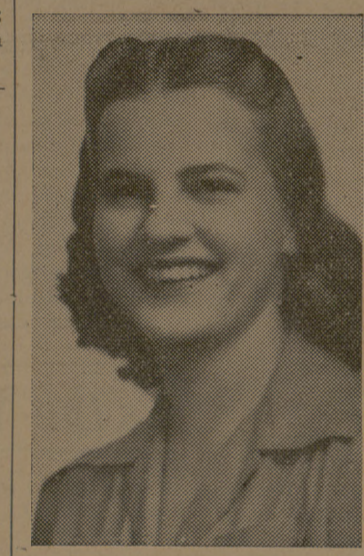
The greatest cotton show in the South will open at 8:00 o'clock Friday night with an introductory address by Dean Kyle of the School of Agriculture. Dean Kyle will introduce Oscar M. Johnson, President of the National Cotton Council of America, who will crown Wesley Seay as King Cotton. After the presentation of the Royal Court, King Seay will then perform the ceremony of crowning his queen, Miss Mamie Tramonte, of Galveston.

Pageant Director



Mrs. L. L. Fouraker, director of the Cotton Pageant and advisor to the Queen's Court.

Local Duchess



Miss Betty Jane Winkler, duchess representing the Brazos County A. & M. Mothers' Club in the pageant.

Plans for Annual Spring Dairy Show Being Completed

The Seventh Annual Spring Dairy Show will be held at A. & M. College, Saturday, April 20, according to announcement made by A. L. Darnell, professor of dairy husbandry.

The show, as is customary, will be under the joint sponsorship of the Kream and Kow Klub, organization of students majoring in dairy husbandry, and the Dairy Husbandry Department. The Dairy Department will hold open house all day and the members of the club will stage judging contests during the afternoon to compete for cash prizes.

Joe W. Bradley, high point individual on the 1937 International championship Texas Aggie judging team, and now assistant county agricultural agent at Conroe, will serve as judge for the contests.

Winners of the contests who are members of the present junior class will probably be members of the Aggie dairy judging team which will compete in the International Livestock Show at Harrisburg, Pa., next October.

All residents of College Station and Bryan and all students of the college who are interested are extended a cordial invitation to attend the dairy show Saturday.

In a telegram received by Harold Forbes, social secretary of the show, Ann Sheridan, sponsor-elect for the Aggie football team, was found to be unable to attend the weekend activities. The telegram stated:

"I appreciate your kind invitation and regret exceedingly that I will be unable to attend the Agronomy Society Pageant as I have a soft spot in my heart for all activities at Texas A. & M."

Following the pageant and style show in the DeWare Field House, the annual Cotton Ball will be held in Sbsa Hall from 10:00 p. m. until 2:00 a. m. Friday night. Tickets for the dance are \$1.50. The Aggeland Orchestra will play for the Cotton Ball as well as for the corps dance from 9:00 until 12:00 Saturday night. Tickets for the corps dance will be \$1.00.

During the Cotton Pageant the royal couple will reign in a baroque setting, designed by Hal Moseley, fifth-year senior in architecture from Dallas, over a court of 76 duchesses, representing colleges, universities, A. & M. Mothers' clubs, ex-student associations and other organizations from throughout the state, and their escorts. (Continued on page 4)

SENIOR ORDERS FOR INVITATIONS NOW BEING MADE

Commencement Invitation Orders To Be Taken Today And Tomorrow in Rotunda

Orders for the invitations for the commencement exercises of this year's graduating Senior Class may be placed at the table in the rotunda of the Academic Building Thursday and Friday afternoons, April 18 and 19, Max McCullar, class president, announced Wednesday.

A deposit of 10 cents for each leather bound invitation, 5 cents for each cardboard bound, and 5 cents for each two French-fold ordered will be required.

Prices of the invitation are 50 cents for the maroon leather bound, 25 cents for the cardboard bound, and 12.5 cents for the French-fold announcements.

The designers of the new invitations, The Southern Engraving Company of Houston, have combined simplicity with intricate detail to give a design that is pleasing, balanced, and one that is strictly typical of Texas A. & M. The cover design itself is made up of an addition of both sides of the new class ring with the lettering "Texas A. & M., 1940" in a modernistic style. The work on the die for the cover was cut by hand by metal working artists—not by machines as in the case of run-of-the-mill jobs.

Available in either the maroon leather or in the white cardboard, the college booklet type of invitation contains besides the commencement announcement and class rolls themselves, hand-made etchings of the Administration Building, the Academic Building, and a view of the new dormitory area. Also included is an engraved page of the "Spirit of Aggeland" with a shadow "T" in the background. All of this work is done by hand and is not to be confused with the more common so-called etchings done by photogravure and printing.

The French-fold has only the cover and the commencement announcement. All invitations are of course in double envelopes.